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Mourners flock to Buckingham Palace in London on Saturday, many leaving flowers in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. Palace officials promised the public that it will have the chance to see the queen's coffin as it travels from Balmoral Castle in Scotland to London.

ROYAL TRANSITION

Charles III formally proclaimed monarch; Elizabeth's funeral set

By Jill Lawless, Danica Kirka and Sylvia Hui
Associated Press

LONDON — King Charles III was formally proclaimed sovereign of the United Kingdom on Saturday, as officials unveiled details of the meticulously choreographed ceremonies that will culminate in the state funeral of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Sept. 19.

In this time of sorrow for the House of Windsor, there were hints of a possible family reconciliation.

Prince William and his brother, Harry, together with Catherine, now Princess of Wales, and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, delighted mourners near Windsor Castle with a surprise joint appearance to thank the public for their floral tributes and condolences.

It was the first time that quarreling younger royal generation had worked together publicly since the Sussexes stepped aside from royal duties in 2020 and moved to California. The thousands who flocked to Windsor on a sunny day were in their thrall, as the couples gratefully accepted flowers, talked to parents and children at length, shook hands and accepted heartfelt condolences.

Meghan approached a teenager in the crowd, who put her hand over her mouth in shock. The pair spoke briefly then the girl said: "Can I have a hug?" Meghan leaned in to give her a big hug.

Catherine, for her part, focused on young children in the crowd, bending down low to speak to them warmly face to face.

The late sovereign's coffin now rests at Balmoral Castle, the summer retreat in the Scottish Highlands where Elizabeth died on Thursday. Palace officials promised Saturday that the public will have

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A picture of a young Queen Elizabeth, surrounded by bouquets, is placed outside of Buckingham Palace in London on Saturday.

In London, crowds drink in glimpses of sovereign

Post-Gazette staff writer Noelle Mateer chronicles this historic moment on the ground in London.

By Noelle Mateer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

LONDON — It was after-work time in Westminster, the center of government in London, and people were ready for a drink.

Or a "pint," rather.

The Red Lion pub is smack in between the Houses of Parliament and Downing Street, the prime minister's residence. Big Ben towers over it, just 500 feet away. People who work in government are known to flock here, and beer has flowed from the address since the 15th century, when a pub at the same spot was known as the Hopping Hall.

People spilled out of the pub's doors and into the street, gathering with their co-workers over beer and wine to celebrate the end of another workweek.

Still, there were signs that this particular day was a little off. For one, many of the well-heeled patrons wore black — everyone from members of Parliament to civil servants were asked to wear "appropriate" clothing for England's 10-day period of mourning.

And then, at 6 p.m. Friday, people crammed back inside. All fell silent. "We're no longer serving," said a doorman to customers in the entryway.

The king's speech was starting.

Here in London, life hasn't

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Senators push for details on security lapses

'Heiress' had access to Trump's Mar-a-Lago

By Michael Sallah and Ashley Murray
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — Raising concerns about security threats at Mar-a-Lago, members of one of the Senate's most influential committees say they will press national security leaders for more information about the woman who posed as a banking heiress and visited the sprawling estate multiple times while boasting of her family fortune and infiltrating former President Donald Trump's entourage.



The trips to his Florida home last year by Inna Yashchyshyn, a Ukraine immigrant and a subject of an FBI investigation, underscore the challenges of protecting a 17-acre compound where she was allowed to enter at least five times with no security checks of her background.

Her ability to mingle with the former president's supporters — identifying herself

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Flight 93 families share their strength

Relatives turn pain into purpose on 9/11 anniversary

By Julian Routh
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

STONYCREEK, Pa. — With hundreds behind them to commemorate the sacrifices of their fallen family members more than two decades ago on United Flight 93, Patrick White and Kiki Homer took a moment to embrace Saturday at the front of the line, arm in arm.

They are bonded by what they lost. Sunday marks the 21st anniversary since Mr. White's cousin, Ms. Homer's brother and 38 other crew members and passengers on Flight 93 fought back against hijackers and made the ultimate sacrifice when they forced the plane down in an empty field here, thwarting another high-profile terrorist attack on Sept. 11.

But — like the rest of the close-knit group of families — they're also bonded in a

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Ask The Health Insurance Specialist

by: Aaron Zolbrod

**QUESTION:**

Question from Mary: 1) I'm signing up for Medicare for the first time and looking for advice. I'm on Medicaid now, but don't believe I'll be eligible when I turn 65 since I have significant assets. They are considered after 65, correct? 2) I'm a big fan of my current insurance company and have had them for decades. 3) I have high blood pressure and take Lisinopril and HCTZ. I'm a former smoker and get an annual low dose CT scan of the lungs. 4) I have a bad knee that may need attention in the future, but I'd prefer not to get surgery if possible. 5) I wear prescription glasses for reading but don't replace them very often. I wouldn't mind dental coverage for my annual checkup and anticipate the need for crowns at some point. Are they covered by the "comprehensive dental" at 50%? 6) Is there a plan with the company I'm currently with that you'd recommend above the others? I was thinking about the one that's around \$80 per month. A plan where I might have to pay a little out of pocket is fine, but I can't be surprised with any huge bills. Please help!

ANSWER:

I inserted numbers within Mary's question to help people follow along and to break down parts I feel are important to address.

1) That is correct. You will not qualify for Medicaid, also known as Medical Assistance (MA) when you turn 65. Prior to going on Medicare, the qualifications for MA are different. The income limit is 138% of the Federal Poverty Level instead of 100% and assets are not taken into consideration. Once on Medicare, the asset limit is \$2,000 not counting a home or an automobile. Because assets do not determine eligibility, you will qualify for PACE however, which is prescription assistance for PA residents 65 or older. PACE and PACENET are very valuable programs and don't cost anything. In fact, it makes you a candidate to enroll in an Advantage Plan that not only has a \$0 premium, but rebates \$50 of your Medicare Part B cost each month. It also has the best ancillary benefits and lowest Maximum Out of Pocket (MOOP) of any plan in our market.

2) You should never choose a Medicare plan based solely on what health insurance company you currently have or how long you've been a member. These are two of the biggest and most common mistakes people make. The company you referred to, which I'm not able to name, has some very competitive plans that will be getting even better in 2023. They also have the best member services department in the industry, which is something to be considered in a final decision. It's not the most important aspect, however, especially for clients of The Health Insurance Store because we get involved in helping if there are ever any issues, questions, or concerns regarding their plan, bills, claim denials, etc. The plan you mentioned is an Advantage Plan, not a Supplement and the most critical element to any decision of what Medicare plan you initially choose is understanding the differences between both prior to enrolling. The decision you make when going on Part B for the first time can have a lifetime of consequences.

3) You are taking two very inexpensive Tier 1 generic medications that are \$0 with almost all Advantage Plans. However, a CT scan, industry wide, has an average co-pay of around \$200.

4) If your knee gets to the point where a replacement is necessary, the out-of-pocket costs with the best Advantage Plans would be between \$800 to \$1,100 when adding up co-pays for a CT scan, the inpatient hospitalization required for that surgery, and six weeks of physical therapy. The out of pocket for those same services with Supplement plans we recommend would be \$0.

5) One of the reasons why Advantage Plans are so popular is the ancillary benefits the most popular provide. They are highlighted by a free eye exam and up to \$400 for a pair of glasses, comprehensive dental benefits, and much more. On plans that supply comprehensive dental; cleanings and X-rays are covered at 100% while "major services" such as root canals, crowns, and dentures are paid for at 50%. However, the plan you qualify for since you will have PACE pays for all dental services, including those I just listed and others, at 100%. Supplements don't offer any ancillary benefits meaning dental, vision, and hearing costs generally must be paid completely out of pocket.

6) The company that currently supplies your health insurance is indeed one we recommend often to those who prefer Advantage Plans. However, the specific plan you mentioned is overpriced and we no longer advise our clients to consider it. If you have any Advantage Plan, no matter the cost and need chemo, lots of radiation treatments, other infused or injected medications, have an extended stay in a Skilled Nursing Facility, among a couple other less likely scenarios, you will likely be billed to your MOOP, which is currently \$4,000 on the low end to as much as \$7,550 on many plans. If you're worried about the possibility of getting hit with bills of this size, you may want to consider a Supplement that limits out of pocket costs to a bare minimum. You can actually buy Plan N, which we recommend almost exclusively to our clients who prefer Supplements, for around the same monthly cost as the Advantage Plan you were considering. I'd like to remind readers that the Annual Election Period (AEP) is right around the corner. Pre AEP, when plan details are made public, starts October 1st and AEP, when changes to your plan lineup can be made and applications submitted, begins October 15th and runs through December 7th. If you enjoy the columns, please consider using our no cost services when going on Medicare for the first time or looking at possibly making a change in plans as well as referring friends or family who are. Enrolling new clients in plans, which cost the same whether you use our free services or go directly through a company, helps us cover the expense of the articles so we can continue to run them every week. As brokers, we are appointed to provide plans from every competitive Advantage Plan and Supplement company in Western PA and West Virginia. If you have any questions regarding this column or any other Medicare, health, life insurance related topic or would like to make an appointment give one of our offices a call. You can also email me personally at aaron@getyourbestplan.com.



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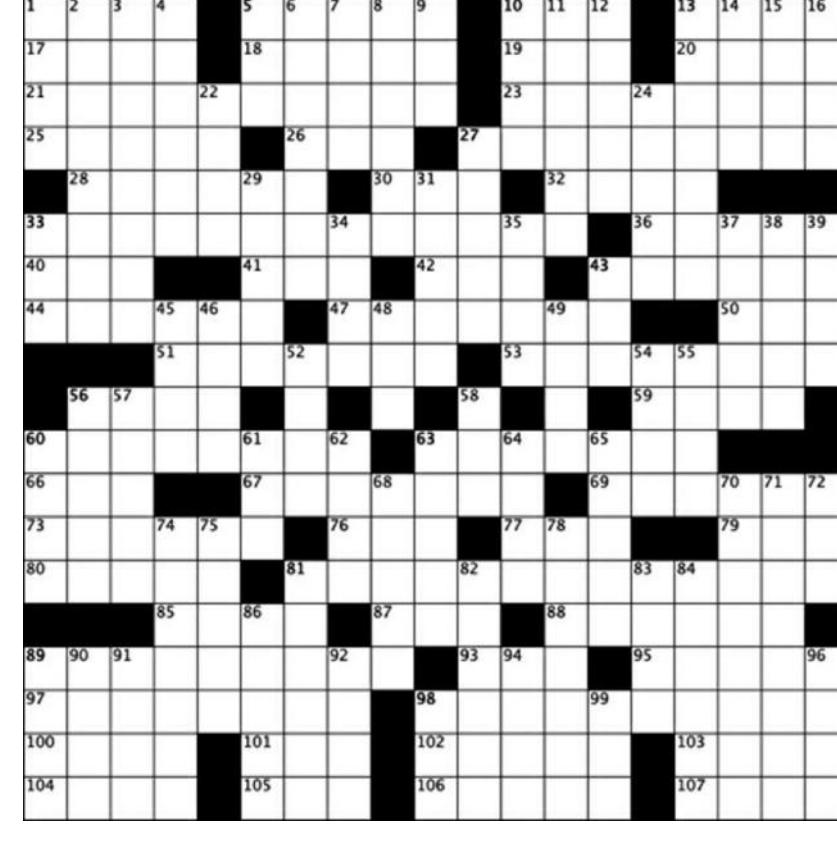
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5 Wear away
10 Pre-A.D.
13 Surprised reaction
17 Cathedral area
18 Kidney-related
19 Cheer to a matador
20 Top draft status
21 *TV series set in Virginia during the Great Depression that debuted September 14, 1972*
27 *He played a cross-dressing corporal on the show at this puzzle's center*
28 Learn all aspects of
30 Name that sounds like a slow-cooked dish
32 Shower with snowballs, say
33 *He starred as John Jr. through all nine seasons and six TV movies of 21-Across*
36 1970s New York mayor Abe
40 Horse's morsel
41 G.I. entertainers
42 Clean-up hitter's stat
43 Q-tip target
44 Arched foot part
47 Easy chair go-with
50 Is for you?
51 Revolves
53 Understood by few
56/59 *Star whose name bookends, in the grid, the title of the show he starred in and frequently wrote for, which debuted September 17, 1972, and ran until 1983*
60 Weaker, excuse-wise
63 Cashes in
66 Sick
67 Give life to
69 Precede, with "to"
73 Sweet-smelling resin
76 Bridge capacity unit
77 To and __
79 Columbus-to-Pittsburgh dir.
80 See-through
81 *Character played by 56/59-Across*
85 Traveler's document
87 Snaky shape
88 Soup legume
89 *Setting for the show in which 56/59-Across and 27-Across starred*
93 Potpie bit
95 Director Welles
97 Burden too heavily
98 *He played John Sr. on 21-Across*
100 Composer Bartók
101 Clear (of)
102 Licorice-flavored herb
103 Capital of Qatar
104 Carbon compound
105 Quaint contraction
106 Electrified weapon
107 Fed. power dept.

"JUST DAYS, BUT WORLDS, APART"**DOWN**

1 Sinus drs.
2 Nassau native
3 Chews the scenery
4 Relatively recent
5 Schubert or Goethe's "The __-King"
6 Slows down
7 __ about (approximately)
8 Breakfast pastry
9 Chicago trains
10 Posh Florida city, familiarly
11 Woodshop grippers
12 Hair-raising
13 Pursue
14 Singer-songwriter Paul
15 Clairvoyant
16 Henry VIII's last wife
22 Nick and Nora's terrier
24 Word before toast or after peach
27 Bigger than big
29 Spew forth
31 Legal wrongs
33 Louis XIV, par exemple
34 Quick horn blast
35 "Je t'__"
37 Emmy or ESPY
38 "West Side Story" heroine
39 Biz bigwig
43 Ambient music pioneer Brian
45 Ore carrier
46 Ages and ages
48 Brewed drink
49 Tennis legend Arthur
52 Blessing ender
54 Domesticate

55 "Frozen" queen
56 God with 99 names
57 Lace-making city of French Flanders
58 Harden
60 Little lies
61 Descartes' conclusion
62 Actress Moreno or Wilson
63 Puts in order of preference
64 Rebel against
65 Split to unite?
68 Groundskeeper's machine
70 Mockery
71 Prepare to shower, say
72 It's between oh and cue
74 A handful of
75 Common sans-serif font
78 Medical setback
81 Southernmost U.S. state
82 Nación de Barcelona
83 " __ pronounce you ..."
84 Online brokerage
86 Disdainful sound
89 Asian beef city
90 Kitchen fixture
91 Move for work, briefly
92 States further
94 Yale students
96 At hand
98 Tattletale
99 "That girl?"

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On this day, Sept. 11

1835 Pittsburgh's first public school opened in a rented room in a Seventh Street building; five pupils attended class taught by James F. Gilmore.

1936 Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

1942 Western State Psychiatric Hospital, a 17-story building started in 1938 and built at a cost of \$2.5 million, was dedicated by Gov. Arthur H. James.

1972 The troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended.

1997 Scots voted to create their own Parliament after 290 years of union with England.

2001 Nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaeda hijackers seized control of four jetliners. After learning that two hijacked planes had been flown into the World Trade Center in New York City and another plane had been flown into the Pentagon in

Washington, D.C., however, passengers of hijacked Flight 93 overcame their hijackers and crashed the plane in a field near Shanksville in Stoneycreek Township, Somerset County.

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— Compiled by Rick Nowlin

Today's birthdays: Actor Earl Holliman, 94. Comedian Tom Dreesen, 83. Movie director Brian De Palma, 82. Singer-actor-dancer Lola Falana, 80. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead), 79. Guitarist Leo Kottke, 77. Actor Phillip Alford, 74. Actor Amy Madigan, 72. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx), 69. Sports reporter Lesley Visser, 69. Actor Reed Birney, 68. Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, 65. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club), 65. Actor Scott Patterson, 64. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council), 64. Actor/director Roxann Dawson, 64.

Actor John Hawkes, 63. Actor Anne Ramsay, 62. Actor Virginia Madsen, 61. Actor Kristy McNichol, 60. Musician-composer Moby, 57. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, 57. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo, 55. Singer-musician Harry Connick Jr., 55. Actor Taraji P. Henson, 52. Actor Laura Wright, 52. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit), 51. Blogger Markos Moulitsas, 51. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO), 47. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay), 45. Rapper Ludacris, 45. Rock singer Ben Lee, 44. Actor Ryan Slattery, 44. Actor Ariana Richards, 43. Country singer Charles Kelley (Lady A), 41. Actor Elizabeth Henstridge, 35. Actor Tyler Hoechlin, 35. Actor Mackenzie Aladjem, 21.

Thought for today: "Each of us, when our day's work is done, must seek our ideal, whether it be love or pinochle or lobster a la Newburg, or the sweet silence of the musty bookshelves."

— O. Henry (1862-1910)

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POLITICS PLAYBOOK

Oz pivots toward the suburbs that have abandoned the GOP

By Jonathan Tamari
and Julia Terruso
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — In his U.S. Senate primary campaign, Republican Mehmet Oz clung close to former President Donald Trump, wielding his endorsement to help sway Republican voters.

But after rallying again with Mr. Trump on Sept. 3 in northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Oz last week featured a different brand of allies. In Philadelphia on Tuesday, he was joined by Sen. Pat Toomey, a fiscal conservative who broke with Mr. Trump after the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot. In Delaware County on Thursday, he brought in Nikki Haley, the former South Carolina governor and Mr. Trump's ambassador to the United Nations.

The surrogates, and locations, point to a political reality that Mr. Oz and nearly every Pennsylvania Republican faces: Mr. Trump's voter base, on its own, almost certainly isn't enough to win statewide.

Instead, Republicans hoping to overcome Democrats' shrinking — but still notable — voter registration edge need to hold a substantial portion of Trump voters while also showing some strength in the moderate, suburban areas that have swung hard against the GOP since his 2016 election.

"I think [Mr. Oz is] trying to show people he can attract both sides of the party," said Josh Novotney, a Republican consultant who has advised Mr. Toomey.

Improving in the suburbs, though, will require reversing a long-standing Republican decline — which could be even more challenging after the Supreme Court's decision to throw out the constitutional right to abortion. Suburban women were already a driving force in the collar counties' swing toward Democrats,



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Mehmet Oz, Pennsylvania Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, is joined by former President Donald Trump at a rally Sept. 3 in Wilkes-Barre.

Mary Altaffer/Associated Press

and there's substantial evidence they've been energized by the threat to abortion rights.

Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, the Democratic Senate nominee, noted Thursday that Ms. Haley had once signed a ban on abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy, with no exceptions for rape or incest. The South Carolina law included penalties for doctors of up to \$10,000 in fines and three years in prison.

"We appreciate that Dr. Oz is doing our job for us," said Fetterman spokesman Joe Calvello. Appearing with Ms. Haley "is just highlighting how out of step [Mr. Oz] is with Pennsylvanians when it comes to reproductive freedom."

Abortion is an issue that both drives liberals to vote more and attracts swing voters in the suburbs, said J.J. Balaban, a Democratic consultant from Philadelphia who has worked on suburban races. And now the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court ruling has elevated the issue.

"There is a deep, ingrained,

pro-choice sentiment that has been a driver [for Democrats], that has been a real wedge for the Republican Party for decades in the suburbs," Mr. Balaban said, "and the Dobbs decision exacerbates that tension."

Democrats are also pointing out that Mr. Oz has called abortion "murder" and says he supports banning the procedure except in cases of rape, incest, or to save a mother's life, saying those positions are toxic in the suburbs.

Mr. Fetterman plans to emphasize abortion rights with his own event Sunday in Montgomery County, rallying with the head of Planned Parenthood's political arm, as well as several of the region's female Democratic officials, including U.S. Reps. Madeleine Dean and Mary Gay Scanlon, Montgomery County Commissioner Val Arkoosh, and state House Minority Leader Joanna McClinton.

Republicans at Ms. Haley's event Thursday, though, argued that issues such as inflation, crime, and education —

and President Joe Biden's poor approval ratings — weigh in their favor with suburban voters this year.

"They're gonna vote their pocketbook. They're gonna vote based on what's happening over in Philadelphia and in the world and our position in the world," said Tom McGarrigle, Delaware County's GOP chair. "People feel nervous."

And some argued that Mr. Oz, after his longtime career on daytime television, can appeal to suburban women who have fled the GOP. Ms. Haley aimed to help.

In a basement banquet hall in Springfield, Delaware County, she spoke at length about rising crime and illegal immigration, and argued for putting parents back in control of children's education.

"We've gotta snap out of it. Republicans have been too nice for too long," she said to applause.

Abortion didn't come up during her speech or Mr. Oz's, though part of her introduction described him as a "pro-family, pro-child, pro-parent,

pro-education, pro-business freedom fighter."

Two of the three questions Mr. Oz took from supporters in Springfield were about crime in Philadelphia. On that issue and others, he struck a more moderate tone than he sometimes does.

"We need to give [people] the tough love that's required, but I'm not talking about penalizing people, throwing them in jail and throwing away the key," he said.

Weighty connection

His connection to Mr. Trump, however, could weigh on him. "He introduced himself to voters by defining himself as Donald Trump's guy," Mr. Balaban said.

And the former president and GOP candidates who tried to mimic him suffered increasingly heavy losses in the areas just outside Philadelphia.

Consider: When Mr. Trump and Mr. Toomey were on the ballot in 2016, Mr. Trump lost Chester County by 9.5 percentage points. Mr. Toomey won it by two.

Overall in Philadelphia's four collar counties, Mr. Toomey lost by 60,557 votes. Mr. Trump's deficit was 188,353.

Mr. Trump lost the four counties by even more in his re-election bid. In just four years, his deficit in the Philly suburbs grew by 56%.

Mr. Trump was able to overcome his suburban rout in 2016 with a wave of support in deep-red areas and once-Democratic regions where white, blue-collar workers swung to the GOP. But that path to victory has worked exactly once in Pennsylvania. No one, not even Mr. Trump in 2020, has been able to replicate it.

"Trumpism doesn't scale for anybody but 45," said

Chris Nicholas, a GOP consultant based in Harrisburg.

Personality and style have had a lot to do with the suburban swing. While Mr. Toomey is deeply conservative and aligned with Mr. Trump on most policy issues, he has a mild temperament and focused mostly on fiscal concerns instead of culture wars.

As Mr. Trump slashed his way to the presidency in 2016, Mr. Toomey appealed to suburban voters, and won some Democratic endorsements, by emphasizing his support for background checks for gun purchases. He brought in Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, seen as one of the Senate's most centrist members, for a "Women for Toomey" event in Villanova. He also kept his distance from Mr. Trump, refusing to say that he would vote for the GOP nominee until hours before polls closed.

"The Republican Party, we need to figure out a way to get everyone back under the tent," said Mr. McGarrigle, the county GOP chair. "It's not an easy task because President Trump — his policies were outstanding, but his delivery was not always accepted that well with people. But you can't just throw out the Trump supporters, either. You need Trump supporters to get across the finish line."

Republicans don't necessarily have to win the suburbs to win statewide, but they do need to narrow their losses.

Some Republicans still see hope in an area where, not long ago, they often won. Auditor General Timothy DeFoor lost the collar counties in 2020 by about 152,000, around half of Mr. Trump's deficit, on his way to statewide victory. It was a similar story for Treasurer Stacy Garrity.

Both were in low-profile races, meaning most voters probably knew little about either. But their vote totals suggest some suburban voters who reject Mr. Trump are still open to other Republicans.

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Senators seek answers on security lapse

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as Anna de Rothschild — provides “one more example of what appears to be porous or even non-existent security at Mar-a-Lago,” said Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Mark Warner, D-Va.

“I have regular contact with senior leadership [of the intelligence agencies], and I intend to raise this issue,” he said in an interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

The move follows an investigation by the Post-Gazette and the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project last month that showed the ease with which Ms. Yashchysyn, while posing as a member of the famous banking family, could bypass the security and get into a facility that frequently hosts some of the country’s most powerful elected leaders.

During one of her trips, she gathered with Mr. Trump at his golf club and posed for a series of photos and also joined the former president and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., for another picture, the three smiling with their thumbs up.

The revelations come as the U.S. Department of Justice continues to wage a separate probe into the storage of top secret government records that were seized from Mar-a-Lago during a stunning raid by the FBI last month.

Mr. Warner and ranking committee member Marco Rubio, R-Fla., requested a briefing for more information about the FBI’s search of the estate, while another member, Sen. Ron Wyden, told the Post-Gazette that any such briefing should include details about Ms. Yashchysyn’s repeated entries into the club and its security.

“It’s extraordinarily important. My sense is a briefing now needs to be done by multiple agencies. It’s not just going to be one,” said the Oregon Democrat.

Among the agency leaders who could be sought for any such meetings include officials from the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security or a host of other agencies, according to experts who track the intelligence community.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence — which leads the 18 intelligence agencies — did not respond to inquiries.



A fake Florida driver's license bearing the image of Anna Yashchysyn with the Rothschild name and the address of a Miami Beach mansion where she never lived.

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What’s not clear is what other parts of the Mar-a-Lago compound she entered or whether she came close to the records that were later seized and are now under orders by a federal judge to be examined by a special master — a decision the Justice Department has challenged.

Also provided to the FBI: a Florida driver’s license bearing her photo and the Rothschild name with an address to a waterfront mansion where she has never lived.

Andrew Smallman, a Florida attorney representing Ms. Yashchysyn in a legal dispute with her former business associate, told the Washington Post that no one at the estate had checked her ID or asked her any questions when she entered the club.

Mr. Smallman did not respond to repeated interview requests from the Post-Gazette.

Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, a Democratic member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he was troubled that she could get into a facility that’s not only Mr. Trump’s home, but a repository for some of the country’s most highly classified secrets.

“One of the things our adversaries try to do every day of the week is infiltrate, either physically infiltrate or if someone was able to get into a building or into a setting where a public official is, or documents are, or a former public official” he said. “It’s a real concern.”

Mr. Rubio said in an interview that he had not yet read

the reporting about her visits, but added, “I’m sure we’ll ask the appropriate questions and try to get some insight into exactly what that entails and whether that’s linked in any way to these documents.”

Details about her trips to Mar-a-Lago emerged early this year in a legal dispute with her former associate, a Florida businessman who accused her of taking on the Rothschild name to “gain access” to U.S. politicians, “including but not limited to Donald Trump, Lindsey Graham and Eric Greitens,” the former governor of Missouri, said Valeriy Tarasenko in an affidavit in court in Miami.

In an interview, he said that one of her reasons for taking trips to Mar-a-Lago was to look for new sources of money. In turn, Ms. Yashchysyn said in a deposition that Mr. Tarasenko, 44, was a violent criminal with whom she had a relationship and when she tried to break away last year, he physically harmed her.

“I have been a hostage,” she told the Post-Gazette.

The FBI will not discuss the case, but two people who said they were interviewed by FBI agents said they were asked about a now shuttered Miami charity that was led by Ms. Yashchysyn — United Hearts of Mercy — and the whereabouts of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A former certified public accountant for the charity said she became a target two years ago of threats by mem-



Ms. Yashchysyn, also known as “Anna de Rothschild.”

bers of organized crime who had a stake in the money and were upset when the funds were missing, according to her statement turned over to the FBI.

Ultimately, the charity was dropped by a payment processing company after its experts found that donations were being generated from stolen credit card numbers.

Charles Marino, a former Secret Service supervisor who served on the details of Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, said any Senate inquiry into Ms. Yashchysyn’s trips to Mar-a-Lago needs to include a background check of her and her associates.

“They’re correct to be asking questions about not only how she got so close to the president, but ultimately, what was the intelligence risk—if any?”

He said the entire episode “is a wake-up call” that the procedures at Mar-a-Lago need to be reviewed. “I think it opens up a lot of eyes to the vulnerabilities of a place that’s both a private club and the president’s residence.”

The Secret Service said it could not comment on security protocols.

Concerning security at Mar-a-Lago, “which is a private club, you will have to refer to organizers when it comes to who may have been allowed access to their facilities,” the agency said.

Gary J. McDaniel, a South Florida security consultant, said because the private club is part of the same facility as the president’s residence, the Secret Service is responsible for the entire compound.

“There are zones of security in there [and] they are in charge of both the physical [structure] and the environmental security,” he said.

The lack of consistency between the security protocols of the private club — where IDs are not routinely checked — and the president’s private residence creates “a hole in the wall,” he said.

“Hospitals have more security. There, at least you got to walk through a scanner and they check your ID. You’re in [Mar-a-Lago] and it’s open to the public and you don’t know who’s coming in the door.”

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U.S. freight railroads to cut services as union talks fail

By Victoria Cavalieri
Bloomberg

Freight railroads and labor unions are working through the weekend to hammer out a new contract to avoid a strike that could snarl supply chains, disrupt agricultural deliveries and cost the U.S. economy more than \$2 billion a day, rail officials said.

Railroads have advised customers of some potential service disruptions starting on Monday if talks don’t progress ahead of a potential walkout on Sept. 17. Six Class I freight railroads will begin to take steps to “manage and secure” shipments of some hazardous or sensitive materials starting Monday, the Association of American Railroads, a trade group, said in a statement.

“Railroads will continue meeting throughout the weekend with the remaining unions to work toward tentative agreements,” the association said. “The railroads want, and continue to advocate for, a prompt resolution that would provide historic wage increases to rail employees—and allow the railroads to continue servicing customers and prevent further disruption to the struggling supply chain.”

With freight railroads serving agricultural, industrial, wholesale, retail and other parts of the U.S. economy, a nationwide shutdown could cost up to \$2 billion a day, the group pre-



A Union Pacific freight train travels through a rail yard in St. Louis in 2021. U.S. freight railroads will reduce their services starting Monday after two of the country's largest rail unions failed to agree on a new contract last week, the Journal of Commerce reported.

dicts. At a time of elevated inflation, the stoppage could result in plant shutdowns, lost jobs and higher costs for consumers and businesses, it said.

The two sides have been urged to continue working on an agreement that would avoid any negative effect on the economy, according to a White House official.

Railroads and workers have faced years of challenging negotiations, which began in January 2020, shortly after the labor contract froze

at 2019 levels. After the National Mediation Board failed to carve out an agreement earlier this summer, the Biden administration appointed a team that issued recommendations including wage increases and expanded health coverage.

While 10 of 12 railroad workers’ unions have struck new labor deals, the two holdouts — the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and the International Association of Sheet Metal Air, Rail, and

Transportation Workers — account for more than 90,000 rail employees.

The two union groups have said they “remain committed” to negotiating a contract that meets the most important demands of its members, including wages and time off.

A freight rail shutdown ahead of the midterm elections could also carry a political risk for President Joe Biden and the Democrats as they struggle to rebuild their historic ties with union and

blue-collar voters.

Any stoppages would “drastically make inflation worse” for Americans, said the Agricultural Transportation Working Group, a collection of 31 agricultural organizations. In a letter to lawmakers Thursday, the group urged Congress to prepare to intervene, if necessary, to prevent a strike from taking place.

A stoppage would occur as America’s farmers harvest their crops and would exacerbate global food insecurity, likely contributing to further geopolitical instability in regions that experience famine, the letter added.

Peter Friedmann, executive director at Agriculture Trade Coalition, said any sort of labor disruption would hurt mostly those transporting perishable goods. “If the supply chain slows and the ship is going to be delayed getting to the foreign country, our exporter is forced to direct the temperature to drop from chilled, to frozen. And the sale price of the contents drops from maybe \$175,000 to \$50,000. What per-

ished? About \$125,000 perished—all the profits.”

The timing could force lawmakers to invoke their power to block or delay railroad strikes, according to experts.

“In this moment where there’s so much public concern about supply chain and inflation I think there’s going to be a lot of pressure on Congress to step in,” said Sharon Block, a former senior adviser to the Biden transition team and current executive director of Harvard Law School’s Labor and Worklife Program.

“It’s a tough call because the economy is in such an unusual posture right now.”

The American Bakers Association, a Washington-based trade group representing more than 300 companies, said it was “very concerned” about a rail stoppage and its effects on an “already fragile” supply chain.

“Even a temporary interruption would create a devastating ripple effect” that would create a shortage of materials and ingredients for baked goods, the group said in a news release.

National

Wetter weather brings California a moment of relief from sweltering heat

By Amy Taxin
Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.—Southern California welcomed cooler temperatures and spotty rain Saturday as a tropical storm veered off the Pacific Coast and faded, helping put an end to a blistering heat wave that nearly overwhelmed the state's electrical grid.

Thunderstorms were forecast for the Los Angeles region Saturday that could linger in mountainous areas on Sunday. But after Hurricane Kay made landfall in Mexico this week it quickly was downgraded to a tropical storm and weakened further until it largely disappeared, said John Dumas, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Oxnard, adding the scattered rain falling in the region is leftover moisture from a has-been storm.

"Is the worst of it over? Yes," Mr. Dumas said.

In Southern California, cooler temperatures and moisture brought respite to firefighters battling the massive Fairview Fire about 75 miles southeast of Los Angeles after sweltering heat pushed temperatures past 100 degrees Fahrenheit in many locations this week.

The blaze has threatened more than 10,000 homes and other structures but firefighters have made progress and said they expected full containment on Monday.



A couple hugs as heavy equipment reinforces sand berms Saturday in Long Beach, Calif. Temperatures in Southern California were mostly in the 80s on Saturday, and forecasters predicted that scattered showers through the weekend from the remnants of Tropical Storm Kay will help to cool down the recent oppressive heat.

Fire officials warned, however, that Northern California communities are still at risk for a heat wave and wildfire conditions and there is the potential for lightning Sunday in the Northern Sierra. In the foothills east of Sacramento, the Mosquito Fire spread to at least 51 square miles Saturday, threatening 3,600 homes in Placer and El Dorado counties and blanketing the region in smoke.

"We're not seeing a corre-

sponding drop in fire activity at this point," said Cal Fire Battalion Chief Isaac Sanchez.

The National Weather Service forecast an end to the grueling heat wave in the Los Angeles area Saturday. A flood watch remained in effect in mountainous areas previously charred by wildfires through the end of the day, and there was the potential for some coastal flooding due to high surf, Dumas said.

In Southern California, officials in coastal cities posted warning signs and made sandbags available to residents, fearing flooding. Minor flooding was reported in a beach parking lot and some local roads in parched desert communities around Palm Springs.

Some mountain communities east of San Diego reported several inches of rain by early Saturday, while low-lying coastal areas saw less than an inch.

In Orange County's Huntington Beach, it was hot, muggy and drizzling Saturday as Aaron French, 30, played disc golf with friends. A midday breeze made playing more comfortable after a week of stifling heat and humidity.

"It's been a wild, wild week of weather," Mr. French said, while sending a disc whizzing through the unusually quiet park. "You just kind of have to accept the weather is the weather and live your life regardless of what is going on."

September already has produced one of the hottest and longest heat waves on record for California and some other Western states. Nearly 54 million people were under heat warnings and advisories across the region this week as temperature records were shattered in many areas.

California's state capital

of Sacramento hit an all-time high Tuesday of 116 degrees, breaking a 97-year-old record. The state set a record for power consumption Tuesday as air conditioners whirred amid the heat and authorities nearly instituted rolling blackouts when the electrical grid capacity was at its breaking point.

Scientists say climate change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. In the last five years, California has experienced the largest and most destructive fires in state history.

California firefighters said Saturday they have so far been unable to corral any part of the Mosquito Fire, which has prompted evacuations in communities including Foresthill and Georgetown.

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Nation briefs

Visa, others to start separately categorizing gun shop sales

Compiled from news services

Payment processor Visa Inc. said Saturday that it plans to start separately categorizing sales at gun shops, a major win for gun control advocates who say it will help better track suspicious surges of gun sales that could be a prelude to a mass shooting.

But the decision by Visa, the world's largest payment processor, will likely provoke the ire of gun rights advocates and gun lobbyists, who have argued that categorizing gun sales would unfairly flag an industry when most sales do not lead to mass shootings. It joins Mastercard and American Express, which also said they plan to move forward with categorizing gun shop sales.

Visa said it would adopt the International Organization for Standardization's new merchant code for gun sales, which was announced on Friday. Until Friday, gun store sales were considered "general merchandise."

"Following ISO's decision to establish a new merchant category code, Visa will proceed with next steps, while ensuring we protect all legal commerce on the Visa network in accordance with our long-standing rules," the payment processor said in a statement.

GOP Rep. Gohmert gives flag to rioter

Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert, of Texas, presented an honorary American flag recently flown above the U.S. Capitol to a convicted Jan. 6 rioter after she was released from prison Friday.

Mr. Gohmert, a Donald Trump ally who has previously promoted debunked conspiracies about the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, met Dr. Simone Gold upon her release from federal prison in Miami on Friday and gifted her a flag.

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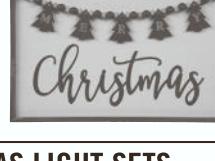
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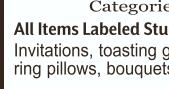
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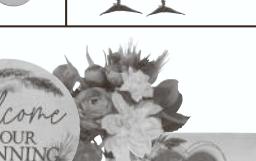


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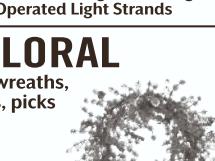
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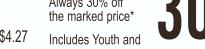
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Waylon Bender, 3, voices his support while riding on the shoulders of his dad, Benjamin, during the Pittsburgh Labor Day parade Downtown last Monday. Benjamin Bender is a member of Glaziers Local 751.



Post-Gazette

Colette Statler, of Monroeville, keeps her eyes on the jack – the target ball – as she rolls her bowl during a match with other members of the Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club on Tuesday at Frick Park in Point Breeze.



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

The Three Rivers Rowing Association's novice competitive team practices on the Allegheny River near Washington's Landing on Tuesday. Sam Jordan, 18, in the bright shirt, is rowing from the bow position. The team is for rowers in grades eight through 12.



Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette

Angie Thomas and Meg Bledsoe, neighbors from Forest Hills, weed gardens at the intersection of Race Street and East Swissvale Avenue on Tuesday in Edgewood. The two hope to turn their gardening activities into a business.



Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

Plum's Samantha Stewart and Latrobe's Ella Bulava fight for possession of the ball Wednesday during a soccer match at Plum Senior High School. Plum won, 4-2.



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

Steelers safety Miles Killebrew works through drills during practice Wednesday at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex on the South Side.



Steve Mellon/Post-Gazette

Amy Putz, left, reaches out to granddaughter Aiyanna Miliner, 3, while getting a hug from volunteer Jeanne Carne-Clark at the Ryan's Night to Remember dinner for the homeless Tuesday. The dinner was held at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Downtown. "This place has been like family for me for years," Ms. Putz said. Ms. Carne-Clark agreed: "I live alone, so this is my family. I love these people."

National

Not Mar-a-Lago: Congress' secrets in sealed rooms, lock bags

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Security-sealed rooms. Lock bags. And in the most rare of circumstances, the ability to handcuff a document pouch to a messenger to transport the nation's secrets.

These are some of the ways Capitol Hill keeps classified documents secured, an elaborate system of government protocols and high-level security clearances that stands in stark contrast to the storage room stash of secrets at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

As the Justice Department's probe into the Republican former president's possession of White House materials deepens, lawmakers of both parties have more questions than answers. Intelligence officials have offered to brief congressional leaders, possibly as soon as next week, senators said, as they launch a lengthy risk assessment. Congress had asked for the briefing soon after the revelation of the unprecedented Aug. 8 search, but it may be delayed by the legal fight between Mr. Trump and the government.

"We need to be able to do appropriate oversight for the Intelligence Committee so that we have a better handle on how this particular incident was handled, but so that we avoid problems like this in the future," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

A culture of secrecy may not necessarily be expected from Capitol Hill, where 535 elected members of Congress, alongside thousands of aides and countless more visitors broker information on a daily basis as a routine part of governing.

Secrets large and small—from the most mundane details about when an upcoming vote will be scheduled to the parlor intrigue of transitional alliances—are among the more valued bits



Alex Brandon/Associated Press
The National Archives in Washington. Capitol Hill goes to extraordinary lengths to keep classified documents secured.

of currency that pass through the place.

But when it comes to classified materials, the stream of information tends to clamp shut.

Lawmakers who serve on the House and Senate Intelligence committees are traditionally among the most publicly tight-lipped about their work, and staff for those panels must obtain security clearances to handle the documents and perform their jobs. Others serving on committees dealing with military affairs and certain national security funds face similar restrictions.

When members of Congress want to peruse classified materials, they descend deep into the basement of the Capitol to a sensitive compartmented information facility, known as a SCIF. Other SCIFs are scattered throughout the Capitol complex.

If documents need to be ferried in or out of secure locations, they are typically transported in a lock bag, a briefcase-sized pouch under lock and key.

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., a member of the Intelligence Committee, said staff will often use a lock bag even simply to transport materials from committee offices to a SCIF some 30 feet away.

"Never leave a key in a classified lock bag in the presence of non-cleared people. #Classified101," tweeted Mr. Heinrich, a member of the Intelligence Committee, days after the February 2017 incident. He asked for a review.

In an interview this past week, Mr. Heinrich said, "It is outrageous to think — the cavalier nature with which the former president treats information, that can have life or death consequences for our sources, is unfathomable."

Mr. Trump amassed more than a dozen boxes of papers and other mementos from the White House, many held in a storage room at Mar-a-Lago. The FBI's search came after a protracted battle over missing documents launched soon after Mr. Trump left the White House in 2021.

Trump attorneys had insisted early in the summer after the first delivery of returned documents that there was nothing left at the former president's club. Upon inspection, the FBI asked the storage room to be put under lock and key. Ultimately a search warrant for Mar-a-Lago was obtained and more than 100 other documents with classified markings were found. Now, the Justice Department is investigating the Trump team's handling of the documents and possible obstruction.

Mr. Cornyn expressed skepticism the stashed documents held critical information.

"It's hard for me to believe it was particularly sensitive — it's been sitting at Mar-a-Lago for a year and a half before they do anything about it," he said.

Still, when it comes to handling classified documents, Mr. Cornyn noted: "There are ways to secure it, but it's not — under no circumstance, should it be in your home."

Retribution for breaking secrets on Capitol Hill can be swift and severe. In the 1980s, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., announced he would leave the Intelligence Committee after acknowledging that he had allowed a reporter to review a not classified but still "committee confidential" draft report on the Contra wars in Latin America. More recently, a former senior staff member of the Senate panel was charged with lying to investigators about his interactions with journalists.

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Politics

Manchin's big energy deal draws pushback from many Dems

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats desperately needed the vote of Sen. Joe Manchin, of West Virginia, to get their signature legislative priority across the finish. So they did what Washington does best: They cut a deal.

To help land his support for a bill hailed by advocacy groups as the biggest investment ever in curbing climate change, Mr. Manchin said he secured a commitment from President Joe Biden and Democratic leaders to move a permitting-streamlining package for energy projects through Congress before Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

Now the climate bill is law, and Mr. Manchin is

ready to collect. But key Democratic constituency groups are lining up against the proposal, calling it bad for the country and the climate. Sen. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont, and dozens of House members agree.

The fissure could complicate the party's efforts to keep the focus on this summer's major legislative victories going into the November midterm elections, which will determine which party controls the House and the Senate. More immediately, the divide is testing the ability of Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to keep enough Democrats in line to avoid a partial government shutdown at the end of the month.



Jacquelyn Martin/Associated Press
With his arm in a sling after shoulder surgery, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., walks to a Democratic policy luncheon on Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Mr. Schumer is pushing ahead. He said this week that he would attach Mr. Manchin's preferred mea-

sure to must-pass legislation that would keep the federal government running into mid-December.

To win over skeptics, some Democrats are stressing that Mr. Manchin's proposal to streamline environmental reviews for energy infrastructure projects would be good for renewable energy, too.

A summary of the proposed legislation has been circulating among Senate Democrats in recent days and was obtained by The Associated Press. It states that the package being developed is key to meeting climate goals by developing interstate transmission lines that will transport electricity from Midwestern wind farms, for example, to major East Coast cities.

"Unfortunately, today these higher voltage, longer lines across multiple jurisdictions are not getting built," the summary said.

The summary states that about 20 large transmission projects are ready to move forward with some federal support.

"Reforms to address permitting, siting and cost allocation concerns are key to building these projects," the document says.

In interviews, key Demo-

cratic senators stressed a similar message, calling the energy proposal complementary to the massive climate package that passed last month.

"Right now, there's just too much delay in solar and wind and geothermal, so I want at every possible opportunity to speed up permitting for renewables," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, said the permitting effort is about making sure bedrock environmental laws are followed in a more timely manner, such as concurrent reviews by government agencies rather than one agency beginning its work after another has finished.

Mr. Schatz said the "old environmental movement" was built around stopping inappropriate projects. But the "new environmental movement" is built around building an unprecedented amount of clean energy.

"In order to do that, we're going to run into the same regulations that have stopped bad projects for a number of years," Mr. Schatz said. "If we're going to actually meet our clean energy goals, we're going to need to build big planet-saving projects, and that means the federal regulations that slow them down have to be looked at very carefully."

Legislative text incorporating Mr. Manchin's priorities has not yet been released, but among the goals he has set out is establishing a maximum timeline for permitting reviews, including two years for major projects and one year for lower-impact projects. Mr. Manchin also wants a statute of limitations for filing court challenges and language that would enhance the federal government's authority over interstate electric transmission projects determined by the Secretary of Energy to be in the national

interest.

Finally, he wants to require all relevant agencies to take the steps necessary to permit the construction and operation of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, a 303-mile pipeline, which is mostly finished and would transport natural gas across West Virginia and Virginia.

The proposed route crosses more than 1,100 streams and will disturb 6,951 acres of land, including 4,168 acres that have the potential for severe water erosion. When fully complete, the pipeline will deliver up to 2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to markets in the mid-Atlantic and Southeast.

Legal battles have delayed completion by nearly four years and doubled the pipeline's cost, now estimated at \$6.6 billion. Mr. Manchin also wants to give the federal appeals court in Washington jurisdiction over any further litigation regarding the project.

More than 70 House Democrats signed onto a letter Friday calling on Ms. Pelosi to keep the permitting provisions out of the spending bill, or any other must-pass legislation this year.

"We remain deeply concerned that these serious and detrimental permitting provisions will significantly and disproportionately impact low-income communities, indigenous communities, and communities of color," the lawmakers wrote.

Mr. Sanders directed his ire mostly at efforts to open the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Speaking on the Senate floor, he cited the litany of climate disasters taking place around the globe — from record-breaking droughts in the West and in China, to massive flooding in Pakistan, to the melting of glaciers that he said could place major U.S. cities underwater in coming decades.

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International

Russia announces troop pullback from around Ukraine's Kharkiv

By Karl Ritter and
Joanna Kozlowska
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia's Defense Ministry announced Saturday that it was pulling back troops from two areas in Ukraine's eastern Kharkiv region where a Ukrainian counteroffensive has made significant advances in the past week.

The news came after days of apparent advances by Ukraine south of Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, in what could become the biggest battlefield success for Ukrainian forces since they thwarted a Russian attempt to seize the capital, Kyiv, at the start of the nearly seven-month war.

"The Russian army in these days is demonstrating the best that it can do — showing its back," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a video released by his office Saturday night. "And, of course, it's a good decision for them to run."

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said troops would be regrouped from the Balakliya and Izyum areas to the eastern Donetsk region. Izyum was a major base for Russian forces in the Kharkiv region, and earlier this week social media videos showed residents of Balakliya joyfully cheering as Ukrainian troops moved in.

Mr. Konashenkov said the Russian move was being made "in order to achieve the stated goals of the special military operation to liberate Donbas," an eastern area home to two separatist regions that Russia has declared sovereign.

The claim of a withdrawal to concentrate on Donetsk is similar to the justification



Jim Huylebroek/The New York Times
Family members of Ukrainian soldier Ivan Hvozdev, who was killed in Mykolaiv, grieve over his casket on Saturday prior to his burial in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Russia gave for pulling back its forces from the Kyiv region earlier this year when they failed to take the capital.

Igor Girkin, a Russian who was an early leader of a Moscow-backed separatist uprising in Donetsk in 2014, sneered at the portrayal of the pullback as being strategic. On the messaging app Telegram, he acidly called it "the brilliant (clearly within the framework of the plan and even ahead of schedule) operation to transfer the cities of Izyum, Balakliya and Kupiansk to respected Ukrainian partners."

Earlier Saturday, Ukrainian officials claimed major gains in the Kharkiv region, saying their troops had cut off vital supplies to Izyum.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleh Nikolenko also suggested troops had retaken Kupiansk, a town along the main supply route to Izyum, long a

focus on the Russian frontline and the site of heavy artillery and other fighting. Mr. Nikolenko tweeted a photo showing soldiers in front of what he said was a government building in Kupiansk, 45 miles north of Izyum.

The Ukrainian Security Service posted a message hours later saying troops were in Kupiansk, further suggesting it had been seized. The military did not immediately confirm entering the town, a railway hub that Russia seized in February.

Videos on social media appeared to show Ukrainian forces on the outskirts of Izyum at a roadside checkpoint. A large statue with the city's name could be seen in the images. Ukrainian forces did not acknowledge holding the city.

Britain's Defense Ministry said Saturday that it believed Ukrainian troops had

advanced as much as 30 miles south of Kharkiv, and described Russian forces around Izyum as "increasingly isolated."

"Russian forces were likely taken by surprise. The sector was only lightly held and Ukrainian units have captured or surrounded several towns," the British military said, adding that the loss of Kupiansk would greatly affect Russian supply lines.

The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, likewise referenced sweeping Ukrainian gains, estimating that Kyiv has seized around 965 square miles in its eastern breakthrough. The institute said it appeared that "disorganized Russian forces (were) caught in the rapid Ukrainian advance," and cited social media images of apparent Russian prisoners seized around Izyum and surrounding towns.

Footage from the TOLOneWS broadcaster

World briefs

European powers doubt Iran's sincerity on nuke deal

Compiled from news services

European powers said they have "serious doubts" about Iran's commitment to a new nuclear agreement after negotiations stretching almost 18 months.

The governments of France, Germany and the U.K. issued a joint statement on Saturday addressing the latest demands from the Islamic Republic.

"In light of Iran's failure to conclude the agreement on the table, we will consult with our international partners on how best to deal with Iran's continued nuclear escalation," the European governments said.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is set to have a weeklong board of directors' meeting at its Vienna headquarters from Monday, with the Iran deal a major talking point.

The IAEA, the United Nations' nuclear body, said on Wednesday that Iran had increased its stockpile of enriched uranium during the previous three months.

At the time, Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi said he was "increasingly concerned that Iran has not engaged with the agency on the outstanding safeguards issues."

There has been no progress toward resolving them."

Afghan girls protest Taliban education ban

A group of teenage girls took to the streets of the capital of Afghanistan's Paktia province on Saturday to demand their right to an education, local media reported.

Footage from the TOLOneWS broadcaster

showed dozens of girls in school uniforms and some in veils marching on the street in the city of Gardez.

Paktia is a predominantly ethnically Pashtun province that is dominated by conservative tribal traditions. The province is also a stronghold of the Taliban's deputy supreme leader and interior minister, Sirajuddin Haqqani.

"Why have you closed our schools? Why are you playing with our emotions?" one girl is heard saying through tears in one of the videos.

Last week, it was reported that local officials opened five secondary schools for female students at the request of tribal elders.

Since returning to power last year, the Taliban have banned girls from receiving an education beyond the sixth grade.

5 dead after boat flips in New Zealand

Five people died Saturday in New Zealand after the small charter boat they were aboard capsized, authorities say, in what may have been a collision with a whale. Another six people aboard the boat were rescued.

Police said the 28-foot boat overturned near the South Island town of Kaikoura. Police said they were continuing to investigate the cause of the accident.

Kaikoura Police Sgt. Matt Boyce described it as a devastating and unprecedented event.

"Our thoughts are with everyone involved, including the victims and their families, their local communities, and emergency services personnel," Sgt. Boyce said.



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Gun Violence

In Uvalde, murals connect artists and victims' families

By Andrea Salcedo
The Washington Post

For days, Silvy Ochoa stood atop an electric scissor lift as she stroked her paintbrush against a brick wall.

The artist had a difficult task: to re-create 10-year-old Makenna Lee Elrod's portrait on a Uvalde, Texas, street using a picture chosen by the girl's family and to tell the story of her life as told by her loved ones.

Makenna was among the 21 people killed by a gunman at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde in May.

Every detail mattered, Ms. Ochoa told The Washington Post. Her hazel eyes must be the exact shade — one that hardly any camera could capture right — her

mother told Ms. Ochoa. The golden retriever, her chicken, her horse and the rest of the animals that lived with the girl at her family's ranch must be included. The handwriting of a note the girl had left her mother must be accurately reproduced.

On Tuesday, those who lived through the shooting returned to a different building for a new academic year.

But those who did not survive the May 24 rampage still live on the town's walls. Makenna's portrait is one of 21 murals — each representing the 19 children and two teachers killed — that 50 Texas artists painted during the course of three months.

"You don't get over something like this," said Cristina Noriega, the artist who painted 10-year-old Amerie

Jo Garza's mural. "But perhaps honoring who they were in these portraits — they're everywhere in Uvalde now — brings some comfort."

The idea was born a day after the tragedy, when Abel Ortiz, the artist who organized the project, was watching the news and kept asking himself what was the best way he could help the town heal from a shooting at the school his own children once attended.

All of the lead artists and their assistants donated their time, said Mr. Ortiz, who also painted a mural. The wall space was also donated. Paint and supplies were covered by donations and funds raised in an art auction.

"The only thing in my

power was art, and art heals," Mr. Ortiz told The Post.

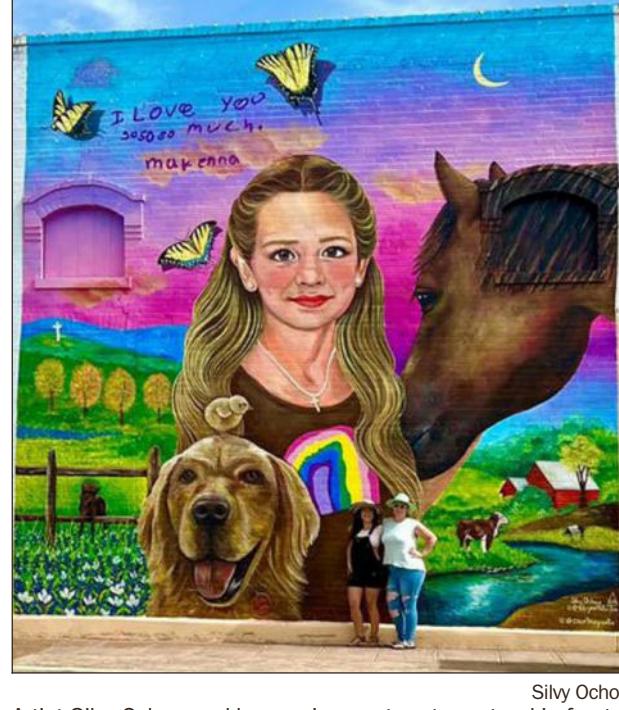
So Mr. Ortiz got to work and in the next weeks he secured 21 walls, including one outside his art gallery, where he painted 9-year-old Ellie Garcia.

But before any painting could start, the victims' families, who Mr. Ortiz said were not to be contacted until the last funeral, had to give their consent. Once every victim was formally mourned, Monica Maldonado, the founder of MAS Cultura, a nonprofit based in Austin and the project manager, reached out to the families to get to know the victims before pairing them up with an artist.

Once she had more details about the victim, Ms. Maldonado sent artists a form the families had filled out with information including the victim's favorite color, food and activity, an unforgettable memory, etc. Based on this information, she paired the families with those artists who had some sort of connection to the victim, whether it was their personality, a hobby, an occupation or a life experience, Ms. Maldonado told The Post.

That's how Ms. Ochoa was selected to paint Makenna's mural. "I was a happy little girl like Makenna," Ms. Ochoa told The Post. "We both love nature. She hugged trees. I hug trees too!" Makenna was known for leaving hidden notes for those she loved; Ms. Ochoa does the same.

Once Ms. Maldonado reached out to Ms. Ochoa to pair her with Makenna, the artist started sketching the mural's design. Her portrait would be the focal point of the canvas. Because Makenna lived in a ranch with her family, Ms. Ochoa wanted to create a more traditional design, she told The Post.



Silvy Ochoa

Artist Silvy Ochoa and her assignment partner stand in front of a mural honoring 10-year-old Makenna Lee Elrod, who was among the 21 people killed by a gunman at Robb Elementary School in May, in Uvalde, Texas.

"Every single element has a meaning that connects her to her family and tells her story," Ms. Ochoa said. "I didn't want to make a collage but to tell her story."

The four trees on the left of the mural represent Makenna and her three siblings — the ones with pink flowers for the three girls, and the one without for her brother.

The bluebonnets under the trees were the girl's favorite flowers. The river with rocks with small specks of paint to the right of the girl represents one of her favorite hobbies, painting rocks. Eastern tiger swallowtail butterflies fly on top of her portrait.

Following Makenna's death, an eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly attempted to sneak into her father's car for about 10 minutes, her father shared with Ms. Ochoa, who selected this

type of butterfly as a symbol that Makenna is still here. The rainbow on Makenna's shirt was painted by her family, Ms. Ochoa said.

The day Ms. Ochoa finished painting the eyes, Makenna's mother came to see how the mural was unfolding. Her first reaction was to cover her mouth with both hands. Then she began crying.

It wasn't until Ms. Ochoa was close to finishing the mural, which can be seen from the main streets, that Makenna's mother realized she will see the mural almost every day. It stands on her route to work.

On her way to work, her daughter's face can be seen on the reflection of the stores across from the mural. On the way back, Ms. Ochoa said, Makenna's hazel eyes stare straight into her mother's.

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Gun Violence

In new law, a quiet breakthrough for victims of abuse

By Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nikiesha Thomas was on her way to work one day when she told her sister that she was thinking about getting involved with domestic violence prevention.

The idea gave Keeda Simpson pause. Her younger sister had never mentioned anything like that before, and she was bringing it up in a phone call just days after filing for a protective order against her ex-boyfriend.

It was their last conversation.

Less than an hour later, Thomas' ex-boyfriend walked up to her parked car in a southeastern neighborhood of the nation's capital and shot through the driver's side window, killing the 33-year-old.

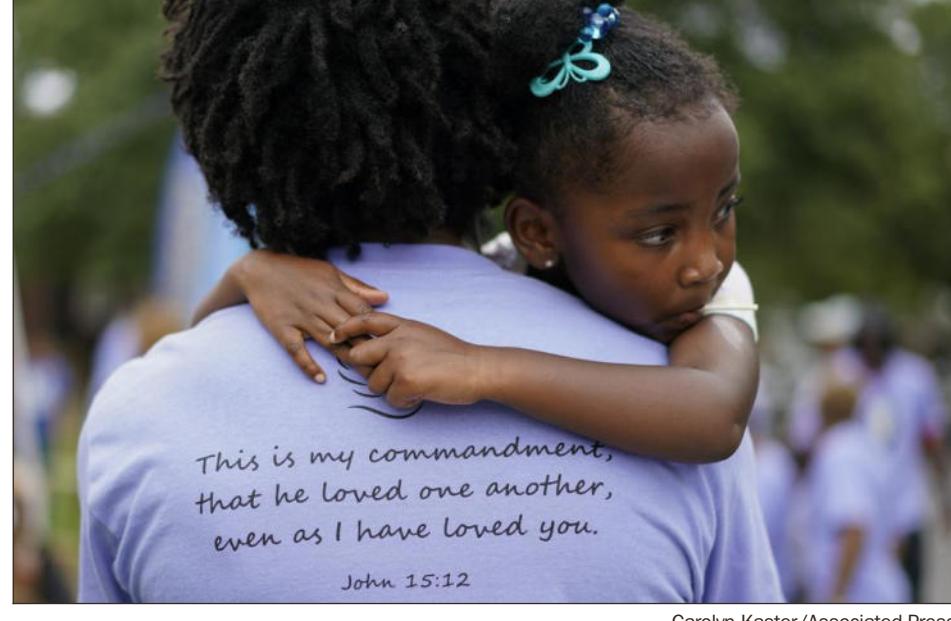
It's cases like hers, where warning signs and legal paperwork weren't enough to save a life, that lawmakers had in mind this summer when they crafted the first major bipartisan law on gun violence in decades.

The measure signed by President Joe Biden in June was part of a response to a harrowing string of shootings over the summer, including the slaying of 19 children at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

The package included tougher background checks for the youngest gun buyers and help for states to put in place "red flag" laws that make it easier for authorities to take weapons from people adjudged dangerous.

Also tucked into the bill was a proposal that will make it more difficult for a convicted domestic abuser to obtain firearms even when the abuser is not married to or doesn't have a child with the victim.

Nearly a decade in the making, lawmakers' move



Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press

Nikiesha Thomas' cousin, Paul McLeod, holds his daughter, Blair, during a Back to School Block Party in honor of Mr. McLeod's cousin in the Robinwood Community of Annapolis, Md. Thomas posted the Bible verse John 15:12 on social media the day she was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend just days after filing for a protective order. The verse is seen printed on Mr. McLeod's t-shirt.

to close the "boyfriend loophole" received far less attention than other aspects of the legislation. But advocates and lawmakers are hopeful this provision will save lives and become a major part of the law's legacy.

"We have so many women killed—one every 14 hours, from domestic partners with guns in this country," Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., a longtime advocate of the proposal, said before passage of the bill in June. "Sadly, half of those involve dating partners, people who aren't married to someone, but they are in a romantic relationship with them in some way."

Federal law has long barred people convicted of domestic violence or subject to a domestic violence restraining order from being able to buy a gun. But that restriction had only applied to an individual who is married to the victim, lived with the victim or had a child with the victim. As a result, it missed a whole group of perpetrators — current and former boyfriends or intimate partners.

At least 19 states and the District of Columbia have taken action on this issue, according to data compiled by Everytown for Gun Safety. Ms. Klobuchar and domestic violence advocates have worked for years to do the same on the federal level, with little success.

The struggle over defining a boyfriend in the law remained difficult to the end. Negotiations in Congress nearly broke down over the provision. The same thing happened in March when a similar bipartisan effort to reauthorize a 1990s-era law that extended protections to victims of domestic and sexual violence passed only after Democratic lawmakers

took out the loophole provision to ensure Republican support.

"That was the toughest issue in our negotiations," Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., a lead negotiator of the gun package, said of the loophole proposal.

"The biggest discussion that took us a long time at the end was around the question of how you would get your rights back after you had been prohibited."

Mr. Murphy and other Democratic negotiators were able to persuade Republicans by including a narrow path to restoring access to firearms for first-time offenders after five years, only if they are not convicted of another misdemeanor for violent crime. For married couples, and those who have had a child together, the firearms ban is permanent.

To some advocates, more change is still needed. The

legislation only partially closes the loophole because dating partners subject to a domestic violence restraining order, as in Thomas' case, are still able to buy and maintain access to firearms.

"It will for sure save lives. But also to be clear, this is a partial closure of what's known as the boyfriend loophole. There's still a lot of work to be done," Jennifer Becker, the legal director and senior attorney for Legal Momentum, a legal defense and education fund for women, told The Associated Press.

Federal crime data for 2020 showed that out of all murder victims among intimate partners — including divorced and gay couples — girlfriends accounted for 37%, while wives accounted for 34%. Only 13% of the victims were boyfriends, and 7% were husbands.

In 2018, a group of researchers who looked at intimate partner homicides in 45 states from 1980 to 2013 found that when firearm prohibitions linked to domestic restraining orders included people who were dating, deaths dropped by 13%.

"It suggests that when you cast that wider net, by covering boyfriends, you are able to cover people who are more dangerous and potentially save more lives," April Zeoli, a researcher at the University of Michigan who was part of that study, told the AP.

Thomas' family hopes the changes in the law will save lives and ensure their daughter's death wasn't in vain. They say Thomas was doing everything she could to protect herself when she left her yearslong relationship with 36-year-old Antoine Oliver in late September 2021.

It was only after her death in October that her family members found out that the protective order Thomas

had filed three days earlier, detailing how her former partner had access to firearms and she felt unsafe, was never served. Sheriff's deputies in Prince George's County, Md., where Oliver lived, had been trying to reach him by phone.

When law enforcement finally reached Oliver, he told them he would come to accept service of the judicial order the following day. Instead, authorities said, he killed Thomas that day before fatally shooting himself.

"Some days I just sit and review the paper she had filed with the court just a few days prior and just think, what else could she have done to protect herself?" said Nadine Thomas, her mother. Gilbert Thomas, her father, said his daughter did everything she was supposed to do, but it was the system that failed her.

"She feared for her life and what did the police do? They called him and made arrangements for him to come to pick up the order," he said. "There was no urgency placed on it."

But now the family is bracing for the anniversary of Thomas' killing. The weight of grief is heavy, particularly for her 11-year-old daughter, Kylei, whom Thomas had from a relationship before she met Oliver.

In the months before her death, Thomas had been making plans to buy a home for her and her daughter. She was saving up from her job with the D.C. office of the state superintendent of education, where she was assigned to an intervention program to help the district's challenged students.

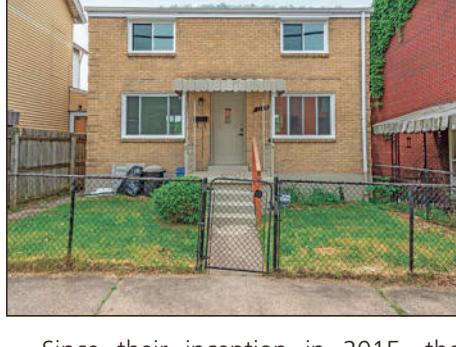
"We really were starting to map out some things and it just got taken away," her sister, Keeda Simpson, said. "One of the last things we talked about was her wanting to evoke change for other women."

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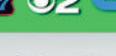
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2 decades later, self-professed 9/11 mastermind awaits trial

By Larry Neumeister,
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hours before dawn on March 1, 2003, the U.S. scored its most thrilling victory yet against the plotters of the Sept. 11 attacks — the capture of a disheveled Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, hauled away by intelligence agents from a hideout in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

The global manhunt for al-Qaida's No. 3 leader had taken 18 months. But America's attempt to bring him to justice, in a legal sense, has taken much, much longer. Critics say it has become one of the war on terror's greatest failures.

On today's 21st anniversary of the terror attacks, Mr. Mohammed and four other men accused of 9/11-related crimes still sit in a U.S. detention center in Guantanamo Bay, their planned trials before a military tribunal endlessly postponed.

The latest setback came last month when pretrial hearings scheduled for early fall were canceled. The delay was one more in a string of disappointments for relatives of the nearly 3,000 victims of the attack. They've hoped that a trial would bring perhaps resolve unanswered questions.

"Now, I'm not sure what's going to happen," said Gordon Haberman, whose 25-year-old daughter, Andrea, died after a hijacked plane crashed into the World Trade Center, a floor above her office.

He's traveled to Guantanamo four times from his home in West Bend, Wis., to watch the legal proceedings in person, only to leave frustrated.

"It's important to me that America finally gets to the truth about what happened, how it was done," said Mr.



Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged Sept. 11 mastermind, is seen shortly after his capture during a raid in Pakistan in 2003.

Haberman. "I personally want to see this go to trial."

If convicted at trial, Mr. Mohammed could face the death penalty.

When asked about the case, James Connell, an attorney for one of Mr. Mohammed's co-defendants — one accused of transferring money to 9/11 attackers — confirmed reports both sides are still "attempting to reach a pretrial agreement" that could still avoid a trial and result in lesser but still lengthy sentences.

David Kelley, a former U.S. attorney in New York who co-chaired the Justice Department's nationwide investigation into the attacks, called the delays and failure to prosecute "an awful tragedy for the families of the victims."

He called the effort to put Mr. Mohammed on trial before a military tribunal, rather than in the regular U.S. court system, "a tremendous failure" that was "as offensive to our Constitution as to our rule of law."

"It's a tremendous blemish on the country's history," he said.

The difficulty in holding a trial for Mr. Mohammed and other Guantanamo prisoners is partly rooted in what



Eddie Bracken wears a cap with the word "freedom" at the Staten Island September 11th Memorial, in view of lower Manhattan in New York. Mr. Bracken, a carpenter whose sister Lucy Fishman was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center, is awaiting the trial of Mr. Mohammed and his co-defendants at Guantanamo.

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the U.S. did with him after his 2003 capture.

Mr. Mohammed and his co-defendants were initially held in secret prisons abroad. Hungry for information that might lead to the capture of other al-Qaida figures, CIA operatives subjected them to enhanced interrogation techniques, human rights groups say. Mr. Mohammed was waterboarded — made to feel that he was drowning — 183 times.

A Senate investigation later concluded the interrogations didn't lead to any valuable intelligence. But it has sparked endless pretrial litigation over whether FBI reports on their statements can be used against them — a process not subject to speedy trial rules used in civilian courts.

The torture allegations led to concerns that the U.S. might have ruined its chance to put Mr. Mohammed on trial in a civilian

court.

But in 2009, President Barack Obama's administration decided to try, announcing that Mr. Mohammed would be transferred to New York City and put on trial at a federal court in Manhattan.

"Failure is not an option," Mr. Obama said.

But New York City balked at the cost of security and the move never came. Eventually, it was announced Mr. Mohammed would face a military tribunal. And then over a dozen years passed.

Mr. Kelley said talk of military tribunals two decades ago surprised many in the legal community who had been successfully prosecuting terrorism cases in the decade before.

The concept of a tribunal, he said, "came out of the blue. Nobody knew it was coming."

Then-Attorney General John Ashcroft was not in favor of tribunals and had

been supportive of the Manhattan federal terrorism prosecutions, he said.

Now, Mr. Kelley said, with the passage of time it will be much more difficult to prosecute Mr. Mohammed in a tribunal, much less a courtroom. "Evidence goes stale, witness memories fail."

The passage of time hasn't dulled the memories of the victims' families or dampened their interest in witnessing justice.

Eddie Bracken's sister Lucy Fishman was killed at the trade center. The New York man opposed Mr. Obama's proposal to move the trial to federal court — Mr. Mohammed is charged with "a military act," and should be tried by the military, he reasoned. And while he is somewhat frustrated by the delays, he understands them.

"The whole world is looking at us and saying, 'What are they doing after all this

time?'" he said. But he realizes the case is "a process that the world is seeing, that needs to be done under a microscope. ... It's up to the United States to do their due diligence, make sure it's done right."

"The wheels of justice turn. They turn slowly, but they turn. And when the time comes, and it's said and done, the world will know what happened," he adds.

While Mr. Mohammed has lingered at Guantanamo, the U.S. killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in a 2011 raid and deputy-turned-successor Ayman al-Zawahri in a drone strike just this August.

Mr. Mohammed, at his tribunal hearing, conceded in a written statement that he swore allegiance to Osama bin Laden, that he was on al-Qaida's council and that he served as operational director for bin Laden for the organizing, planning, follow-up and execution of the Sept. 11 plot "from A to Z."

According to the statement, he also took credit for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center; an attempt to down U.S. jetliners using bombs hidden in shoes; the bombing of a nightclub in Indonesia; and plans for a second wave of attacks after the 2001 attacks targeting landmarks like the Sears Tower in Chicago and the Empire State Building.

He also claimed credit for other planned attacks, including assassination attempts against then-President Bill Clinton in 1994 or 1995 and an assassination plot against Pope John Paul II at about the same time, the statement said.

Mr. Bracken traveled to Guantanamo in 2012 to watch one hearing for Mr. Mohammed and his co-defendants, and would probably go again if a trial ever happened.

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9/11 Anniversary

Families of Flight 93 turn their pain into purpose

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relentless search for silver linings and an unstoppable desire to turn pain into purpose. Just like they did two days after Sept. 11 when they first met near the Somerset County crash site, the families devoted Saturday to showing that unity is stronger than division, walking the 2-mile loop at the Flight 93 National Memorial to raise money, from participants, sponsors and businesses, for upgrades.

"Our politics don't divide us. Our issues on everything from A to Z do not divide us," said Mr. White, whose cousin, Louis "Joey" Nacke II, died on Flight 93. "My point in speaking to you today is to understand that the 40 heroes on that plane — nothing divided any of them from each other. They were united."

On Saturday, they walked, donning matching blue T-shirts and welcoming dozens of first-time visitors to the memorial for a peaceful stroll that was interrupted only for poignant storytelling. On Sunday, they'll sit, taking in the annual remembrance ceremony that's usually well-attended by high-ranking politicians and dignitaries.

First lady Jill Biden will be this year's special guest, and the podium was already set for her in Memorial Plaza as walkers passed by.

Organizers of the walk said this was the biggest turnout they've had to honor the 40 passengers and crew. They told attendees to embrace the serenity of the sprawling landscape as the group — young, old, children and dogs included — weaved through the grounds.

Donna Gibson, executive director of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, said the "Heroes Walk" — as it's called — raised at least \$54,000 for a new project. The proceeds will benefit the construction of an official space for attendees to view the crash site from the Western Overlook, where the families of the passengers and crew were first brought, 21



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Ken Nacke, the brother of Louis "Joey" Nacke II, a passenger on Flight 93, speaks during the Heroes Walk hosted by the Friends of Flight 93 on Saturday at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Stonycreek Township in Somerset County.



Emily Schenkel, the goddaughter of Lorraine Bay, a flight attendant on Flight 93, also participated in the Heroes Walk.

years ago, to view the wreckage.

That space is sacred for the families, who remember it as the first meeting place for an entire community of interconnected lives, upended by the tragedy on Sept. 11.

Ken Nacke, Louis' brother, said he remembers the moment he was brought to the overlook, riding by bus through miles of serene rural landscape to see the result of their family mem-

bers' sacrifices. He said the area holds a special place in his heart as the first exposure to the event.

"For me, coming here is like being at home," Mr. Nacke said.

To undertake a new project at the memorial costs time and money, and it's something that the large network of families and friends of Flight 93 have become accustomed to over the years.

Stephen Clark, superintendent of the National Parks of Western Pennsylvania, said he attended a ceremony earlier Saturday that brought VFW representatives from all over the country to honor the Flight 93 story, and he left with a check to bolster the financial efforts of their Heroes Walk. He hadn't yet opened the envelope, he said, but he vowed to do the overlook project the "right" way.

"We're going to take our time and really think through: What do we want future generations to look at as they're up on the flight path overlook — as they look

at what once was a significant place for the spirit, the crying, the hugs and what went on there?" Mr. Clark said.

Telling the story of Flight 93 to future generations is an important goal of the memorial, officials say. Mr. Nacke said younger kids don't have the same emotional connection to the event but can learn a lot about family, patriotism and community from the memorial space.

The memorial's official storytellers — the volunteer ambassadors who greet guests and share recollections about the passengers and crew — also were honored Saturday. Many of the ambassadors have volunteered at the memorial for all 21 years,

organizers said, and play a crucial role in keeping the story alive.

Thanking them, in a small ceremony, was Gordon Felt, brother of passenger Edward Porter Felt. He recalled his own silver lining.

"When families first came to this site, we came as individuals. We were numb, hurting, devastated, alone — struggling with an unbearable agony, a nightmare that altered the course of our lives," Mr. Felt said. "From that fog, we slowly reached out to each other. We found strength in unity."

The unity of the passengers has been at the heart of the official anniversary ceremonies for years and has often been cited in speeches by presidents and high

-ranking politicians. Former President George W. Bush and current Vice President Kamala Harris spoke at last year's ceremony. Ms. Biden and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland will deliver remarks Sunday.

Every anniversary, the ceremony marks the moment that Flight 93 crashed by ringing the bells of remembrance for each of the 40 passengers and crew members, their names read one by one.

Two of those names are LeRoy Homer and Lorraine Bay, and on Saturday, their stories were told by their family members as the Heroes Walk proceeded.

Kiki Homer recalled that her brother always wanted to be a pilot and got his pilot's license at age 16. He was "killed doing what he loved" as a co-pilot on Flight 93, Ms. Homer said. She pointed people to her sister-in-law's foundation, the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation, which raises money to provide scholarships to young people for flight training lessons.

Emily Schenkel, the goddaughter of Ms. Bay, who was a flight attendant on Flight 93, said "Aunt Lorraine" loved her job, was nearing retirement and was the type of person who chose to work in coach instead of first class because she loved the people and their stories. She said Ms. Bay would have appreciated the comfort and community of the memorial space if she were here to see it.

To honor her, Ms. Schenkel named her daughter Lorraine.

"She embodies a lot of the same spirit," Ms. Schenkel said of her daughter, now 12.

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Proceeds from the Heroes Walk will support upgrades at the Flight 93 National Memorial, including a space where visitors can view the crash site from the Western Overlook.

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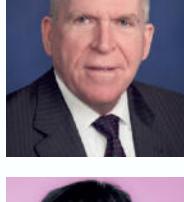
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**REMEMBERING
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It will take time, but Britons warming to new king

By Stephen Zenner
Block News Alliance

LONDON — They climbed atop railings, crammed against gates, and stood out for hours to usher in a king.

And they did so while still grief-stricken from the loss of their beloved queen.

"I do think it's going to be a little while until they get used to singing 'God save the king' rather than 'God save the queen,'" said Keith Campbell, 62, of Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Ornate paths leading to Buckingham and St. James's palaces were woven on Saturday with crowds on both sides of the roads. All had expectations to catch a passing glimpse of the newly proclaimed King Charles III and his wife, Camilla.

The death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday initiated the process of succession, turning Charles, Prince of Wales, into King Charles III.

The transformation — and acceptance — started Friday night as he addressed the world by sharing his outward mourning for his mother. He ended his speech with a quote from Shakespeare's "Hamlet," wishing her the best.

"May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."



Bar patrons watch King Charles III's first speech as head of the monarchy at the Red Lion pub on Friday in Westminster, London.

Forward

Many who clamored for a view on Saturday said the process of grieving the queen and welcoming the king will take some time.

"I feel gutted that she's gone," said Mr. Campbell, who really "just felt [the queen] would make 100.

"It was a bit of a shock."

One woman, Anne Dego-
via, 79, of Leicestershire, spoke outside of Bucking-
ham Palace while in the
midst of the throngs.

"We have lost our queen," she said. "It is very sad."

Ms. Dego-
via came with her
daughter, Mandy Brantley, 56, also of Leicestershire, and

stood outside of the palace for upward of two hours in hopes of spotting the new king.

"Oh! I was crying," said Ms. Dego-
via, as she recalled his speech the night before. "He really meant it."

Thousands crowded to the center of London to show they meant it, too.

"Yeah, he's a new king,

and we have to look forward to that, but there's a time and a place to look forward to that and it's not right now," said Owen Roberts, 25, of Brighton.

"She was a very, very special lady," added Marcia Clarke, 60, of Rugby, Warwickshire. "I feel sad for the royal family, I feel sad for the country, a lot of people are gonna miss her."

Ms. Clarke's daughter, Samantha Franks, 37, also of Rugby, Warwickshire, while not in tears like her mother, expressed the importance of the monarchy to her 5-year-old, Ophelia.

Glittered with a crown and a shy playfulness, Ophelia made her way around the park.

"I don't think that she'll fully understand," Mrs. Franks said. "But for her to know that she was here and kind of showing her respects."

Taking her daughter's hands in hers, Mrs. Franks handed Ophelia flowers to place on a memorial.

"It's nice to bring [Ophelia] here to the palace, but it's just really sad that it's for this occasion," Mrs. Franks said.

Lisa Skeffington, 44, of Bromley, Kent, was looking at the memorials, which contained many flowers and handwritten notes. She expressed her

own admiration for the queen, "thank you for being an inspiration to your whole country ... for your whole life as a queen."

It was significant to Ms. Skeffington that Queen Elizabeth never stepped down and carried the voice of the people with her.

"She was the best of British," said David Griffin, 41, of Southwest London. "And she was above all the politicians."

Succession

"It's very difficult to replace the Queen," said Mr. Griffin, who admits he was a bit skeptical of King Charles III.

"He needs to remain distant and remember to be the embodiment of the British people," Mr. Griffin said.

And there is time for the acceptance of the new king to grow.

"So actually, you know what? That's a really good speech," Ms. Skeffington said of the king's Friday night address. "He's kind of given me that little bit of hope from that speech."

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Charles III formally proclaimed U.K. monarch

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opportunities to see the late monarch's oak coffin as it journeys from Balmoral Castle to Edinburgh and then to London, where her body will lie in state for four days starting Wednesday.

Edward William Fitzalan-Howard, the official in charge of funeral arrangements, said the ceremonies would be "a fitting farewell to one of the defining figures of our times."

The queen's eldest son and successor, Charles, was officially proclaimed Britain's monarch Saturday in a pomp-filled ceremony steeped in ancient tradition and political symbolism — and, for the first time, broadcast live on television and online.

The 73-year-old Charles, who spent seven decades as heir apparent, automatically became king when his mother died and vowed to follow her example. But the accession ceremony was a key constitutional and ceremonial step that introduced the new monarch to the country, a relic of a time before mass communications.

"I am deeply aware of this great inheritance and of the duties and heavy responsibilities of sovereignty which have now passed to me," Charles said as he took on the duties of monarch.

New British Prime Minister Liz Truss and five of her predecessors were among scores of current and former British politicians who gathered at St. James's Palace for the meeting of the Accession Council.

Saturday's accession ceremony ended with a royal official publicly proclaiming King Charles III to be the country's new monarch from a balcony at the palace. In centuries past, this would have been the first official confirmation the public had of their new sovereign.

David White, the Garter King of Arms, made the proclamation, flanked by trumpeters in gold-trimmed robes before leading cheers — "hip, hip, hooray!" — for the new king. Gun salutes rang out in Hyde Park, at the Tower of London and at military sites around the U.K. as he announced the news, and scarlet-robed soldiers in the palace courtyard doffed their bearskin hats in a royal salute.

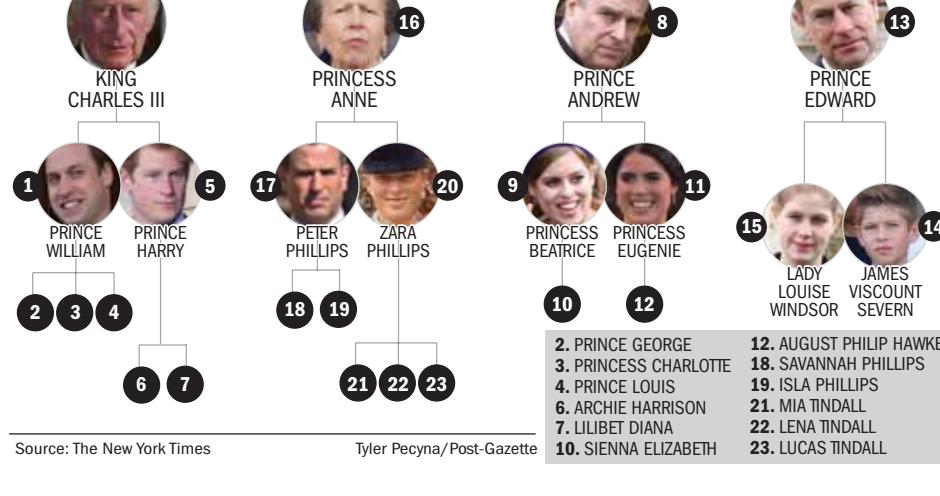
The proclamation was



Britain's Prince William and Kate, Princess of Wales, left, and Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, view the floral tributes for the late Queen Elizabeth II on Saturday outside Windsor Castle, in Windsor, England.

Next in line

The royal succession after the death of Queen Elizabeth II means her son Charles takes the throne, with Prince William next in line.



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read at other locations across the U.K., including in the medieval City of London.

The new king formally approved a series of orders, including one declaring the day of his mother's funeral as a public holiday.

Charles was accompanied at the ceremony by wife Camilla, the Queen Consort, and eldest son Prince William, who is now heir to the throne and known by the title that Charles long held,

the Prince of Wales. In his first statement since his grandmother's death, William said the queen "was by my side at my happiest moments. And she was by my side during the saddest days of my life" — a clear reference to the death of his mother, Princess Diana, in 1997.

"I knew this day would come, but it will be some time before the reality of life without Grannie will truly feel real," William said.

People came by the thousands to pay their respects outside Buckingham Palace in London. The scene was repeated at other royal residences across the U.K. and at British embassies around the world.

For many Britons, the queen's passing, though long expected, is a destabilizing experience. Queen Elizabeth II is the only monarch most have ever known, and her death comes as many Britons are facing an energy crisis, the soaring cost of living,

the uncertainties of the war in Ukraine and the fallout from Brexit.

The country has also just seen a change of leader. Ms. Truss was appointed prime minister by the queen on Tuesday, just two days before the monarch died. On Saturday, Ms. Truss and other senior U.K. lawmakers lined up in the House of Commons to take an oath of loyalty to the new king.

Normal parliamentary business has been suspended during a period of mourning for the queen. The House of Commons held a rare Saturday session so lawmakers could

"I am deeply aware of this great inheritance and of the duties and heavy responsibilities of sovereignty which have now passed to me."

King Charles III

pay tribute to the late monarch.

Charles has struck a note of continuity, vowing in a televised address Friday to carry on the queen's "life-long service," with his own modernizing stamp.

The new monarch looked both to the past — noting his mother's unwavering "dedication and devotion as sovereign" — and the future, seeking to strike a reassuring note of constancy while signaling that his will be a 21st-century monarchy.

He reflected on how the country had changed dramatically during the queen's reign into a society "of many cultures and many faiths," and pledged to serve people in Britain and the 14 other countries where he is king "whatever may be your background or beliefs."

For a second day on Saturday, Charles waded into the crowds to meet his subjects and shake hands. Trying to overcome a reputation for aloofness, in his first days as monarch he is signaling a more relaxed approach to the monarchy than that of his mother.

"It just felt like a really special moment in history," said Beverly Nash, of Kent. "And it was lovely actually seeing him. I didn't think I would feel as emotional as I did."



Stephen Zenner/Toledo Blade
David Griffin, 41, of Southwest London, and his daughter Alice Laura Elizabeth flip through a commemorative book on Saturday dedicated to Queen Elizabeth II in London's Green Park.


 REMEMBERING
QUEEN ELIZABETH II


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A young girl on a man's shoulders pulls a flag with a picture of the late Queen Elizabeth II's face on it over her own face while waiting outside Buckingham Palace in London on Saturday to see King Charles III.

Crowds in London drinking in glimpses of King Charles III

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stopped in the wake of Queen Elizabeth II's passing on Thursday. But the rhythm of the city has changed dramatically. The country is in the midst of national mourning, and hundreds of thousands of visitors are descending upon the monuments, grounds and parks surrounding Buckingham Palace. Even those just going about their daily lives would be hard-pressed to ignore the historic moment taking place — black-and-white portraits of the late queen adorn everything from bus stops to shop windows.

At the Red Lion, people listened reverently as Charles III began his first televised speech as king: "I speak to you today with feelings of profound sorrow."

When voices were heard emanating from the doorway, they were duly shushed, and one patron shot them a nasty glare. Otherwise, pub-goers watched in silence (one exception: a man guffawed when Charles said he wanted to express his "love for Harry and Meghan").

When the speech ended, a handful of spectators raised their glasses and said, "To the king." Then the bar reopened, and the customers wandered back outside to drink in a new era.

Paying their respects

The next day, on Saturday

morning, two expats wandered through the public grounds just behind Buckingham Palace, looking at tributes to the queen.

Greg Piel, originally from Sterling, Colo., and Peter Smith, of Wellington, New Zealand, didn't bring flowers of their own. "There are so many here already," Mr. Smith said.

It's true — so many people left flowers that the palace orchestrated a complex logistical scheme, moving flowers from the palace gates to designated areas in nearby parks to avoid clogging foot traffic. At Green Park — a designated flower-laying space where Mr. Piel and Mr. Smith strolled — a long line formed of bouquet-clutching mourners, eager to pay tribute.

Both men expressed admiration for Elizabeth II, though their upbringings elsewhere meant they had a different perspective from many of the born-and-braised Brits walking around them.

When Mr. Piel moved to London in 2006, he found the idea of a monarchy antiquated. "I was questioning, what's the value of it?" he said. But over the years, "I've gained a lot more respect for the role of the monarch."

Both Mr. Piel and Mr. Smith became British citizens earlier this year, and the final part of the ceremony was swearing allegiance to

the queen — something they were both happy to do.

"She served a lifelong duty with such grace," said Mr. Piel.

"We'll miss her," said Mr. Smith.

Watching and waiting

Some went to mourn. Others went to gawk. At the gates of Buckingham Palace on Saturday, it was a mix of both.

Thousands of spectators crowded around the gates. Some waited for hours just to get a glimpse of Britain's new king.

Charles was in the neighboring St. James's Palace, where he had just been officially proclaimed king in a traditional ceremony being televised for the first time.

The crowds at Buckingham were content to skip the telecast, refreshing their phones instead. No one knew when the king himself might come by.

"When's he coming?" asked one woman, when a squadron of policemen were dispatched to stand alongside the gates.

"At some point," the constable said, with a shrug. The woman laughed. "Hopefully he doesn't go for dinner."

Anticipation at the palace gates was so intense that every movement was subject of speculation. When one part of the crowd mistakenly applauded for a maintenance truck, thinking it might be

bringing the king, the rest of the crowd joined in. When a vehicle carrying garbage went by, spectators cheered and hollered, "Ay, rubbish van!"

A troublemaker hopped the fence and the police sprinted after him. When the saga was over, one constable — or as a Londoner might call him, a bobby — said, "Hey, where's my applause?" The people gathered near him gladly cheered.

By the time the king eventually arrived, it was hard to believe it was the actual king.

But there he was, unmistakably Charles, in the back-seat of a car. The new monarch waved back at the crowd before pulling into the palace and disappearing from view.

It was hours of waiting — and for some, extended travel on top of that — in exchange for a brief moment.

To Jayne Sapey, who took a train from Surrey to be there that morning, the effort was worth it. The sight of her new king nearly moved her to tears.

"It felt very, very ... oh, God," she said, chuckling at her own loss of words. "Very emotional."

"I think he'll do his mum proud," she added. And then she headed in the direction of Green Park, where she intended to lay her flowers.

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Elizabeth's death boosts souvenir sales

By Jaclyn Peiser
The Washington Post

Lambert of London, a gift shop less than a mile northeast of Buckingham Palace, will be out of Queen Elizabeth II souvenirs by the weekend.

"We had a whole burst of online orders last night, and a lot of stuff has gone out the door today," Michael Blumberg, an employee, told The Washington Post in a phone interview Friday. "We didn't expect her majesty to leave us, so it'll be a week or so before the new stock arrives."

Major events surrounding the royal family often lead to surges in sales for everything from tchotchkes to fine china and gold coins. Jubilees, in particular, are worth millions in memorabilia sales. For the queen's recent platinum celebration, the Center for Retail Research found that spending on souvenirs, memorabilia and gifts reached over 281 million pounds, or more than \$326 million.

But marking of the end of the longest reign by a British monarch opens up new oppor-



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tunities for retailers and buyers, experts say. And for those who have collected rare items over the years, her death marks the start of those items' expected rise in value.

Tchotchkes and rare collectibles of the queen won't immediately increase in value, according to Antony Charman, a founder of Vintage Trading Solutions. His company often buys rare items from people who were

left antiques or collectibles by deceased relatives. It's an investment that pays off as time goes by and items become rarer.

"Collection is a long game," he said. "It's going to be a number of years before they actually do become worth money. They haven't become worth more money because the queen has died and overnight they've gone up in price."

Value is also determined by quality and rarity, experts say. A china tea set commemorating one of the queen's jubilees that was mass-produced won't be worth much. But limited edition items — where maybe only 100 were produced — will eventually sell for more.

"It would mainly be items made of probably gold or silver — that have an intrinsic value for their metal weight — that you would see kind of uplift in their value now that the queen is gone," Mr. Charman said, pointing to limited-edition gold coins and elaborate platters decorated with the monarch's profile.

But recency bias could cause a short-lived spike in value, he added. Mr. Charman guessed that if he held an auction, selling the company's collection of rare items such as postage stamps and china commemorating the queen's coronation, he could probably make more money on them now than waiting about three months because people are feeling nostalgic immediately after the queen's death.

Queen's death leaves U.K. grappling with its sense of identity

By Mark Landler
The New York Times

LONDON — No sooner had the long-anticipated news broken — Queen Elizabeth II was dead — than Britain activated Operation London Bridge, the painstakingly choreographed funeral plan that guides the country through the rituals of tribute and mourning that culminate with her burial 10 days later.

But the plan, with its metronomic precision, masks something far messier: a rupture to the national psyche. The queen's death Thursday, at 96, is a genuinely traumatic event, leaving many in this stoic country anxious and unmoored. As they come to terms with the loss of a figure who embodied Britain, they are unsure of their nation's identity, its economic and social well-being, or even its role in the world.

To some, it almost seems as if London Bridge is down.

Such trauma was not wholly unexpected: Elizabeth reigned for 70 years, making her the only monarch that most Britons ever knew. Yet the anxiety runs even deeper, scholars and commentators say, a reflection not only of the queen's long shadow but also of the unsettled country she leaves behind.

From Brexit and the coronavirus pandemic to the serial scandals that recently drove Prime Minister Boris Johnson from office, the end of the second Elizabeth age has been a time of unending turmoil for Britain.

In just the two months since Mr. Johnson announced he would step down, inflation has soared, a recession looms and household energy bills have almost doubled. Almost lost in the worldwide outpouring after the queen's death was that the new prime minister, Liz Truss, three days on the job, rolled out an emergency plan to cap energy prices at a likely cost of more than \$100 billion.

"It all feeds into a sense of uncertainty and insecurity, which was already there because of Brexit and then COVID and now a new, very inexperienced prime minister," said Timothy Garton Ash, a professor of European studies at the University of Oxford. The queen, he said, was the rock, "and then the rock is removed."

Not just the rock, but the rhythm of British daily life: Her image is printed on pound notes and postage stamps, her royal monogram — E.R. for Elizabeth Regina — emblazoned on flags and red postal boxes across the land.

At the formal proclamation of her son, Charles, as king Saturday, the void left by the queen was palpable. Her empty throne, bearing the initials E.R., loomed before an assembly of the new monarch; his heir, Prince William; the archbishop of Canterbury; and the prime minister and her six living predecessors.

For older Britons especially, the loss is "deep and personal and almost familial," said Mr. Johnson, paying tribute to the queen in Parliament on Friday, four days after she accepted his resignation in one of her last acts.

"Perhaps it is partly that she has always been there, a changeless human reference point in British life," he said. "The person who, all the surveys say, appears most often in our dreams. So unvarying in her stellar radiance that we have perhaps been lulled into thinking that she might be in some way eternal."

Beyond the queen's con-

stanty, Mr. Johnson and others said, was her immense global stature. She was a living link to World War II, after which Winston Churchill helped draw the map of the post-war world, seated around a Yalta conference table with Franklin D. Roosevelt and Josef Stalin.

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Truss have harked back to that role with their robust support for Ukraine. But Britain these days is less a major power at the center of global decision-making than a midsize one cheering from the sidelines. It is fitting that the last Briton to receive a state funeral — until the queen's, in the coming days — was Churchill in 1965.

"My own personal reflection is that there is probably never going to be an occasion in which another British figure is so mourned globally," Garton Ash, of Oxford, said. "It is in some way a last moment of British greatness."

For all of the trappings of power, the queen projected influence not through political or military muscle but through an abiding duty to country. Her wartime service and her dignified stewardship contrasted with Britain's often-fractious politics, not to mention the foreign strongmen she sometimes had to entertain.

She was, some said, a pioneer in the exercise of what later became known as "soft power."

"I cannot lead you into battle," the queen said in 1957. "I do not give you laws or administer justice, but I can do something else. I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands, and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations."

In the parks and squares around Buckingham Palace, where crowds gathered Saturday, people spoke of her loss in political and personal terms. "She meant reliability and stability," said Kate Nattrass, 59, a health recruiter from Christchurch, New Zealand, which is a member of the Commonwealth.

But the queen did so at the cost of great personal sacrifice. "In many ways, she was a woman robbed of being able to be herself," Ms. Nattrass said. "She probably missed a lot of her own family because of that."

Callum Taylor, 27, an actor from the northwest English town of Preston, traveled to London to leave yellow roses at the palace gates. He said he had heard yellow was one of Elizabeth's favorite colors. Mr. Taylor admitted he was not sure of his information but added, "I think we all felt we knew her."

While the queen has long been revered — the swelling crowds at her Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June attested to her enduring popularity — her role arguably grew even more important after Brexit.

With Britain no longer part of the European Union, the country's pro-Brexit government fell back on symbols of its imperial past, ordering the Union Jack to be flown regularly from public buildings and pushing projects like a new royal yacht (neither King Charles III nor Ms. Truss appear particularly interested in that one).

Respect for the queen papered over the fissures that have widened within the United Kingdom since Brexit. Scotland and Northern Ireland now each have significant populations that favor breaking off from the kingdom, and it is not clear that Charles will give them a more compelling reason to stay.


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How Fetterman's lingering speech issues impact his run

By Julia Terruso
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — At a rally in Erie last month, John Fetterman said he turned down living in the "lieutenant governor governor." He meant the "lieutenant governor's mansion," trying to draw a distinction between himself and his opponent, a celebrity with several multimillion-dollar homes.

In Pittsburgh a week later, Mr. Fetterman jumbled up his point about good-paying jobs. "What is wrong with demanding for an easy, safe, kind of their income, a path to a safe place for them to win? Excuse me, to work?" he said.

As Mr. Fetterman has returned to the trail, giving candid speeches without notes, he's been upfront about the lingering speech impacts of his May stroke, insisting his physical and mental health are good, while his opponent, Mehmet Oz, challenges his ability to serve.

"My health now is robust. I'm able to live a normal life," Mr. Fetterman said in his first nationally televised interview since his stroke on MSNBC. "Driving, going to the grocery store ... it's just that every now and then, I'm going to miss a word or mush two words together."

Mr. Fetterman and his Senate campaign have said it's called auditory processing, an effect of his May 13 stroke, along with some word retrieval issues, which they expect to continue to improve. In brief speeches he's given on the trail, it's noticeable but not an overwhelming distraction. His crowds, typically supporters, enthusiastically respond to him, and plenty of people have speech problems that don't indicate cognitive impairment.

As clips of Mr. Fetterman's verbal fumbles have circulated, Mr. Oz, a cardiothoracic surgeon who trails slightly in most polls, has amped up pressure on Mr. Fetterman to debate. Mr. Fetterman said on Wednesday that he will debate Mr. Oz sometime in mid-to-late October. His campaign has stressed that he is fully capable of serving as a U.S. senator.



Steven M. Falk/The Philadelphia Inquirer/TNS
Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, with his wife, Gisele Barreto, speaks to a crowd of more than 100 supporters in Montgomery County in July while on the campaign trail for U.S. Senate.

Meanwhile, Mr. Oz and his campaign operatives have begun questioning whether Mr. Fetterman can be an effective U.S. senator if speech and hearing issues persist. They've also insinuated Mr. Fetterman's health issues could be more serious, while sharpening their tone and calling the Democrat a "coward" and "a liar."

"All the things they're doing are raising more questions about an issue that didn't need to be an issue if they were fully transparent about it," said Barney Keller, a strategist for the Oz campaign. "If he is too sick to debate, then he should just say so, and we would understand, and we think voters would understand."

Mr. Fetterman's campaign pointed to a recent string of parades, public events and fund-raisers to dismiss Mr. Oz's attacks.

"Anyone who's seen John speak knows that while he's still recovering, he's more capable of fighting for PA than Dr. Oz will ever be," spokesperson Joe Calvello said.

The Fetterman campaign was slow to provide details about Mr. Fetterman's health after his stroke. It released a letter from Mr. Fetterman's cardiologist in Pittsburgh in June, which gave the lieutenant governor a good prognosis but also revealed his heart issues dated back to 2017.

None of the doctors who performed the surgery to implant a defibrillator and pacemaker or his current medical team have provided details about the procedure or their prognosis.

Mr. Fetterman's campaign insists it's been transparent in uncharted waters.

"There's no playbook for running the biggest race in the country as your candidate recovers from a stroke," senior campaign adviser Rebecca Katz said.

What is auditory processing disorder?

Sarah Lantz, a speech language pathologist at Magee Rehabilitation in Philadelphia, said challenges with communication are extremely common in stroke survivors.

Auditory processing isn't an issue with hearing, but the way the brain processes words.

Ms. Katz said Mr. Fetterman does best in one-on-one conversations but has difficulty in situations with several speakers. In Zoom interviews with reporters,

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the campaign has used closed captioning to make sure he gets the questions. The campaign hasn't taken any questions from gathered reporters at media events or done news conferences, which can be hectic.

Ms. Lantz said patients four months past a stroke, like Mr. Fetterman, are still in the acute phase of recovery. She said most recovery happens within six months to a year, but she often works with patients beyond that.

Mr. Fetterman goes to speech therapy a few times a week, his campaign said.

Ms. Lantz said such sessions could include exercises to help the brain retrieve words and also remedies to use when it can't — like describing a thought or finding alternate words. Therapists might also work on figuring out what environmental factors have an effect. But no one brain injury is like another.

Ms. Lantz stressed that if the issue is solely a lingering language disorder, word stumbles wouldn't indicate anything about a patient's intellect.

"People tend to jump to assume that if they hear a person jumble their words or have blips in their speech that means they also have deficits in their problem-solving, reasoning, critical thinking abilities, which is just not necessarily the case," she said.

Could Mr. Fetterman be impacted in the Senate?

In discussing Mr. Fetterman's challenges, both political sides have painted vastly different

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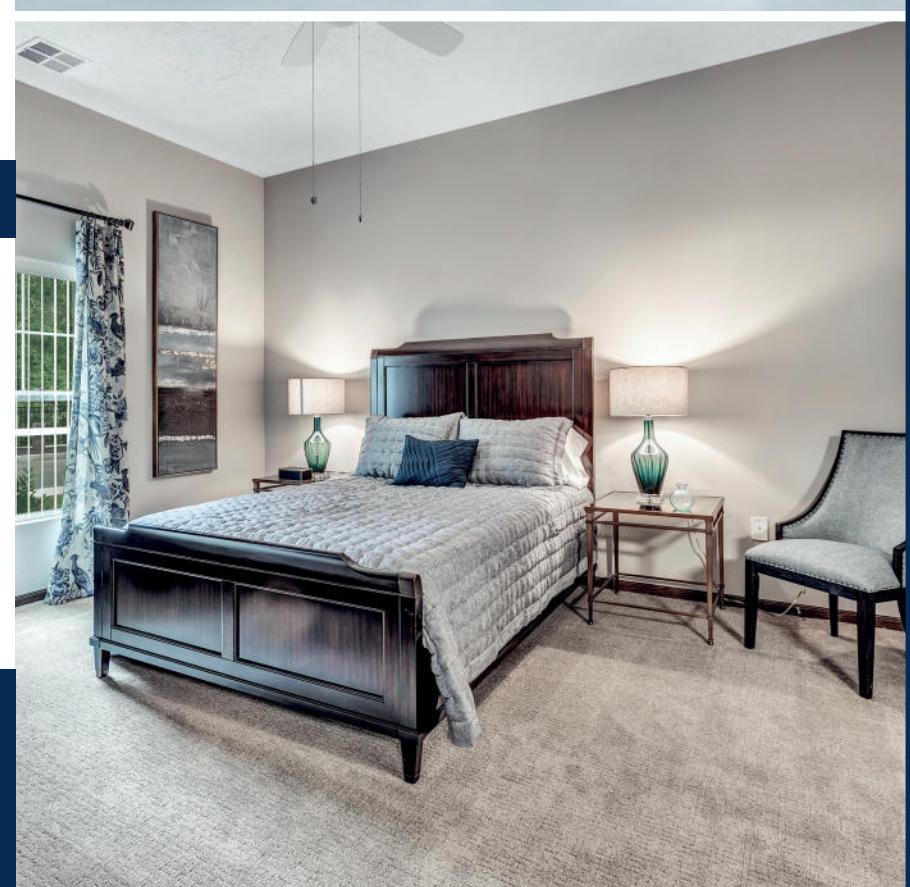
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Fetterman says his speech issues are not a concern

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pictures of how the Senate operates.

Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., on Tuesday called the Senate a place where there's "intense and sometimes informal, sometimes spontaneous oral communication." He said based on what he's seen, Mr. Fetterman is not up to that.

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., who endorsed Mr. Fetterman and has spent time on the trail with him, said most of the work in Washington is going to hearings, where you may ask a question and get an answer; casting votes; and then attending a lot of one-on-one meetings.

"John will be more than prepared to do that," Mr. Casey said. "Some of the people commenting don't really understand the work or they have a political ax to grind."

Several senators have had strokes, two of them — Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., and Sen. Ben Ray Luján, D-N.M. — within the last year.

Wendy Schiller, a Senate historian and professor at Brown University, said the amount of live Senate debate has substantially decreased since the 1990s.

"Thirty years ago, you could argue it would have an effect on his ability to be a senator," she said. "But the parties have concentrated agenda power so intensely in their own hands that they've taken a lot of policy-making power away from committees."

In a narrowly divided Senate, delivering a pivotal vote will likely be more impactful than delivering an



Heather Khalifa/The Philadelphia Inquirer/TNS
Mehmet Oz listens while U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey (not pictured) speaks during a news conference, which included images of past debates, including one that Mr. Oz's rival, John Fetterman, participated in before the primary election and before his stroke, on Sept. 6 at the Courtyard By Marriott City Avenue in Philadelphia.

eloquent speech, Ms. Schiller said.

How might it impact the race?

In polls, most Pennsylvania voters say Mr. Fetterman's stroke does not have a major effect on their vote. More people said Mr. Oz being from New Jersey would have an impact.

Ms. Schiller said Mr. Oz's attacks could backfire.

"I think beating up on somebody who's recovering from something like that gets at the heart of what people over 65 fear, which is that if you get an illness you're gonna get shoved aside," she said.

Mr. Fetterman has capitalized on the moment and shamed Mr. Oz for mocking a stroke survivor.

Brock McCleary, a GOP operative uninvolved in either Senate campaign, said he thinks there's a double standard compared with scrutiny of President Donald Trump's health.

"If cognitive function matters with Donald Trump, it's not unreasonable for it to matter with John Fetterman," he said.

He dismissed the line of thought that Mr. Oz's strat-



via Fetterman campaign
Mr. Fetterman votes via emergency absentee ballot on May 17 from his hospital room in Lancaster, where he was recovering from a stroke.

egy could backfire.

"Any candidate in his position would do this. Anything else would be political malpractice."

In a race that has tightened since the spring, both candidates need to appeal to undecided voters. Whether Mr. Oz's questions about Mr. Fetterman's health resonate remains to be seen.

Mr. Fetterman's base, though, hasn't shown signs

of abandoning him. In interviews with a dozen attendees at his rally in Erie last month, none said they were concerned with his abilities.

Ron Hiles, a 64-year-old retired General Electric worker, said Mr. Fetterman's halting speech didn't matter, "because what he's saying, he's saying the right things," Mr. Hiles said.

"And he speaks from the heart."

What are auditory processing issues, and how are they treated?

Recently, Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. John Fetterman — the Democratic nominee in one of the country's most-watched U.S. Senate races — explained that his stroke nearly four months ago has left him with some speech and communication issues.

Communication challenges are common in stroke survivors, experts say. Here's a primer on what patients can experience:

What language challenges might someone experience after a stroke?

Communication can be affected when the stroke has affected the left hemisphere of the brain, which handles most language functions, said Sarah Lantz, a speech language pathologist at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, part of Jefferson Health in Philadelphia.

Patients may have trouble with spoken communication, or processing language through hearing, reading, or writing.

"Sometimes [a stroke] can affect all four [language functions] — speaking, reading, writing and understanding," she said.

She said the potential constellation of symptoms can include difficulties with word retrieval. For example, individuals might find themselves pausing to recall the right phrase to express their thoughts.

Others may struggle to keep up with the flow of conversation.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association notes that auditory processing issues aren't limited to stroke patients. They can also arise as a result of other neurological injuries, prenatal or neonatal issues like premature birth or because of genetic predispositions.

Does an auditory processing issue affect hearing or cognition?

Although the term auditory is associated with hearing, auditory processing issues relate to how the brain interprets language.

"[Language is] really just a sequence of sounds, and it's our brains' job to process that sequence of sounds in a way that we understand them," Ms. Lantz said.

It's also not a cognitive issue: "It's a disorder of language, not of intellect," she said.

How quickly can a patient recover from these communication challenges?

Generally, patients make their biggest strides in recovery in the first six months to a year post-stroke, but some patients continue to make recoveries past three years, Ms. Lantz said.

The months after a stroke are the best time to receive intense speech therapy for a communication issue, she said.

What treatments are available for stroke-related language challenges?

Ms. Lantz says speech therapists will work to address the "specific deficit area." This can involve working on specific exercises to help patients retrieve the word they'd like to say. The goal is to help patients make new pathways in the brain.

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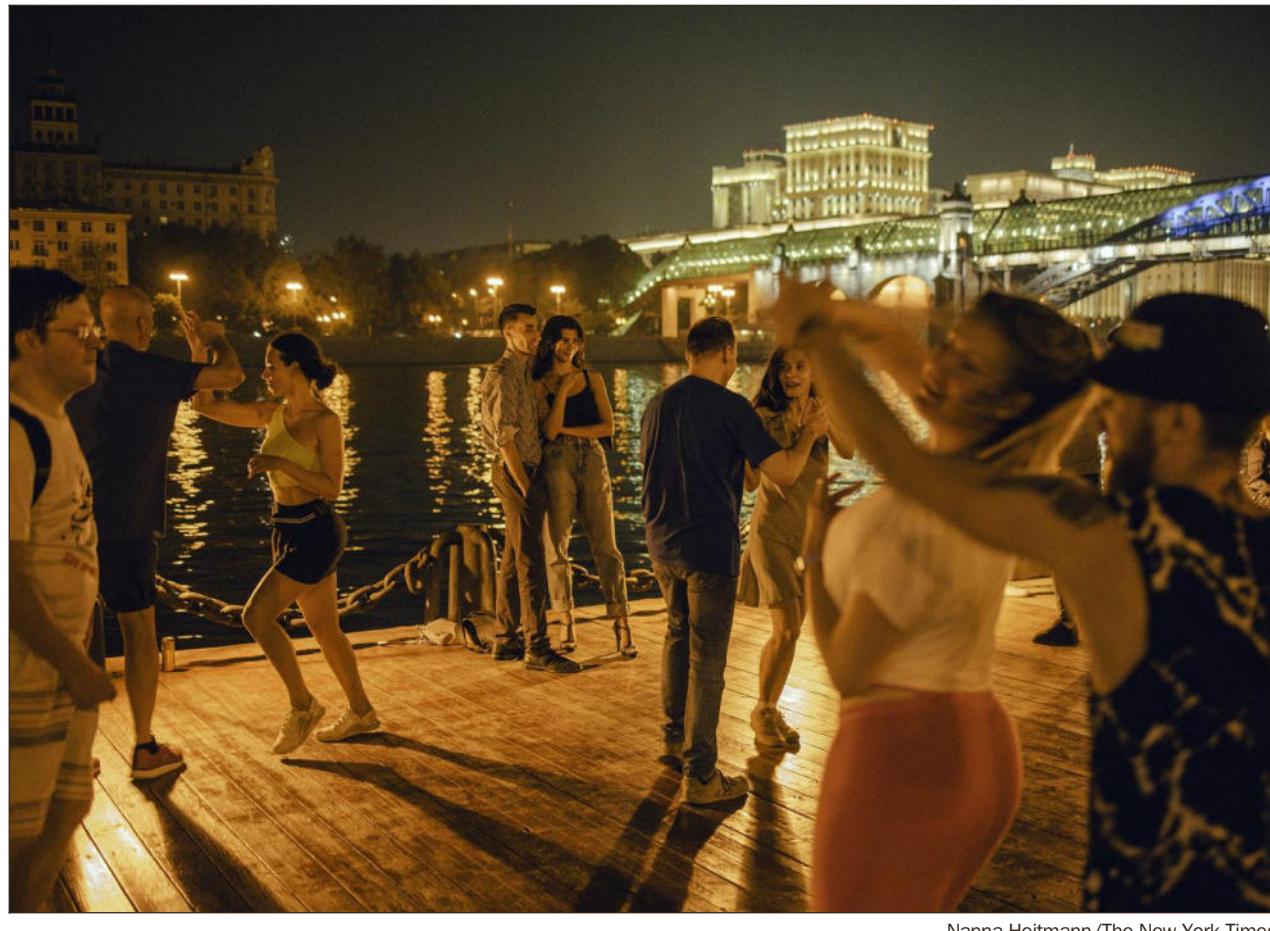
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People dance at Gorky Park, with the Ministry of Defense in the background, in Moscow. A detachment from the battles in Ukraine is exactly what Russian President Vladimir Putin is counting on as he carries out a domestic strategy of shielding his people from hardships caused by the war.

'Nothing has really changed'

In Moscow, fighting from invasion of Ukraine is a world away

By Valerie Hopkins
The New York Times

MOSCOW — On a recent evening in Red Square, a corps of elite paratroopers dressed in camouflage performed a battlelike dance with pyrotechnics. An Egyptian performer dressed as a pharaoh rode back and forth in a chariot wielding an ankh, the ancient Egyptian symbol of life, as a band played "Katyusha," a Soviet-era patriotic war song.

Nataliya Nikonova, 44, was one of thousands of spectators cheering from the bleachers at a festival celebrating the militaries of Russia and friendly nations including Belarus, India and Venezuela.

"I was so thrilled that I just about lost my voice!" she said.

Russia's army is now waging a slow-moving war that has left tens of thousands dead and contributed to global inflation and a surge in energy prices.

But Ms. Nikonova said she hadn't experienced many disruptions to her life in the past six months.

"Nothing has really changed," she said. "Sure, the prices went up, but we can endure that."

Very little about day-to-day life seems to have changed in Moscow, where people have the financial resources to weather significant price increases, unlike much of the rest of the country. GUM, the luxury mall next to Red Square, is full of shoppers — though many Western stores like Prada, Gucci and Christian Dior are closed — and restaurants and theaters do thriving business. Moscow's roads still teem with luxury cars such as Lamborghinis and Porsches.

"A few stores closed because of sanctions, which is frustrating but not that bad," said Yuliya, 18, a recent high school graduate who was hanging out on a bench in Gorky Park, where Muscovites sunbathe, dance and Rollerblade. She and her friends said they don't really think about the fighting in Ukraine that often.

That detachment is exactly what President Vladimir Putin is counting

on as he executes a domestic strategy of shielding Russians from the hardships of war — no draft, no mass funerals, no feelings of loss or conflict. Much of Russia's effort on the battlefield has not gone as Mr. Putin had planned, but at home, he has mostly succeeded in making Russian life feel as normal as possible.

Most museums and theaters are open, as long as their leadership didn't criticize the Kremlin. The fall seasons in opera and ballet have just begun — though a few anticipated premieres and ongoing productions have been canceled after their directors and stars spoke against the war or fled the country.

"What Russians normally do is protect their everyday lives," said Greg Yudin, a professor of political philosophy at the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, describing a coping mechanism that dates from the Soviet period but became widespread during Mr. Putin's tenure.

But while many Muscovites embrace revelry and willful ignorance, many of the capital's intelligentsia, whose work and life tied them to the West or to Ukraine, are struggling to reconcile the feeling of normalcy with the enormity of being engaged in Europe's biggest land war since World War II.

That was evident earlier this month in the outpouring of sympathy and appreciation for former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

As soon as Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine, said Anya, she started reading books about the rise of totalitarianism in Nazi Germany and grappling with the concept of collective guilt.

"It was the end of the world for so many people," said Anya, 34. Like several others interviewed for this article, she did not want to provide her last name for fear of retribution.

"In your name, someone is killing civilians," she said. "And your country is turning into something like North Korea." She said she went to a protest and signed an anti-war petition, and several days later, she was invited to resign

from her job at a public institution.

For many years, Mr. Putin has been cracking down on dissent and protesters, but today it is almost impossible to express disenchantment with the system, and people expressing their views do so with the knowledge that a new law punishes criticism of the war.

Almost 16,500 people have been arrested on charges of protesting the aggression in Ukraine since Feb. 24, according to OVD-Info, a Russian human rights organization.

"We all have this feeling of impotence," Anya said. "The fact that you exist and have your opinion doesn't mean anything. There are 5, 10, 20 million of us. And it doesn't make any difference."

Muscovites like Anya spent the first months after the conflict started anxious and uncertain. Tens of thousands of them fled. But over the summer, the capital largely returned to normal, buoyed by a soaring ruble, a silenced opposition and a news media almost completely under the Kremlin's control.

Still, society is changing slowly: While Mr. Putin has sought to infuse a sense of normalcy, he is also working to further militarize Russian society.

Thousands of spectators gathered at the Alabino army training ground southwest of Moscow over two weeks to watch the Army International Games, a festival that includes a Tank Biathlon, in which international teams compete to drive a tank through natural obstacles and fire accurately at targets.

"I've been seeing tanks on TV for all this time; I wanted to see them in real life," said Ilya, 34, who drove out to the event from Moscow with his children, 11 and 4.

"I think every war is bad; I am not saying I support the 'Special Military Operation' or don't," he said, using Mr. Putin's term for the hostilities in Ukraine. "But I trust the leadership in my country, and if they say it is necessary, then it is."

Others said that seeing the weapons on display at the army festival made them feel as if they had come from

a strong country.

Andrei Yevgenyevich, 55, who was a tank driver in Soviet-controlled Germany in the last days of the Cold War, said the weapons display brought him back to the days when the Soviet Union was a strong and feared global power.

"When you see this, you trust that all is well in your country, that everything is as it should be," he said. "We were raised in the Soviet tradition, and we love our motherland. This brings pride to our country."

As for the sanctions, he said: "I don't feel any difference. I think America and the West are suffering far more."

This is a common refrain on Russian television. State-run media produce daily segments about the uncertainty countries like Germany are facing over gas prices and soaring inflation in Europe and the United States.

At the army training grounds, children scrambled over tanks, including one that said, "Smash the Fascists," and people of all ages shot automatic rifles. But booths inviting visitors to sign a contract to join the army stood empty, save for the recruiters, indicating that even if nationalism is rising, people are not ready to fight Putin's war.

For others, there are plenty of homegrown distractions. A recent festival in the art park Nikola-Lenivets, a haven for hipsters a few hours from the capital, drew about 16,000 partygoers in the woods over four days.

One night, people decked out in facial glitter, faux-fur coats and even a jellyfish costume danced to the music of an upbeat reggae performer who promised he wouldn't leave Russia as many other artists had. The crowd went wild.

"At first I was thinking to myself, wow, there is a war 400 kilometers away, and we are at a music festival," said Ivan, a 25-year-old who had just returned to his native Russia after several years abroad.

He loosened up eventually.

"Life goes on, especially when there is nothing we can do to control the situation," he said.

Mexicans not seen at busy border crossings

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

YUMA, Ariz. — As hundreds of migrants line up along an Arizona border wall around 4 a.m., agents try to separate them into groups by nationality.

"Anyone from Russia or Bangladesh? I need somebody else from Russia here," an agent shouts and then says quietly, almost to himself, "These are Romanians."

It's a routine task for the Border Patrol in the wee hours in this flat expanse of desert where the wall ends. Migrants from at least 115 countries have been stopped here in the past year, but that may be less striking than what's missing: Mexicans are virtually absent.

Instead, families from Venezuela, Colombia, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, India and dozens of other countries arrive in Yuma after wading through the knee-deep Colorado River. Their presence reflects how a pandemic-era rule still shapes the journeys of many migrants, even though much of the U.S. has moved on from COVID-19.

The changing demographics mark a dramatic shift away from the recent past, when migrants were predominantly from Mexico and Central America's Northern Triangle countries — Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. That's especially clear at some of the busiest crossings, like Yuma and Eagle Pass, Texas.

Mexicans still cross elsewhere but often try to elude capture because they are likely to be expelled under a pandemic rule that denies them a chance to seek asylum.

Mexicans still account for seven of every 10 encounters in the Border Patrol's Tucson, Ariz., sector, said John Modlin, the sector chief.

"Incredibly different tale of two borders, even though they're within the same state," Mr. Modlin said.

Migrants who are not from Mexico and the Northern Triangle accounted for 41% of stops on the border from October through July, up from only 12% three years earlier, according to government data.

In Yuma, they wear sandals and carry shopping bags stuffed with belongings over their shoulders. Some carry toddlers. The migrants typically walk a short distance through tribal lands and surrender to agents, expecting to be released to pursue their immigration cases.

Meanwhile, Mexicans made up 35% of all border encounters from October through July, higher than three years ago but well below the 85% reported in 2011 and the 95% at the turn of the century.

In theory, the rule that denies migrants the right to

seek asylum on grounds of preventing spread of COVID-19 applies to all nationalities. But in practice,

Title 42 is enforced largely for migrants who are accepted by Mexico, which agreed to take in people expelled from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, as well as its own citizens.

It is difficult for the U.S. to send others to their home countries due to costs, strained diplomatic relations and other considerations.

"The challenge is what Mexico can accept," Mr. Modlin said. "That's always going to be a limiting factor."

In Yuma, Title 42 has become almost nonexistent, with the pandemic rule being applied in only 192 of 24,424 stops in July — less than 1%. In Tucson, it was used in 71% of stops. A court order has kept Title 42 in place indefinitely.

It is unclear why routes are so divergent. U.S. officials believe inhospitable mountains and canyons near Tucson favor people trying to escape detection, while the ease of crossing in places like Yuma makes those paths better suited for families seeking to sur-

render.

"What we know with absolute certainty is that the smuggling organizations control the flow," Mr. Modlin said. "They decide who goes where and when they go to the point. It's almost like air traffic control of moving people around."

In Yuma, groups of up to about two dozen migrants are dropped off by bus or car on a deserted Mexican highway and then begin arriving shortly after midnight at the edge of the imposing wall built during Donald Trump's presidency.

If English and Spanish fail, agents use Google Translate to question them under generator-powered lights, take photos and load them onto buses.

The Border Patrol drops off hundreds of migrants each day at the Regional Center for Border Health, a clinic near Yuma that charters six buses daily to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Migrants are released on humanitarian parole or with a notice to appear in immigration court.

The clinic began the airport shuttles for migrants in February 2021 and recently added buses to Washington, paid for by the state of Arizona.

"We have seen families from over 140 countries," said Amanda Aguirre, the health-care provider's CEO. "We haven't seen one from Mexico, not through our processing."

The shift is also evident on the Mexican side of the border.

The Don Chon migrant shelter in nearby San Luis Rio Colorado fills many of its roughly 50 beds with Central Americans who were expelled under Title 42.



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A migrant from Peru holds his son as he waits to be processed by Border Patrol agents near the end of a border wall near Yuma, Ariz.

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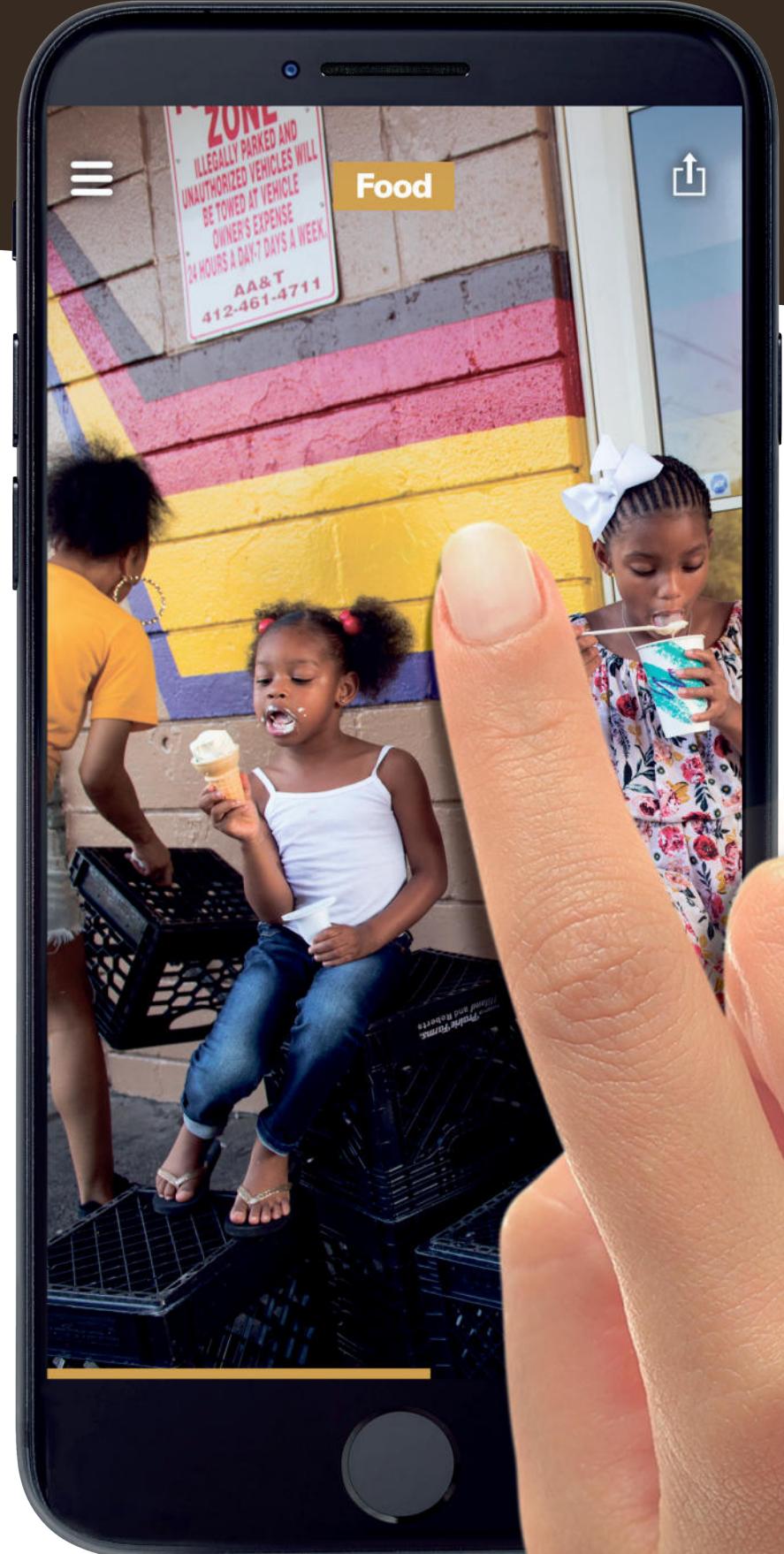
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Science

To probe tornado secrets, these scientists stalk supercells

By Mitch Smith
The New York Times

The supercell was pushing in fast from the west. Wind gusts were approaching a hurricane-like 100 mph. The hilly landscape and limited highway network were not making things easy.

"This is not a scientific term, but it was a mean-looking storm," said Adam Houston, an atmospheric scientist who helped track that supercell through the Black Hills of western South Dakota in June.

As the storm roared toward the small city of Belle Fourche, the researchers found themselves out of position. They raced through the town to catch up, dodging 1-inch hailstones and collecting a trove of hard-earned data.

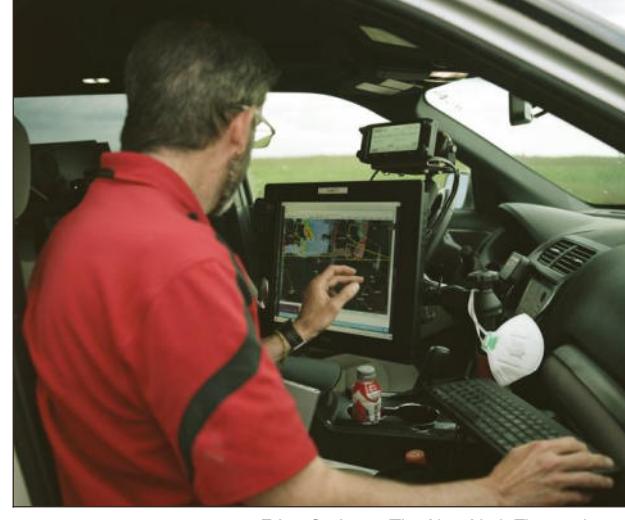
"Our ears popped, which means that the pressure was dropping very quickly," said Mr. Houston, a professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and one of the principal investigators on a team of scientists who traveled across the Great Plains this spring to learn more about which storms produce tornadoes and which ones do not.

Tornadoes can form and dissipate rapidly, making them difficult to predict and sometimes impossible to avoid. Hundreds of tornadoes touch down across the country in a typical year, killing dozens of people while destroying homes, tearing up roads and flattening town squares. The most fearsome tornadoes, like the one that hit Joplin, Mo., in 2011, can have far higher death tolls and can turn large sections of cities into rubble piles.

By chasing storms across the country's midsection, covering more than 9,000 miles across 11 states, the researchers hoped to gather data that would reveal secrets of tornado formation and eventually improve forecasters' ability to warn people about coming storms. The project, known as TORUS, short for Targeted Observation by Radars and UAS of Supercells, deployed dozens of university and government scientists, who used highly sensitive instruments to measure structures within supercells, the storm systems that produce many of the most severe tornadoes.

"When you get to the tornado formation itself and why that's happening and what actually governs it, we've been pretty stuck for, actually, I would say about 20 years," said Erik Rasmussen, a research scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who helped lead the project with Mr. Houston and others. He attributed that lull in discoveries to limitations in computer modeling and the difficulty of collecting good data on real-world tornadoes.

Forecasting tornadoes is a mixture of art and science. Decades of research have allowed meteorologists to



Erinn Springer/The New York Times photos

Adam Houston, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor and lead researcher with the Targeted Observation by Radars and UAS of Supercells research group, checks a weather radar in the field near Colony, Wyo. Scientists with TORUS criss-cross the Great Plains, trying to learn how to tell which storms with tornado potential will actually spawn them.

warn when there is a risk of severe weather, to pinpoint which storms have the potential to spawn tornadoes and to quickly identify them and issue warnings when those tornadoes emerge. But for all those advances, much remains unknown.

The TORUS researchers were especially focused on air rotations near the ground that can resemble rolling pins. Those distinct rotations have been suggested as a potential determining factor in whether storms will spawn tornadoes. Mr. Rasmussen said researchers were hypothesizing "that one of these rolling-pin-type rotations has to form in the right spot, so that it actually finds its way into the strong updraft and can get turned upward into a tornado."

When the convoy of professors, students and federal scientists set out in late May to begin tracking supercells, they roamed across the Plains, a tornado-prone region that is popular among researchers. Even so, finding the right place to gather data was a perpetual challenge.

On one sunny day in the hills of northern Nebraska, Thea Sandmael set up her team's radar truck at a promising site, only to see an approaching storm start to dissipate. But what was looking like a wasted effort quickly became a close call.

"We saw this wall cloud kind of moving in, and then it started to produce a funnel, and at that point it was kind of headed toward us," said Ms. Sandmael, a research meteorologist at the University of Oklahoma. "So that was the point where we were like, 'oh, we've got to get out of here.'"

After long days spent driving or waiting in gas station parking lots for supercells to form, the team would gather at night in small-town hotels to review the latest forecasts. College students and early-career meteorologists mingled with some of the country's most prominent names in tornado forecasting, sharing dinner and examining data together.

By the end of their trip, the TORUS team had collected data from 16 supercells. Analyzing that data — which will be combined with data collected during a 2019 trip and other past research efforts — will probably take years.

The researchers eventually hope to help improve the country's tornado warning system, a vital but imperfect effort dating back to the 1940s that alerts people when a severe storm could soon hit. With some storms, by the time the system issues a warning, a tornado is already bearing down and residents have only a brief window of time to prepare. On other occasions when all signals point to a possible disaster, forecasters issue urgent calls to take shelter just before the threat fizzles.

"There have been environments where everything seems to be in place, and yet a tornado doesn't form," Mr. Houston said. "So what is that piece that we're missing? What is that thing that short-circuits the process?"

One afternoon while the team was stationed in the Nebraska Panhandle, a supercell began to form nearby. The teams raced to their positions. Ms. Schneider led a truck full of fellow graduate students whose job was to release weather balloons into the thick of the storm. As their target became clear, they crossed the state line into Colorado and looked for their chance.

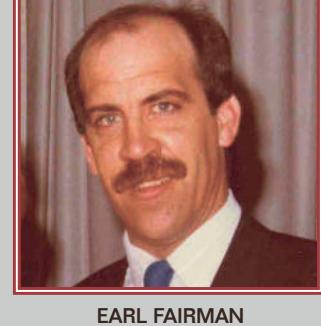
"We found this perfect north-south road," Ms. Schneider said. "The precipitation was kind of off to our right, the circulation off to our left, which is exactly where we want to be."

After a successful balloon launch, they dropped back and saw a series of "gustnadoes" — small whirlwinds that form in thunderstorms — as well as hail so plentiful that it was piled along the side of the road. Other researchers who drove through a nearby town found fallen tree limbs and evidence that a small tornado had touched down.

The day was a reminder, Ms. Schneider said, of why their work is so important.



Morgan Schneider, a doctoral meteorology student at the University of Oklahoma, and her team launch a weather balloon near Hyannis, Neb.



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Health

Candy, cash, gifts: How rewards help recovery from addiction

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

Harold Lewis has been fighting drug addiction for years, but only recently started thinking recovery could be fun.

The 59-year-old former cook earned small prizes — candy, gum, gift cards, sunglasses and headphones — for attending meetings and staying in treatment for opioid addiction during a 12-week program in Bridgeport, Conn.

"Recovery should be fun because you're getting your life back," Mr. Lewis said.

For an increasing number of Americans, addiction treatment involves not only hard work, but also earning rewards — sometimes totaling \$500 — for negative drug tests or showing up for counseling or group meetings.

There's brain science behind the method, which is known as contingency management. And barriers to wider adoption of reward programs, such as government concerns about fraud,

are starting to crumble.

"We're in a state of desperation where we need to pull out all the stops and this is something that works," said Dr. James Berry, who directs addiction medicine at West Virginia University.

U.S. overdose deaths climbed to a record high during the pandemic. While opioids are mostly to blame, deaths involving stimulants such as methamphetamine also are climbing. Often, people die with multiple drugs in their systems.

Medication can help people quit abusing opioids, but stimulant addiction has no effective medicine. Rewards programs — especially when the dollar value increases with consistent performance — are widely recognized as the most effective treatment for people addicted to stimulants.

Since 2011, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has used the method with 5,700 veterans. Rewards are vouchers the vets redeem at their local canteen. Over the years, 92% of the



Julia Nikhinson/Associated Press
Clinical supervisor Bobby Boback, left, talks to client Harold Lewis at Liberation Programs in Bridgeport, Conn. The behavioral health organization specializes in treatment for substance use disorders.

urine tests done on these veterans have been negative for drugs, said Dominic DePhilippis of the VA's substance use disorders program.

When done right, reward programs can be a bridge from the difficult days of early recovery to a better life, said Carla Rash, associate professor of medicine at UConn Health, who studies the method. It helps people make better decisions in the moment, tipping the scale when the immediate re-

wards of using drugs are difficult to resist.

The rewards can "provide a little bit of recognition for people's efforts," Ms. Rash said.

For Casey Thompson, 41, of Colville, Wash., the first month after quitting meth was the worst. Without stimulants, he felt burned out and exhausted.

Earning gift cards for passing drug tests helped, he said. During his 12-week program, he received about \$500 in Walmart gift cards he

spent on food, shirts, socks and shampoo. He's a trained welder and is looking for work after a recent layoff.

"I'm a totally different person than I was," said Mr. Thompson. "I was already planning on being clean, so it was just extra."

More than 150 studies over 30 years have shown rewards work better than counseling alone for addictions including cocaine, alcohol, tobacco and, when used alongside medications, opioids.

The method is grounded in brain science. Psychologists have known for years that people who prefer small, immediate rewards over larger, delayed ones are vulnerable to addiction. They may vow to quit each morning and start using again by afternoon.

And neuroscientists have learned from imaging studies how addiction takes over the brain's reward center, hijacking dopamine pathways and robbing people of the ability to enjoy simple pleasures.

"It's very much using that

same dopamine reward system that's the basis for addictions to promote healthy behavior change," said psychologist Stephen Higgins, of the University of Vermont, who pioneered the method in 1991.

"Biologically, the use of substances lights up the same part of the brain that is lit up when a person wins the lottery, falls in love or experiences something really positive and exciting," said psychologist Sara Becker, of Northwestern University. The same pathway is lit up if someone wins a reward.

"That's part of what's powerful about these programs," Ms. Becker said.

Support has never been stronger. The Biden administration backs the method in its National Drug Control Strategy. This fall, California will launch a pilot program designed to reward \$10 gift cards for passing drug tests for stimulants. Oregon will use tax revenue from the state's legal marijuana industry to pay for similar incentives.

SHERIFF'S SALE Kevin M. Kraus - Sheriff

Abstracts of properties taken in execution upon the writs shown, at the numbers and terms shown, as the properties of the severally named defendants, owners or reputed owners, and to be sold by Kevin M. Kraus, Sheriff of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2022 at 9:00 A.M., at Room 410 (Gold Room), Fourth Floor, Court House, City of Pittsburgh.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

Effective with the August 3, 2020 Sheriff Sale of real estate and all such monthly public sales thereafter shall be conducted virtually through video conferencing technology or live streaming. The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office shall provide for up to twenty-five persons to participate in person with physical distancing in the Gold Room, 4th Floor Allegheny County Courthouse. **ALL PARTICIPANTS OR BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE SALE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE (VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON) AT THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SALES OF REAL ESTATE.** REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S WEBSITE: SHERIFFALLEGHENYCOUNTY.COM. The Successful bidder will pay full amount of bid in CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK OR CASHIERS CHECK at time of sale, otherwise the property will be resold at the next regular Sheriff's Sale; provided, that if the sale is made on MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2022 the bidder may pay ten percent of purchasing price but not less than \$50.00 in CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR CASHIERS CHECK THE DAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SALE, e.g. Tuesday,

October 4th, 2022 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30AM AND 2:30PM IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. And the balance in CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR CASHIERS CHECK, on or before **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2022 at 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.** The property will be resold at the next regular Sheriff's Sale if the balance is not paid, and in such case all money's paid in at the original sale shall be applied to any deficiency in the price of which property is resold, and provided further that if the successful bidder is the plaintiff in the execution the bidder shall pay full amount of bid on OR BEFORE THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH, OTHERWISE WRIT WILL BE RETURNED AND MARKED "REAL ESTATE UNPAID" and all monies advanced by plaintiff will be applied as required by COMMON PLEAS COURT RULE 3129.2 (1) (a)

FORFEITED SALES WILL BE POSTED IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND LISTED ON THE SHERIFF OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WEB SITE.

AMENDMENT OF THE CODE SECOND CLASS COUNTY NEW CHAPTER 485

THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 475, ENTITLED TAXATION IS HEREBY AMENDED THROUGH THE CREATION OF A NEW ARTICLE XII, ENTITLED, "SHERIFF SALES", AND COMPRISED AS FOLLOWS:

SUBSECTION 475-60: RECORDING OF DEEDS AND NOTIFICATION OF SHERIFFS SALES TO TAXING BODIES.

A FOR ANY REAL PROPERTY OFFERED AT SHERIFFS SALE DUE

TO NONPAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND PURCHASED BY A THIRD PARTY THROUGH SUCH SALE, THE SHERIFF SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING THE DEED AND, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF FILING OF THE SHERIFFS DEED, PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE CONVEYANCE TO THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY OFFICE OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS. THE WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE DATE OF THE SALE, IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY SOLD BY BOTH ADDRESS AND LOT AND BLOCK NUMBER, AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUALS OR OTHER ENTITY THAT PURCHASED THE PROPERTY.

AT THE TIME OF THE SALE THE SHERIFF SHALL COLLECT ALL REQUISITE FILING COSTS, REALTY TRANSFER TAXES AND FEES, NECESSARY TO PROPERLY RECORD THE DEED.

C. WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE FROM THE SHERIFF, THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY OFFICE OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS SHALL FORWARD COPIES OF SUCH NOTICE TO ALL TAXING BODIES LEVYING REAL ESTATE TAXES ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE MUNICIPALITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED.

AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 14 OF ACT NO. 77 OF 1986, THE COST OF ALL DOCUMENTARY STAMPS FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAXES (STATE, LOCAL, AND SCHOOL) WILL BE DEDUCTED BY THE

SHERIFF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE. Purchasers must record their deeds and pay the necessary recording fees. Pursuant to Rule 3136 P.R.C.P. NOTICE is hereby given that a schedule of distribution will be filed by the Sheriff not later than 30 days from date of sale and that distribution will be made in accordance with the schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within 10 days thereafter. No further notice of the filing of the schedule of distribution will be given.

A Land Bank formed under 68 Pa. C.S.A. 2101 et seq. may exercise its right to bid pursuant to 68 Pa. C.S.A. 2117(d) (2) through Pa. C.S.A. 2117(d) (4) on certain properties listed for sale under the municipal claims and Tax Lien Law, 53 P.S. 7101 et seq. The Sheriff of Allegheny County will honor the terms of payment which the Land Bank has entered with any municipalities having a claim against the property. If the Land Bank is tendered a bid under P.A. C.S.A. 2117(d) (3) or 2117(d) (4) the property will not be offered for sale to others and the Property will be considered sold to the Land Bank for the Upset Price as defined in P.S. 7279 and no other bids will be accepted.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ALL SHERIFFS DEEDS TENDERED TO PURCHASERS WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

"This document may not sell, convey, transfer, include, or insure the title to the coal and right of support underneath the surface land described or referred to herein and the owner or owners of such coal may have the complete legal right to remove all of such coal, and in that connection damage may result to the surface of the land, any house, building or other structure on or in such land."

Avalon	Bellevue	Clairton	Crafton	Elizabeth Township	Frazer	McCandless	Monroeville	Monroeville
060.- Northgate School District vs. Lyndarell Lewis, Executrix for the Estate of Mary Agnes Lewis. GD-22-001485 \$36,480.25	003.- Travis S. Cowher. MG-17-000384 \$44,213.03	054.- Thomas A. Wintermyer, Jr. MG-22-000269 \$35,103.70	wealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Crafton , having erected thereon a single family dwelling being known and numbered as 82 Belvidere Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, Deed Book Volume 17654, page 61, Block and Lot Number 69-L-159.	dwelling being known and numbered as 5810 Pitt Street, McKeesport, PA 15135, Deed Book Volume 11616, page 154, Block and Lot Number 760-B-48.	Block and Lot Number 839-R-00001. Parcel Five: being vacant land known as Fashion Street, Tarentum, PA 15084, Deed Book Volume 12498, page 562, Block and Lot Number 839-S-0001.	numbered as 610 Guenevere Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, Deed Book Volume 11685, page 196, Block and Lot Number 826-K-101.	having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 118 La Salle Road, Monroeville, PA 15146, Deed Book Volume 4646, page 104, Block and Lot Number 0858-H-00103-0000-00.	15146, Deed Book Volume 10424, page 356, Block and Lot Number 0858-L-00129-0000-00.
In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Bellevue , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 69 Union Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, Deed Book Volume 10366, page 238, Block and Lot Number 215-K-231..	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: 2nd Ward of the City of Clairton , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 801 Waddell Avenue, Clairton, PA 15025, Deed Book Volume 17460, page 442, Block and Lot Number 879-C-21.	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Edgewood , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 801 Waddell Avenue, Clairton, PA 15025, Deed Book Volume 17654, page 61, Block and Lot Number 69-L-159.	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Edgewood , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 1948 Georgetown Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143, Deed Book Volume 18247, page 408, Block and Lot Number 1202-D-00322-0000-00.	Franklin Park	078.- Adam Watson. MG-22-000243 \$288,288.07	004.- Tracy A. Tolbert and Alayna E. Tolbert in their capacity as the known heirs of Geralyn H. Scurfield. MG-22-001361 \$11,152.51	018.- Dana M. Saunders a/k/a Dana Marie Saunders a/k/a Dana Dixon. MG-22-000266 \$193,552.73	039.- County of Allegheny vs. Ryan Thomas Blumling and the United States of America. GD-13-000532
In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Avalon , having erected thereon a two-story brick house being known and numbered as 643 Semple Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, Deed Book Volume 4486, page 478, Block and Lot Number 214-H-10.	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Bellevue , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 69 Union Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, Deed Book Volume 10366, page 238, Block and Lot Number 215-K-231..	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Collier , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 117 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, Deed Book Volume 9776, page 61, Block and Lot Number 176-S-168.	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Edgewood , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 117 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, Deed Book Volume 9776, page 61, Block and Lot Number 176-S-168.	Edgewood	043.- Catherine R. McGinley. MG-22-000235 \$92,407.46	005.- South Allegheny School District vs. Geraldyn H. Scurfield. MG-22-001361 \$11,152.51	018.- Dana M. Saunders a/k/a Dana Marie Saunders a/k/a Dana Dixon. MG-22-000266 \$193,552.73	039.- County of Allegheny vs. Ryan Thomas Blumling and the United States of America. GD-13-000532
In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Baldwin , having erected thereon a two story brick house being known and numbered as 1223 Circle Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, Deed Book Volume 3165, page 737, Block and Lot Number 147-F-34.	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Braddock Hills , having erected thereon a two story brick house being known and numbered as 1223 Circle Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, Deed Book Volume 14282, page 81, Block and Lot Number 147-F-34.	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Collier , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 100 Scott Way, Carnegie, PA 15106, Deed Book Volume 14282, page 81, Block and Lot Number 147-F-34.	In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: Borough of Collier , having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 100 Scott Way, Carnegie, PA 15106, Deed Book Volume 14282, page 81, Block and Lot Number 147-F-34.	Franklin Park	078.- Adam Watson. MG-22-000243 \$288,288.07	004.- Tracy A. Tolbert and Alayna E. Tolbert in their capacity as the known heirs of Geralyn H. Scurfield. MG-22-001361 \$11,152.51	018.- Dana M. Saunders a/k/a Dana Marie Saunders a/k/a Dana Dixon. MG-22-000266 \$193,552.73	039.- County of Allegheny vs. Ryan Thomas Blumling and the United States of America. GD-13-000532
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numbered as 124 Carnold Street, Homestead, PA 15120 a/k/a 124 Carnold Drive, Homestead, PA 15120, Deed Book Volume 7008, page 534, Block and Lot Number 0132-G-00080-0000-00.

North Versailles

015- East Allegheny School District and Township of North Versailles vs. RS & Company, Inc. GD-20-010854 \$67,829.57 Christopher E. Vincent, 546 Wendell Road, Irwin, PA 15642, (724) 978-0333.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Township of North Versailles**, having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 825 5th Avenue, East McKeesport, PA 15035, Deed Book Volume 16059, page 179, Block and Lot Number 547-C-084.

048- Johnny O. Bolerjack. MG-21-000197 \$90,152.94 Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 133 Gaither Drive, Suite F, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, (855) 225-6906.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Township of North Versailles**, having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 1110 Jacks Run Road, North Versailles, PA 15137, Deed Book Volume 16366, page 312, Block and Lot Number 0750-N-00064-0000-00.

Penn Hills

006- Penn Hills School District and Municipality of Penn Hills vs. The Unknown Heirs of Vodia Smith, deceased. GD-21-010992 \$23,582.66 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family dwelling being known and numbered as 7934 Lincoln Road, Verona, PA 15147, Deed Book Volume 4903, page 393, Block and Lot Number 229-L-208.

010- Catherine Gates. GD-19-017559 \$44,990.98 LOGS Legal Group, LLP, 3600 Horizon Drive, Suite 150, King of Prussia, PA 19406 (610) 278-6800.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 300 Duffield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 16141, page 462, Block and Lot 0369-E-00231-0000-00.

019- Gerald L. Harvey. MG-22-000219 \$37,106.52 Jeff Calcano, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC, 2011 Renaissance Boulevard, Suite 100, King of Prussia, PA 19406, (844) 856-6646.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 335 Rodi Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 13293, page 303, Block and Lot Number 0450-G-00214-0000-00.

022- Andrea Webb, known heir of Sharon Taylor, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of Sharon Taylor, deceased. MG-21-000248 \$60,544.08 Leon P. Haller, Esquire, Purcell, Krug and Haller, 1719 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, (717) 234-4178.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family dwelling being known and numbered as 131 Westward Ho Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 14692, page 141, Block and Lot Number 451-C-171.

024- Rod D. Jones. MG-22-000353 \$15,223.42 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a two story brick dwelling being known and numbered as 7229 Susquehanna Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208, Deed Book Volume 10254, page 362, Block and Lot Number 00174-N-00290-0000-00.

025- Mildred L. Pirolo. MG-22-000746 \$15,223.42 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family dwelling being known and numbered as 503-505 Broad Street, Evergreen, PA 15144, Deed Book Volume 7862, page 467, Block and Lot Number 0628-D-00069-0000-00.

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026- Rebecca Cale, Executrix of the Estate of Michael J. Cseripko. GD-22-004586 \$89,422.79 Kristen M. Anthou, Esquire, Grenen & Birsic, PC, One Gateway Center, 9th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 281-7650.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family brick dwelling being known and numbered as 319 Long Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 17127, page 138, Block and Lot Number 369-D-330.

042- Latacia Bentley. MG-22-000058 \$95,254.64 Nathalie Paul, Esquire, McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1400, Philadelphia, PA 19109, (215) 790-1010.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 110 Garlow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 15183, page 330, Block and Lot Number 0448-J-00396-0000-00.

071- Penn Hills School District and Municipality of Penn Hills vs. Mildred J. Hughes, with Notice to Heirs and Assigns. GD-21-01235 \$15,493.85 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family dwelling being known and numbered as 298 Eveline Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 7661, page 242, Block and Lot Number 296-G-233.

072- Penn Hills School District and Municipality of Penn Hills vs. Charles S. Sanders. GD-22-004224 \$35,016.82 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a two story commercial building being known and numbered as 9725 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 13063, page 286, Block and Lot Number 0516-F-00310-0000-00.

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In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family dwelling being known and numbered as 503-505 Broad Street, Evergreen, PA 15144, Deed Book Volume 7862, page 467, Block and Lot Number 0628-D-00069-0000-00.

024- Rod D. Jones. MG-22-000353 \$15,223.42 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

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025- Mildred L. Pirolo. MG-22-000746 \$15,223.42 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

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Pittsburgh-13th Ward

Tompkins. GD-22-005135 \$34,240.44 Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, PO. Box 165028, Columbus, OH 43216-5028, (614) 220-5611.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh**, having erected thereon a dwelling being known and numbered as 7227 Mount Vernon Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208, Document Number 2004-10701, Deed Book Volume 12004, page 99, Block and Lot Number 0174-B-00157-0000-00.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family brick dwelling being known and numbered as 319 Long Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 17127, page 138, Block and Lot Number 369-D-330.

042- Latacia Bentley. MG-22-000058 \$89,422.79 Kristen M. Anthou, Esquire, Grenen & Birsic, PC, One Gateway Center, 9th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 281-7650.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family brick dwelling being known and numbered as 319 Long Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 17127, page 138, Block and Lot Number 369-D-330.

071- Penn Hills School District and Municipality of Penn Hills vs. Mildred J. Hughes, with Notice to Heirs and Assigns. GD-21-01235 \$15,493.85 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1400, Philadelphia, PA 19109, (215) 790-1010.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny: **Municipality of Penn Hills**, having erected thereon a single family dwelling being known and numbered as 110 Garlow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Deed Book Volume 15183, page 330, Block and Lot Number 0448-J-00396-0000-00.

072- Penn Hills School District and Municipality of Penn Hills vs. Charles S. Sanders. GD-22-004224 \$35,016.82 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, 424 S. 27th Street, Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, (412) 242-4400.

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Today

HIGH: 73

LOW: 64
Cloudy with a couple of showers. Winds SE at 4-8 mph.

Tomorrow

73

54
Humid; a shower and t-storm in the a.m. Winds SW at 6-12 mph.

Tuesday

69

55
Variable clouds with a couple of showers. Winds SW at 8-16 mph.

Wednesday

74

56
Mostly sunny and pleasant. Winds W at 4-8 mph.

Thursday

75

53
Mostly sunny and nice. Winds N at 4-8 mph.

Weather outlook

Cloudy today with a couple of showers. Chance of precipitation 85%. Partly to mostly cloudy and humid tonight with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm. Chance of precipitation 90%. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tomorrow morning; otherwise, cloudy and humid. Chance of precipitation 65%. Tuesday: a couple of showers; there can be small hail and a rumble of thunder.



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Nation Cities

	Today	Tomorrow		Today	Tomorrow
	Hi/Lo	W		Hi/Lo	W
Albany	74/61	p		77/67	c
Albuquerque	77/60	t		82/62	c
Allentown	69/63	r		78/67	t
Anchorage	55/50	r		55/49	sh
Atlanta	82/70	t		81/61	t
Atlantic City	77/69	r		81/70	t
Baltimore	76/71	r		83/67	t
Birmingham	85/68	t		79/68	c
Boise	92/60	p		86/61	s
Boston	81/65	p		79/68	c
Buffalo	72/64	c		74/58	s
Charleston, S.C.	88/74	t		86/72	t
Charleston, W.Va.	79/66	t		74/55	sh
Charlotte	82/71	t		84/63	s
Chicago	67/55	r		63/59	sh
Cincinnati	75/56	s		69/55	c
Cleveland	74/64	sh		72/56	c
Columbus	76/62	t		71/58	c
Dallas	85/64	s		88/67	pc
Dayton	77/57	t		69/56	c
Denver	77/53	s		88/56	pc
Des Moines	71/50	s		74/50	pc
Detroit	75/62	sh		71/55	s
Erie	72/65	r		73/56	sh
Fairbanks	60/46	c		64/45	c
Grand Rapids	70/59	s		67/53	c
Greensboro	79/69	t		80/62	c
Hartford	77/62	pc		80/67	r
Harrisburg	72/69	r		80/67	pc
Honolulu	88/77	pc		88/75	pc
Houston	93/70	s		90/69	s
Indianapolis	71/53	t		64/56	c
Jackson, Miss.	84/66	p		82/56	s
Kansas City	75/50	s		81/55	s
Las Vegas	94/76	pc		91/73	s
Los Angeles	85/71	t		81/70	pc
Louisville	78/58	t		76/59	pc
Memphis	82/61	t		82/62	s
Miami	93/79	r		92/78	t
Milwaukee	65/57	r		67/58	sh
Minneapolis	72/53	s		75/53	s
Myrtle Beach	86/76	t		84/75	pc
Nashville	80/59	p		79/58	pc
New Orleans	88/75	p		87/73	t
New York City	77/66	r		79/71	t
Norfolk	82/73	r		86/71	t
Oklahoma City	80/55	pc		84/63	s
Omaha	74/49	s		79/52	s
Orlando	93/76	t		91/75	t
Philadelphia	75/70	r		83/72	t
Phoenix	101/80	p		99/78	s
Portland, Maine	80/61	p		77/62	c
Portland, Ore.	87/62	pc		80/58	c
Providence	81/64	p		79/68	c
Richmond	80/71	t		84/68	t
Sacramento	92/63	c		89/61	s
St. Louis	70/55	t		74/56	s
Salt Lake City	92/62	pc		94/68	c
San Diego	83/74	pc		81/72	pc
San Francisco	78/60	c		74/60	pc
San Juan	89/78	t		89/78	t
Seattle	79/58	p		74/56	pc
Spokane	87/61	p		87/58	c
Syracuse	75/64	p		78/65	r
Tampa	90/78	t		88/79	t
Toledo	76/60	c		69/53	c
Tucson	96/73	pc		91/71	t
Washington, D.C.	78/70	r		84/68	t
Wheeling	74/65	sh		72/55	sh
Wilmington, Del.	73/70	r		83/68	t

Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. Sep 10, 2022

TEMPERATURE

High 73
Normal high 77
Year ago 72
Record high 100 (1884)
Low 60
Normal low 57
Year ago 53
Record low 40 (1975)

DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL

Yesterday -0.6
Month to date +1.8
Year to date -0.1

HUMIDITY

High 86 (at 7 a.m.)
Low 58 (at 3 p.m.)

PRECIPITATION (inches)

24 hours ending 5 p.m. yesterday 0.00
Month to date 2.64

Normal month to date 1.12

Departure from normal +1.52

Year to date 32.38

Normal year to date 28.90

Departure from normal +3.48

BAROMETER

Yesterday's high 30.21

Yesterday's low 30.12

Skywatch today

Sunrise 6:58 a.m.

Sunset 7:37 p.m.

Moonrise 8:34 p.m.

Moonset 8:07 a.m.

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

Air Quality

Primary pollutant: Particulates

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

Source: Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection

Today's Forecast: ▼ Yesterday's Rating: △
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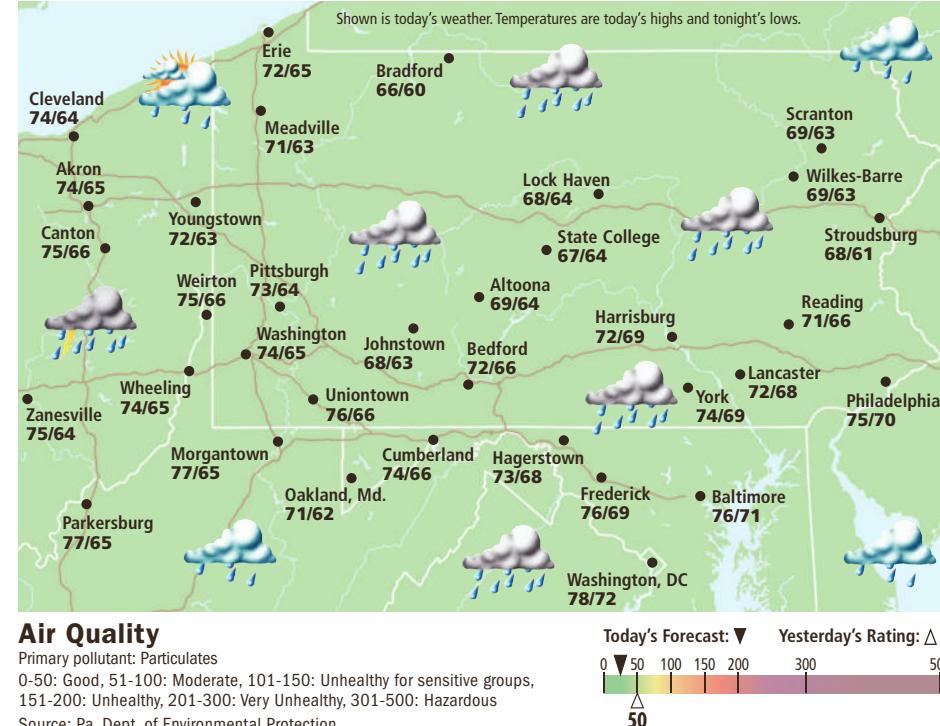
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U.S. EXTREMES
(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)

High 98 at Hanford, Calif.

Low 19 at Daniel, Wyo.

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River Stages

ALLEGHENY
Franklin, Pa. 3.40 F
Parker, Pa. 2.50 F
Sharpsburg, Pa. 10.60 F

MONONGAHELA
Gray's Landing, Pa. 10.60 F

CHEAT
Parsons, W.Va. 4.00 F

WEST FORK
Clarksburg, W.Va. 1.97 F

YOUNGHOGEN
Sutersville, Pa. 3.90 F

BEAVER
Beaver Falls, Pa. 4.80 F

OHIO
Pittsburgh, Pa. 16.60 S
Dashields Dam 14.30 S
Montgomery Dam, Pa. 12.80 F
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va. 13.10 F

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

Moon Phases

Last Sep 17 New Sep 25 First Oct 2 Full Oct 9

World Cities

Today Tomorrow

	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Athens	91/73	s	86/69	s
Auckland	63/55	pc	63/54	c
Baghdad	111/79	s	111/78	s
Beijing	87/63	pc	90	

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LIFE AFTER BIG BEN



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette photos

Despite the unknowns, they are still the Steelers

By Gerry Dulac
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It has been eight months since the Steelers played a game that mattered, 33 weeks since a way of life to which they had grown accustomed came to an end.

For the first time in 19 years, they will begin an NFL season without having Ben Roethlisberger, who won 165 regular season games in a Hall of Fame career as their quarterback.

It is easy to dismiss the transition period simply as life moving on or feeling compelled to recite oft-repeated mantras such as "next man up" and "upholding the standard." But the Steelers went through this once before when Terry Bradshaw retired, and they're about to go through it again, hopefully with better results.

With the 2022 season ready to begin in Cincinnati, the Steelers are likely to discover it is not easy to replace a quarterback who won two Super Bowl titles, eight division titles and ranks fifth all-time in league history in regular season victories. A testament to his longevity and success is he won

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Miles Killebrew: Special teams maven.

CAPTAIN KILLEBREW
Miles Killebrew may be a surprise as a Steelers captain. Yet it was no surprise to teammates.
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JOE STARKEY
When did the Bengals gain control of the stick in the rivalry with the Steelers?
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THE YEAR AHEAD
Post-Gazette staff members predict the stars and the winners for 2022.
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The 12th man in '22: The sneaky intangibles

Optimism regarding the Steelers season at hand has been hard to locate this summer, particularly outside the 412; it's almost as though Mike Tomlin's team is the victim of some pesky supply chain issues within the encouragement industry.

That reminds me — I forgot to ask long snapper Christian Kuntz about that exact thing. He was a supply chain management major at Duquesne, if you didn't know. Forgot to ask him anything else, as well.

Typical of the national reaction to the dawn of the post-Roethlisberger era of Steelers football, Ben successor Mitch Trubisky is drawing 7-2 odds at BetOnline.ag to be the first quarterback benched in 2022. Only Geno Smith, suddenly the starter at the dawn of the post-Russell Wilson era in Seattle, is seen as more likely to get an early hook (3-1).

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Pitt rues the misses, mistakes in overtime loss to Tennessee

Patti gives gutty performance in relief, but Panthers lose two 10-point leads

By Noah Hiles
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Pat Narduzzi's team looks back on its battle against Tennessee on Saturday, it will be the self-inflicted errors and failure to take advantage of the ones made by their opponent that will cause the most pain.

After jumping out to a 10-point lead against the Volunteers in front of Pitt's home

crowd at Acrisure Stadium, a series of mistakes allowed the game to slip away, resulting in a 34-27 Panthers loss in overtime.

"That was a heck of a football game against a good football team," Narduzzi said. "I think what it comes down to, I told our guys, 'It's a game of inches.' There were inches all over the

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Matt Freed/Post-Gazette
A raucous Acrisure Stadium turned silent for Pitt Saturday in the moments after the Panthers lost to Tennessee.

This one felt like so many others: Could've, maybe should've, won

The unofficial term is "Pitting."

It happens every college football season. Somehow, somehow, often against great odds, Pitt finds a way to lose a home game it has every opportunity to win. It even happened last season in the magical ACC championship season when Pitt lost at home to 14.5-point underdog Western Michigan and to 9-point underdog Miami.

I guess the 34-27 overtime loss to Tennessee on Saturday at Acrisure Stadium should have been predictable.

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Ron Cook

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Open and shut

Iga Swiatek solidifies her spot atop women's tennis with Open win. **Page B-13**

Pirates lose lead late

Cardinals rally to win on historic night for Albert Pujols. **Page B-15**

A lost chance

Riverhounds play first-place Louisville to a draw on home turf. **Page B-13**

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PAUL ZEISE: Staring down Steelers odds to make playoffs.
STEELERS: Brian Batko chats at 2 p.m. Monday.

WEEK 1
GAMEDAY REPORT

STEELERS vs. BENGALS

1 P.M. | PAYCOR STADIUM

TV: KDKA • RADIO: WDVE-FM (102.5),
WBGG-AM (970) AND THE STEELERS RADIO NETWORK.

STEELERS ROSTER

HEAD COACH: MIKE TOMLIN

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Exp	No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Exp
2	Mason Rudolph	QB	6-5	235	5	1	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	2
6	Pressley Harvin III	P	6-0	255	2	2	Evan McPherson	K	5-11	185	2
8	Kenny Pickett	QB	6-3	220	R	3	Brandon Allen	QB	6-2	209	2
9	Chris Boswell	K	6-2	185	8	4	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	215	3
10	Mitch Trubisky	QB	6-2	220	6	5	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	14
11	Chase Claypool	WR	6-4	238	3	6	Trent Taylor	WR	5-8	181	5
13	Miles Boykin	WR	6-4	220	4	7	Shaner Morgan	WR	6-0	205	4
14	George Pickens	WR	6-3	200	R	8	Elie Apple	CB	6-1	203	7
18	Diontae Johnson	WR	5-10	183	4	9	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	6
20	Cameron Sutton	CB	5-11	188	5	10	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	6
21	Tre Norwood	DB	6-0	194	2	11	Dax Hill	S	6-0	191	7
22	Najee Harris	RB	6-1	232	2	12	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	215	7
24	Benny Snell Jr.	RB	5-10	224	4	13	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	215	2
25	Arthur Maulet	CB	5-10	190	6	14	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	6
27	Marcus Allen	CB	6-2	195	6	15	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	5
28	Miles Killebrew	LS	6-2	222	7	16	Michael Thomas	S	5-11	192	9
29	Levi Wallace	WR	6-0	179	5	17	Trayvon Williams	HB	5-8	206	4
30	Jaylen Warren	RB	5-8	215	R	18	Tre Flowers	CB	6-3	200	5
34	Terrell Edmunds	S	6-1	217	5	19	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	235	6
35	Arthur Maulet	CB	5-10	190	6	20	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	190	3
39	Minkah Fitzpatrick	S	6-1	207	5	21	Clay Johnston	LB	6-1	232	2
41	Robert Spillane	LB	6-1	229	4	22	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	14
42	James Pierre	CB	6-2	185	3	23	Marku Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3
44	Derek Watt	FB	6-2	234	7	24	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	245	3
46	Christian Kuntz	LS	6-1	228	2	25	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	250	4
48	Jamir Jones	LB	6-3	255	2	26	Joseph Ossai	DE	6-4	263	2
50	Malik Reed	LB	6-2	235	4	27	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	228	3
51	Myles Jack	LB	6-1	255	7	28	Trey Hill	TE	6-4	335	2
53	Kendrick Green	C	6-4	315	5	29	Ted Karras	C	6-4	310	7
55	Devin Bush	LB	5-11	234	4	30	Alex Cappa	G	6-6	310	5
56	Alex Highsmith	LB	6-4	242	3	31	Cordell Volson	G	6-6	315	R
57	Montavious Adams	DT	6-3	304	6	32	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	240	5
60	J.C. Hassenauer	C	6-2	295	3	33	D'Ante Smith	G	6-5	309	2
61	Mason Cole	OL	6-5	298	5	34	La'el Collins	OT	6-4	314	8
65	Dan Moore Jr.	OT	6-5	258	5	35	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	312	4
67	Chukwuma Okorafor	OL	6-6	320	5	36	Max Shampain	G	6-6	325	4
72	Trent Scott	OL	6-5	320	5	37	Hakeem Adeniji	OT	6-4	315	3
76	Chukwuma Okorafor	OL	6-6	320	5	38	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	2
77	Jesse Davis	OT	6-6	309	6	39	Mike Thomas	WR	6-1	197	7
78	James Daniels	OL	6-4	327	5	40	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	7
81	Zach Gentry	TE	6-8	265	4	41	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	250	2
82	Steven Sims	WR	5-10	176	3	42	Steve Higgins	WR	6-4	219	3
83	Connor Heyward	TE	6-0	230	R	43	Devin Asiasi	TE	6-3	260	3
88	Pat Freiermuth	TE	6-5	258	2	44	Hayden Hurst	TE	6-4	250	5
89	Gunner Olszewski	WR	6-0	190	4	45	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	255	4
90	T.J. Watt	LB	6-4	252	6	46	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	6
92	Isaiah Loudermilk	DE	6-7	240	2	47	BJ Hill	DE	6-3	311	5
93	Mark Robinson	LB	5-11	235	R	48	Jeff Gunter	DE	6-4	263	R
94	Tyson Alualu	DE	6-3	304	13	49	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	5
95	Chris Wormley	DL	6-3	300	6	50	Zach Carter	DT	6-4	290	R
97	Cam Heyward	DT	6-5	295	12	51	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	272	2
98	DeMarvin Leal	DE	6-4	290	R	52	Jay Tufele	DT	6-3	305	2
99	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	6-3	305	6	53	DJ Reader	DT	6-3	335	7

HOW WE SEE IT

Post-Gazette sports writers and columnists pick the game.

Ron Cook
Bengals 30
Steelers 18Too much Joe
Burrow. Too much
Ja'Marr Chase.
Way too much
Bengals pass
rush.Gene Collier
Bengals 30
Steelers 13Even with Ben,
Steelers didn't
have a 100-yard
receiver in their
last 6 games.Ray Fittipaldo
Bengals 27
Steelers 17The Steelers once
won 21 of 22 in
Cincinnati, but
those days are
over. The Bengals
make it three in a
row at home vs.
the Steelers.Paul Zeise
Bengals 24
Steelers 17The Steelers offense is going
to struggle early
in the season and the Bengals
should pick up
where they left off

Adam Bittner

Bengals 24

Steelers 14

Offense will look
very 2019 to
start, certainly
against a
defending
conference
champion.

Brian Batko

Bengals 20

Steelers 13

A valiant
effort from what
should be an
elite defense
can't mask a
slow-starting
offense.

Gerry Dulac

Steelers 23

Bengals

The Steelers have
lost their past two
in Cincinnati. But,
hey, they opened
2021 with a win
in Buffalo, so why
not again?

Joe Starkey

Bengals 27

Steelers 17

Burrow too
much late

CELEBRATING 90

A look back at another Sept. 11 in Steelers history as the franchise plays its 90th season in the NFL in 2022.

SEPT. 11, 1983: With 118 yards rushing, Franco Harris becomes only the third player in NFL history to surpass 11,000 in a career, and the Steelers defeat the Green Bay Packers, 25-21, at Lambeau Field — a game in which they possess the ball for 41:16.

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A 'professional teamer': Good teams covet them

Captaincy gives Killebrew notice he has earned on special teams

By Brian Batko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When the Steelers announced their five captains at the beginning of the week, all were notable in some way. Mitch Trubisky got the nod from his teammates even before he was officially named the starting quarterback by his coach. Najee Harris, at 24, is the youngest player ever to be a captain under Mike Tomlin. T.J. Watt and Cam Heyward were chosen because they're T.J. Watt and Cam Heyward.

STEELERS 2022



When the Steelers have the ball

All eyes will be on new starting quarterback Mitch Trubisky, who takes the first step on a path to prove that his struggles in Chicago weren't all his fault. Trubisky gives play-caller Matt Canada more mobility to work at the position long held by Ben Roethlisberger, while it's never a bad idea to give Najee Harris the ball. The Bengals held the Steelers to just 20 points in two meetings last year, forcing five turnovers and sacking Roethlisberger seven times. That last stat is particularly ominous for an offensive line that looked overwhelmed at times in the preseason.

When the Bengals have the ball

As sharp as Joe Burrow was last year — two of his four highest completion percentages in games were against the Steelers — he took more sacks than any quarterback in the NFL. The Steelers sacked more quarterbacks than any team in the NFL for the fifth year in a row. That should add up to a game plan in which coach Zac Taylor does everything he can to get the ball out of Burrow's hands quickly, or hand offs early and often to Joe Mixon. A new-look offensive line will have its work cut out for it against Cam Heyward, T.J. Watt and company.

Matchup to watch

Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick vs. Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase

Chase announced himself to the NFL world last year as a rookie, bursting onto the scene as one of the league's premier deep threats from the jump. So, what does a team need to stop a dynamic playmaker from taking the top off the defense? A top-notch free safety.

That's where Fitzpatrick comes in, fresh off his record-breaking contract extension (since surpassed by do-it-all Chargers safety Derwin James). It's possible that the Steelers will run any number of cornerbacks at the 2021 fifth overall pick — Ahkello Witherspoon, Levi Wallace, Cam Sutton — but Fitzpatrick will almost always be in center field trying to read Burrow's eyes and get back to his turnover ways of 2019 and 2020.

BRIAN BATKO'S

SCOUTING REPORT

The Steelers open up their season against the Cincinnati Bengals this afternoon. After watching our Acrisure Fan Advantage video earlier this week, here's the rest of what you need to know before the Week 1 matchup.

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"Their relationship that they have is something that's unique," Fitzpatrick said of Burrow and Chase, who also starred together at LSU. "You don't see too many college quarterbacks and college receivers continue their relationship in the NFL. Their timing is huge. They have great timing. Obviously, Chase is a great athlete — great hands, physical guy to make plays. And Joe is an accurate quarterback who can put the ball wherever it needs to be."

Burrow and Chase have connected for 163 completions, 3,209 yards and 33 touchdowns their past two seasons playing together. In 2019 at LSU, they won the national championship. In 2021 in Cincinnati, they went to the Super Bowl.

So, stopping them is easier

said than done, as the Steelers found out firsthand in Week 3 last year. Chase caught two touchdowns, including a 34-yarder in the second quarter at Acrisure Stadium. Once it became win-or-go-home, he had five or more receptions in all four playoff games, putting up at least 89 yards or a touchdown in each one.

Something to keep an eye on in this matchup will be how the Steelers utilize Fitzpatrick. Chase is arguably the best big-play receiver in football, but we saw in the preseason how the Steelers are trying to move around Fitzpatrick so he can make more plays on the ball. He had a sack in the last exhibition against Detroit, attacking the backfield on a safety blitz, so how will they balance the role they want him to play with the one they might need him to play to help stop No. 1?

"I'll do my job," he said this week, "whatever it is."

Keys to victory: To win, the Steelers must ...

1 **Slash Cordell.** The Bengals are starting fourth-round Cordell Volson at left guard, so Cam Heyward and friends should have a field day giving a rookie his "welcome to the NFL moment" as he tries to give Burrow time to find Chase, Tee Higgins or Tyler Boyd downfield.

2 **Be money for Mitch.** In his Steelers debut, Trubisky faces a stout, opportunistic defense, so he'll need as much help as he can get to manage the game and keep the ball out of harm's way, whether that comes in the form of linemen holding up, receivers getting open or simply handing off to Najee Harris.

3 **Come out punching.** Mike Tomlin said "you can't box without sparring" when asked why he played his starters in the preseason, but the Bengals will attempt to do just that, considering most of their regulars haven't seen in-game action since the Super Bowl — so how about an early knockout?

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N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Philadelphia	0	0	0.000	0	0
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Indianapolis	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Carolina	0	0	0.000	0	0
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Cincinnati	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Detroit	0	0	0.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Green Bay	0	0	0.000	0	0
Steelers	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Minnesota	0	0	0.000	0	0
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Denver	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Arizona	0	0	0.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	San Francisco	0	0	0.000	0	0
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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S GAME

Buffalo 31 ... L.A. Rams 10

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Washington, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Steelers at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Tennessee, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME

Denver at Seattle, 8:15 p.m.

GAME-DAY NOTES

Week 1 storylines, numbers and other interesting stuff:

A FAVORITE opening day stat. The Browns are 0-16-1 in their past 17 openers entering Game 1 vs. old mate Baker Mayfield and Carolina. For perspective, no other team in history lost more than nine in a row. The Browns are 1½-point favorites.

THE RAVENS, longtime members of the AFC North, play the Jets to begin a strange first month in which they play four consecutive games vs. teams from the AFC East. Meanwhile, the Jets of the AFC East open with four in a row vs. the AFC North.

CARSON WENTZ will be the fifth QB to start for different teams in three consecutive openers when he takes the field for Washington. He started for the Eagles in 2020 and the Colts in 2021. The other four to do it: Jim Harbaugh (1997-99), Kurt Warner (2003-05), Brett Favre (2007-09) and Donovan McNabb (2009-11).

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Make no mistake, though, this much has not changed with the Steelers:

Their objective is still to win the Super Bowl, even if Las Vegas and a boatload of skeptics don't think so.

Never mind that they have a new general manager, two new quarterbacks, a new defensive coordinator and, yes,

a new stadium name. With so much change, it might appear to be a transition year for the Steelers, a time to reset and start again.

But to them, that's almost as bad as admitting they are rebuilding, which is the ultimate no-no.

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Mitch Trubisky is first in line to replace the Hall of Fame quarterback that was Ben Roethlisberger.

ON THE COVER: Mike Tomlin and Mitch Trubisky are about to enter seasons like they never have before.

The standard is the standard? Season will test that old line

STEELERS, FROM B-1

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The presence of Kenny Pickett on the roster has added a layer of drama to what already projected to be a season of tumult and change.

But what are his expectations of the offense?

"I think similar things," he said. "I think there's more continuity on the defensive side of the ball, so it's reasonable to expect that process to be more fluid and maybe quicker. But just the trajectory from an expectation standpoint, we're trying to be a world championship-caliber team. It's going to require us to be special in all three phases, and those are our intentions."

The hope with Trubisky, who was 29-21 as a starter in Chicago and led the Bears to two postseason appearances, is he can have a rebirth with the Steelers the way Ryan Tannehill did when he left the Miami Dolphins for the Tennessee Titans. Tomlin loved his athleticism and mobility, which might be needed behind that offensive line.

The Steelers were not an efficient team in 2021. The offense started slower than a '58 Edsel, they couldn't run the ball with any production and the defense, almost embarrassingly, couldn't stop the run. Yet, they somehow finished 9-7-1, swept division mates Cleveland and Baltimore, and made the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Of course, it must be noted seven of those nine victories came about because Roethlisberger did what he has done better than all but one quarterback in NFL history — bring them back in the fourth quarter.

What will happen now without their two-time Super Bowl winning quarterback? Is this 2019 all over again? Or is the expectation level the same as it is every year when anything short of a Super Bowl appearance is a disappointment?

"You know how it is," Tomlin said. "September 11th, we'll know."

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Wilds of 'The Jungle' closing in on Steelers



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For Bengals fans, the 2021 season series against the Steelers was one big party.

Bengals have won past three in series

Is this really happening? As the 2022 NFL season dawns, is the franchise formerly known as the Cincinnati Bungles not just beating the Steelers, but humiliating them—and then taking shots at them?

It's not supposed to work this way. The Steelers owned the Bengals—body, mind and spirit—for decades. They won 11 in a row as recently as 2015-20. Steelers fans consider beating the Bengals a birth-right. The last time it wasn't that way was the 1980s.

Until now. And it didn't begin with Joe Burrow.

It began with Ryan Finley and one of the most embarrassing losses of Mike Tomlin's tenure. The date was Dec. 21, 2020. The 11-win Steelers were 14.5-point favorites at Paul Brown Stadium (which has since been changed to "Paycor" Stadium, which is even worse than "Acrisure" Stadium, but that is a story for another day).

Finley, no longer employed as a professional football player, was horrible that night but still significantly better than Ben Roethlisberger in scoring his first, and probably only, NFL win in the Bengals' 27-17 upset.

Indeed, we might someday look back on Ryan blankin' Finley running untouched for a 23-yard touchdown as the turning point in the Steelers-Bengals series. The Bengals have won two in a row since then, which means they'll be shooting for their fourth consecutive win over the Steelers on Sunday, something that has not happened since the Ickey Shuffle was in vogue and Boomer Esiason's blonde locks were flowing at Riverfront Stadium. (Now that's a real stadium name.)

The Bengals believe another event that night might have turned the tide, and that was safety Vonn Bell clocking Mr. TikTok (JuJu) with a hellicious hit near midfield.

"It was a tone-setter," Bell recently told the Cincinnati Enquirer. "Especially for this

Joe Starkey

THROUGH THE YEARS

Steelers-Bengals records by decade in a rivalry that dates to the 1970 season:

Steelers	Decade	Bengals
1	2020s	3
18	2010s	4
15	2000s	6
13	1990s	6
6	1980s	13
14	1970s	6

group and this organization. We kept feeding off that energy, and we keep on making bigger and better plays week in and week out."

Is this really happening? I ask again, because dominance doesn't begin to describe the Steelers' mastery of the post-Boomer Bengals.

During the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s, the Steelers beat the Bengals 46 times in 62 tries. And they didn't just beat them. They tortured them.

Think of Carson Palmer's knee. Or Keith Rivers' jaw. Or Kevin Huber's face.

Think of one of the worst playoff losses in NFL history, when the Bengals—behind a Finley-like quarterback named A.J. McCarron—only had to run clock with 1:30 left in a 2015 wild-card game. That's when Jeremy Hill stumbled deep in Steelers territory.

Roethlisberger shrugged off a shoulder injury to lead the game-winning drive, helped enormously by Burfict and Pacman Jones losing their minds. The Steelers scored a miraculous 18-16 victory on Chris Boswell's last-second field goal, and Bengals coach Marvin Lewis pretty much described his franchise across 30 years with this post-game quote:

"We destructed on ourselves."

Even when they were good, the Bengals were the Steelers' punching bag. The Steelers laughed at them. You might remember this tweet from tackle Marcus Gilbert in 2015—and yes, the lower-case 'b' probably was intended: "All I want for Christmas is the bengals. Would love to see them in the playoffs where they choke."

Everybody knew how little the Steelers thought of the Bengals. Ex-Steelers cornerback Mike Hilton made sure the Bengals knew it, too, when he arrived in Cincinnati to join them.

By that time, though, Finley had already happened, and if it could ever get worse than losing to Ryan Finley, last season was proof. The Bengals pounded the Steelers twice by a combined score of 65-20. Only once in the AFC North's 20-year history had the Steelers been swept in such lopsided fashion. (The Ravens beat them by a combined score of 58-7 in 2006.)

Now it was the Bengals laughing at the Steelers. Or, worse, accusing them of laying down.

This was Pittsburgh's very own Tyler Boyd on the Bengals' 24-10 win at Heinz Field, pulling the equivalent of JuJu Smith-Schuster standing over Burfict after he knocked him cold: "The last plays of the game for them, they gave up. You could see it."

After Cincy's 41-10 win in the rematch, Burrow said of his 7-4 team: "We're 2-0 against them. We have higher aspirations than beating the Steelers right now."

This is where we're at. This is how quickly things have changed, and the Bengals do not show signs of slowing down. Burrow is a superstar with all kinds of weapons around him. The Bengals improved their dreadful offensive line (though it remains a question mark heading into the opener), and an underrated defense returns 10 starters.

That defense would have won the Super Bowl if not for a ticky-tacky call near the goal line. The Bengals are really good.

The Steelers?

Well, we're about to find out. On paper, they have a pretty good defense of their own, including the NFL's reigning defensive player of the year. They also have a talented first-round quarterback in Kenny Pickett, who, unlike Burrow, was made to wait instead of being given the keys to the franchise upon his arrival.

We'll see how long that lasts, just like we'll see how long the Bengals' sudden dominance of the Steelers does.

Those two topics could be related.

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GERRY DULAC'S WEEK 1 FORECAST

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 170-114 (.599)

Steelers (9-7-1 in 2021) at Cincinnati Bengals (10-1) • 1 p.m.

Once unbeatable in Paul Brown Stadium (now Paycor Stadium), the Steelers have lost their past two meetings there after previously going 21-1. But, hey, they opened last season with a victory in Buffalo, so why not again? **Prediction:** Steelers, 23-20

Cleveland Browns (8-9) at Carolina Panthers (5-12) • 1 p.m.

The season opener is always filled with compelling storylines, and there isn't one better than the Browns facing former teammate Baker Mayfield. He is no longer at home in Cleveland, but he is better than Jacoby Brissett. **Prediction:** Panthers, 17-16

Baltimore Ravens (8-9) at New York Jets (4-13) • 1 p.m.

Ten years after he led the Ravens to the Super Bowl XLVII title, QB Joe Flacco will face his former team as the Jets starter. The Ravens lost their final six last season, a streak that began and ended with losses to the Steelers. **Prediction:** Ravens, 26-7

New Orleans Saints (9-8) at Atlanta Falcons (7-10) • 1 p.m.

The Falcons have moved on from Matty Ice and have enlisted Marcus Mariota to be their QB—that is, until Desmond Ridder is ready. The Saints have given Jameis Winston some new receivers—Jarvis Landry and rookie Chris Olave. **Prediction:** Saints, 27-19

San Francisco 49ers (10-7) at Chicago Bears (6-11) • 1 p.m.

Even though the 49ers made it to the NFC title game QB Jimmy Garoppolo has been shoved aside for last year's No. 1 pick Trey Lance, even though guys such as Joe Montana and Steve Young say Lance isn't ready. That's life in the NFL. **Prediction:** 49ers, 20-15

Philadelphia Eagles (9-8) at Detroit Lions (3-13-1) • 1 p.m.

Coch Dan Campbell was the star of "Hard Knocks," making a lot of people think his theatrics are enough to turn the Lions around. It will take more than a malaprop and convoluted one-liners. The Eagles put up 44 points on them last year. **Prediction:** Eagles, 30-12

Indianapolis Colts (9-8) at Houston Texans (4-13) • 1 p.m.

The only race the Texans will be involved in is for the first pick in the draft. The Colts brought in another new QB, Matt Ryan, their fourth since Andrew Luck retired. Their late-season swoon in 2021 allowed the Steelers to sneak into the playoffs. **Prediction:** Colts, 23-13

Miami Dolphins (9-7) at New England Patriots (10-7) • 1 p.m.

After starting 1-7, the Dolphins rebounded to win eight of their last nine. Two of those wins were against the Patriots. So what happened? The Dolphins fired coach Brian Flores. And the Patriots took their best receiver, DeVante Parker. **Prediction:** Patriots, 27-14

Jacksonville Jaguars (3-14) at Washington Commanders (7-10) • 1 p.m.

Doug Pederson has inherited the mess that is the Jaguars, who have lost 29 of their past 35 and haven't won on the road since Dec. 15, 2019. The Commanders are the third team in three years for QB Carson Wentz. **Prediction:** Commanders, 24-9

Kansas City Chiefs (12-5) at Arizona Cardinals (11-6) • 4:25 p.m.

After starting 10-2 last season, the Cardinals lost five of their final six. That didn't stop them from giving QB Kyler Murray a contract that averages more per season (\$46 million) than Patrick Mahomes (\$45 million). Right. **Prediction:** Chiefs, 23-23

Las Vegas Raiders (10-7) at Los Angeles Chargers (9-8) • 4:25 p.m.

A loss to the Raiders in last year's season finale sent the Chargers home and Las Vegas to the postseason. It could be that tight again. The Raiders have added WR Davante Adams and the Chargers NFL defensive player of the year Khalil Mack. **Prediction:** Chargers, 30-27

Green Bay Packers (13-4) at Minnesota Vikings (8-9) • 4:25 p.m.

The Packers won the division by five games in 2021 and it could be that easy again. OK, they gave Aaron Rodgers, at 39, a new deal that averages \$50.3 million. But Kirk Cousins, who averages \$34 million annually, has one playoff win in 10 years. **Prediction:** Packers, 27-9

New York Giants (4-13) at Tennessee Titans (12-5) • 4:25 p.m.

The Giants are going to try it again with Daniel Jones, hoping that Saquon Barkley can return to his old form. But, unlike the Titans, they don't have much hope. Speaking of hope, the Titans are hoping Derrick Henry can stay healthy for a full season. **Prediction:** Titans, 28-9

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (13-4) at Dallas Cowboys (12-5) • 8:20 p.m.

After retiring, Tom Brady changed his mind and has returned for a third season with the Buccaneers. In that time, Tampa Bay is 29-10 and has won a Super Bowl. The Cowboys keep hoping to do something like that. **Prediction:** Cowboys, 28-24

Denver Broncos (7-10) at Seattle Seahawks (7-10) • 8:15 p.m. Monday

As only the league's creative planners can do, the first "Monday Night Football" game of the season is all about Russell Wilson going back to Seattle. His addition is just what Denver's stable of young receiving talent needs. **Prediction:** Broncos, 24-16

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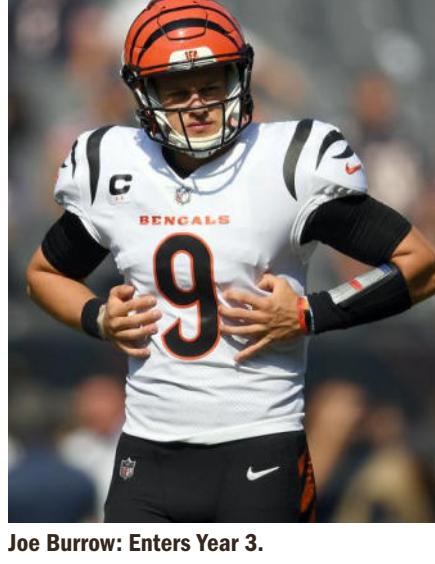
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SCOUTING THE AFC

Post-Gazette writer Brian Batko looks at each team in the conference heading into 2022. Over/under win totals are from vegasinsider.com.

NORTH DIVISION



Joe Burrow: Enters Year 3.

Pittsburgh Steelers

2021 record: 9-7-1
2022 over/under win total: 7.5
Coach: Mike Tomlin, 16th season
Key players: QB Mitch Trubisky, RB Najee Harris, WR Diontae Johnson, DL Cam Heyward, LB T.J. Watt, S Minkah Fitzpatrick

What's new: The quarterback position is an unknown for the first time since Ben Roethlisberger unexpectedly entered the starting lineup as a first-round pick in 2004. Trubisky was signed to be the starter, but then another first-round pick in Kenny Pickett was added to the equation, so all eyes are on how this spot plays out. There's also a new defensive coordinator in Terrell Austin, Brian Flores is on staff and Myles Jack is primed to patrol the middle of the field at inside linebacker.

The skinny: A defense with aspirations of being the best in football figures to have a large say in the fate of this season. This team's identity should be keeping opposing offenses off the scoreboard and doing just enough with the ball in their own hands to win close games. There's little doubt it's a transitional year, but enough pieces have been added to remain competitive and possibly surprise some more ballyhooed AFC foes.



Baltimore Ravens

2021 record: 8-9
2022 over/under win total: 10.5
Coach: John Harbaugh, 15th season
Key players: QB Lamar Jackson, TE Mark Andrews, RB J.K. Dobbins, DL Calais Campbell, LB Patrick Queen, CB Marlon Humphrey

What's new: Healthy players, they hope. The Ravens dealt with a slew of injuries in 2021 and look to rebound with much the same formula — give Jackson the keys, run the ball well and get back to the type of defense they're known for. In Jackson's supporting cast, speedy wideout Hollywood Brown is out, and veteran running backs Mike Davis and Kenyan Drake are in. Former Saints starter Marcus Williams steps in as a starter at safety.

The skinny: Not all is going smoothly in Baltimore, where Jackson and the team continue to be at odds over a possible contract extension for the 2019 NFL MVP. There's a chance this could be his last run in purple, so it's all about maximizing his talents with a team that's been built around him — and his relatively modest quarterback salary, given he's still on his rookie deal.



Cincinnati Bengals

2021 record: 10-7
2022 over/under win total: 9.5
Coach: Zac Taylor, 4th season
Key players: QB Joe Burrow, RB Joe Mixon, WR Ja'Marr Chase, WR Tyler Boyd, WR Tee Higgins, S Jessie Bates

What's new: The Bengals made it all the way to the Super Bowl despite a shaky offensive line. So, this offseason, they spent heavily on bringing in veteran starters at center, right guard and right tackle, plus a fourth-round pick who looks slated to start at left guard. Defensively, the only major addition is first-rounder Dax Hill, a versatile defensive back.

The skinny: In just one year, Cincinnati turned the tables on this division, going from 4-11 and last in the division to 10-7 and first. The bottom-feeders now have the target on their backs, but they should still be plenty motivated after letting a Lombardi Trophy slip through their fingers. A receiver trio that's probably the best in the NFL and a stellar young quarterback could allow them to repeat as AFC North champs.



Cleveland Browns

2021 record: 8-9
2022 over/under win total: 8.5
Coach: Kevin Stefanski, 3rd season
Key players: QB Deshaun Watson, RB Nick Chubb, RB Kareem Hunt, WR Amari Cooper, DL Myles Garrett, CB Denzel Ward

What's new: Another team with uncertainty at the most significant position, where journeyman Jacoby Brissett will need to steer the ship until Watson hits the field after his 11-game suspension. The insurance policy is former Steelers backup Josh Dobbs, but either way, they'll likely be handing off a lot to one of the league's best running back duos in Chubb and Hunt (a combined 1,745 rushing yards in 2021) and behind a top-notch offensive line.

The skinny: Even once Watson returns for his first regular-season action since 2020 with Houston, will he be the same guy? That question looms over 2022 for Cleveland, which looked more like its old self last season after a breakout in Stefanski's first run, when he won coach of the year and upset the Steelers in the wild-card round.

WEST DIVISION



Russell Wilson: Elevates the Broncos.

Denver Broncos

2021 record: 7-10
2022 over/under win total: 10.5
Coach: Nathaniel Hackett, 1st season
Key players: QB Russell Wilson, RB Javonte Williams, WR Jerry Jeudy, LB Bradley Chubb, CB Pat Surtain II, S Justin Simmons

What's new: As you can see, the betting markets are big believers in Wilson elevating his new team. Denver pushed its chips in the middle to acquire the longtime Seahawks quarterback and has several young, high draft picks for him to throw and hand off to. Edge rusher Randy Gregory (6 sacks in 2021) is the big-ticket signing on defense to pair with Chubb.

The skinny: It won't be easy to climb the ladder in what might be the toughest division in the sport, but if Wilson, who was 104-53-1 in 10 years with Seahawks, can dial up the old magic that helped him win a Super Bowl for them, the Broncos have optimism. Hackett — the son of one-time Pitt coach Paul Hackett — comes from a winning culture with the Packers, so the one-time Aaron Rodgers whisperer will work with Wilson to whip up some points.

Kansas City Chiefs

2021 record: 12-5
2022 over/under win total: 10.5
Coach: Andy Reid, 10th season
Key players: QB Patrick Mahomes, WR JuJu Smith-Schuster, TE Travis Kelce, OL Orlando Brown Jr., DL Chris Jones, DL Frank Clark

What's new: The Chiefs have remade their receiving corps after trading Tyreek Hill, with Pittsburgh fixture Smith-Schuster joining the group in addition to Green Bay deep ball specialist Marquez Valdes-Scantling and New Kensington native Skyy Moore. A couple new faces will factor into the secondary in veteran safety Justin Reid and rookie cornerback Trent McDuffie.

The skinny: It was a bold move to send Hill to Miami, but perhaps the Mahomes Effect means more than any of the ancillary pieces. Kelce (92 receptions, 1,125 yards, 9 TDs) is still around, too, and the offensive line is in good shape. The rest of the division is catching up to the 2019 Super Bowl champs, who will try to win the AFC for the third time in four years after the Bengals knocked them off their perch.

Las Vegas Raiders

2021 record: 10-7
2022 over/under win total: 8.5
Coach: Josh McDaniels, 1st season
Key players: QB Derek Carr, WR Davante Adams, WR Hunter Renfrow, TE Darren Waller, DL Maxx Crosby, DL Chandler Jones

What's new: Adams (123 receptions, 1,553 yards, 11 TDs in 2021) coming in from the Packers could be a game changer for Carr, his close friend and college teammate at Fresno State. The Raiders also went out and got Jones, coming off his seventh career double-digit sack season, to pair with Crosby on the edge. Those splashy additions will try to make life easy for McDaniels, the longtime Patriots offensive play-caller.

The skinny: Tip your cap to the Raiders for being a surprise playoff team last year despite a tumultuous season that included the Henry Ruggs DUI tragedy, the Jon Gruden scandal and other distractions. Carr-to-Adams is what it's all about now, but don't forget Waller and Renfrow as two more Pro Bowl pieces to the offensive puzzle. Time for Carr, 31, to go to the next level.

Los Angeles Chargers

2021 record: 9-8
2022 over/under win total: 10.5
Coach: Brandon Staley, 2nd season
Key players: QB Justin Herbert, RB Austin Ekeler, WR Keenan Allen, WR Mike Williams, DL Joey Bosa, S Derwin James

What's new: Another team in the division that loaded up this offseason. Pass-rusher Khalil Mack, the 2016 NFL defensive player of the year, and All-Pro cornerback J.C. Jackson join an already star-studded defense with Bosa and James. The Chargers used their first-round pick on Zion Johnson, who will start at right guard opposite former Steelers lineman Matt Feiler. Their main job? Protect Herbert at all costs.

The skinny: Staley is a divisive young coach, given many believe he cost his team a postseason spot last year in that regular-season finale against the Raiders. But he's a defensive whiz on top of his analytical lean, and, on paper, both sides of the ball are stacked to make a run in the same city where the Rams went all the way last season.

EAST DIVISION



Von Miller: Active career sacks leader.

Buffalo Bills

2021 record: 11-6
2022 over/under win total: 11.5
Coach: Sean McDermott, 6th season
Key players: QB Josh Allen, WR Stefon Diggs, TE Dawson Knox, DL Von Miller, LB Tremaine Edmunds, CB Tre'Davious White

What's new: In the AFC arms race, what do you get the offense that has everything? How about Von Miller, who at 33 is fresh off helping the Rams win a Super Bowl and decided to chase his third ring in Buffalo. For a team that didn't have to do much retooling, the Bills used their first-round pick on cornerback Kaiir Elam and their second on electric Georgia running back James Cook, younger brother of Dalvin.

The skinny: As close to a consensus Super Bowl favorite as you'll find, the last-second loss to Kansas City in last year's AFC semis still stings in upstate New York. With playmakers on offense, an experienced defense and arguably the best quarterback alive in Allen (4,407 yards, 36 TD passes in 646 attempts in 2021), anything short of winning it all will be a disappointment for McDermott and company.

Miami Dolphins

2021 record: 9-8
2022 over/under win total: 8.5
Coach: Mike McDaniel, 1st season
Key players: QB Tua Tagovailoa, WR Tyreek Hill, WR Jaylen Waddle, TE Mike Gesicki, LB Jaelan Phillips, CB Xavien Howard

What's new: In short, a lot. Hill's name is on the marquee, but this is an organization that also brought in two new running backs in Chase Edmonds and Raheem Mostert for McDaniel, a first-year head coach known as a running-game savant who learned under Kyle Shanahan. Short-lived Steeler Melvin Ingram and late free-agent signee Trey Flowers will try to generate pressure.

The skinny: Probably the most boom-or-bust team in the league. So much is riding on Tagovailoa (13-8 in two seasons with 27 TD passes and 15 INTs) and how he meshes with the new coaching staff. There's been no shortage of dysfunction in South Florida, so we'll see if talent can mean more at the end of the day. If not, they could be in the market for a new quarterback in 2023, veteran or rookie.

New England Patriots

2021 record: 10-7
2022 over/under win total: 8.5
Coach: Bill Belichick, 23rd season
Key players: QB Mac Jones, RB Damien Harris, RB Rhamondre Stevenson, TE Hunter Henry, OL Trent Brown, LB Matt Judon

What's new: One year after their unusual spending spree, the Patriots kept it pretty simple. DeVante Parker could become their go-to wideout after being a division rival in Miami. Offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels left for the head gig in Las Vegas, so two of Belichick's lieutenants who failed elsewhere — Joe Judge or Matt Patricia — will be in charge of helping Jones take the next step in his career.

The skinny: A season out of the playoffs, then New England got right back in, albeit with an early exit in getting bludgeoned by Buffalo. This is a classic case of whether the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts, based largely on coaching and culture. The offense is young, the defense experienced, but the roster itself isn't overly impressive in Foxborough.

New York Jets

2021 record: 4-13
2022 over/under win total: 5.5
Coach: Robert Saleh, 2nd season
Key players: QB Zach Wilson, WR Elijah Moore, WR Corey Davis, DL Carl Lawson, DL Quinnin Williams, LB C.J. Mosley

What's new: A 37-year-old left tackle in Duane Brown had to come aboard after Mekhi Becton was lost for the season. He'll try to pave the way for second-round rusher Breece Hall, while Wilson has a new weapon in first-round wideout Garrett Wilson. A revamped defense includes former Pitt star Jordan Whitehead at safety and No. 4 overall pick Sauce Gardner at corner.

The skinny: Wilson's preseason injury threw the Jets' hopes into flux right away, but it sounds as if he won't miss too much time (although Joe Flacco will open the season behind center). When he returns, Wilson, the 2021 No. 2 pick, has a lot on his shoulders for a team that could surprise or continue to bring up the rear in the division. A lot of high draft picks have allowed them to restock, but this isn't exactly a franchise that knows how to win.

SOUTH DIVISION



Matt Ryan: New in Indy.

Houston Texans

2021 record: 4-13
2022 over/under win total: 4.5
Coach: Lovie Smith, 1st season
Key players: QB Davis Mills, WR Brandin Cooks, OL Laremy Tunsil, DL Jonathan Greenard, LB Christian Kirksey, CB Desmond King

What's new: The coach, the running back and the secondary, for the most part. David Culley's time in Houston didn't last long, but clearly, this organization is deep into a rebuild. Rookie Dameon Pierce, a fourth-round draft pick out of Florida, should be a boost for the backfield, while former Steeler Steven Nelson and rookie Derek Stingley — the No. 3 overall pick out of LSU — will try to be lock-down cornerbacks.

The skinny: You'd be hard pressed to find a more anonymous team in the NFL, let alone the AFC. This year will be considered a success if any young players step up and prove to be pivotal pieces for the future. The Deshaun Watson saga ended in a mess, so Mills, in his second season out of Stanford, is likely just a placeholder until the next franchise quarterback comes around in the draft.

Indianapolis Colts

2021 record: 9-8
2022 over/under win total: 9.5
Coach: Frank Reich, 5th season
Key players: QB Matt Ryan, RB Jonathan Taylor, OL Quenton Nelson, DL DeForest Buckner, LB Shaquille Leonard, CB Kenny Moore

What's new: The Carson Wentz Era, such as it was, gives way to the Ryan Regime. Indy wants him to be a plug-and-play leader in the twilight of his career the way Philip Rivers was a couple years ago. Yannick Ngakoue and Stephon Gilmore are big-name additions to an already impressive defense, which includes the star linebacker formerly known as Darius Leonard.

The skinny: Ryan (222 starts, 59,735 career passing yards, 367 passing TDs) has just about everything he needs, from the best running back in the league to a No. 1 receiver in Michael Pittman Jr. to a solid line. The Colts' crash landing at the end of last season kept them out of the playoffs and put them into desperation mode, turning to a 37-year-old quarterback who may or may not have anything left in the tank.

Jacksonville Jaguars

2021 record: 3-14
2022 over/under win total: 6.5
Coach: Doug Pederson, 1st season
Key players: QB Trevor Lawrence, RB James Robinson, RB Travis Etienne, DL Dewayne Smoot, LB Josh Allen, CB Tyson Campbell

What's new: The Urban Meyer experiment went poorly for all involved, so in comes the former Super Bowl-winning coach of the Eagles. A new-look pass-catching corps featuring Christian Kirk, Zay Jones and Evan Engram is in place for Lawrence, while the defense added No. 1 pick Travon Walker on the edge, slot corner Darius Williams and rookie linebacker Devin Lloyd.

The skinny: Some will look at this team and see plenty of pedigree on both sides of the ball. Others will see the same old Jaguars — 15-50 since the beginning of 2018 — who still have a long way to go. If Lawrence looks like the generational talent he was billed as, the whole outlook will be sunnier in Jacksonville, where they made back-to-back top picks for the first time since Cleveland did it in 2017 and 2018.

Tennessee Titans

2021 record: 12-5
2022 over/under win total: 9.5
Coach: Mike Vrabel, 5th season
Key players: QB Ryan Tannehill, RB Derrick Henry, OL Taylor Lewan, DL Jeffery Simmons, LB Bud Dupree, S Kevin Byard

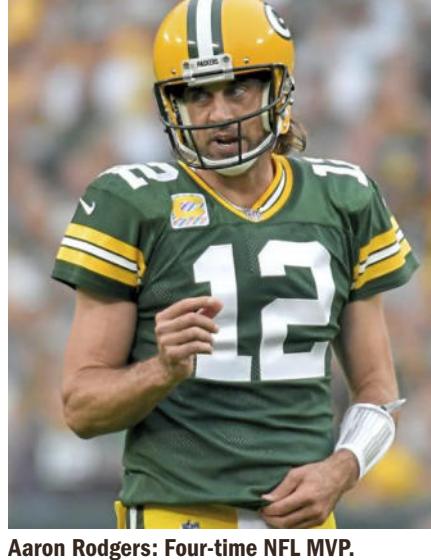
What's new: Star receivers A.J. Brown and Julio Jones are out; veteran Robert Woods and first-round pick Treylon Burks are in. Vrabel is basically running it back on defense, but they already were dealt a blow when top pass-rusher Harold Landry went down with a torn ACL in practice. Tannehill will have to hold off exciting rookie passer Malik Willis, too.

The skinny: Talk in Tennessee is centered on whether the Titans missed their championship window. Henry (28 and with nearly 1,500 touches in his career) isn't getting any younger and is coming off an injury-shortened season. Their recipe for success still focuses on running the offense through him, but they almost seem to be in no man's land in an otherwise dynamic group of AFC offenses.

SCOUTING THE NFC

Post-Gazette writer Brian Batko looks at each team in the conference heading into 2022. Over/under win totals are from vegasinsider.com.

NORTH DIVISION



Aaron Rodgers: Four-time NFL MVP.



Chicago Bears

2021 record: 6-11
2022 over/under win total: 6.5
Coach: Matt Eberflus, 1st season
Key players: QB Justin Fields, RB David

Montgomery, WR Darnell Mooney, DL Robert Quinn, LB Roquan Smith, S Eddie Jackson

What's new: Predictably, Matt Nagy's time ran out in the Windy City after going 34-31 in four years and going 0-2 in the postseason. Eberflus comes from being defensive coordinator in Indianapolis, but it's the offense that everyone's watching here. Steel Valley High School alumnus Luke Getsy comes from Green Bay with an eye on developing Fields — the No. 11 overall pick out of Ohio State in 2021 — while another WPIAL product in rookie Jaquan Brisker (Gateway) will try to make plays at safety.

The skinny: Fields looking like a stud would surely supersede any sort of win/loss results as the ideal scenario for this season. There's a new administration in town from front office to coaching staff, so making progress is important, but they also have a decent bit of runway to get the Bears back on track.



Detroit Lions

2021 record: 3-13-1
2022 over/under win total: 6.5
Coach: Dan Campbell, 2nd season
Key players: QB Jared Goff, RB D'Andre

Swift, WR Amon-Ra St. Brown, TE T.J. Hockenson, DL Charles Harris, CB Jeff Okudah

What's new: Second-overall pick Aidan Hutchinson is an in-state guy who played at Michigan. He finished second to Bryce Young in the 2021 Heisman Trophy voting, so much will be expected of him at defensive end. Their other first-rounder was spent on explosive Alabama wideout Jameson Williams, but he'll miss at least the first four games while recovering from a torn ACL.

The skinny: Campbell's team figures to be a tough out no matter their personnel given his hard-nosed mentality as was on display in HBO's "Hard Knocks." It still feels like the Lions are treading water until they can get out from under Goff's hefty contract and find a real franchise quarterback. Until then, don't underestimate them or they just might play you to a tie on your home field.



Green Bay Packers

2021 record: 13-4
2022 over/under win total: 10.5
Coach: Matt LaFleur, 4th season
Key players: QB Aaron Rodgers, RB

Aaron Jones, OL David Bakhtiari, DL Kenny Clark, CB Jaire Alexander, S Darnell Savage

What's new: Three new receivers in veteran Sammy Watkins (8 years, 334 receptions, 34 TD catches) and rookies Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs are the cavalry for an aging Rodgers. Even with No. 12 coming off an MVP season, expect the Packers to go to more of a running-based offense behind Jones and A.J. Dillon, which could help keep their 38-year-old passer fresh for the stretch run.

The skinny: Did you know LaFleur has the highest winning percentage of any NFL coach with at least three seasons? Green Bay has won 13 games each year he's been at the helm, but getting over the hump has been a challenge, even with Rodgers under center. Rodgers continues to hold off Jordan Love, and yet, it hasn't all come together — at least not yet.



Minnesota Vikings

2021 record: 8-9
2022 over/under win total: 9.5
Coach: Kevin O'Connell, 1st season
Key players: QB Kirk Cousins, RB Dalvin

Cook, WR Justin Jefferson, WR Adam Thielen, DL Danielle Hunter, S Harrison Smith

What's new: A balanced offense didn't need to change much, but Za'Darius Smith joins the mix on defense after spending most of last season on injured reserve. If he can be the edge rusher who had 26 sacks the previous two years for Green Bay, the Vikings could push his former team for a division title. Productive linebacker Jordan Hicks is another new piece.

The skinny: Cousins is firmly in not-sure-what-to-make-of-him territory at this point. Good but not great? Borderline elite? It's hard to put a finger on whether he has that 'it' factor. Perhaps O'Connell, an apple from the Shanahan tree who takes over for defensive-minded Mike Zimmer, is the kind of fresh-faced coach this franchise needs to get out of neutral.

EAST DIVISION



Dak Prescott: 53 wins in six seasons.



Dallas Cowboys

2021 record: 12-5
2022 over/under win total: 10.5
Coach: Mike McCarthy, 3rd season
Key players: QB Dak Prescott, RB Eze

kiel Elliott, WR CeeDee Lamb, DL DeMarcus Lawrence, LB Micah Parsons, CB Trevon Diggs

What's new: First-round pick Tyler Smith was viewed as a reach by some draft analysts, and now, he'll be thrown into the fire at left tackle after the loss of Tyron Smith to a torn hamstring. Eventually, newly signed 40-year-old Jason Peters — a member of the NFL's team of the 2010s — is set to protect Prescott's blind side, so that'll be interesting given his long track record with division nemesis Philadelphia.

The skinny: Team owner Jerry Jones consistently says nice things about McCarthy in public, but this Greenfield native — just 18-15 in three seasons with the Cowboys — might be on the hot seat given the appetite for success in Dallas. Winning the division last year was nice, but getting upset at home, 23-17, by the San Francisco 49ers in the wild-card round was a major disappointment.

New York Giants
2021 record: 4-13
2022 over/under win total: 7.5
Coach: Brian Daboll, 1st season
Key players: QB Daniel Jones, RB Saquon Barkley, WR Kenny Golladay, DL Leonard Williams, DL Azeem Ojulari, S Xavier McKinney

What's new: Daboll comes to the Big Apple after coordinating a high-scoring Bills offense, but he couldn't bring his players with him. His biggest challenge is to bring the best out of Jones in Year 4 since being taken in the first round out of Duke. Rookie Evan Neal should be an upgrade at right tackle, and fellow first-rounder Kayvon Thibodeaux will try to be a pass-rushing force for former Ravens coordinator Wink Martindale.

The skinny: This roster is fairly short on experience and pedigree. Even Golladay, their massive free-agent signing a year ago, has hardly lived up to expectations. Barkley (593 yards in 13 games in 2021) is a bounce-back candidate, and the defense has a few playmakers, so if Jones takes a great leap forward, maybe there's some upward mobility for their first .500 finish since 2016.

Philadelphia Eagles
2021 record: 9-8
2022 over/under win total: 9.5
Coach: Nick Sirianni, 2nd season
Key players: QB Jalen Hurts, RB Miles Sanders, WR A.J. Brown, OL Jason Kelce, DL Javon Hargrave, CB Darius Slay

What's new: Trading for Brown from Tennessee was the biggest move on the first night of the draft, likely more impactful than any first-round pick. A long-struggling secondary has been bolstered, too, with the likes of cornerback James Bradberry and nickelback C.J. Gardner-Johnson, who was just acquired Aug. 30 from New Orleans.

The skinny: Philly exceeded its Vegas win total last season and even made the playoffs, so it's fair to say things are ahead of schedule under Sirianni, younger brother of Washington & Jefferson coach Mike. There's a lot to like here, and with much of the puzzle falling into place, this may be a make-or-break year for Hurts (9-10, 22 TD passes vs. 13 INTs in two seasons) to prove he's the guy for the long term.

Washington Commanders
2021 record: 7-10
2022 over/under win total: 7.5
Coach: Ron Rivera, 3rd season
Key players: QB Carson Wentz, WR Terry

McLaurin, DL Chase Young, DL Montez Sweat, DL Jonathan Allen, CB William Jackson III

What's new: Wentz is an interesting choice to hitch your wagon to, but someone was bound to try it. He'll try to strike up a rapport with first-round wideout Jahan Dotson from Penn State, and one of his blockers will be guard Trai Turner, late of the 2021 Steelers. The defense didn't need to change much, though star pass-rusher Young, the 2020 NFL defensive rookie of the year, is out indefinitely recovering from a torn ACL.

The skinny: Rivera had success in Year 1, winning a down-trodden division, though he didn't have much to work with last season with Taylor Heinicke as his starting quarterback. Wentz (44-40-1 in six seasons, 20,374 passing yards, 140 TD passes) still might not be the right answer for the franchise at that position, so it could just be a one-year trial run for the Eagles and Colts castoff.

WEST DIVISION



Aaron Donald: Enters ninth NFL season.



Arizona Cardinals

2021 record: 11-6
2022 over/under win total: 8.5
Coach: Kliff Kingsbury, 4th season
Key players: QB Kyler Murray, RB James

Conner, WR DeAndre Hopkins, DL J.J. Watt, LB Isaiah Simmons, S Budda Baker

What's new: Trading their first-round pick for Hollywood Brown on draft night was something of a head-scratcher, but it does give Murray his Oklahoma teammate as a deep threat with Hopkins suspended for the first six games of the season after testing positive for performance-enhancing substances. Speaking of Murray, he has a lucrative new contract that will require him to raise his game accordingly.

The skinny: After starting the season 7-0, the Cardinals lost five of their final six games, including their first-round playoff game against the eventual NFC champion Rams. Conner (752 yards rushing, 15 touchdowns rushing, 3 TDs receiving) was a revelation after his Steelers career fizzled, and the skill positions give Murray a lot of options. But he has plenty to prove given his flame-out in the postseason.



Los Angeles Rams

2021 record: 12-5
2022 over/under win total: 10.5
Coach: Sean McVay, 6th season
Key players: QB Matthew Stafford, RB

Cam Akers, WR Cooper Kupp, DL Aaron Donald, LB Leonard Floyd, CB Jalen Ramsey

What's new: The reigning champs made some moves to get back, including veteran wideout Allen Robinson and longtime Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner. They also have a new offensive coordinator in Liam Coen, but this is McVay's show, of course. Replacing reliable left tackle Andrew Whitworth is a job that falls to backup Joe Noteboom.

The skinny: No team has repeated since the Patriots in 2004 and 2005. The odds are against the Rams, who caught lightning in a bottle with the trade for Stafford and pass-rushing mercenary Von Miller as a midseason addition. They've mortgaged their future by dealing away draft picks, but once you reach the pinnacle, who cares? Donald (Pitt and Penn Hills) checked off his final box that late Sunday in February against the Bengals.



San Francisco 49ers

2021 record: 10-7
2022 over/under win total: 9.5
Coach: Kyle Shanahan, 6th season
Key players: QB Trey Lance, WR Jalen

Cooper, TE George Kittle, DL Nick Bosa, DL Javon Kinlaw, LB Fred Warner

What's new: Lance, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2021 draft out of North Dakota State, is poised to take the reins from Jimmy Garoppolo, who surprisingly remains on the roster as Plan B. Ray-Ray McCloud joins a promising receiving corps after two years in Pittsburgh, while a reshuffled offensive line must replace interior veterans Alex Mack and Laken Tomlinson. Ex-Chiefs cornerback Charvarius Ward was a key addition on defense.

The skinny: The Lance movement was about to be in full swing until Garoppolo agreed on a pay cut to stick around. Will that put too much pressure on the him or motivate him to take the job and run with it? Samuel (1,770 yards from scrimmage, 14 TDs) got what he wanted in guaranteed money, though it remains to be seen if he'll continue to play a hybrid running back/receiver role.



Seattle Seahawks

2021 record: 7-10
2022 over/under win total: 5.5
Coach: Pete Carroll, 13th season
Key players: RB Rashaad Penny, WR

Tyler Lockett, WR DK Metcalf, LB Jordyn Brooks, S

Jamal Adams, S Quandre Diggs

What's new: Geno Smith beat out Drew Lock for the right to replace Russell Wilson. Good luck with that. Kenneth Walker joins the backfield after a stellar year at Michigan State, while tight end Noah Fant came from Denver in the blockbuster Wilson trade. First-rounder Charles Cross steps right in at left tackle for an offensive line that needed a lot of help.

The skinny: There's punting on a season, and then there's starting Artie Burns at cornerback, which is what the Seahawks are content to do. They ripped the Band-Aid off by shipping out Wilson and starting over, which would make it difficult to be competitive in any division, let alone one that's home to three teams with realistic Super Bowl aspirations.

SOUTH DIVISION



Baker Mayfield: New start in Carolina.



Atlanta Falcons

2021 record: 7-10
2022 over/under win total: 4.5
Coach: Arthur Smith, 2nd season
Key players: QB Marcus Mariota, RB

Cordarrelle Patterson, TE Kyle Pitts, DL Grady Jett, CB A.J. Terrell, K Younghoe Koo

What's new: Mariota (29-32 in 61 career starts across five seasons, 77 TD passes, 45 INTs) should start as long as it takes until third-round pick Desmond Ridder is ready for a shot at it. First-round pick Drake London will be thrust into a large role at receiver with the yearlong suspension of Calvin Ridley for betting on NFL games. Cornerback Casey Hayward should be a useful veteran presence for an otherwise youthful defense.

The skinny: You know the outlook is a bit grim when a kicker is listed among key players. But, hey, Koo (111 points 27 for 29 on field goals) was very good last year. The Falcons enter uncertain waters in life after Matt Ryan (222 starts from 2008-21). But he hadn't led them to the postseason since 2017 anyway. If you have a strong opinion on what they're doing down in Atlanta, more power to you.



Carolina Panthers

2021 record: 5-12
2022 over/under win total: 6.5
Coach: Matt Rhule, 3rd season
Key players: QB Baker Mayfield, RB

Christian McCaffrey, WR D.J. Moore, DL Brian Burns, CB Jaycee Horn, S Jeremy Chinn

What's new: From Sam Darnold to Mayfield, Rhule keeps pinning his job security to the 2018 quarterback draft class. Mayfield rejoins one of his favorite Browns targets in Rashard Higgins (137 receptions, 1,890 yards, 12 TDs in six seasons) but the Panthers also recently swung a deal to acquire 2020 Jaguars second-round pick Laviska Shenault. Safety Xavier Woods was a sneaky addition to a quietly stingy defense.

The skinny: Rhule — 10-23 in two seasons since being hired out of the college ranks — is living on borrowed time and is the odds-on favorite to be the first coach fired this season. He'll do what he can to make one last stand with Mayfield leading the way, though that may not be a good thing given how his Cleveland tenure ended. Carolina is yet another NFC team likely to float along until it finds a solution at quarterback.



New Orleans Saints

2021 record: 9-8
2022 over/under win total: 8.5
Coach: Dennis Allen, 1st season
Key players: QB Jameis Winston, RB Alvin Kamara, WR Michael Thomas, DL Cameron Jordan, LB Demario Davis, CB Marshon Lattimore

What's new: Drew Brees and Sean Payton departed in back-to-back years, but Allen was Payton's defensive coordinator for seven seasons. Mark Ingram is back with the team that drafted him; Jarvis Landry and rookie Chris Olave are on board at receiver; and Tyrann Mathieu returns to his hometown with visions of being a game changer on defense.

The skinny: The Saints could go either way depending on the quarterback play. With an accomplished core mostly still intact, squeezing the most out of Winston — entering his eighth season since being drafted No. 1 overall out of Florida State — might be the difference between getting back to the playoffs (after a four-year streak was snapped last season) and watching from home again.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers

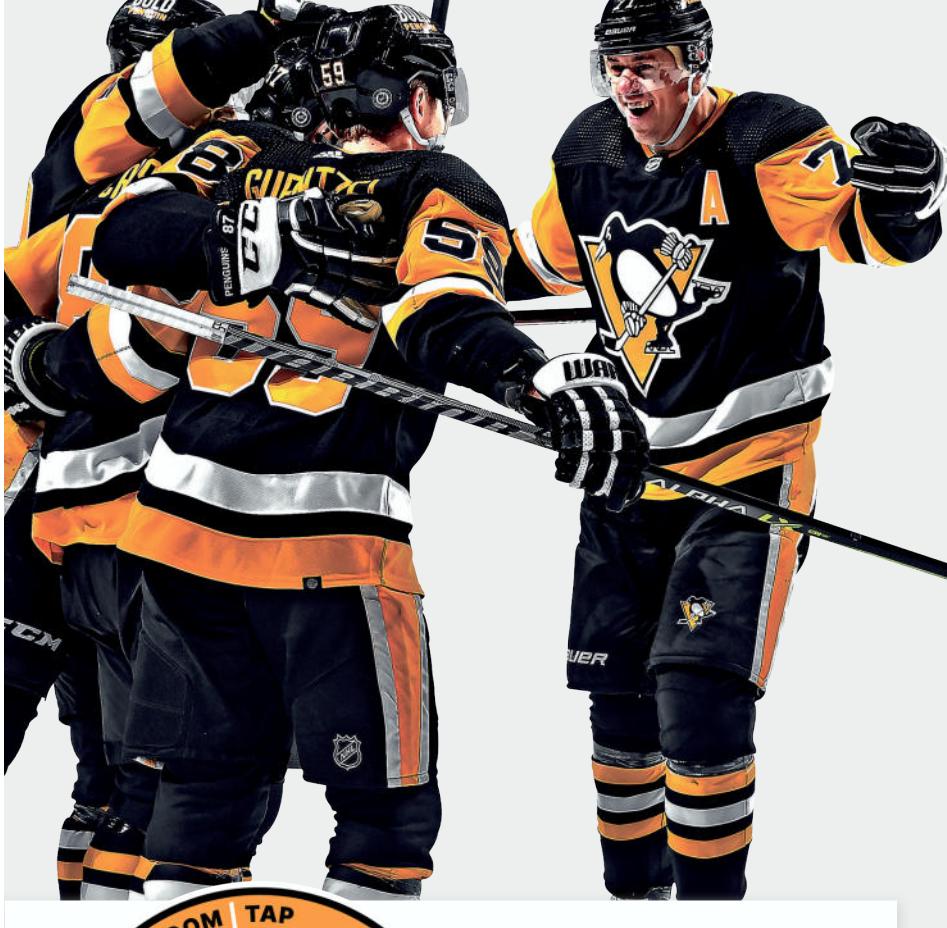
2021 record: 13-4
2022 over/under win total: 11.5
Coach: Todd Bowles, 1st season
Key players: QB Tom Brady, RB Leonard

Fournette, WR Mike Evans, WR Chris Godwin, LB Devin White, LB Lavonte David

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STEELERS 2022 SEASON PREVIEW

Investment in defense bucks the NFL trend

By Brian Batko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It was only about a span of a week in mid-March, but seemingly every day, seismic moves were made across the NFL — especially in the AFC, where the Steelers reside.

- March 16: Broncos trade for QB Russell Wilson
- March 18: Raiders trade for WR Davante Adams
- March 21: Browns trade for QB Deshaun Watson
- March 22: Colts trade for QB Matt Ryan
- March 24: Dolphins trade for WR Tyreek Hill

Yes, it's not hard to see where the major investments were made this offseason. But while most of the league zipped, the Steelers zagged, spending a modest amount at quarterback for Mitch Trubisky and replenishing that position through the draft with Kenny Pickett. They opened the safe for safety Minkah Fitzpatrick. Their most expensive free agent signings by 2022 cap hit were defensive linemen Larry Ogunjobi and inside linebacker Myles Jack.

When you factor in the already hefty contracts of Cam Heyward and T.J. Watt, the highest-paid defense in football is right here in Pittsburgh. The total valuation is \$115,282,649, per the overthecap.com, which tracks salaries and spending across all 32 teams. That's almost \$10 million more than No. 2, the Cincinnati Bengals, who are building around star quarterback Joe Burrow on his rookie deal.

As Steelers defensive coordinator Teryl Austin is asked why he still believes that an NFL team — say, the Pittsburgh Steelers, for instance — can win a Super Bowl with a defense-first identity, he flashes a confident smile and states his case.

"Because you can," Austin says. "If you think about it, the Rams won it last year. Everybody [said] they got Matthew Stafford and all that other stuff. But the bottom line was their defense was the catalyst for that."

"Matt, obviously, is outstanding. I was with Matthew in Detroit and I know what a great player he was. Matthew had his best years when the defenses were good because that's how teams work. If we have a good defense and we're good on offense, we're going to be right in there. I love the challenge. I love everybody talking about, 'Well, you've got three of the top quarterbacks in the NFL in your division.' That's great. That's why we're in this business."

And yet, last time we saw this outfit on the field in a meaningful game, the Chiefs cruised to 42 points in the first 46 minutes of a playoff victory. They averaged 7.4 yards per play.

In the bigger picture, it's fair to wonder how much offenses can be slowed down by any defense in 2022. Given the machinations of the salary cap, plus the ballooning investments in quarterbacks and even wide receivers now, can you still have a well-rounded unit that turns passers into bull fighters, attacks ball carriers and attaches to receivers like a PDF?

The Steelers will be the latest test case. Going back to at least 2013, again according to numbers from overthecap.com, the most expensive defense in the NFL hasn't reached the Super Bowl, let alone won it. (See chart, this page.)

To further compound just how much the franchise of the Steel Curtain is leaning into a defensive DNA, only one of the aforementioned defenses (2020 Broncos) also had the most inexpensive offense that season, as these Steelers do. It's a remarkably lopsided use of resources, though it's due to several factors.

Ben Roethlisberger and his future Hall of Fame paycheck are no longer part of the equation. The Steelers almost always opt to com-



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette
Cam Heyward, left, and T.J. Watt are arguably the best players on the Steelers defense. They are also the most expensive, counting more than \$40 million combined against the salary cap this season.

DOLLARS FOR 'D'

At more than \$115 million in total valuation, the Steelers have the most expensive defense in the NFL in 2022. The priciest defenses since 2013, according to overthecap.com, and where that team finished (dollar figures in millions).

Season	Team	Defense payroll	Finish
2021	Kansas City Chiefs	\$96.7	AFC championship
2020	Denver Broncos	\$110.9	missed playoffs
2019	Minnesota Vikings	\$93.7	NFC divisional round
2018	Jacksonville Jaguars	\$101.7	missed playoffs
2017	Seattle Seahawks	\$92.1	missed playoffs
2016	Denver Broncos	\$77.8	missed playoffs
2015	Indianapolis Colts	\$77.3	missed playoffs
2014	Buffalo Bills	\$69.8	missed playoffs
2013	Cincinnati Bengals	\$69.1	AFC wild-card round

will throw plenty at them on the ground, given that they're coming off a season in which they ranked last in rush defense. Highsmith noted how much of an emphasis that was throughout training camp in Latrobe, not just to keep teams from breaking off long runs, but to put their pass rushers in advantageous positions on those weighty third downs.

Containing the rush means 3rd-and-8 more than 3rd-and-2. Smashing the run means 3rd-and-10 more than 3rd-and-4. And those distances mean Heyward, Ogunjobi, Watt, Highsmith or whomever comes on a disguised blitz can throw caution to the wind and harass all those big-name quarterbacks into uncharacteristic mistakes. Pressure should be prevalent for a group that has the reigning defensive player of the year and has led the league in sacks five straight seasons.

"I think there's more continuity on the defensive side of the ball, so it's reasonable to expect that process to be more fluid and maybe quicker," Tomlin said Tuesday in previewing the season. "But just the trajectory from an expectation standpoint, we're trying to be a world championship-caliber team. It's going to require us to be special in all three phases, and those are our intentions."

But make no mistake, the die has been cast. The Steelers had the same quarterback vacancy as several other organizations did this offseason, and they went left when some of their closest rivals went right.

They'll keep steering into the great unknown, but they'll do so with a roster constructed by a certain set of financial choices that can be quantified, and a philosophy that will ultimately be evaluated by wins and losses. After all, they don't play "Renegade" before offensive possessions, do they?

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Hope born in strangest of places

COLLIER, FROM B-1

But if you look microscopically, you can uncover some favorable signs for this fresh edition of the black and gold, starting with this bit of urgent advice: Pay close attention to the coin toss.

You heard me.

The Steelers won the coin toss nine times a year ago, and don't even consider telling me it's a coincidence that their final record had nine wins chalked up. Winning the coin toss for the opener in Cincinnati will portend far more than Tomlin's reflexive decision to defer, it says here. The entire season could be riding on it.

(Still no movement, by the way, on my proposal to untangle the league's controversial overtime format: Team that wins the overtime coin toss wins the game. That's it. You're welcome).

If it seems as though last year's 9-7-1 didn't feel at all like a winning season, or even like Tomlin's 15th consecutive non-losing season, that's probably because the Steelers somehow managed it while scoring the fewest points in the AFC North (343) and allowing the most (398).

No wonder Tomlin, in his season-summarizing press conference, acknowledged that "we didn't live out our desires." No, but they did live out their nightmares Jan. 16 in Kansas City, where Chiefs ace Patrick Mahomes threw for 404 yards and five touchdowns against pretty much the same Steelers defense that is supposed to keep them from 8-9 or worse starting this weekend.

Be that as it may, here are a few encouraging microscopic indications to keep you going at least until Thanksgiving, on which the Steelers thankfully do not play:

Steely McBeam, Pittsburgh's vaguely Bill Cowher doppelganger mascot, was recently voted the eighth-best mascot in the league according to a nationwide survey, which also slotted him as its ninth-most intimidating. Doom-and-gloomers immediately pounced on the veracity of all that, noting

even at eighth-best, that would still put him below Chomps of the Browns and Who Dey of the Bengals. But I think eighth is pretty good, Steely. Should put you comfortably in the mascot playoffs.

A couple of new faces — that is, faces belonging to people who had nothing to do with last year's misleading 9-7-1 — have a chance to make a productive difference this season.

One would be Larry Ogunjobi, the defensive end and veteran of five AFC North campaigns with the Bengals and Browns. The son of Nigerian immigrants, Ogunjobi started into football in high school mostly because his mom, Mercy, took away his Xbox. He promptly lost about 100 of his 350 pounds and started throwing people to the ground. Merci Mercy.

Another would be Gunner Olszewski, the wide receiver/punt returner who has proven to be very useful in the preseason and was impressive enough that the Patriots kept him around for parts of three seasons through 2021. If nothing else, he's worth your consideration as the greatest NFL player ever to come out of Bemidji State, a university I'd never heard of until July. Apparently it's up there in the woods of northern Minnesota near Frostbite Falls.

But the plain fact is the only real buzz around the Steelers at the moment is that vague thing that's been going on in your ears you should probably tell somebody about. This is a team that is going to have to rely on intangibles, perhaps microscopic intangibles, if it's going to build something that even resembles success.

Happily enough, they are blessed with a certain trans-generational authenticity. The grandfather of inside linebacker Robert Spillane, for example, was on the cover of Time magazine in November of 1953. He was Notre Dame halfback Johnny Lattner, on his way to winning the Heisman Trophy. Cooler than even that, cornerback Akhelo Wither-spoon's grandpa, singer/



STEELERS RECORD

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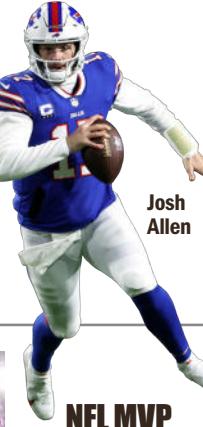
ALL HAIL THE BENGALS
Seven of our eight prognosticators picked the Bengals to win the AFC North. The lone dissenter: Ron Cook picked the Ravens.

2022 THE PG FORECAST

The new NFL season began Thursday night and gets going in earnest today. Here's how the Post-Gazette sports staff sees the season unfolding.



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THE LAST TIME...

Most forecasters — and Las Vegas — have the Steelers winning seven or eight games. Keeping that in mind, some seasons of interest.

1984

The first season without Terry Bradshaw on the roster. The Steelers finished 9-7 before posting losing records in three of the next four seasons.

1988

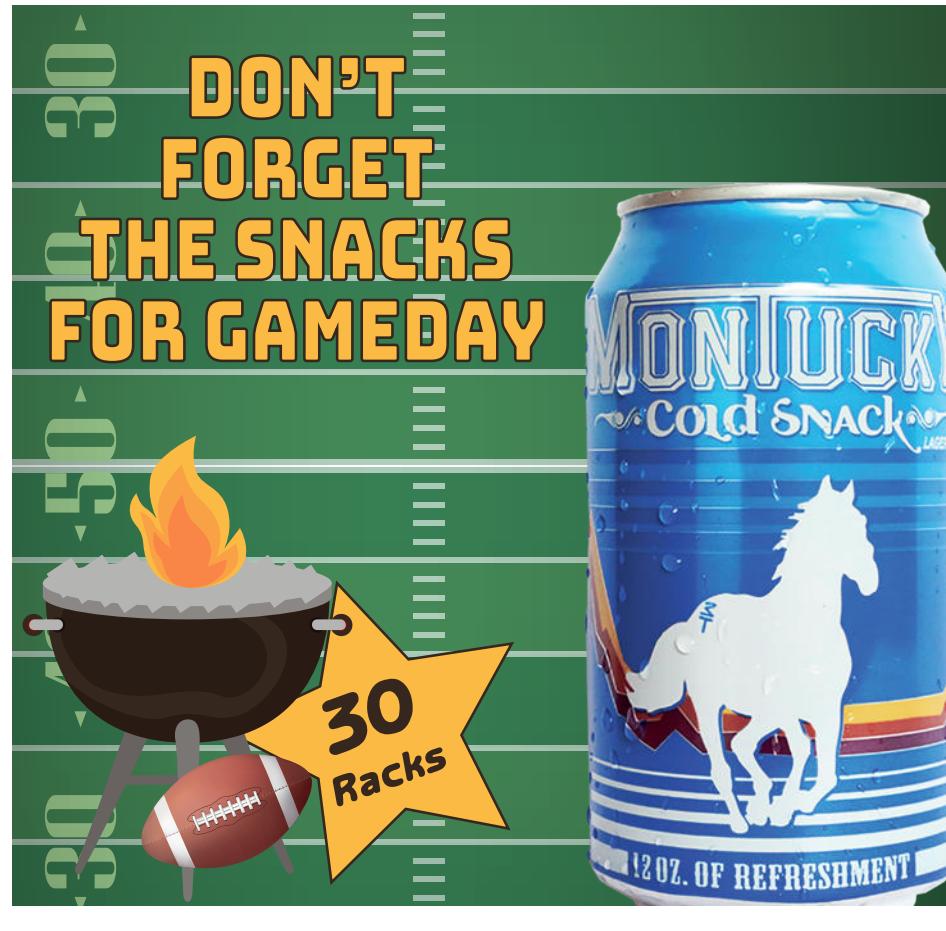
The most recent season the Steelers finished last in a division race, going 5-11 under Chick Noll and finishing fourth in the AFC Central.

2003

The most recent season the Steelers won fewer than seven games. They went 6-10 under Bill Cowher and finished third in the AFC North.

2013

The most recent season a Mike Tomlin-led team was in danger of finishing with a losing record. They were 5-8 before winning their last three.



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College Football

MARSHALL 26, NOTRE DAME 21

Thunderstruck: Notre Dame 0-2

No. 8 Irish reeling under new coach; Marshall seals win with late pick-six

By Tom Coyne
The Associated Press

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Steven Gilmore returned an interception 37 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter and Khalan Labron ran for 163 yards as Marshall shocked No. 8 Notre Dame 26-21 Saturday, making Marcus Freeman the first Fighting Irish coach to lose his first three games.

Freeman was asked whether his inexperience coaching was a factor in the poor start.

"If it's my experience as head coach, and I don't know if that's a reason why, or the lack of execution? But it starts with me, right? It starts with me as the head coach and looking at myself and saying, 'What do I have to do to help this football team and really look at everything we're doing?' Because the performance isn't where we needed to be," he said.

Gilmore, the brother of Stephon Gilmore of the Indianapolis Colts, picked off a pass by Tyler Buchner with 4:35 left, raced to the end zone and

then jumped into the stands where Marshall fans were already celebrating the victory.

"Obviously, a phenomenal day," second-year Marshall coach Charlie Huff said. "I'm really proud of the way they competed. I'm really proud of their competitive spirit, the consistency of what we needed to do to come out with a win."

Marshall (2-0), the first Sun Belt Conference team to play at Notre Dame Stadium, beat a team ranked in the top 10 for just the second time in school history. The Thundering Herd beat No. 6 Kansas State 27-20 in 2003.

Huff tried to downplay the significance of the win.

"In house, no disrespect to

Notre Dame, in house, we expected it. Because we talked about this summer being a team that expects to win every time we touch the field," Huff said.

Freeman, the 36-year-old first-time head coach promoted after Brian Kelly left for LSU, had lost a bowl game to Oklahoma State and at Ohio State last week. This one will go down much differently to hopeful Notre Dame fans.

The Irish had a streak of 42 straight wins against unranked opponents snapped. Freeman also said after the game that quarterback Tyler Buchner was replaced in the closing minutes because of a shoulder injury. He said he doesn't know how severe it is.



Michael Reaves/Getty Images
Joshua Bowers, left, and Andre Sam celebrate Marshall's 26-21 upset of Notre Dame Saturday in Notre Dame, Ind.

PENN STATE 46, OHIO 10

Freshmen break out, bust Ohio

Around the Big Ten

Saturday's scores
Penn State 46, Ohio State 10
Ohio State 45, Arkansas State 12
Minnesota 62, Western Illinois 10
Duke 31, Northwestern 23
Washington State, 17, Wisconsin 14
Maryland 56, Charlotte 21
Michigan State 52, Akron 0
Iowa State, 10, Iowa 7
Illinois 24, Virginia 3
Purdue 56, Indiana State 0
Rutgers 66, Wagner 7
Nebraska vs. Ga. Southern, late
Michigan vs. Hawaii, late
Indiana vs. Idaho, late

Saturday's highlights

Northwestern QB Ryan Hilinski passed for 435 yards in a loss to Duke — 213 going to Evan Hull. ... Minnesota had 679 yards, third-most in program history. ... Maryland QB Taulia Tagovailoa threw for 391 yards and a career-high four TDs.

Penn State summary

Penn State 46, Ohio 10
Ohio 0 7 0 3-10
Penn State 14 12 14 6-46

First Quarter
PSU—S.Clifford 1 run (Pinegar kick), 6:45.
PSU—Singleton 70 run (Pinegar kick), 2:28.

Second Quarter

PSU—safety, 13:10.
PSU—FG Pinegar 25, 5:14.
OHIO—Bangura 1 run (Vandenbergen kick), 1:34.
PSU—Tinsley 7 pass from S.Clifford (Pinegar kick), 15.

Third Quarter

PSU—Evans 32 pass from Allar (Pinegar kick), 9:25.
PSU—Singleton 44 run (Pinegar kick), 4:33.

Fourth Quarter

PSU—Kh.Dinkins 28 pass from Allar (kick failed), 13:44.
OHIO—FG Vakas 21, 6:50.

TEAM STATISTICS

OHIO First downs 27
264 Total Net Yards 572
26-100 Rushes-Yards 34-234
164 Passing 338
0-0 Punt Returns 5-47
5-83 Kickoff Returns 3-56
0-0 Interceptions Ret. 0-0
17-40-0 Comp-At-Int. 31-42-0
1-5 Sacked-Yards Lost 5-35
8-35-375 Punts 3-49-0
1-0 Fumbles-Lost 0-0
3-35 Penalties-Yards 4-35
28-02 Time of Possession 31:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Ohio, Rourke 5-29, Navarro 7-26, Bangura 7-25, McCormick 4-17, Toledo 1-5, C.Harris 1-1, (Team) 1-(minus 3). **Penn St.**, Singleton 10-179, Allen 6-23, Smith 2-14, S.Clifford 8-14, Allar 5-11, Lee 1-0, Holzworth 1-0, Veilleux 1-(minus 7).

RECEIVING—Ohio, Wiglus 4-23, Bostic 3-31, Walton 3-22, Bangura 2-35, Rourke 1-17, McCormick 1-14, Ja.Jones 1-12, A.Burton 1-5, Foster 1-5, Penn St., Washington 4-60, H.Wallace 4-35, Tinsley 3-27, Evans 2-30, Lambert-Smith 2-26, Saunders 2-21, Dottin 2-14, Ford 2-13, Meija 2-12, Kh.Dinkins 1-28, Allen 1-22, Warren 1-16, L.Clifford 1-12, Strange 1-12, Lee 1-8, Smith 1-2, Singleton 1-0.

MISSSED FIELD GOALS—Penn St., Pinegar 42.

Singleton stars, rushes for 179 on just 10 carries

By Andrew Destin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Freshman running back Nicholas Singleton had Penn State's longest rush since 2019 and freshman quarterback Drew Allar had two touchdown passes as the Nittany Lions coasted to a 46-10 win over Ohio Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

Penn State got on the board first, getting its initial touchdown on a quarterback sneak by sixth-year senior Sean Clifford. On the next series, Singleton turned the corner and outran Ohio's secondary for a 70-yard touchdown — his first at the collegiate level — to give the Nittany Lions a 14-0 advantage in the first quarter.

Singleton led the team with 10 carries and racked up 179 yards to lead all Penn State running backs.

"It was impressive to see Nick create on the sideline," Clifford said. "That burst is big."

Penn State's defense got a safety in the second quarter, and fifth-year kicker Jake Pinegar made his first field goal of the season to put the Nittany Lions (2-0) up 19-0. The Bobcats (1-1) tried to keep things interesting heading into the break, utilizing a cluster of trick plays to get their offense into the red zone.

Redshirt freshman running back Sieh Bangura ultimately spun into the end zone from 1 yard out to give Ohio its only touchdown of the game.

"I wish we could have that drive back," linebacker Tyler Elsdon said. "I think they did three trick plays in a row at least in that drive. ... They threw everything at us."

Penn State's offense stayed aggressive heading into halftime, though, much



Nicholas Singleton scores one of his two touchdowns Saturday in a 46-10 rout of Ohio at Beaver Stadium in University Park, Pa. Singleton finished with 179 yards on just 10 carries.

Scott Taetsch/Getty Images

as it did against Purdue a week earlier. On a quick scoring drive, Clifford located wide receiver Mitchell Tinsley from 7 yards out to give the Nittany Lions a 26-7 lead going into the intermission.

Allar entered for Clifford at the 11:33 mark of the third quarter and made an immediate impact, leading Penn State on a five-play, 70-yard touchdown drive that ended with freshman wide receiver Omari Evans making his first career touchdown catch.

Singleton bolted into the end zone again toward the end of the third quarter, sprinting up the right sideline as he did on his first score to move Penn State's advantage to 40-7. Allar started off the fourth quarter with his second passing touchdown, this time rolling out right and finding redshirt freshman tight end Khalil Dinkins on a 28-yard touchdown pass.

The Bobcats got a fourth-quarter field goal, but it hardly made a dent in Penn State's commanding victory.

Surging Singleton

Penn State has been searching for a lead back the past two seasons, and it may

have finally found one in Singleton.

The five-star freshman demonstrated why his speed is worthy of the hype on his two touchdowns, but Singleton also showcased his patience and quickly hit the hole whenever his offensive linemen opened one up.

With his performance Saturday, Singleton became Penn State's first 100-yard rusher since Keyvone Lee rushed for 134 yards on Nov. 28, 2020, in a win against Michigan. Both of Singleton's longest runs on the day, which went for 70 and 48 yards, would have been Penn State's longest of the 2021 season.

Redshirt senior offensive lineman Bryce Effner said it's a bit of a "confidence booster" to have somebody like Singleton lining up behind him and his linemates.

"We can come off the line harder, faster, stronger because we know if we miss our block a little bit, we got a superstar running back that's going to make them miss back there," Effner said.

Up next

Penn State will travel south to Auburn next Saturday for its first road game against an SEC opponent

since 2010, when the Nittany Lions fell to then-No. 1 Alabama 24-3. The Nittany Lions prevailed at home against the Tigers in their White Out game last fall, winning 28-20.

The Nittany Lions' history with the Tigers is brief, as the two teams have met just three times.

It's also been over 30 years since Penn State last won a game on an SEC team's campus, when the Nittany Lions bested Alabama 9-0 on Oct. 27, 1990. For Penn State to emerge from SEC country with a win, it'll have to slow down junior running back Tank Bigsby.

The Atlanta native went for 147 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Auburn's season-opening win against Mercer, as well as 102 yards and two scores in Happy Valley last fall.

Eldson did not see significant playing time against the Tigers last year, but he was already aware of the looming task in stopping Bigsby shortly after the Ohio win.

"He's a great back," Eldson said. "We're all excited for the opportunity."

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Numerology

Numbers and statistics that helped define Week 2.

1.25

Million dollars
Marshall received
to travel to Notre
Dame for what
will turn out to be
one of the upsets
of the year, 26-
21 over the No.
8-ranked Fighting
Irish.

304

Passing yards for
perennially run-
oriented Army in
a 41-38 loss to
UTSA — the most
yards passing by
the Cadets since
2001 when they
threw for 305 vs.
Houston.

0-3

With Saturday's
26-21 loss to
Marshall, Marcus
Freeman became
the first coach in
Notre Dame his-
tory to lose his
first three games,
dating to the 2021
bowl game.

One to watch

Miami at Texas A&M
9 p.m. Saturday • ESPN

The two programs meet for only the fourth time. Miami, a middling 29-21 since the beginning of 2018 and without a nonconference win vs. a Power Five opponent since 2017, is seeking a statement win early in Mario Cristobal's return to South Florida. No. 6 Texas A&M needs to rebound from an upset loss to Appalachian State Saturday in order to keep its College Football Playoff hopes alive. Remember: No two-loss team has ever made the national semifinals.

Game balls

Stars of Week 2 around the country:

Evan Hull: Northwestern RB — Hull, pictured at right, caught 14 passes for 213 yards and a touchdown, and added another 65 yards and a touchdown on the ground for the Wildcats in a 31-23 loss to Duke.

Demetric Crenshaw: Youngstown State QB — He only completed 11 passes (in 17 attempts) for 230 yards, but he tied a school record with five touchdown passes in a 49-16 win against Dayton.

De'Von Fox: Temple WR — The 6-foot sophomore blocked three punts for the Owls in a 30-14 victory against Lafayette. One of Fox's punts led to a short field, a touchdown and a 21-7 lead just before halftime.



College Football

KANSAS 55, WEST VIRGINIA 42

WVU falls to Kansas in OT

Mountaineers QB Daniels throws three touchdown passes in loss

By John Raby
The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jalon Daniels threw three touchdown passes, including one in overtime, and Jacob Bryant returned an interception for a score on the final play as Kansas beat host West Virginia, 55-42, in their Big 12 opener on Saturday night.

Kansas (2-0, 1-0 Big 12) has won its first two games of the season for the first time since 2011.

West Virginia rallied from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime tied at 42.

After Daniels found

Quentin Skinner with a 4-yard scoring pass in overtime, Bryant stepped in front of JT Daniels' pass intended for West Virginia's Bryce Ford-Wheaton and ran 86 yards untouched into the end zone to end the game.

The Mountaineers (0-2, 0-1) have lost their first two games for the first time since 1979.

Jalon Daniels was especially elusive with his legs. He ran for a career-high 85 yards, eclipsing the 45 yards he had in a win over Texas last year.

In his past six starts, Daniels has completed 70% of his passes. He was 18 of 29 for 219 yards for Kansas.

Devin Neal had two

rushing touchdowns and a 17-yard touchdown catch from Daniels. Daniel Hishaw had a pair of scoring runs, including a 30-yarder early in the fourth quarter to put Kansas ahead 42-31.

Down 42-34, the Mountaineers got the ball back on a punt with 2:17 left. Kaden Prather caught a tipped pass and ran 25 yards to the Kansas 23. JT Daniels, who had three touchdown passes for West Virginia, found a sliding Ford-Wheaton with a 21-yard pass to set up CJ Donaldson's short touchdown run with 35 seconds left.

Daniels and Ford-Wheaton hooked up again on the tying 2-point conversion pass. In overtime, Kansas got

the ball first and appeared to be going nowhere when Torry Locklin was tackled for a 6-yard loss on third-and-5 from the 20. But West Virginia's Taijh Alston was flagged for roughing the passer to give Kansas a first down at the 10. Three plays later, Jalon Daniels found Skinner for a 49-42 lead.

On West Virginia's possession, Daniels was hit by Kansas defensive lineman Malcolm Lee on second down. The ball came loose and a review confirmed that Daniels' arm had moved forward for an incomplete pass.

On the next play, Bryant intercepted Daniels' pass intended for Bryce-Ford Wheaton to end it.



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Pitt quarterback Nick Patti reacts after the last play of the game Saturday at Acrisure Stadium.

Panthers take predictable loss

COOK, FROM B-1

And I thought maybe Pitt was beyond Pitting after its championship last season, which included an impressive home win against Clemson. It really seemed beyond it after the thrilling opening-game win at home this season against West Virginia when Pitt — to its credit — took advantage of a controversial decision to punt by West Virginia coach Neal Brown and a dropped pass by West Virginia wide receiver Bryce Ford-Wheaton to turn a 31-24 deficit into a 38-31 win.

Silly me.

Of course, Pat Narduzzi and his players were in lock-step after this latest hurtful loss, preaching the same sermon.

"All our goals are ahead of us," Narduzzi said. "This was a non-conference game."

"No excuses. We've got to find a way to win. But I love our football team. I love where they are."

It's true, Pitt still can win a second consecutive ACC championship. Its schedule appears to be ridiculously

easy before the final regular season game at Miami on Nov. 26. It should be favored — maybe significantly favored — in the nine games before then.

But this loss still hurt in a big way. Pitt came in ranked No. 17. A win would have pushed it hard toward the top 10, a neighborhood it hasn't visited since the 2009 season. As it is, it is going to have to win the next nine games to climb back into national relevancy.

The shame of it is Pitt made its share of memorable big plays. Running back Israel Abanikanda had an early 76-yard touchdown run. Tight end Gavin Bartholomew made what surely will be the play of the season when he leaped over safety Trevon Flowers on his way to a 57-yard catch-and-run touchdown in the second quarter. Backup quarterback Nick Patti, in for injured Kedon Slovis in the second half, completed a 4-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jared Wayne on fourth down that pulled Pitt into a 27-27 tie with 2:23 left. A fumbled punt gave Pitt the ball at the Tennessee

39 to set up that score.

The real shame? Tennessee did everything it could to lose the game, but Pitt wasn't quite good enough to take advantage.

How often have we seen that?

• Pitt led 10-0 and was driving for more when Slovis threw an interception in the end zone.

• Slovis was sacked on 4th-and-3 from the Tennessee 27 after Narduzzi eschewed a 45-yard field-goal attempt that could have put Pitt up, 20-14. As it would turn out, maybe he had good reason.

• Slovis lost a fumble when he was sacked late in the first half on a play from the Pitt 37. That led to a Tennessee field goal and a 24-17 halftime lead for the Volunteers. Slovis was forced to leave the game after that play with an undisclosed injury.

• Kicker Ben Sauls missed a 46-yard field goal attempt in the third quarter and then a 36-yard try after a blocked punt by P.J. O'Brien gave Pitt possession at the Tennessee 19.

• Pitt had to settle for a 35-yard field goal by Sauls despite having a 1st-and-goal at

the Tennessee 5 late in the third quarter. An apparent 6-yard touchdown run by Patti was nullified by a holding call against Wayne.

"We'll look at the tape," Narduzzi said. "There was a lot of holding going on out there. That one hurt bad."

• And how about this for somehow finding a way to lose in overtime:

Pitt appeared ready to tie the game when Wayne came down with what looked to be a 20-yard, first-down catch to the Tennessee 8 only to have video review overturn the reception. "The receiver came down with his toe in bounds but his heel out of bounds in one motion," referee Jason Autry explained to the announced crowd of 59,785.

Narduzzi: "I told our guys it's a game of inches. There was inches all over the place."

Me: Classic Pitting.

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Penn State Sean Clifford after beating Auburn.

Next Up



Western Michigan • 7:30 p.m. Saturday • Waldo Stadium • Kalamazoo, Mich.
TV: ESPNU • The skinny: This will be only the second meeting between the two programs. No Pitt fan will forget the first, Sept. 18, 2021: Western Michigan 44, Pitt 41. Broncos QB Kaleb Eleby passed for 337 yards and 3 TDs. FYI: Eleby is gone.



Auburn • 3:30 p.m. Saturday • Jordan-Hare Stadium • Auburn, Ala.
TV: KDKA • The skinny: Penn State has not played a true road game against an SEC opponent since traveling to Alabama in 2011 (a 27-11 loss). Penn State defeated Auburn last season, 28-20, as QB Sean Clifford went 28 of 32 for 280 yards and two TDs.



Towson • 1 p.m. Saturday • Milan Puskar Stadium • Morgantown, W.Va.
TV: ESPN+ • The skinny: Towson has just four starters back on each side of the ball and has at least 50 new players on its roster since last season. Any wonder the Tigers were picked to finish 11th in the Colonial Athletic Association preseason poll.

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AROUND
THE TOP 25

Scores, stars and stats around The Associated Press Top 25 for Week 2 of the 2022 season:

1 Alabama (2-0)
def. Texas, 20-19 ... Taking over with 1:29 to play, Heisman winner Bryce Young drove Alabama into field goal range and Will Reichard converted from 33 yards. Next: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday.

2 Georgia (2-0)
def. Samford, 33-0 ... The Bulldogs defense allowed just 128 yards and three first downs, and in eight quarters so far this season has given up just 3 points. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.

3 Ohio State (1-0)
def. Arkansas State, 45-12 ... C.J. Stroud passed for 351 yards and four TDs, three of them to Marvin Harrison Jr. (7 receptions, 184 yards). Next: vs. Toledo, Saturday.

4 Michigan (1-0)
vs. Hawaii, late ... The game marked only the 12th night game played at Michigan Stadium. The Wolverines won the first 11. Next: vs. Connecticut, Saturday.

5 Clemson (2-0)
def. Furman, 35-12 ... QB DJ Uiagalelei passed for 231 yards and two TDs as the Tigers improved to 37-0 all time against FCS opponents. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Saturday.

6 Texas A&M (1-1)
lost to Appalachian State, 17-14 ... The Aggies, outgained 305-186, had a chance to tie with 3½ minutes left, but a 47-yard field goal attempt by Caden Davis fell short. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.

7 Oklahoma (1-0)
vs. Kent State, late ... The Sooners had won 28 of their past 29 home games entering the night game against the Golden Flashes. Next: at Nebraska, Saturday.

8 Notre Dame (0-2)
lost to Marshall, 26-21 ... The Irish had a streak of 42 consecutive wins against unranked opponents end in the first visit by a Sun Belt team to Notre Dame Stadium. Next: vs. California, Saturday.

9 Baylor (1-0)
at BYU, late ... The Bears and Cougars were meeting for the last time as nonconference opponents. BYU will join the Big 12 in 2023. Next: vs. Texas State, Saturday.

10 USC (1-0)
at Stanford, late ... The Trojans came off an opener vs. Rice in which they intercepted four passes and returned three for TDs to tie a Pac-12 record. Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.

11 Oklahoma State (1-0)
vs. Arizona State, late ... Cowboys WR Braydon Johnson was coming off a game in which he set career highs with six catches for 133 yards. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Saturday.

12 Florida (1-0)
vs. Kentucky, late ... The Gators vaulted all the way from unranked to No. 12 by virtue of a 29-26 win against then-No. 7 Utah in Week 1. Next: vs. South Florida, Saturday.

13 Utah (1-1)
def. Southern Utah, 73-7 ... The Utes, led by QB Cameron Rising (254 yards passing, 3 TDs), scored on nine consecutive drives while rolling up 599 yards. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.

14 Michigan State (2-0)
def. Akron, 52-0 ... Jalen Berger rushed for 107 yards and three TDs in the first meeting of these schools since 1914. Next: at Washington, Saturday.

15 Miami (2-0)
def. Southern Mississippi, 31-10 ... The Hurricanes scored 20 unanswered points in the second half, including a 35-yard TD pass from Tyler Van Dyke. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.

16 Arkansas (2-0)
def. South Carolina, 44-30 ... Rocket Sanders rushed for 156 yards and two TDs, and the Razorbacks finished with 300 on the ground. Next: vs. Missouri State, Saturday.

17 Pitt (1-1)
lost to Tennessee, 34-27 ... RB Isral Abanikanda rushed for 154 yards and a touchdown for the Panthers, who outgained the Volunteers on the ground. Next: at Western Michigan, Saturday.

18 N.C. State (2-0)
def. Charleston Southern, 55-3 ... QB Devin Leary tied a school record by accounting for six touchdowns — four passing and two running. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.

19 Wisconsin (1-1)
lost to Washington State, 17-14 ... RB Braelon Allen was held to 98 yards rushing — only the second time in the past 11 games he's been held under 100. Next: vs. New Mexico State, Saturday.

20 Kentucky (1-0)
at Florida, late ... The Wildcats attempted to buck history. They were 1-20 on the road against Florida since 1981. Next: vs. Youngstown State, Saturday.

21 BYU (1-0)
vs. Baylor, late ... The Cougars were 5-22-1 against teams ranked in the top 10 entering the game against the No. 9 Bears. Next: at Oregon, Saturday.

22 Mississippi (1-0)
vs. Central Arkansas, late ... The Rebels' 10-game home winning streak is the longest in Oxford since winning 33 in a row from 1952-64. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.

23 Wake Forest (2-0)
def. Vanderbilt, 45-27 ... In his first action since being treated for a blood clot, QB Sam Hartman passed for 300 yards (18 for 27) and four touchdowns. Next: vs. Liberty, Saturday.

24 Tennessee (2-0)
def. Pitt, 34-27 ... Cedric Tillman caught nine passes for 162 yards, including the go-ahead TD pass in overtime. Next: vs. Akron, Saturday.

25 Houston (1-1)
lost to Texas Tech, 33-30 ... The Cougars were the first ranked nonconference team to lose to Texas Tech in the regular season since 1989. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.

College Football

Pitt hampered by subpar passing game

Abanikanda bounces back, rushing for 154 yards with a long TD run

By Christopher Carter
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pitt's loss came down to Tennessee's ability to dominate the passing game while the Panthers floundered for all but a few big moments, even before quarterback Kedon Slovis was injured.

What worked

Israel Abanikanda rebounded from 16 rushing yards against West Virginia with a big day of 154 yards on 25 carries against Tennessee. When Slovis went down with an injury in the first half, Abanikanda carried Pitt's offense. The Panthers

only threw for 61 yards in the second half.

Abanikanda's biggest play was a 76-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

"Right when I made that first cutback, I saw green," Abanikanda said. "When I see green, I have to make stuff happen because it's an opportunity."

If the Panthers can replicate the rushing offense moving forward, it's a good sign. Abanikanda's career high in rushing yards kept the Panthers in the game and could help them get back to the ACC championship game.

What didn't work

There was no rhythm to Pitt's passing game. Even before Slovis was injured, the Panthers' only touchdowns of the first half came on big plays, from Abanikanda's 76-yard touchdown run and Gavin Bartholomew's 57-yard touchdown reception that featured him hurdling a defender.

Other than that, little of the Panthers' passing game looked like a well-run machine, even though Nick Patti rose up for a crucial late fourth-quarter touchdown pass to Jared Wayne in the back of the end zone to get Pitt to overtime.

But it came down to the Panthers in 3rd-and-8 in overtime when Patti didn't see a blindsight blitz by the

Volunteers. The blitz led to a sack that set up 4th-and-goal from the 20. Narduzzi said after the game the pressure Pitt allowed came because the quarterbacks didn't get the ball out quicker rather than any problems with the offensive line.

It was over when

You could say the game was over when Patti took the third-down sack in the first overtime. But, truly, it was Cedric Tillman's 28-yard overtime touchdown as he boxed out M.J. Devonshire. After a stellar second half when Pitt's defense allowed just three points to Tennessee, the Panthers defense gave up the deciding big play.

Tennessee went after

Pitt's cornerbacks that were in single coverage all night. It's been the calling card for Pitt's defense under Narduzzi to leave his secondary in single coverage all game, even when it's overmatched. Tillman finished with nine receptions and 162 yards and the game-winning touchdown.

Pitt cornerbacks Devonshire and A.J. Woods each had two pass breakups. Narduzzi praised them after the game, even though both of Hooker's touchdown passes came on deep passes that beat Devonshire.

"I think they played pretty good," Narduzzi said. "They allowed 27 points in regulation. The one [touchdown they gave up] was a zone pressure when we were in cover 3 and he got behind

us, which they shouldn't. We gave up two explosive passes. Overall, a solid performance."

Pitt's cornerbacks didn't play poorly, but the defense didn't force Hooker to make too many complex reads. He completed 27 of 42 passes for 325 passing yards and two touchdowns, including the back-breaker.

Looking ahead

Regardless of who plays quarterback, Pitt cannot score just one touchdown in four red-zone trips as it did Saturday. If nothing else, that has to change against Western Michigan next week.

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Volunteers down Pitt in overtime

Around the ACC

Saturday's games

Pitt vs. Tennessee
Miami 31, S. Mississippi 10
Wake Forest 45, Vanderbilt 27
Duke 31, Northwestern 23
North Carolina 35, Georgia State 28
N.C. State 55, Charleston Southern 3
Clemson 35, Furman 12
Illinois 24, Virginia 3
Syracuse at Connecticut, late
Georgia Tech vs. W. Carolina, late
Boston College at Virginia Tech

Saturday's highlights

With four TD passes against Vanderbilt, Wake Forest QB Sam Hartman moved into a tie for eighth place in ACC history (76). ... Hartman, in his first game since being treated for a blood clot, was 18 for 27 passing for 300 yards. ... North Carolina QB Drake Maye has 11 TD passes in the Tar Heels first three games after throwing two vs. Georgia State. ... Clemson owns the longest active winning streak among Power Five conference teams at eight. ... With two rushing TDs, Clemson's Will Shipley now has 15 in 12 career games. ... N.C. State's defense held Charleston Southern to 150 yards. ... Louisville QB Malik Cunningham rushed for his 39th career touchdown Friday night in a win against Central Florida. Only one QB has more rushing TDs in ACC history — Lamar Jackson.

Pitt summary

Tennessee 34, Pitt 27, OT

Tennessee 7 17 0 3-34

Pitt 10 7 0 10-27

First Quarter

PITT—FG Sauls 30, 10:27.

PITT—Abanikanda 76 run (Sauls kick), 9:00.

TENN—Small 1 run (McGrath kick), 1:02.

Second Quarter

PITT—Bartholomew 57 pass from Slovis (Sauls kick), 13:25.

TENN—McCoy 32 pass from Hooker (McGrath kick), 10:04.

TENN—Small 1 run (McGrath kick), 4:56.

TENN—FG McGrath 37, 10:00.

Fourth Quarter

PITT—FG Sauls 35, 14:07.

TENN—FG McGrath 51, 8:57.

PITT—Wayne 4 pass from Patti (Sauls kick), 2:23.

Overtime

TENN—Tillman 28 pass from Hooker (McGrath kick), :00.

TEAM STATISTICS

TENN PITT

20 First downs 22

416 Total Net Yards 410

35-91 Rushes-Yards 38-136

325 Punting 274

2-4 Punt Returns 1-6

1-29 Kickoff Returns 2-30

1-0 Interceptions Ret. 0-0

27-42-0 Comp-Att-Int 23-41-1

3-15 Sacked-Yards Lost 4-34

6-35-5 Punts 3-37-0

2-2 Fumbles-Lost 1-1

7-70 Penalties-Yards 5-29

25-05 Time of Possession 34:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tennessee, Hyatt 9-47

Hooker 15-27, Small 10-17, Hyatt 1-0

Pittsburgh, Abanikanda 25-154, Davis 5-14

(Team) 1-(minus 1), Slovis 4-(minus 13)

Patti 3-(minus 18)

PASSING—Tennessee, Hooker 27-42-0

325, Pittsburgh, Slovis 14-24-1-195, Patti

9-20-79.

RECEIVING—Tennessee, Hyatt 11-73

Tillman 9-162, McCoy 4-58, Warren 1-24

Fant 1-8, Small 1-0. Pittsburgh, Wayne 7-82

Bartholomew 5-84, Mumpfield 4-34, Means

3-26, Barden 2-14, Abanikanda 1-21, Davis

1-13.

MISSING FIELD GOALS—Pittsburgh, Sauls

46, Sauls 36.



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette Tennessee wide receiver Cedric Tillman pulls in a pass Saturday for the go-ahead touchdown in overtime.



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette Pitt quarterback Kedon Slovis loses the ball as he's taken down by Tennessee linebacker Tyler Baron in the second quarter. Slovis did not play in the second half.

quarters.

The Panthers defense and special teams unit created numerous opportunities for the offense to battle back, including a forced fumble and blocked punt, to go along with the fumbled punt that set up Wayne's game-tying score.

"The defensive players played their hearts out," Narduzzi said. "That's a tough offense with their tempo. ... They did a heck of a job, really for four quarters."

Pitt was especially strong up front, limiting Tennessee to an average of 2.6 yards per rush on 35 attempts. The Panthers sacked Hooker three times and had five tackles for loss.

Cignetti Sr.'s passing happened so close to kickoff that Pitt players weren't aware of his death until after the game. Narduzzi said Cignetti Jr. was informed his father passed away just after the team's pregame lunch during a final preparation meeting.

While there was much to be said about the overtime loss, Narduzzi took the first few moments of his post-game press conference to

speak about the death of Frank Cignetti Sr., a former Pitt assistant coach and the father of current Panthers offensive coordinator Frank Cignetti Jr.

"When you think about sacrifice, you know this is the game of football and there are so many other games in life," Narduzzi said.

"The sacrifice he made sitting here — there was no doubt [Cignetti Jr.] was going to coach the game. That's a major sacrifice. It's a tough offense with their tempo. ... They did a heck of a job, really for four quarters."

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Sports

RIVERHOUNDS 0, LOUISVILLE 0

'Hounds stymie division leader

Defense plays almost perfect for second scoreless tie in row at home

By Keith Barnes
Tri-State Sports & News Service

Even though Riverhounds SC clinched a spot in the USL Championship playoffs on their off day Wednesday, the team still wanted to put up a signature win as it headed into the final month of the regular season.

But they weren't completely disappointed as the fourth-place Riverhounds (15-7-7) stymied first-place Louisville City (18-5-6) as the two battled to a scoreless draw in front of 4,233 fans at Highmark Stadium.

"It wasn't the most attractive game. It was very phys-

ical," Riverhounds coach Bob Lilley said. "There was a lot of closing of space by both teams, so it was a lot of direct play and guerrilla warfare in the middle of the field."

After not having a scoreless draw in their first 26 games, the Riverhounds have two in their past three matches. They also knotted Charleston Battery, 0-0, in their most recent home game, on Aug. 31.

"We had some good transition moments where we had it ricocheting off the goalie or loose balls in the box a few times," Lilley said. "There was space in the box ... and I thought

there were moments there for us to grab a goal and that was disappointing."

With the tie, coupled with Birmingham Legion FC's loss to Indy 11, the Riverhounds have a one-point lead on Birmingham for fourth place – and a potential home playoff game in the Eastern Division. The Riverhounds travel to Birmingham Wednesday.

"We'll try to do that type of performance in Birmingham," Lilley said.

While neither team scored, perhaps the best scoring chance for either on the night came in the 53rd minute on a bizarre play.

After taking possession inside the attacking third, the Riverhounds sent a pass into the box that drifted to Louisville defender Oscar Jimenez, who

inexplicably deflected the ball toward his own net. Somehow, Jimenez was also able to recover and, essentially, made a save to avoid an own-goal.

But when the ball came out, it went onto the foot of Riverhounds midfielder Robbie Mertz, who fired a point-blank shot at the open net with goalkeeper Kyle Morton well out of the play.

Instead of the back of the cage, Louisville defender Sean Totsch got a leg on the shot and it deflected back toward the midfield.

"I don't think I would have done anything differently," Mertz said.

"I thought there was going to be a little more space between the defender and the ball and he ended up blocking it."

Louisville was on the

defensive throughout the first half as the Riverhounds controlled territorial play and kept up the pressure in the attacking third.

Not only was the Riverhounds' attack effective, their defense was nothing short of brilliant. They were able to keep Louisville on the outside and allowed only five shots.

The Hounds also had the best scoring chance of the first 45 minutes when, off a free kick, Jelani Peters set Arturo Ordonez up for a header in the box, but the shot just flitted wide of the Louisville net.

"It had more of a playoff-type feel, which we're going to have to play these last six games because of the level of competition," Lilley said. "I'm proud of the effort we put in."

U.S. Open

Swiatek's mindset is a winner

Adjusts to bustle of New York for first Open title



Sunday

What: No. 3-seed Carlos Alcaraz vs. No. 5 Casper Ruud, men's final, Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York.

When: 4 p.m.

TV: ESPN.
The skinny: Alcaraz, 19, is the youngest U.S. Open men's finalist since Pete Sampras won the trophy at 19 in 1990. ... Ruud lost to Rafael Nadal in this year's French Open final.

The 21-year-old from Poland won the French Open for the second time in June and is the first woman since Angelique Kerber in 2016 to collect two major titles in a single season.

"She's really set the bar very high. It's great for our sport," said Jabeur, a 28-year-old from Tunisia who will rise to No. 2 in the rankings on Monday.

She is the first African woman and first Arab woman to reach a Grand Slam final and was participating in her second in a row.

But she is 0-2 at that stage, including a runner-up showing at Wimbledon in July.

"Definitely, I'm not someone that's going to give up," said Jabeur, whose support team wore black shirts with white writing that read "Yalla Habibi," Arabic for "Let's go, my love!"

"I am sure," she added, "I'm going to be in the final again."

Didn't help on this sunny, 85-degree afternoon that Jabeur needed to deal with Swiatek, who has won her past 10 finals — all in straight sets — and was great from the get-go.

Jabeur did not face a single break point in her semifinal victory, but she got broken right away when Swiatek laced a cross-court backhand winner off a short ball to cap a 15-stroke exchange.

Eight minutes in, Swiatek had grabbed 12 of the first 14 points for a 3-0 edge.

"Put a lot of pressure on me," Jabeur said.

Using her heavy topspin forehand to take charge from the baseline, Swiatek dictated the tempo and trajectory of points. She ran her opponent this way and that, never letting Jabeur use the sorts of spins and variety that she's accustomed to.

"It's really big for colleges just to get my name out there and prove that I can run cross country," Krobeth said. "I came in here



Iga Swiatek won her first U.S. Open Saturday at Flushing Meadows, N.Y., but her third major championship while cementing herself as the No. 1 women's player in the world.

High school highlights

Peters Township runner moves to head of the field

From local dispatches

A year ago, Brett Krobeth finished the Red, White and Blue Classic in a dead heat with North Allegheny's Jack Bertram but had to settle for second place.

There was no settling for the Peters Township senior this time around.

Krobeth set the pace from the start and brought home his first title in the 20th annual event at White Oak Park with a time of 15:31. He edged Bertram by 15 seconds.

"My plan going in was to take the lead first and be by myself, but it definitely is difficult," Krobeth said. "After last year, finishing second to Bertram by like half a second, it really felt good crossing that line first."

Krobeth was coming off a solid outing last week in which he ran a 16:33.40 and finished second to Butler junior Drew Griffith by 27.70 seconds in the Marty Uher Invitational at California (Pa.) University. Griffith did not compete in the Red, White and Blue, but that didn't take any luster off the victory for the Indians standout.

"It's really big for colleges just to get my name out there and prove that I can run cross country," Krobeth said. "I came in here

wanting to make a statement win and I did just that."

He's not the only one.

After finishing three seconds behind Moon's Mia Cochran last year, Morgantown senior Irene Riggs wanted to take the title home to West Virginia.

And, despite missing a turn, having to retrace her steps and losing about 15 seconds in the process, she did just that. Even with the lost time, Riggs, a Stanford recruit, ran a 17:03 that beat second-place Wren Kuder of North Allegheny by 51 seconds.

"Looking at this race, I was excited, but I was a little bummed," Riggs said. "I texted Mia and told her, 'Miss racing you. Hope you're having fun in Arkansas,' but I just wanted to come in and run a fast time and I'm glad I ran faster than last year."

Even though she finished second, Kuder showed why she is one of the favorites to win not only in the WPIAL, but the PIAA Class 3A title.

She edged third-place junior Clair Paci of Greencastle Antrim by five seconds and Marty Uher Invitational victor Logan St. John Kletter of Mt. Lebanon by six.

In Class 2A, both Brownsville senior Jolena Quarzo and Ringgold junior Ryan Pajak each won third consec-

utive titles. Quarzo, an N.C. State recruit, finished in 17:49, while Pajak set the course record with a 15:13.

Football

OLSH 28, Clairton 13: Nehemiah Azeem, the leading passer in the WPIAL after the first two weeks of the season, threw for two touchdowns and ran for one to lead the Chargers (3-0) in a WPIAL non-conference game between two of the top teams in Class 1A.

Azeem's touchdown passes were for 63 and 14 yards, and he ran 2 yards for a score for the No. 2-ranked team. The loss dropped No. 4 Clairton to 0-3.

Western Beaver 36, Hopewell 21: Western Beaver (3-0) kept its record perfect with a victory against the visiting Vikings (1-2).

Western Beaver rolled up 253 yards on the ground and Tyron Florence led with 161 yards on 21 carries.

Northgate 32, Riverview

26: Austin Mitchell carried the ball only six times, but scored long touchdowns on half of those plays to lead the visiting Flames (2-1) to their second win in three games.

Mitchell rushed for 156 yards and had touchdown runs of 45, 67 and 50 yards. Northgate's Lewis Clark had 169 yards on five receptions and scored two touchdowns.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Football

NON-CONFERENCE

Northgate 32, Riverview 26

Northgate 6 12 6 8 – 32
Riverview 6 8 6 6 – 26
N - Lewis Clark 42 run from Sonente Layne (run failed)
R - Rocco Cecere 2 run (kick failed)
R - Johnny Bertucci 2 run (Bertucci run)
N - Austin Mitchell 45 run (run failed)
N - Mitchell 65 run (run failed)
R - Carlo Buzzato 35 run (kick failed)
N - Mitchell 49 run (run failed)
N - Clark 62 pass from Layne (Layne run)
R - Cecere 2 run (run failed)

Western Beaver 36, Hopewell 21

Hopewell 0 7 0 14 – 21
Western Beaver 13 0 8 15 – 36

WB - Xander LeFebre 10 run (Paxton Short kick)

WB - Tyson Florence 30 run (kick failed)

H - Tyler Lewis 61 interception return (Sonny Kasanale kick)

WB - Dorian McGhee 70 pass from LeFebre (LeFebre run)

WB - Levi Gray 27 blocked punt recovery return (Short kick)

H - Kasanale 43 pass from Kingston Krotc (Kasanale kick)

H - Cameron Fedorka 37 pass from Krotc (Kasanale kick)

O.L. Sacred Heart 28, Clairton 13

Clairton 0 7 6 0 – 13

O.L. Sacred Heart 0 21 7 0 – 28

OLSH - Dereon Greer 30 pass from Nehemiah Azeem (Billy Fryer kick)

OLSH - Dereon Greer 63 pass from Nehemiah Azeem (Billy Fryer kick)

OLSH - Nehemiah Azeem 2 run (Billy Fryer kick)

C - Donte Wright 5 run (kick failed)

OLSH - Dereon Greer 14 pass from Nehemiah Azeem (Billy Fryer kick)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing

162 - Austin Mitchell, Northgate
117 - Tyson Florence, Western Beaver

Passing

232 - Nehemiah Azeem, O.L. Sacred Heart (19 of 37)

160 - Sonente Layne, Northgate (5 of 7)

126 - Xander LeFebre, Western Beaver (7 of 13)

123 - Rocco Cecere, Riverview (4 of 7)

109 - Kingston Krotc, Hopewell (11 of 21)

Receiving

7 - Dereon Greer, O.L. Sacred Heart (138 yards)

5 - Lewis Clark, Riverview (169 yards)

Boys Cross Country

RED, WHITE & BLUE CLASSIC

at White Oak Park

WPIAL CLASS 3A

Individual: 1. Brett Krobeth, Peters Township, 15:31; 2. Jack Bertram, North Allegheny, 15:46; 3. Camden Kramer, McDowell, 16:01; 4. Jacob Puhalla, Moon, 16:04; 5. Michael Gauntner, North Allegheny, 16:05.

Team: 1. North Allegheny, 51; 2. Greencastle-Antrim, 126; 3. South Fayette, 129.

WPIAL CLASS 2A

Individual: 1. Ryan Pajak, Ringgold, 15:13; 2. Ethan Papa, Blackhawk, 15:25;

3. Dale Hall, Hampton, 15:59; 4. Dominic Flitcraft, Hopewell, 16:02; 5. Patrick Burgo, Elizabeth Forward, 16:05.

Team: 1. Hampton, 121; 2. Blackhawk, 131; 3. Quaker Valley, 132.

Girls Cross Country

RED, WHITE & BLUE CLASSIC

at White Oak Park

WPIAL CLASS 3A

Individual: 1. Irene Riggs, Morgantown, 17:03; 2. Wren Kuder, North Allegheny, 17:54; 3. Claire Paci, Greencastle-Antrim, 18:10; 4. Logan St. John Kletter, Mt. Lebanon, 18:11; 5. Jenna Lang, Bethel Park, 18:14.

Team: 1. Morgantown, 57; 2. North Allegheny, 64; 3. South Fayette, 204.

WPIAL CLASS 2A

Individual: 1. Jolena Quarzo, Brownsville, 17:49; 2. Hope Trimmer, Uniontown, 18:56; 3. Kevyn Fish, Hampton, 19

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	84	56	.600	200	—	5-5	W-1	49-22	35-34
Tampa Bay	78	59	.569	4½	+1	8-2	L-1	47-24	31-35
Toronto	78	60	.565	5	+½	8-2	W-3	38-29	40-31
Baltimore	73	66	.525	10½	5	5-5	L-1	41-29	32-37
Boston	68	72	.486	16	10%	6-4	W-1	35-34	33-38

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	72	65	.526	—	—	4-6	W-2	33-30	39-35
Chicago	72	68	.514	1½	6½	8-2	W-4	34-36	38-32
Minnesota	69	69	.500	3½	8½	2-8	L-2	40-31	29-38
Kansas City	56	84	.400	17½	22½	3-7	L-2	33-41	23-43
Detroit	54	85	.388	19	24	4-6	W-3	30-40	28-45

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Houston	89	50	.640	—	—	7-3	L-1	46-22	43-28
Seattle	78	61	.511	11	—	7-3	W-1	37-31	41-30
Los Angeles	61	78	.439	28	17	5-5	W-1	31-40	30-38
Texas	59	79	.428	29½	18½	1-9	L-3	28-40	31-39
Oakland	50	90	.357	39½	28½	1-9	L-5	22-48	28-42

Saturday's results

N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 3
Detroit 8, Kansas City 4, 8 innnings
Chicago White Sox 10, Oakland 2
Boston 17, Baltimore 4
L.A. Angels 6, Houston 1
Cleveland 6, Minnesota 4
Toronto 11, Texas 7
Seattle 3, Atlanta 1
Friday's results
Baltimore 3, Boston 2
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Toronto 4, Texas 3
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Atlanta 6, Seattle 4
Sunday's games
Boston (Hill 6) at Baltimore (Bradish 3-5), 1:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND 6, MINNESOTA 4

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan dh	1	2	0	0	4	0	.287
Rosario ss	5	1	2	0	0	2	.277
Ramirez 3b	4	2	3	1	1	1	.280
Naylor 1b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.265
Gonzalez rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.296
Gimenez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	3	.300
Benson lf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.146
Malie c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.225
Straw cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.201
Totals	33	6	7	6	7	1	

MINNESOTA AB R H BI BB SO Avg.

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Arraez dh	5	3	1	0	0	0	316		
Correa ss	5	0	3	0	1	280			
Miranda 1b	4	0	1	0	1	277			
1-B. Hamilton pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	2000		
Kepler rf	5	0	0	0	0	0	227		
Ursela 3b	3	1	0	1	1	267			
Gordon 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	277		
Garlick lf	4	1	0	0	0	0	248		
Sanchez c	3	0	0	1	0	2	215		
Cave cf	4	1	1	0	1	207			
Totals	37	4	12	3	2	6	7	1	

T-2:47. A—43,088 (47,309).

BOSTON 17, BALTIMORE 4

CLEVELAND 6, MINNESOTA 4

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Pham hf	1	1	0	0	1	0	.270
Almonte lf	3	2	2	1	0	0	.500
Verducci rf	6	2	2	1	0	1	.287
Bogaerts ss	3	2	1	0	1	1	.318
b-Casas ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	1	.111
Devers 3b	5	1	3	0	5	1	.290
Wong-ph-3b	1	1	1	1	0	0	.250
Story 2b	5	1	2	3	1	0	.249
Martinez 2b	5	1	2	1	1	0	.275
Arroyo 1b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.275
Arroyo 1b-ss	6	1	2	3	0	1	.285
Hernandez cf	6	2	4	1	0	0	.226
Plawecki 2b	5	2	1	1	0	0	.219
Totals	46	17	21	6	7	1	

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CHI. WHITE SOX 9, OAKLAND 2

CLEVELAND 6, MINNESOTA 4

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Mullins cf	4	1	2	0	2	2	.265
Rutschman cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Santander rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.254
a-McKinnon-ph-1p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.247
Aguilar dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.063
Devers 3b	5	1	3	0	5	1	.290
Wong-ph-3b	1	1	1	1	0	0	.250
Story 2b	5	1	2	3	1	0	.249
Martinez 2b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.248
Arroyo 1b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.247
Arroyo 1b-ss	6	1	2	1	0	1	.246
Hernandez cf	6	2	4	1	0	0	.219
Totals	43	10	21	10	4	6	

T-2:38. A—15,929 (37,903).

BALTIMORE 2, OAKLAND 4

CLEVELAND

MLB roundup

Yankee bats hot against Tampa

Judge leads team to big division win

The Associated Press

Leadoff man Aaron Judge singled twice during a six-run first inning off Corey Kluber as the New York Yankees started with seven hits in a row for the first time since 1990 and routed the Tampa Bay Rays, 10-3, Saturday.

Josh Donaldson homered early and Giancarlo Stanton connected late off a lob pitch as both players returned to the lineup and helped the AL East-leading Yankees move to 4½ games ahead of Tampa Bay.

New York also clinched the season head-to-head tie-breaker over the Rays should the teams finish even atop the division.

Judge, leading the majors with 55 home runs, hit three singles in raising his average to .307.

He is the first Yankees player to reach base at least three times in seven consecutive games since Mickey Mantle in June 1957.

Judge also is the seventh Yankee to reach base at least three times in at least seven consecutive games. Besides Mantle, Babe Ruth did it in 1920, Lou Gehrig achieved it twice in 1936 and 1937, Tommy Henrich did it in 1938 and Joe DiMaggio along with Frank Crosetti achieved the feat in 1939.

"Obviously, every team's a little bit different in how they attack and pitchers are a little bit different, but we've seen teams in some cases really pitch around him and stay away from him," manager Aaron Boone said.

Other games

Mets 11, Marlins 3: Francisco Lindor had three hits, including his 22nd home run as visiting New York routed Miami.

Brewers 5, Reds 1: Willy Adames and Andrew McCutchen each hit a two-run homer as host Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Red Sox 17, Orioles 4: Rafael Devers hit a first-inning grand slam as visiting Boston slugged its way to a rout of Baltimore.

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Another three-hit day raised Aaron Judge's average to .307.

Baseball / Auto Racing



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

Albert Pujols homers off JT Brubaker in the sixth inning Saturday night at PNC Park for career home run No. 696. It ties him with Alex Rodriguez for fourth on the all-time list.

CARDINALS 7, PIRATES 5

Arenado's double clears bases, delivers final blow

Cardinals tie game in eighth, win it in ninth

By Mike Persak
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In a game that was mostly colored by home runs, sudden changes in momentum and grand, dramatic swings, the Pirates were defeated by a thousand paper cuts in the late innings of Saturday's 7-5 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Five home runs had resulted in a 4-3 Pirates lead entering the top of the eighth, but that lead was for naught. Right-hander Tyler Stephenson pitched in the eighth, gave up a two-out double from Nolan Gorman, then an RBI single immediately afterward from Albert Pujols to tie the game.

That set up the eventual kill shot in the ninth. Right-hander Wil Crowe came in to extend the game and get it to the bottom of the inning for his offense, but he started roughly. Yadier Molina singled, then Paul DeJong lifted a fly ball that found grass in shallow right.

Crowe got a groundout after that, then some good defense earned another out, when second baseman Rodolfo Castro picked a hot grounder, tossed home and nabbed the runner trying to score. But a two-out walk to Paul Goldschmidt loaded the bases before Nolan Arenado emptied them, lining a double to the left-field corner to the left-field corner to score three and send the Pirates to their 87th loss of the season.

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St. Louis' Albert Pujols walks to the dugout after being replaced by a pinch runner after hitting a single in the eighth.

Pirates report

Sunday

Game: Pirates vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 1:35 p.m., PNC Park.
TV, radio: AT&T SportsNet, KDKA-FM (93.7).

Probable starters: RHP Mitch Keller (5-10, 4.22 ERA) for Pirates; LHP Jose Quintana (5-6, 3.41) for Cardinals.

Key matchup: Since being traded from the Pirates to the Cardinals at the deadline, Quintana has a 3.15 ERA in 34½ innings. He has allowed only one home run in seven starts with the Cardinals.

Hidden stat: After singling in his first at-bat Saturday night, Cal Mitchell now has hit safely in six of seven games since being promoted Sept. 1. Mitchell hit .375 with four homers and a 1.126 OPS in 17 games last month at Triple-A Indianapolis.

Saturday's game

St. Louis 7, Pirates 5

St. Louis ab r h bi bb so avg.
Donovan rf-1b.....5 1 1 0 0 1 .291
Dickerson lf-1f....4 1 2 0 1 0 .294
Knizer c.....0 0 0 0 0 0 .221
Goldschmidt dh....4 1 0 0 1 0 .325
Arenado 3b.....5 0 1 3 0 0 .298
O'Neill cf-1f....4 1 1 0 1 2 .227
Gorman 2b.....4 0 0 0 0 0 .233
1-Edman pr-2b....1 0 0 0 0 0 .267
Pujols 1b.....4 1 3 3 0 1 .266
2-DeLuzio pr-ef....0 0 0 0 0 .333
Molina c.....3 0 1 0 0 0 .226
3-Nootbaar pr-ef....0 0 0 0 0 .221
DeJong ss.....4 1 0 0 0 0 .159
Totals.....37 7 11 7 3 4

Pirates ab r h bi bb so avg.
Cruz ss.....4 1 2 1 1 0 .231
Reynolds cf.....5 0 1 1 0 1 .256
Castro 2b.....5 1 1 0 0 0 .232
Gamel dh.....3 0 0 0 0 0 .234
a-Newman ph-1h....1 0 0 0 0 .271
Hayes 3b.....2 0 1 0 0 0 .242
Suwinski lf.....4 1 3 2 0 0 .209
Chavis b.....3 0 0 1 0 0 .236
Mitchell rf.....3 1 2 0 1 0 .233
Heimann c.....4 0 1 0 0 0 .216
Totals.....34 5 10 5 5 1

St. Louis 000 012 013- 7 11 1
Pirates 120 000 101- 5 10 0

a-grounded out for Gamel in the 7th.
1-ran for Gorman in the 8th, 2-ran for Pujols in the 8th, 3-ran for Molina in the 9th.

E-Arenado (11), LOB-St. Louis 7, Pirates 7. 2B-Pujols (12), Dickerson (15), O'Neill (10), Gorman (13), Arenado (38), Mitchell 2 (8), HR-Donovan (4), off Brubaker, Pujols (17), off Brubaker; Castro (7), off Flaherty; Suwinski (5), off Flaherty; Cruz (14), off Romero. RBBs-Donovan (39), Pujols 2 (46), Arenado 3 (93), Castro (13), Suwinski 2 (27), Cruz (43), Reynolds (51), CS-DeLuzio (1).

DP-St. Louis 3 (Gorman, DeJong, Pujols; DeJong, Pujols, DeJong, Gorman, Molina).

How they scored

Pirates second. Ben Gamel homers to center field. Ke'Bryan Hayes singles to center field. Jack Suwinski strikes out swinging. Michael Chavis strikes out swinging. Ke'Bryan Hayes caught seconding 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 left on. Pirates 1, Cardinals 0.

Pirates fifth. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Jason Delay singles to right field. Cal Mitchell to second. O'Neill Cruz triples to deep left center field. Jason Delay scores. Cal Mitchell scores. Bryan Reynolds singles to shallow center field. O'Neill Cruz scores. Rodolfo Castro strikes out swinging. Ben Gamel reaches on a fielder's choice to shallow infield. Bryan Reynolds out at second. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. 3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 4, Cardinals 0.

Cardinals sixth. Paul Goldschmidt doubles to deep right field. Nolan Arenado singles to left field. Paul Goldschmidt to third. Corey Dickerson reaches on a fielder's choice to second base. Nolan Arenado out at second. Paul Goldschmidt scores. Tyle O'Neill walks. Corey Dickerson to second. Albert Pujols pinch-hitting for Alec Burleson. Albert Pujols grounds out to shallow infield. Corey Dickerson out at third, 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 4, Cardinals 0.

Cardinals seventh. Andrew Knizner grounds out to shortstop, Ke'Bryan Hayes to Michael Chavis. Lars Nootbaar walks. Brendan Donovan strikes out swinging. Tommy Edman doubles to center field. Lars Nootbaar scores. Paul Goldschmidt strikes out swinging 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 4, Cardinals 1.

Cardinals eighth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 1.

Cardinals ninth. Andrew Knizner grounds out to shortstop, Ke'Bryan Hayes to Michael Chavis. Lars Nootbaar walks. Brendan Donovan strikes out swinging. Tommy Edman doubles to center field. Lars Nootbaar scores. Paul Goldschmidt strikes out swinging 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

Cardinals tenth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

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Cardinals fifteenth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

Cardinals sixteenth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

Cardinals seventeenth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

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Cardinals nineteenth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

Cardinals twentieth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

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Cardinals twenty-third. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

Cardinals twenty-fourth. Ben Gamel walks. Ke'Bryan Hayes called out on strikes. Jack Suwinski singles to left field. Ben Game to second. Michael Chavis triples to deep left center field. Jack Suwinski scores. Ben Gamel scores. Cal Mitchell singles to shallow right field. Greg Allen scores. Bryan Reynolds flies out to shallow center field to Tyler O'Neill. 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Pirates 8, Cardinals 2.

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Sports

Morning briefing

Scheffler ends big season as PGA's top player

From local and wire dispatches

Scottie Scheffler went 58 tournaments over more than two years between getting a PGA Tour card and getting his first win at the Phoenix Open. That turned out to be just the beginning of a year that topped all others in golf.

A month later, Scheffler went to No. 1 in the world. Two weeks after that, he became a major champion by winning the Masters. And on Saturday, he capped off his remarkable rise when he was announced as the PGA Tour player of the year.

Scheffler can do a lot in a short amount of time once he gets going.

He became the first player since the awards began in 1990 to win player of the year on the Korn Ferry Tour, rookie of the year on the PGA Tour and the PGA Tour player of the year, all in a span of four seasons.

The award is a vote of PGA Tour members who played in at least 15 tournaments.

Scheffler received 89% of the vote over British Open champion Cam Smith and FedEx Cup champion Rory McIlroy, both of whom won three times and trail him in the world ranking.

"That's pretty cool," Scheffler said. "I don't have much to say. I definitely was not expecting that. But it means a lot to me."

More golf

Padraig Harrington bogeyed the final hole for a 5-under 66, leaving him just a



Scottie Scheffler
PGA Tour player of the year

stroke ahead of Steve Stricker and Bernhard Langer at the Ascension Charity Classic in St. Louis. Harrington, the three-time major winner, was at 11-under 131 at Norwood Hills.

• Ally Ewing shot into the lead with a fast start and stayed there on a soggy course for a 5-under 67 to build a one-shot lead over Maria Fassi in the Kroger Queen City Championship in Cincinnati.

• A truncated tournament could pave the way for a thrilling finish to the BMW PGA Championship in Virginia Water, England, with the top 10 players separated by only two shots heading into Sunday's final round.

Football

The Las Vegas Raiders and tight end Darren Waller agreed to terms on a contract extension. Waller had two years remaining on a

Planning ahead

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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Sept. 11: Bengals, 1 p.m., Paycor Stadium, Cincinnati

Pirates • 800-289-2827/mlb.com/pirates

Sept. 11: Cardinals, 1:35 p.m., PNC Park

Sept. 12: Reds, 6:40 p.m., Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati

Sept. 13: Reds (DH), 12:35 p.m., Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati

Sept. 14: Reds, 12:35 p.m., Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati

Sept. 15: Mets, 7:20 p.m., Citi Field, Queens, N.Y.

Sept. 16: Mets, 7:10 p.m., Citi Field, Queens, N.Y.

Sept. 17: Mets, 7:10 p.m., Citi Field, Queens, N.Y.

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Sept. 17: Western Michigan, 7:30 p.m., Waldo Stadium, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Penn State football • 800-648-8269/gopsupsports.com

Sept. 17: Auburn, 3:30 p.m., Jordan-Hare Stadium, Auburn, Ala.

West Virginia football • 800-988-4763/wvusports.com

Sept. 17: Towson, 1 p.m., Mountaineer Field, Morgantown, W.Va.

Duquesne football • 412-232-3853/goduquesne.com

Sept. 17: Hawaii, midnight, Clarence T.C. Ching Field, Honolulu, Hawaii

Riverhounds SC • 412-865-4625/riverhounds.com

Sept. 14: Birmingham Legion FC, 8 p.m., Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala.

Wild Things • 724-250-9555/washingtonwildthings.com

Sept. 11: Boomers, Frontier League Division Series, Game 2, 6:05 p.m., Wild Things Park, Washington, Pa.

Sept. 12: Boomers, Frontier League Division Series, Game 3 (if necessary), 6:05 p.m., Wild Things Park, Washington, Pa.

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Greensburg bishop to visit Vatican, meet pope

By Mick Stinelli
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bishop Larry J. Kulick already met one pope. This week, he'll get the chance to meet the pope who appointed him.

As a priest, Bishop Kulick met Pope John Paul II on two occasions. This will be his first time meeting Pope Francis, who

appointed him as bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg in 2020, as he travels to the Vatican to attend a Catholic educational institute for new bishops.

In an interview Saturday, the bishop said the institute will give him the opportunity to meet other faith leaders from across the globe as they navigate a world rocked by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It allows me to have connectivity, to at least begin to become familiar with the bishops," he said. "Not just newer bishops from the United States, but these will be bishops from around the world."

Additionally, he expects the program to help bishops understand the workings of the church and the different components that keep it going on an international scale. He said he's also looking forward to the opportunity to see the "breadth and the depth" of the global church.

"We are one important part, but we are one part of a much, much larger church that is very connected and working together for the salvation of souls and for the betterment of our society and our world," Bishop Kulick said.

It's the first time the conference has been held since 2019. In addition to meeting the pope, Bishop Kulick will be among approximately 170 bishops observing presentations on evangelization, communication, canon law and diocesan administration.

Among the challenges that face the church, Bishop Kulick said, is keeping people interested and engaged in the faith, especially as the pandemic has disrupted in-person worship and connection.

"One of the key things we've seen is that, you know, there is a great desire to make sure that we're able to pass on the faith to the next generation," he said. "I think that's a concern across the board."

A native of southwestern Pennsylvania — he hails from Leechburg and graduated from St. Joseph High School in Natrona Heights — Bishop Kulick became the sixth bishop of Greensburg after he was appointed by Pope Francis on Dec. 18, 2020. He succeeded Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who became

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Hagy moves up to lead Veterans Place

29-year-old approaches new role with enthusiasm

By Hannah Wyman
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In her first weeks as executive director of Veterans Place, Shannon Hagy already has her plate full. On Sept. 2, the organization hosted its biggest event of the year: an annual cornhole tournament at Acrisure Stadium.

Following that, Ms. Hagy said her team is winding up to prepare for another event at the end of the month in honor of Overdose Awareness and Recovery Month before leading into Veterans Day preparations.

Ms. Hagy said she is excited to get to work.

Veterans Place, an organization that aims to lessen homelessness among veterans, recently announced Ms. Hagy's new role upon the departure of Robert Hamilton.

She was previously the clinical director for Veterans Place. As an Asian American, Ms. Hagy said she is eager to represent the minority community in such a leadership role.

"It's been a fun time to kind of jump into things," Ms. Hagy, 29, said. "It's been an exciting first week with big events which has been really fun."

Born and raised in the Franklin

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Shannon Hagy, the new executive director of Veterans Place, an organization that aims to lessen homelessness among veterans.

Smithfield bridge upgrade to cause traffic restrictions

By Ed Blazina
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Going between Pittsburgh's South Side and Downtown will be more complicated for the next two years while the Smithfield Street Bridge undergoes an \$8.49 million rehabilitation project.

The historic bridge, which crosses the Monongahela River between Smithfield Street and Station Square, will remain open through most of the project but traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction. The project begins with a full closure starting at 8 p.m. Sunday for line painting, and restrictions will be in place when it reopens at 6 a.m. Monday.

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usually a state or turnpike commission — would charge drivers for the electricity their vehicles receive. Drivers could turn off their receiver if they don't want to recharge while driving.

Solar plunge

Over the past year, the Pennsylvania Turnpike has been installing just over 3,300 solar panels on a 5-acre hillside near Jeannette. Each panel can generate 405 watts of power for a maximum of 1.3 megawatts.

The solar field is the turnpike's first. In conjunction with a natural

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Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

Lisa Ryan, of McCandless, prepares meals Saturday at the Ukrainian Food Festival at St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie. Attendees mingled with Ukrainians who were encouraged to hear of recent advances the Ukraine military has made.

MORALE BOOST

Ukrainians in Pittsburgh heartened by military advances

By Punya Bhasin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Nearly seven months after Russia invaded Ukraine, the war continues, and so do the prayers and support from the Ukrainian people in the United States.

For example, St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie continues to aid in supporting the troops — it has sent more than 25,000 pounds of food since the war began Feb. 24. And its sister church, St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church in McKeesport, also has sent care packages to Ukraine.

On Saturday, the Carnegie church hosted its annual Ukrainian Food Festival, where people who came from far and wide mingled with Ukrainians who remain heartened by

advances the Ukraine military has made against the Russians in the past few days.

Julia Skorija, of McKeesport, said her whole immediate family is in Kyiv, and her brother, a draftee, is fighting with Ukraine's armed forces.

She said that on the first day of the war, her mother was wounded in the head by Russian fire and her family was forced to evacuate to a safer place. Ms. Skorija said she stays in touch with her family, sends packages when she can and is saddened by the human cost of war.

"I'm not happy about any of this because it costs Ukraine at least 100 soldiers a day," Ms. Skorija said. "So for me I am glad that Ukraine is trying to play the offensive, but I also am sad because I have relatives fighting in the war. And there is just so much danger

and harm to the people there and I worry for them."

Ms. Skorija said she is glad that the United States continues to send military and other aid to Ukraine and is pleased by the community support she has received here.

"Just yesterday there were like three or four people who came up to me and said we're not from Ukraine but that they have been seeing so much about this in the media that they wanted to learn and donate," she said.

The Rev. John Charest, the priest at St. Peter and St. Paul, said since the very first day of the attack he knew the war would not end quickly.

"I'm not surprised that the war has lasted so long because I know how strong the

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Hagy leads Veterans Place

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Park area, Ms. Hagy has strong ties to the military as both her grandfathers served in the U.S. Army, which led her family all over the world. She also said that many close family and friends are members of the military so "it's always just been something close to my heart, being surrounded by service members."

As a first-generation college student from a low-income household, Ms. Hagy said she worked three jobs and went to school full time to complete her undergraduate degree at LaRoche University in 2015. She did the same later when she attended the University of Southern California to obtain a master's degree in social work in 2018.

Though she originally was pursuing a doctoral degree in physical therapy from Duquesne University, a loss tied to veteran suicide in her personal life made her re-evaluate what she wanted to be doing with her life.

"I really fell in love with the profession and what they do for people," she said after exploring the field of social work.

With a focus on preventing veteran suicide, Ms. Hagy said she wanted to help and be part of a solution.

"How can I be a part of this?" she said. "How can I contribute? How can I assure that others have resources that the individual I lost did not or that family members and friends did not have that might have lost ones to veteran suicide?"

After deciding on USC for its military social work program, Ms. Hagy hasn't looked back.

"There's something about the holistic aspect of social work where you're addressing an individual as a whole not just their physical needs, but their emotional, their psychological, their physical



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environment, etc. and really good getting down to that humanistic approach," she said. "I love people, and I love getting to know people so it kind of just fits with my own personal values and the connection points that I like to hit on when I'm working with somebody."

It was during her master's education that Ms. Hagy was introduced to Veterans Place. While completing an internship in Pittsburgh with Operation Strong Mind, a nonprofit aimed to provide resources and support to veterans and their families, she was part of an event where proceeds were donated to Veterans Place.

"I had an interest in what nonprofits do and the value behind them so I started doing some research on some local nonprofits doing veteran services," Ms. Hagy said of her job search after college. "Veterans Place was one of those so whenever I saw there was an opportunity I was definitely interested in pursuing it."

In September 2019, Ms. Hagy became the Veterans Resource Center coordinator before being promoted to director of client services in 2020. Most recently, in 2022, she earned the title of clinical director.

Though her first official day as executive director was Sept. 1, Ms. Hagy already has big plans for the future.

The organization is

preparing to launch a three-year, long-range strategic plan next year. This will be the first of its kind for Veterans Place, according to Ms. Hagy.

"I'm excited to launch a new long-range plan and really see that out as well as continue and really see to fruition our new project with our Washington Boulevard property, a three-story multipurpose building ... as well as our Duquesne Light workforce development center," she said. "Those projects are near and dear to my heart and I'm excited to see those through."

Veterans Place has been fortunate to have great community partnerships with many other organizations, she said.

The community has also been supportive of her transition into executive director.

"The veteran community in Pittsburgh is amazing,"

Ms. Hagy said. "They've been supportive of this transition and they've been transparent on their needs and that's all I can ask for. I'm really excited to keep getting to serve them in the area as well."

Part Japanese, Ms. Hagy said she recognizes the significance of being a woman of minority descent in a leadership position.

"I want to make sure [identity] is at the forefront and advocated for and that other Asian Americans can see this is possible and show the

community why it's important to have diversity in these types of positions," she said.

Because the veteran community is highly populated with the minority community in general, Ms. Hagy said she sees herself as not only in a position to "advocate for the veterans that we serve but specifically the minorities within that as a subpopulation."

Though Ms. Hagy is not a veteran herself, she said that her connections and experiences as an Asian American woman will help inform her work.

"I've had my own personal struggles and dealt with stigma and biases," she said. "There's a lot of comparable relatability there to some of the things that veterans might experience with stigma and bias as well and anything I can do to help knock that down, I'm excited to be able to do as well."

Ms. Hagy also remains passionate about the field of social work as she is the southwest division chair for the National Association of Social Work PA chapter. This is another way for her to give back to the community, work with student social workers and advocate for how to get more involved in the field and what it means to be a social worker, she said.

Ms. Hagy is also involved in Mission 22, a suicide awareness-based program for veterans, and is a mentor for PA Women Work.

Local Ukrainians heartened by military advances in war

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people there are. They are fighting for their homes—it's not just about fighting the enemy; we have to take care of our own."

Rev. Charest said he is happy to see the recent developments of Russian forces backing out of areas in the Kharkiv area, and is uplifted by the continued morale boosts both from the people here as well as in Ukraine.

"I think we have all seen the war pictures and the families being taken from their homes, but the love and care the soldiers showed throughout ... like the singing to the children and playing instruments ... it is so inspiring to us here," Rev. Charest said. "So here the church is just doing our best to support them and keep their morale high, too."

Ms. Skorija said what saddens her the most is knowing that many more will die or lose their homes

in her country.

"I know that in all of those small villages, 20% of the population is still there because they are old, and even though they won't have heat and won't be able to survive the winter, they are staying because it is their home," Ms. Skorija said.

Ms. Skorija and Rev. Charest both said the best way for Americans to help is to continue to support the Ukrainian people—both financially and otherwise.

"Don't stop praying, don't start being a 'Russia-phobe'—it is not the time for that and we don't need any more aggression," Rev. Charest said. "I know times are tough, but people's support means so much. And if you can support financially, I can tell you that is going toward helping Ukrainians stay safe and keeping the morale high."

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Bishop to visit Vatican

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the bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

"Our Holy Father Pope Francis sees the bishops, theologically and pragmatically, as real collaborators with him in the work," he said. "In the ministry of the bishop, we're tied in, in a very different and unique way than you would be as a priest, to the Holy Father, so I think that fraternal connectivity is going to be something that's very moving."

He also expects Pope Francis will have words to share about what he expects from his bishops as "shepherds of the diocese" and faith leaders.

"People are looking for

relationships, they're looking for traditions," the bishop said. "So much of what has historically been in the families and culture is dissipating, and so I think what it means is each of us has to be more personally invested. We have to be inviting, we have to be welcoming, we have to be supportive."

The diocese said the bishop will attend courses at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, a Catholic educational institute about 4.5 miles from the Vatican. The last day of the trip will consist of a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

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News Obituaries

FRANK CIGNETTI SR. | Oct. 8, 1939 - Sept. 10, 2022

College Football Hall of Famer was longtime IUP coach

From staff and wire reports

Frank Cignetti, who carved out a Hall of Fame career spending a lifetime in coaching, including 20 years turning his alma mater Indiana University of Pennsylvania into a Division II power, has died. He was 84.

IUP, where Mr. Cignetti coached from 1986-2005, announced his passing Saturday. There was no immediate word on the cause of death.

His son Curt Cignetti, currently the head coach at James Madison, wrote in a post on his verified Twitter account on Saturday: "I was blessed to have a great Dad! He inspired me and so many others. Love you Dad! Rest in peace."

And just hours before the kickoff in the University of Pittsburgh's matchup



Frank Cignetti Sr.

against the University of Tennessee at Acrisure Stadium, Mr. Cignetti's death also was announced.

His son Frank Cignetti Jr. is the offensive coordinator at Pitt.

"The Cignetti family is synonymous with college football in Pittsburgh and this entire region," Pitt football tweeted. "Our thoughts are with all who loved him, especially his family and his son and our OC, Frank Jr."

The elder Cignetti starred at IUP as a wide receiver in the late 1950s before going into coaching after graduation. He quickly climbed the ranks and earned a job on Bobby Bowden's staff at West Virginia in 1970. He replaced Bowden in 1976 and went 17-27 in four years with the Mountaineers before being let go after going 5-7 in 1979.

Mr. Cignetti's final year at West Virginia was marked by a battle with cancer, a fight he won though it wasn't enough for him to keep his job. He took a brief sabbatical from coaching before returning to the game that defined his life.

He returned to IUP, taking a job as the school's athletic director in 1982 before becoming head coach in 1986.

In his 20 seasons with the

Crimson Hawks, Mr. Cignetti's teams had a cumulative record of 182-50-1, won 14 PSAC West Division titles, a pair of PSAC titles, and appeared twice in the Division II national championship game. His resume includes five PSAC West Coach of the Year honors, three Kodak College Division Regional Coach of the Year honors, and the 1991 Chevrolet Division II National Coach of the Year.

Mr. Cignetti was born in Apollo in 1937. He began his coaching career in 1960 as an assistant at Leechburg High School. After working his way into a head coaching opportunity at Leechburg, where he led his team to the 1965 WPIAL Class 1A championship, Mr. Cignetti achieved enough to land an assistant role at Pitt, where he worked with the team's

quarterbacks and receivers from 1966-68.

Mr. Cignetti retired in 2005 with a career record of 199-77-1 as a college head coach and a 15-13 record in the Division II playoffs through 13 appearances. He was voted into the College

Football Hall of Fame in 2013. That same year, IUP named its field located within George P. Miller Stadium as Frank Cignetti Field.

Mr. Cignetti is survived by his wife, Marlene, and their four children.

CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY J. BEREZANICH



Age 87, of Plum, on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Wife of the late Eugene D.; beloved mother of John (Elleene), Ronald (Carol), Thomas (Theresa) and the late Donald; grandmother of Amanda, Jason, Daniel, Michael, Matthew and Mark; great-grandmother of four; sister of Mary Jane (the late Ralph) Pivrotto and the late John "Sonny" Galamb. Shirley enjoyed bingo, ceramics and baking, especially her cakes.

Friends received, Sunday 12-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD.**, 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road), Penn Hills. Mass of Christian Burial, Monday 12 p.m. at Our Lady of Joy R.C. Church of Holy Family Parish.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson Foundation and/or ALS Association.

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DAVID GORDON BROWN



David Gordon Brown sadly passed away at the age of 59 on August 7, 2022, in Clairton, PA. He was born to Gordon Brown and Martha Brown on December 8, 1962, at a United States Air Force Base in Texas, but he was raised and made his home in the Pittsburgh region. Preceded in death by his stepfather, DeWayne Kanagy; his mother, Martha Kanagy; and his sister, Lori Kanagy McCormick Dabney. Survived by his son, Cody Brown; his siblings, John Kanagy, Scott Kanagy, Ryan Kanagy, and Victoria Kanagy Lindsey. He loved his son and all of his family. He enjoyed animals, fishing, and all Pittsburgh sports. Arrangements handled by **PAUL HENNEY CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES**, Bethel Park.

www.henneyfuneralhome.com

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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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BEREZANICH, Shirley J., Plum
BOUR, Marlene Whalen, Cecil
BRESS, Jane Goldsmith
BROGE, Donald James
BROWN, David Gordon, Clairton
CHILDS, Margaret "Peggy" Orr
COE, Wilma "Billie" Clydesdale, Ester, Fla., formerly Bethel Park
COOK, David R., Cheswick

DIXON, Hazel Rogers, Edgewood
DIXON, Margaret Jean "Marge," Rocklin, Calif., formerly San Jose, Calif., and Pittsburgh

DOEMLING, David N.

FLOOD, Suzanne "Sue," Pittsburgh

FRENTZOS, Kalliope S. "Popie"

GURSKY, Dolores Loretta "Dee," Mt. Lebanon

HEINZ, Melvin F., Etna

HOLDEN, Geraldine "Gerry" Vance, Shaler

HUBBARD, Ellery, South Park

JANOSKO, James Andrew "Jim," formerly West Mifflin and New Boston, Mich.

JENSEN, Shirley J., formerly Eau Claire, Wis., Richmond, Wash., Bethel Park, Whitehall, Hidden Valley, Pa., Jennerstown, Pa., and Hilton Head, S.C.

KARDOS, Gérard Julian "Jerry"

LANGSTON, Amy Rebecca, Las Vegas, formerly Pittsburgh

LEBOW, Morris "Moe"

LYNCH, Virginia Marie, Springfield, Va.

MARCHITELLO, Shirley M. Slovina, North Versailles

MILLER, Mary Grace "Mimi," Oakmont

MICHELL, Dennis F., Bloomfield

MOAN, Suzanne M. "Aunt Sue," Castle Shannon

NAJESKI, Regis P., Pleasant Hills

NEE, Sharon Langer, Peters, formerly Brookline

OELSCHLAGER, Frank E.

PARANZINO, Michael Edward, Finleyville, formerly Carrick

PRYTHORCH, Jane Armita Keefe, Glenshaw

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MARLENE (WHALEN) BOUR

Marlene (Whalen) Bour, 87, a resident of Cecil Township, was welcomed by God on August 29, 2022. She was born in Pittsburgh on April 19, 1935. She was the beloved wife of the late Paul D. Bour, Pittsburgh, PA. Marlene was the loving mother of David B. Piercy (Mireille), of Paris, France, Karen Boyko (Gary) and Leslie Giannetta (Jim), both of Pittsburgh, PA. Proud grandmother to Emilande Piercy-Barbe (Jonathan), Benjamin, Jimmy, and Kate Giannetta. Great-grandmother to Andrew and William Piercy-Barbe. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to **PITTSBURGH CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE**, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA. Visiting hours will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Benedict's, 120 Abington Drive, McMurray, PA on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

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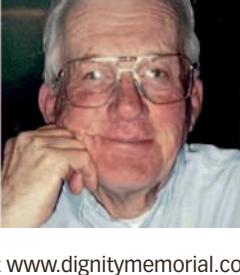
JANE GOLDSMITH BRESS

Died on September 5, 2022, at the age of 87. Beloved by her family and friends, she will be missed for her devotion to family, her sharp wit, and her adventurous spirit. Jane was the daughter of Louise Sloan Goldsmith and Stanley Goldsmith; and wife to Dr. Alan N. Bress for 64 years before his passing a year and a half ago. Jane is survived by her children and their spouses, Kathy (Jerry Seidler), Rick (Debbie), and Karen Phillips (David); her eight grandchildren; and her four great-grandchildren. Nana has a special place in all of their hearts. Born and raised in Pittsburgh with black and yellow in her veins, Jane graduated from Taylor Allderdice High School and earned her B.A. in education from the University of Pittsburgh and her M.A. in Psychology from Duquesne University. She was a lifelong member of Rodef Shalom Congregation. She loved to travel, and she earned her Life Master Award in bridge. When she was younger, Jane painted, rode horses, danced, skied, and played tennis and golf, all of which she passed down to the ensuing generations. Outside of a close friends' circle and meeting new friends on her excursions, most of Jane's life was devoted to her husband and family. She nurtured her children and grandchildren, taking the time to get to know each of them. Additionally, she encouraged them to forge close bonds and revealed their accomplishments. Graveside Services and Interment will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 11 AM at Homewood Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, family owned and operated. www.schugar.com

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DONALD JAMES BROGE

April 9, 1933 - September 6, 2022



Donald James Broge passed from this life peacefully at home, surrounded by his wife and children. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (Sham) Broge; children, Harvey Vogel, David Vogel, Carol Killian, Mark Vogel, Donna Harrington, and Michelle Broge-Connor; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild on the way. Visitation and funeral arrangements may be found at www.dignitymemorial.com.



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MARGARET "PEGGY" ORR CHILDS

Passed away on June 19, 2022. Her family invites all to attend a memorial service in Peggy's honor on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 11 AM at Sewickley Presbyterian Church in Sewickley. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Valley Care Adult Day Services, 345 Maplewood Ave., Ambridge, PA 15003. Arrangements entrusted to **R.D. COPELAND LTD.**, Irvine Chapel, Sewickley.

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WILMA "BILLIE" CLYDESDALE COE

Wilma (Billie) Clydesdale Coe, 94, residing in Estero, Florida, passed away on August 26, at Joanne's House/Hope Hospice located in Bonita Springs, FL.

Private Burial services will be held on Wednesday, September 28th, at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, where she will rest alongside her adoring husband (Bill) William Harry Coe: a WWII US Navy veteran. Legacy Options Bonita Springs LLC is handling the funeral arrangements.

Billie was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on May 26, 1928. Graduating from Carrick Highschool in 1946, she then proceeded to work as an Executive Secretary for Mellon Bank/Insurance division until she resigned to become a mother and full-time homemaker.

Basement parties at her Bethel Park home were the place to be in her neighborhood on a Saturday night, but once Bill could retire from PA Bell, travel and adventure awaited around each bend. A Key West, FL, move happened in the early 80s (one of her fondest memories was being a member of the Red Shaw ladies/cruise ship group), but by 1992 they decided to move to The Villages, FL, and make that their next home base (Billie sang and performed in the local troupe doing Broadway plays and shows up until 2010, her husband Bill helped create the shows' stage props). Bill passed in 2014, and by 2015, Billie moved to Cape Coral, FL, to live with her son Rick up until his death in 2017.

Wilma is survived by her nieces, Nancy, Karen, Linda, and Bonnie; nephews, Edward and Jeffrey (and their extended families of children and grandchildren). She is preceded in death by her husband, William Harry Coe (Bill) of 63 years; son, Richard (Rick) W. Coe; and her sisters, Alice White and Jean C. Will. Wilma was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the daughter of the late William C. Clydesdale and Alice M. (Auld) Clydesdale, both of whom were born in Scotland and settled in PGH, PA, in the 1920s.

The family is requesting memorial donations be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association (Florida). Her niece Karen wishes to extend her gratitude to all her friends on the Florida west coast for their assistance, love and support, for our family as we navigated through her Alzheimer's journey these last 5 years.

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DAVID R. COOK

Age 75, of Cheswick, on Friday, September 9, 2022. Mr. Cook was the beloved husband of the late Karen L. Cook; father of Christine Kiss (Nick), David Cook Jr. (Jamie); son of the late James and Violet Cook; brother of James Cook, and the late Jane Luft (Cliff), Eleanor Cook, Bud Cook (Violet); and grandfather of Tyler, Joshua and Hannah Kiss.

Dave was a machinist with Papercraft and Matthews Corp. for over 20 years. He left work as a machinist to start his own welding business, Dave's Welding. In addition to welding any type of metal, he refinished many antique cars for his customers. He was known to be very precise in his work; if he could not find a replacement part, he made a machine to make the part. He had a huge smile that lit up a room, and was known to be a practical joker, always left a tip (Plant your corn early), and loved his wife of 55 years.

He enjoyed years of camping in Tionesta with his family and close friends. He also enjoyed many trips to Maryland to visit his oldest brother and family, and later spent time with his grandkids on family vacations to Ocean City where his favorite place was "Sandy Chicken."

All that knew him, will remember his kind heart and willingness to help anyone in need, his ability to fix anything on a car, his gift of storytelling, and that he was just a great man who left this world too soon.

Celebrate Mr. Cook's life with his family on Tuesday, September 13 from 3-7 PM at **PERMAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 923 Xanburg Blvd., at Rt. 8, Shaler Twp. Funeral Services will be held at Greenwood Cemetery on Wednesday at 10 AM.

Leave condolences at www.Permanfuneralhome.com

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DAVID N. DOEMLING

On Thursday, September 8, 2022, David N. Doemling, Beloved son of JoAnn Lauth Doemling and the late Norbert C. Doemling. Brother of Nancy Monfredo (Scott) and Gregory P. Doemling (Erin). Uncle of Alyssa, Zachary and Elliot Monfredo. Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.**, 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street on Tuesday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Paul Cathedral at 10 a.m. Entombment in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

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SUZANNE FLOOD

Suzanne "Sue" Flood, age 94, of Pittsburgh, PA passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 27, 1928, in Pittsburgh, the beloved daughter of Edward H. "Cap" Flood and Evalyn "Tex" Flood, sister of the late James "Jimmy" Flood and Dean "Bix" Flood (Dorothy). Aunt of Danielle Morin, Evalyn Jacobson, Patricia Wheeler, and Kimberly Flood, great-aunt of Elizabeth (Tanner), Spencer, Vanamali (Akrura), Aaron (Amanda), Noah (Karla), Max (Anna), and Lily (Jake). Sue spent her entire life in the Highland Park and East Liberty neighborhoods of Pittsburgh. A graduate of Peabody Highschool, Sue went on to attend Carnegie Mellon, where she earned a BA in Education and later her Masters in Education. Sue spent 42 years as a school teacher for the Pittsburgh Public Schools, spending most of her time at Lemington Elementary and Concord Elementary. She taught 3rd and 5th grade and was loved by her students and their families. In addition to teaching, she was a lifelong student and a long standing member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Pitt and Carnegie Mellon, following her retirement. She was a dedicated supporter of the arts in Pittsburgh and would often attend the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on Sunday afternoons. Her family will always hold dear her memory in the countless scrabble games, walks around the reservoir in Highland Park, dinners out, the phone calls, and the cards on every occasion. Her love and attention was felt by all. Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL & SONS, INC.**, 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street on Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 4-6 p.m. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Paul Cathedral 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2022. Graveside service to follow at Calvary Cemetery. Remembrances in Suzanne's name may be made to Osher Carnegie Mellon care of https://tinyurl.com/cs69cn34, Osher at University of Pittsburgh care of https://tinyurl.com/2p8b2kz3, or Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens care of phipps.conservatory.org.

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HAZEL ROGERS DIXON

Hazel Rogers Dixon, of Edgewood, PA, died peacefully at home on August 20th following a brief illness. Born to Dozena and James Rogers on January 9th, 1931 in Imperial, PA, Hazel married the love of her life, John, in 1949. Hazel and John were married for over sixty years living in Evans City, PA, before John died in 2011. The couple gave regular concerts together throughout the Pittsburgh area, with Hazel sharing her beautiful lyric soprano voice accompanied by John at the piano. Hazel devoted her life to her family and brought joy to others through music and hospitality. Throughout her adult life, Sunday was not her usual day of rest, as she spent many years as a lead soprano in church choirs, singing among family and close friends. After church, friends and family would gather at Chez Dixon. Many friends and colleagues from around the world visited. Hazel made each feel like a cherished guest in their home with her graciousness, kindness, and extraordinary food. Hazel's culinary accomplishments, especially her French breads and stunning desserts, were favorites. In the later decades of her life, she was known as Nannie, not only to her grandchildren, but to many because she was a grandmother to everyone she met. After John's death, Hazel moved to Edgewood to be closer to her daughters and their families. She became a beloved member of Calvary Episcopal Church, sitting in the front row wearing a fancy hat and humming along with the choir. Hazel is now rejoined with her loving husband, where they are entertaining and making music together once again. Hazel is survived by two daughters, Christine Dixon-Ernst (Lauren Ernst) and Bettina Dixon (Jon Mazur); four grandchildren, Geoffrey (Julia) Dixon-Ernst, Alexandra Dixon-Ernst, Christian Mazur and Claire Mazur; two great-grandchildren, Olivia and Elliott Dixon-Ernst; and a brother, James Rogers. She will be dearly missed (kiss-kiss). A memorial service will take place at Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, September 17, at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at the church. The family asks that attendees to the service wear hats in Hazel's memory. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Friends of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church or to a charity of your choosing. Arrangements by John A. Freyvogel Sons, Inc. (freyvogelfuneralhome.com).

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KALLIOPE S. "POPIE" FRENTZOS

Kalliope S. "Popie" Frentzos passed away peacefully on Friday, September 9, 2022 at home surrounded by her family. Kalliope was born February 5, 1937 on the island of Ikaria, Greece. She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Frentzos; loving mother of John (John) Frentzos and Lisa (John) Kristian; devoted Yiayia of Tommy, Kalliope, Houston, Antoni, and Evina.

Popie was preceded in death by her parents, Phillip and Athina Speis; her sister, Angela Mamatás and her brother, Tommy Speis. She is survived by her brother, Themis Speis of Ikaria, Greece and many loving nieces, nephews and special friends.

As a young child, Popie was forced to leave her village of Perdiki due to WWII. She spent 3.5 years as a refugee in Ethopia before eventually arriving in America in 1948. Without knowing a word of the English language, Popie persevered and graduated from South Hills High School. Popie truly embraced the American way of life and the opportunities it provided.

Popie was a proud member of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood of America and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, which kept her close to her roots. She was a selfless, beautiful, fun-loving woman who enjoyed cooking, entertaining, and spending time with family and friends.

Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.**, 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street on Monday, September 12th from 3-7 pm where a Trisagion Service will be held at 6:30 pm. Funeral Services will be held at the Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church in Oakmont on Tuesday, September 13th at 11 am. Donations can be made to the St. Nicholas Building Fund, 419 S. Dithridge Pittsburgh, PA 15213 or to the Icaros Chapter #7, 749 E Railroad Avenue, Verona, PA 15147.

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MARGARET JEAN "MARGE" DIXON

Margaret "Marge" Dixon passed away peacefully during the early morning of September 6th surrounded by her three children, Bob Dixon, Janet Dickens, Sheila Peña and daughter-in-law, Kitty Dixon, at the Villas at Stanford Ranch Memory Care, Rocklin, CA. Marge was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to her parents, Sara O'Toole and John Spratt and seven brothers and sisters, where she attended St. Mary's of the Mount Catholic School for elementary and high school. Following high school, Marge married her sweetheart, Ralph Dixon. They settled in Pittsburgh, PA and lived until Ralph's brother encouraged them to follow him to San Jose, California, where they raised their family and Marge lived until March 2021. Marge never lost her love for her beloved big city, Pittsburgh, her Pittsburgh Steelers and her home on Mt. Washington! Marge worked for Campbell HS District from which she retired after 30 years. She loved her daily crossword puzzles but especially her visits from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Marge was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Dixon; her son, Mike Dixon; baby Richard and her son-in-law, Richard Dickens; her grandchild, Will Dickens; her parents and six of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by three of her children, Bob Dixon (Kitty), Janet Dickens, and Sheila Peña (Rich); daughter-in-law, Kath Dixon; eight of her grandchildren, Meghan Dixon, Amy Dixon Munselle (Lance), Matt Dixon (Caitlyn), Molly Dixon Christensen (Justin), Katie Dixon, Jeff Peña (Monique), Sarah Peña (Victor), and Alison Dickens (Austin) and 14 great-grandchildren; her brother, Bob Spratt; and many nieces and nephews. A private burial will be held at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital (stjude.org/donate) or Snowline Hospice (snowlinehospice.org/help/donate).

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the Mount Catholic School for elementary and high school. Following high school, Marge married her sweetheart, Ralph Dixon. They settled in Pittsburgh, PA and lived until Ralph's brother encouraged them to follow him to San Jose, California, where they raised their family and Marge lived until March 2021. Marge never lost her love for her beloved big city, Pittsburgh, her Pittsburgh Steelers and her home on Mt. Washington! Marge worked for Campbell HS District from which she retired after 30 years. She loved her daily crossword puzzles but especially her visits from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Marge was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Dixon; her son, Mike Dixon; baby Richard and her son-in-law, Richard Dickens; her grandchild, Will Dickens; her parents and six of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by three of her children, Bob Dixon (Kitty), Janet Dickens, and Sheila Peña (Rich); daughter-in-law, Kath Dixon; eight of her grandchildren, Meghan Dixon, Amy Dixon Munselle (Lance), Matt Dixon (Caitlyn), Molly Dixon Christensen (Justin), Katie Dixon, Jeff Peña (Monique), Sarah Peña (Victor), and Alison Dickens (Austin) and 14 great-grandchildren; her brother, Bob Spratt; and many nieces and nephews. A private burial will be held at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital (stjude.org/donate) or Snowline Hospice (snowlinehospice.org/help/donate).

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METRO W. DUNN

On Wednesday, September 7, 2022, of Robinson Township, age 75. Husband of the late Barbara "Janie" Dunn; father of Jeff (Clara) Jablonksi; siblings, Michael Dunn, Julie Dunn (late), Joanna Pompa, and Deanna Hradisky. Prior to a stroke in 2010, Metro was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and vacations at the Outer banks, NC. He was an active member of the Carpenter's Union 142. Funeral services will be private as per his wishes. Arrangements entrusted to **PITTSBURGH CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE**, Robinson Twp.



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GERALDINE "GERRY" (VANCE) HOLDEN

Age 91, of Mt. Lebanon, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, on Monday, September 5, 2022. Beloved wife for 65 years of Dr. Andrew E. Holden; devoted mother of Andrea Gursky, Dr. Alyssa Gursky (Nunzio Tarantino), Alysson Mayer (Christian), Dr. Andrei Gursky (Anna) and Alexis Sebastian (Donald); sister of the late Maye DiGiulio (the late Albert); also survived by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Viewing hours have been omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Funeral Mass in St. Bernard Church (St. Michael the Archangel Parish), on Tuesday morning, September 13, 2022, at 10:00. Entombment in Queen of Heaven Cemetery will be private. The family requests no flowers, please. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed to Alzheimer Disease Research, c/o University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, 200 Lothrop St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. laughlinfuneralhome.com

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MELVIN F. HEINZ

On Saturday, September 3, 2022, Melvin F. Heinz, a long-time resident of Etna, passed away at the age of 94. Born January 26, 1928, in Glenshaw, PA, the youngest son of the late Louise Mary (Hohman) Heinz and Peter George Heinz. He was preceded in death by five sisters and six brothers. Survived by nieces and nephews.

He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army serving with the 20th Infantry, 6th Division, in Korea as a heavy mortar crewman. He received the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal Japan. After working for 28 years for Allegheny County in the maintenance department he retired in 1988.

Mel enjoyed chocolate candy, cookies, listening to music and following the Pirates on his transistor radio. He always kept his rosary with him.

A special thank you to the nurses and all the support staff at Kane Hospital Ross Twp. for their compassion and care for Melvin over the past five years.

A blessing service will take place on September 15, 2022, at 11:30 AM at the **H.P. BRANDT FUNERAL HOME**, 1032 Perry Hwy, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 followed by burial at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with full military honors.



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ELLERY HUBBARD

Age 92, on Friday, September 9, 2022, of South Park. Beloved husband of 65 years to Sylvia (Consavage); father of Amy (Jerry) Sadlek and Anita (Rob) Carroll; grandfather of Riley Carroll; brother of the late Edna Piper and Virginia White. Ellery was proud to have served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Olmsted during the Korean War and belonged to Plumbers Local Union 27. Funeral service will be held at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 12:00 pm. Burial will follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to Meals on Wheels, Grace Lutheran Church, 6810 Hildale Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com

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JAMES ANDREW "JIM" JANOSKO

On Friday, Sept. 9th, James Andrew "Jim" Janosko, age 79, formerly of West Mifflin and New Boston, Michigan, passed peacefully at Family Hospice. He was the son of the late Andrew and Elizabeth (Anlauf) Janosko.

Following his 1960 graduation from Munhall High School, Jim joined the Air Force. His expertise in communications took him to radar stations in Newfoundland and Japan

where he met Ayako Kashaira, his wife of 24 years before her passing in 1990. Later in life, he met Carole Burkhardt who shared life with him before her death. His life was fulfilled by his relationships with Ayako and Carole and their common interests.

While living in Michigan, Jim spent decades in careers with Ford Aerospace, formerly Philco Ford, and Lockheed Martin.

Throughout his life, Jim was a proud veteran. Active in New Boston's American Legion, Downriver for Veterans and the Yankee Air Museum, he enjoyed social events and made many friends. He joined Sharpsburg American Legion when returning to Pittsburgh this past summer. While in Pittsburgh, he resided at Harmony at Harts Run where he once again continued to socialize and make new friends.

Known for his generous spirit, independence, genial nature and hardworking ethic, it seemed only fitting that Jim returned to his roots which Pittsburgh so proudly exemplifies.

He leaves behind three brothers: Ray (Lisa), Bob (Celeste) and Ken (the late Linda). Jim is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Family and friends are welcomed on Friday, September 16, 2022 from 11 am until 2 pm at the **THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh.

A Funeral Service will follow at 2 pm in the Funeral Home's Chapel. Military Honors and Interment at Jefferson Memorial Park.



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ROBERT G. JOHNSON

Robert G. Johnson of Munhall passed away peacefully on September 10, 2022 at the age of 86. He was the loving husband of 65 years to Elaine (Wytiaz) Johnson. Robert leaves behind a family who loved him dearly. His daughters, Linda (Matthew) Tomsho, Janet Johnson, and Roberta Johnson, as well as his grandchildren, Alexander, Nicholas, and Danica Tomsho. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Johnson and Louise (Sarvey) Johnson. Robert began his professional life as a Motor Inspector for US Steel. After serving in that role, Robert pursued a lifelong dream and became a professional photographer. Further, Robert was active in his community as a member of the Munhall Garden Club. Throughout his life Robert had an eye for beauty and grace in imagery, in flowers and plants and in his family. Friends and family will be received on Monday, September 12, 2022 from 2 - 4 PM and 6 - 8 PM at the **SAVOLSKIS-WASIK-GLENN FUNERAL HOME INC.**, Munhall, PA 15120. A Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 10 AM at Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel in Hazelwood with an interment to follow at Jefferson Memorial Park. Donations, if desired, can be made to any of the aforementioned Veteran's group or a Veteran's group of your choosing. Online condolences may be made at: www.jeffersonmemorial.com

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THEODORE A. JONES

Age 91, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2022. He is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy; and his children, Ken (Sue) Jones, Cathi Jones, Cindy (Matt) Hinnebusch, Kelly (Bruce) Hammerle, Nina (Bob) Berke, Elizabeth (Robin) Wood, and Kim Mahan; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Born in Arizona, Ted lived in California, New York, Pittsburgh, PA; Forest, VA; and Wilmington, NC. His early work for Scott Paper Company brought him east, where he retired from McCay & Son, Food Brokers. He was a Korean War veteran who had many adventures and easily made friends. He lived an active life of skiing, golfing, gardening, and woodworking. Our family is blessed by the beautiful things he built and the memories of time spent with him, especially on the ski slopes of Seven Springs and the beaches of Ocean City, MD.

A memorial service will be held at Center Presbyterian Church, 255 Center Church Rd, McMurray, PA on October 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

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SHIRLEY J. JENSEN

Age 91 of Longwood at Oakmont, formerly of Eau Claire, WI, Richmond, WA, Bethel Park, PA, Whitehall, PA, Hidden Valley, PA, Jennerstown, PA, and Sun City Hilton Head, SC, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Dr. James Ejler Jensen; loving mother of James D. Jensen (Dawn), Karrie A. Ringelsetter (Gary/Ringo), John F. Jensen (Linda), Kathryn H. Demetri (George), Rebecca A. Hanley and Robert K. Jensen; cherished grandmother of Justin, Stacey, Aaron, Heidi, Peter, Mary, John, Christopher, Athena, Sophia, Molly and Mike; and great-grandmother of Julianna, Gavin, Jackson, Huxley, Remi, Cole and Connor; dear sister of Vonnie Stearns and the late Dennis Jevne; also survived by nieces and nephews.

Shirley graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1952 with a degree in home economics. She led a very active college life at the university involved in Phi Upsilon Omicron, Hoofers, Euthenics, Winter Carnival and President of Elizabeth Waters Dorm. She was an officer of the Student Board where she met her husband, Jim Jensen. Shirley and Jim were married in 1953 after graduation from UW. Beginning in 1957 Shirley and Jim began their family with the first of six adoptions. She loved children and planned to adopt triplets after the initial six adoptions. She began her career as a Dietitian first in Hanford, WA, then in Marion Manor and Allegheny Valley General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, she helped establish the South Hills Meals on Wheels Program and started the Meals on Wheel Program in Somerset County. Shirley was an avid skier at Hidden Valley, a member of the National Audubon Society, member of numerous garden and book clubs, she volunteered at Power Mill Nature Reserve in Rector, PA, and the Hunting Island Nature Center in Beaufort, SC. She loved sailing with the UW Hooper Club on Lake Mendota Madison, WI, Deer Valley Lake in Fort Hill, PA and the Severn River in MD. She loved playing and listening to music including remotely attending the Metropolitan Opera. She played the flute in marching band in high school, was an organist and piano player at Stewart Avenue Lutheran Church and played the hammer dulcimer in the Sun City Hilton Head Strummers, and was a member of the Bell Ringers Club. Shirley loved teaching many games including her favorite Mahjongg. She volunteered as a Girl Scout leader in her church through Bethel Bible Study Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Stephen's Ministry. She loved to learn and was active in starting the Adult Education Program at the University of SC, Beaufort. She was a world traveler enjoying Tauck Tours, skiing in the US and Europe and coordinating Elder Hostel Events. The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 18th from 2 p.m. until the memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Deer Valley YMCA Camp, 254 Deer Valley Drive, Fort Hill, PA 15540. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial contributions to the Deer Valley YMCA Camp - Lakeview Lodge Campaign, 254 Deer Valley Drive, Fort Hill, PA 15540. Arrangements by **WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME**, Aspinwall.

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AMY REBECCA LANGSTON

Age 51, of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Pittsburgh, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Beloved daughter of Donald S. and the late Joyce Joynes Langston. Dear sister of Jeffrey Langston (Suzanne), Jessica Langston and Julia Langston Field. Loving aunt of Blaine, Aila, Caitlyn, Isaac and Georgia. Amy was noted for her kindness to others and had many friends. She loved animals, and after attending college she worked at the Pittsburgh Zoo before moving to Nevada where she worked in the hotel industry for over 20 years. Everyone is welcome to attend her memorial service in the sanctuary at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 3319 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216, on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. (the service will be livestreamed at mlumc.org). Friends will be received at the church following the service. The family requests NO FLOWERS, please. If desired, donations in Amy's name may be made to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. laughlinfuneralhome.com. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

VIRGINIA MARIE LYNCH

Age 88, of Springfield, VA, died June 11, 2022. She was the daughter of Walter and Stella Wodnicki from Pittsburgh, PA. Virginia was predeceased by parents, brother Walter Jr. and her husband, Gene. Survivors include sons Michael Lynch, William Lynch, Brian Lynch; daughters Kathleen M. Pepper, Pamela Ott; grandchildren, Jeremiah, Sammy, and Kristopher Pepper, Michelle Appel and Matthew Lynch, Courtney and Julianna Ott; great grandchildren Ben and Alexis Pepper, and Logan Appel.

After high school, Virginia who went by Ginny attended and graduated from Westinghouse Technical Night School. She happened to first meet her future husband as part of her First Holy Communion class. She married her husband after he graduated from USMA and began an adventure as part of the Army life starting in Germany followed by several stops in the States over the next couple of decades. Ginny and her husband settled in Northern Virginia as her husband's military career transitioned to civilian life and finally into retirement.

Ginny was a stalwart supporter of her husband's military career and like other Army wives took care of her family and home when her husband was stationed in Korea during peacetime or when he served in the Vietnam war.

She was a positive, sociable, friendly, and happy person with a great sense of humor who made friends easily. She enjoyed bowling, bridge, sewing, arts & crafts making decorations, cooking, popular music, jigsaw puzzles, playing board and card games with her children teaching how to have family fun, hostessing social events including the best birthday parties, volunteering in the community at various military bases, den mother for the Boy Scouts, Rolling Valley Swim Club, food and party planning for youth soccer and baseball teams plus team phone trees.

She was the family communicator, photographer, and historian with meticulous chronicling of family pictures of time, place, and people. She enjoyed supporting her Washington and Pittsburgh football teams and attended many Pirates baseball games with her family.

Ginny was a wonderful mother, aunt, grandmother, and great grandmother who loved her family and made countless sacrifices for her family. She celebrated her faith as a member of Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA for over four decades.

She moved into The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods Retirement Community when her husband Gene, passed away in 2019.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in honor of Virginia M. Lynch either to Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at the Old Post Chapel, Ft Myer on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 8:45 A.M. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery, and a reception hosted by the family for family and friends immediately thereafter at the Officer's Club.

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MARY GRACE "MIMI" MILLER

Mary Grace "Mimi" Miller 88, a life-long resident of Oakmont, passed away at her home on the Blessed Virgin Mary Assumption Day, on Monday, August 15, 2022. Born in Youngstown, Ohio on August 24, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Anne (McGivern) and Jimmy Downes.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas R. Miller. Loving Mother of Andrew and Ned Meyers of Wilmington NC, James and Stefanie Meyers of Oakmont, Kathryn and David Geahry of Indiana Twp., and Mary Jayne and Robin Trockl of West Deer Twp. Dear sister of the late Peggy Gessler (surviving spouse, Ben) of Hampton, Kitty Dixon (surviving spouse, Don) of Youngstown, OH, Jayne Frick (the late Norm) of Verona, PA, and Nancy Gamble (the late John) of Harwick. Grandmother of Brandon Geahry, Erin Geahry, Morgan Mary Geahry, Thomas (T.J.) Trockl, Joseph Trockl, and Nina Longo. Mary Grace loved her church, spending time with her family, celebrating her Irish heritage, and had a deep love for the Blessed Mother. Friends and relatives are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, September 17, 2022, 10 a.m. at Christ The King Parish (St. Francis of Assisi) 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Verona with her husband. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to <https://www.alexlemonade.org/>. (Childhood Cancer Research). Arrangements entrusted to **BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES INC.** Oakmont

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MORRIS "MOE" LEBOW

In his 103rd year on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Charlotte Gross Lebow. Loving father of Alan (Linda) Lebow and Roberta (David) Brody. Son of the late Harry and Rebecca Lebowitz. Brother of the late Samuel and Meyer Lebowitz, Joseph Lebow and Leah Mallinger. Beloved Poppy Bo to grandchildren, Jason Lando (Troy Harris), Brad (Laura) Lando and Brett Lebow, Benjamin (Lauren) Brody, Michael Brody, Dane Brody and Patrick Keating, great-grandchildren, Jackson and Claire Lando and Landon Lebow and step-great-grandchildren, Will and Teddy Brody. Also survived by many, many nieces and nephews. Services at Rodef Shalom Temple, 4905 Fifth Avenue (at Morewood) on Sunday at 3 PM. Visitation at Temple one hour prior to services (2 - 3 PM). Interment at Homewood Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Moe Lebow Tree of Life Fund, 5898 Wilkins Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, family owned and operated.

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SUZANNE M. "AUNT SUE" MOAN

Age 88, of Castle Shannon, PA, passed away suddenly on September 7, 2022. Suzanne is survived by her stepson, Eugene (Margaret) Moan; grandchildren, Ben, Daniel, Matthew, Sarah, and Rachel; four great-grandchildren; and nieces Kim, Lynne, Patricia, and Leslie. Preceded in death by her husband, Anthony; her loving parents, Ralph and Beatrice; and her sister, Helen Odette Liddy. Suzanne worked for 30-plus years at Bell Atlantic where she started as an operator and retired as a manager. In her spare time she liked to travel, going to the casino, doting on her four nieces, and watching things grow, from her flowers to her grandchildren. Aunt Sue had the biggest heart and accepted everyone no matter what. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the South Park Children's Theater at <https://sites.google.com/a/southparktheatre.com/south-park-theatre/support-the-arts>. Online condolences may be left at jeffersonmemorial.com.

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SHIRLEY M. (SLOVINA) MARCHITELLO

Of North Versailles, age 87, died on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Shirley was the beloved wife of the late Daniel Marchitello, for 63 years. Loving mother of Daniel M. Marchitello of North Versailles and Donald Marchitello of North Huntingdon. Devoted grandmother of Braydon Marchitello of Irwin. Sister of Gloria (late William) Zatek of Wilmerding, Judy (late John) Wylie of OH, and Frances

(Steve) Nagy of NC. Aunt of Stacey, Karen, Jennifer, Meghan, Ashley, Erica, and the late Michelle. Shirley was a former administrative assistant with East Allegheny School District and the former Ringsdorf Corp. in North Versailles. Shirley was an outgoing and welcoming neighbor and was known as the "unofficial 'Mayor'" of her Fairhaven Heights neighborhood. When her boys were growing up, Shirley was a volunteer for their school and church activities with St. Robert Bellarmine, and all of their athletic pursuits through high school. She loved to care for her yard and its landscaping and was considered by many to be "the best-dressed gardener in town". Shirley often walked with her neighbors through their Fairhaven Heights neighborhood, frequently turning a 15-minute walk into a 3-hour stroll as they spoke with any neighbors they saw. She was a daily shopper at Walmart for fresh bread so that she could feed the visiting birds in her yard. Shirley enjoyed dressing up and attending local theater productions and even took excursions to New York City to take in plays. Shirley treasured spending time with family and friends. In fact, her most notable and noble activity was as a caregiver to her immediate family, extended family, neighbors, and anyone who needed assistance. Friends are welcome on Sunday from 2-8 pm at PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME and CREMATION INC., 700 Linden Avenue at Cable Avenue, East Pittsburgh (412-824-8800). Mass of Christian Burial in St. Robert Bellarmine Church of Mary, Mother of God Parish on Monday at 10 a.m. with Fr. Terry O'Connor presiding. Shirley will be laid to rest in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Mary, Mother of God Parish, 1640 Fawcett Ave., White Oak, PA 15131.

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DENNIS F. MITCHELL

Age 76, of Bloomfield, on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Beloved husband of 52 years of Vivian L. (Koch) Mitchell; loving father of Stephen D. Mitchell, Renee (Michael) Bindernagel, Celeste Mitchell and Meadow L.; devoted grandfather of Cheyenne (Michael) Beddard, Autumn Rietzel, Nicholas Palmiere, Trent Mitchell, Cate Mitchell and Michael Bindernagel, Jr.; cherished great-grandfather of Adelina Beddard and Paisley Beddard; dear nephew of Maffy and the late John Giancola; he is also survived by his beloved pet, Cleo. Family and friends are welcomed at the WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville, on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 12-5 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 4:30 p.m.

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REGIS P. NAJESKI

Age 93 on Sunday, September 4, 2022, of Pleasant Hills. Beloved son of the late Felix and Monica (Sobczak) Najeski. Loving brother of the late Arthur Najeski and brother-in-law of the late Mary Najeski. Survived by nieces, Monica Najeski (Sonny Ringeisen) of Pittsburgh and Julie Roos (James) of Florida. Great-uncle to Nicholas Najeski and Amanda Martin, honorary Pap to Christopher and Adelie Rose Schmidt, and family friend of Mark and Danielle Schmidt.

Regis retired from the Whitehall Borough Police Department after dedicating 30 years of service. He was a proud Army Veteran who served in the Korean War, and a member of the VFW Post 1810. He was also a life-long member of St. Sylvester's Parish in Brentwood.

Regis enjoyed the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and loved to tend to his garden every summer, sharing the fruits of his labor. Regis will be missed by his loved ones and his many lifelong friends.

There will be no visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be held in Blessed Trinity Parish, St. Sylvester Church at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022. Please meet at church. Inurnment with full military honors immediately after Mass in St. Anne Cemetery. Arrangements handled by the JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227. In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to a charity of one's choice in his memory. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.

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SHARON LANGER NEE

Age 65 of Peters Township, formerly of Brookline, peacefully passed away in her home on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, after a very short illness. Beloved wife of 41 years to Dr. Martin P. Nee, Jr. She was born on April 5, 1957, and was the daughter of the late Edward and Mildred Langer. Loving mother of Coleman Nee and Meghan (Jonathon) Lucsko; sister of Lawrence (Karen Hyra) Langer; grandma to her adored grandcats, Omar and Charli.

Sharon graduated with honors from Mercy School of Nursing in 1978. She worked many years caring for others as a Registered Nurse in the open-heart unit, a Certified RN Administrative Coordinator, and a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant. Sharon was a loving and supportive wife and mother to not only her own children, who proved to be quite the handful, but to their friends as well. Sharon was known for her compassion, strength, intelligence, and fierce independence. Her memory will be kept alive and cherished by her family, friends, and neighbors, who she lovingly considered family. Sharon has proved that life may be shorter than expected. In her memory, we ask that you take a moment to admire the little things such as the first snowfall of the year, a good steak, or a beautiful hibiscus flower.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, from 2-6 pm at PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE, 3287 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317 (724) 260-5546. A Blessing Service will follow the gathering at 6 pm. Burial will take place on Thursday, September 15th at 10 am at Forest Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AHN Hospice, 500 Commonwealth Dr., 1st Floor, Warrendale, PA 15086.



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FRANK E. OELSCHLAGER

A memorial service for Frank E. OelschLAGER will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 17, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church in Bridgeville, PA. Frank passed away in late 2021 at the age of 93. He was born and raised in Bridgeville. Frank worked for Bell Telephone in Pittsburgh until 1985, and for many years was very active in Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in West View. Upon retiring he moved from Moon Twp. to Florida. Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Irene. He is survived by his children, April and Eric. Frank's final resting place will be Melrose Cemetery in Bridgeville.

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MICHAEL EDWARD PARANZINO

Michael Edward Paranzino, age 99, of Finleyville, PA, formerly of Carrick, PA, passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2022. Born on December 12, 1922, he was the son of the late Donata and Anna Paranzino. Beloved husband of Mona Melenchek. Loving brother of Daniel and Doris. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Jim, Marie, Larry, Jean, Sammy and Thomas. Michael was a mail carrier at Bethel Park

Post Office for 27 years. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. All services will be held privately. Arrangements have been entrusted to PITTSBURGH CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, 724-260-5546. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Association of Pittsburgh. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at pittsburghcremation.com.



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JANE ARMINTA (KEEFE) PRYTHERCH

Age 79, of Glenshaw, passed away on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Wife of Hugh A. Prytherch. Please visit www.bockltd.com for further information and to post condolences on Jane's tribute wall. Arrangements entrusted to BOCK FUNERAL HOME, LTD.

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DENISE C. PUCKETT

On September 9, 2022, after a long-fought battle, Denise age 71, surrounded by her loving family was peacefully called home. Beloved wife of Gary, loving mother of Stephen and Cindy. Devoted grandma of Michael, Mya, and Robert. Sister of Sally, Joan (Dave), and the late Karen (Larry).

Family and friends are welcomed at the JOHN N. ELACHKO FUNERAL HOME, 3447 Dawson St., Pgh., PA 15213, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Prayer Service Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Internment private. Please visit Denise's memorial page at ELACHKO.com.

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MICHAEL E. RAGANO

Age 52, unexpectedly, on Thursday, September 8, 2022, of Mt. Washington. Son of the late Nicholas P. and Elizabeth (Luttig) Ragano; brother of Nicholas Ragano, Theresa (Ralph) Salla and Chrissy (Tony) Harkins; uncle of Jackie Salla, Alexa Ragano and Gianna and Lorenzo Harkins; also survived by family and many friends. Friends will be received at the JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Rd., Brentwood 15227, on Monday, September 12, 2022 from 2-7 p.m. A Blessing Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Please send condolences to:

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PATRICIA A. "PATTI" (ZIGA) RENTER

Age 54, of Frazer Township, was peacefully scooped up by the Lord to her eternal home on Sunday, September 4, 2022. Patti was the sweet bride of Ian Renter for 21 years and was the devoted mother of their son Ronan Renter. Daughter of Barbara and the late Charles Ziga. Sister of Adrienne (Michael) Olson and the late Michael Ziga. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at MAURICE L. KNEE, LTD. FUNERAL HOME, 7663 Saltsburg Rd. (across from S & T Bank), Plum, PA 15239 where a funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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JEROME RIEMS

Age 85 of Monroeville, formerly of Plantation, FL, passed away on Friday, September 2, 2022. Beloved husband for 57 years of the late Carol (Szazynski) Riems. Loving father of Jeffrey Riems and Leslie Riems. Grandfather of Jerry (Kristen) and Alex. Great-grandfather of Lennox and Taytum. Brother of Lorraine (Vincent) Gonsowski and Georgeann Mayfield.

Brother-in-law of the late Timothy (Carol) Szazynski and the late Althea (late Bernard) Klavon. Also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins. Honoring Jerry's wishes, Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Augustine Church of Our Lady of the Angels Parish. Interment followed in St. Augustine Cemetery. Arrangements by MAURICE L. KNEE, LTD. FUNERAL HOME.

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JOHN DANIEL "JACK" RILEY, JR.

Age 88, of Pittsburgh, passed away on September 6, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents John D. Riley, Sr. and Edith Riley.

Jack worked for the Pittsburgh Press/Post-Gazette as a proud union Printer for 38 years before retiring in 1998.

Jack was also an avid supporter of the Pittsburgh Typo and the Union Printers International Baseball League. He proudly played and later served as the "backbone" to the Pittsburgh Typo Team. He also served as Secretary-Treasurer and editor of the Typo Sports for the UPBL. He will be greatly missed by his friends, especially Jim Lowen, and by all the former players that remember his famous "ice buckets".

To honor Jack's memory, we are holding a celebration of his life on September 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at BEINHAUER FUNERAL HOME, 2630 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. We invite anyone who knew him to attend and remember his wonderful life.

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NANCY C. BOWERS RODGERS

Age 85 of Jamestown, passed away Thursday afternoon September 8, 2022. She was born in Bronx, New York on July 27, 1937, the daughter of Joseph and Elva "Pearl" (Baker) Bowers. Nancy was a longtime Realtor/broker in Pittsburgh, Jamestown, and Andover, OH. She was also the owner of Rodgers Real Estate in Jamestown for many years. She enjoyed her antique cars, collectibles, and attending car shows.

On May 19, 1955, Nancy married William H. Rodgers. She is survived by three children, Barbara Steinberger and her husband, David of Preston, PA, Keith Rodgers and his wife, Carolyn of Jamestown and Nancy Damich and her husband, Lou of Cecil Township, PA; six grandchildren, Amanda Steinberger, Adam Steinberger (Kimberly), Drew Damich, Benjamin Rodgers (Megan), Megan Dell'Acqua (Nick), Alex Rodgers (Kacie); two great-grandchildren, Arlo and Remi Steinberger. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William, and her brother, Joseph Bowers.

SERVICES: There will not be any funeral services. Burial will be in Rocky Glen Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Strayhaven Animal Rescue, 94 Donation Rd., Greenville, PA 16125. Visitors may sign the online guest book at www.loutzenhiserfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to LOUTZENHISER-RANDALL FUNERAL HOME and CREMATION SERVICES, 416 Liberty St., Jamestown.

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VELMA SAIRE

Velma Saire, 89, of Sewickley, passed away in the early morning hours of Thursday, August 18. A native of Glassport, she was born to Virginia (Altman) and Albert Backstrom. Despite a childhood filled with obstacles, she was valedictorian of Glassport Jr/Sr. High School in 1951, and attended the University of Pittsburgh, where she received her B.S. in Elementary Education, M. Ed.

in School Administration, and Doctorate in Administration.

In her 50+ years as an educator, she shaped thousands of lives as a teacher, administrator, and college instructor in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, California, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. While she referred to her experience as one of the developers of the Model School in McKeesport as the "Camelot of her career," she was also honored to have had both high schools she led designated as National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. She received countless awards in educational leadership including the Distinguished Woman in Education from the University of Pittsburgh, a Congressional Award for a distinguished career in education in 2000, and membership in the prestigious 100-member Headmasters Association during her tenure at Darien High School. After announcing "retirement" in 2000 from her position as Assistant Superintendent of Quaker Valley Schools, she continued to teach as an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

Although not originally from Sewickley, she became an integral part of the community, serving on the public library board, as a member of the historical society and on the board at Linden Place. She was active in the Sewickley Presbyterian Church and worked tirelessly to welcome refugees to the community. Her legacy at Quaker Valley (and her love of giraffes) lives on in the Velma Award, "given to a QV professional, duo, or group who 'sticks their neck out' for the purpose of taking a risk, or a chance to do something that will enrich Quaker Valley Schools and the community."

While lauded for her work as an educator, the most important aspect of her life was her family. She is survived by a sister, Shirley Cotton, of Mt. Pleasant, SC; her nieces, Denise Backstrom (Jim Fitzgerald) of Tupelo, MS, Betsy Cotton (Rob Mulcahy) of Stockton, NJ, Lynne (Larry) Wagner of Orrville, OH, and Melissa Cotton of New York, NY; her nephews, Dave Backstrom of Statesville, NC; her grandnieces, Allison Wagner of Waverly, OH, Suzanne Wagner of Smithville, OH, and Libby and Caris Wagner of Orrville, OH; and her grand-nephew, Seamus Mulcahy of Portland, ME. She loved spending time with the people she loved, cooking and baking for family and friends, sewing, knitting, summers at Chautauqua, and she never missed an episode of Jeopardy.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Sewickley Presbyterian Church on September 17 at 11:00 followed by a reception. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sewickley Valley YMCA Velma Saire Youth Scholarship Fund, 625 Blackburn Road, Sewickley, PA 15143. Arrangements are entrusted to RICHARD D. COLE FUNERAL HOME, 328 Beaver St., Sewickley, PA 15143. To order flowers or to leave a memory of Velma, visit our website: www.richarddcolefh.com.

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MARY "ELAINE" SANTORA

Age 80, of McCandless Twp., passed away peacefully, on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

She was born to her loving parents, Ernest and Clara Gengerella on June 5, 1942. She graduated high school from Mt. Gallitzin Academy in Baden, PA and attended Point Park College in Pittsburgh, PA. After college, she worked as a medical secretary at St. John's hospital in Pittsburgh where she met her husband of 58 years, Dr. Frank J. Santora, who is recently deceased. Together they had four daughters, Victoria (John) Entwistle, Gayle Santora, Shelley (Ken) Santora Jones and Jamie (Frank) Capaci.

Elaine loved spending time with her daughters and grandchildren, Emily and Frank Entwistle, Clara and James Jones, and Connor and Kaitlyn Capaci. For many years she worked at her husband's medical office at Divine Providence Hospital until their retirement. She also enjoyed volunteering at the St. Aiden Parish office, playing piano and watching Steelers football.

Elaine is also survived by many loving relatives and friends who will miss her smile, strength and determination.

Friends will be received on Tuesday, September 13th from 3-7 PM at DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, 806 Perry Hwy., Ross Twp. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Aidan Parish, 10090 Old Perry Hwy., Wexford, PA 15090 on Wednesday, September 14th at 10 AM. Entombment will follow in Allegheny County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to Concordia of Cranberry or Bridges Hospice.

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MARJORIE S. (METHVEN) SCHILLINGER

Age 72 of Wexford passed peacefully at home with her family at her side on Friday, September 9, 2022. Loving wife for 43 years of Thomas Schillinger; dear mother of Rachel Cullifer (Bobby) and George Schillinger (Kaitlyn); grandmother of Charlotte and

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MARIE "TERESA" SAROSI



Age 91, of Beechview, passed away on Friday September 9, 2022. Beloved wife of 60 years to Robert M. Sarosi. Loving mother of Tina (Kevin) Gamble Sears, Stephen (Coleen) Sarosi and Lisa (Frank) Impavido. Cherished nonna of Jessica and Lauren Gamble, Ryan and Erin Sarosi, Katie (Michael) Greer, Francis and Lucas Impavido. Beloved daughter of the late Salvatore and Angela (Mazzone) Staltari.

Loving sister of Rosina (the late Saverio) Strati, Carmela (Nicodemo) Rinaldis and the late Giuseppe (Carmela) Staltari. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Teresa lived her life for her family, faith, and food. Family and friends welcome Tuesday 2-8 pm **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, (412-563-2800) 1650 Greentree Rd., Scott Twp. 15220. Funeral Mass Wednesday 10:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Church, St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish. Entombment to follow in Mount Lebanon Cemetery. www.slaterfuneral.com

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JENNIE ANNE SCHILKEN



On Thursday, September 1, 2022, at age 80, Jennie Anne Schilken passed suddenly in Pittsburgh, surrounded by family, love, and music. Jennie was born in Pittsburgh on August 29, 1942, to Mary Ella Markey (Hughes) and William Hartzel Markey. Jennie completed her post-graduate studies at Duquesne University and spent her life enriching the lives of others as a teacher for over 25 years in schools serving the City of Pittsburgh, in various schools attended by her own daughters, and for years at the Katherine Dean Tillotson School in the areas of special education and early childhood developmental learning. Following her retirement, Jennie continued her giving by volunteering with local political groups, sharing her home with Haitians studying at Duquesne, and giving generous donations to other organizations. Jennie exemplified love and care through her life spent with her husband and best friend of 54 years (Regis Henry Schilken, Jr.) as they raised their children, explored the wonder of nature on trips, and provided an incredibly friendly, compassionate, and comforting sanctuary for conversations, gatherings, and sharing to everyone they touched. She tirelessly stepped up to the plate working to right wrongs. Jennie cared about the special touches, homemade birthday cakes, beautifully hosted family gatherings, little surprises in school lunches, and providing excellent family barber services. Jennie was passionate about learning and was honored to be a 25-year member of a local book club. Jennie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother-in-law, Ken Krebs; her sisters-in-law, Nancy Krebs and Kathy Thompson; and her nephew, Mark Schilken. She is survived by her daughters, Cathy Schilken (Chris Ruscitti), Marnie Schilken (Shane Freeman), and Sunitha Somanath (Bruce Giroux); her grandchildren, Haven, Greysen, Milan, and Rowan; her brothers, Bill Markey, Mike Markey, Paul Markey (Penny); her sister, Betty Markey (Don Herman); her brother-in-law, Charles Schilken (Eileen); and a multitude of cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Services are private. As a celebration of her life, her family asks that donations be made to Fonkoze USA, 1900 L Street NW, Ste 304, Washington, DC 20036, www.fonkoze.org. Arrangements by **NATURAL FUNERAL COMPANY**, www.naturalfuneralcompany.com

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JOAN M. (HODDER) SLOAN



Age 91, of North Braddock, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Francis C. "Frank" Sloan and her parents, Cecil and Winifred Schweinberg Hodder.

Joan is survived by her children; Carol (Gus) Cataneo of Gibsonia, Michelle Ewing of Monroeville, Charlene (Jim) Banish of North Braddock, Kevin (Connie) Sloan of North Braddock, David Sloan of North Braddock, and Patrick Sloan of North Braddock. Joan is also survived by eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Tester of North Braddock; sister-in-law, Loretta Stepko of Fort Wayne, IN; and many nieces and nephews.

Joan enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting, playing bingo, and cooking her delicious roast beef and gravy for family Sunday dinners.

Friends are welcome on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112; (412) 824-8800.

Burial service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the North Braddock Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Braddock, PA 15104.

The family would like to thank AHN Home Hospice for the care and compassion they gave to Mother. We truly appreciate everyone who was present to provide her care.

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MARIAN STREIFF

Of O'Hara Township, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Ruth Streiff. She is survived by two brothers, Michael (Lisa) and Mark also her cousin, Barbara Valentine (John), as well as numerous cousins, family members, and great friends. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a Master's Degree in Library Science, she began an over 30-year career at Carnegie Library where she successfully held many positions. She went on to become the head of the Mt. Washington Branch. She was a beloved, active member of community. She had a proclamation by Pittsburgh City Council honoring her with Marian Streiff day. She was an avid reader and shared her love of books by leading many book clubs over the years. She was an avid lifelong Steeler fan and enjoyed sharing Steeler Sundays with family and friends. Marian lived her life on her own terms and will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her. There will be no visitation and interment will be private. Memorial gifts may be donated to Carnegie Library of Mt. Washington, 315 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15211. Arrangements by **WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME**, Aspinwall.

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LENORE STERNBERG TISHMAN

Age 93, died on September 4, 2022. She is survived by her loving family. For full obituary and to express condolences online visit segalfuneralhome.com.

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JEANNE JOHNSON THOMPSON

Jeanne Johnson Thompson died peacefully on September 29, 2021, in West Hartford, CT after a long illness. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on September 6, 1949, she was the daughter of Robert Henry Johnson and Evelyn St. Clair Moreland, and devoted stepdaughter of Raymond F. Moreland of Pittsburgh. Jeanne attended the Ellis School, and graduated from the Kent School (Kent, CT) and Hollins College (Roanoke, VA). She was a proud member of the Athletic Hall of Fame at both Kent and Hollins because of her prowess in Field Hockey, and had been a competitive golfer in her youth. She served as a longtime aide to Sen. Richard P. Schweiker (R-PA) in the US Senate and throughout his tenure as Secretary of Health and Human Services under President Ronald Reagan. Later in life, she followed her passion and received a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania, and worked professionally in Philadelphia and Boston. A lifelong friend has written, "Besides being a Beatles groupie, Jeanne was a star athlete, excellent writer, and talented artist with an exceptional eye who had yet to discover her full potential. But above all, she was a kind thoughtful, loving and loyal friend with a tender heart who will be truly missed by all who loved her." She loved flowers, digging in the dirt, fine art and antiques, and all the Golden Retrievers in her life. Jeanne was predeceased by her parents, and stepfather, as well as by her loving sister, Judith Johnson Oliver of Sewickley. She is survived by her brother, Robert St. Clair Johnson of Phoenix, AZ, and three nieces and one nephew. A memorial observance will be held in the Temple of Memories (Moreland Chapel) at Allegheny Cemetery on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 10 a.m. Arrangements by **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.** freyvogelfuneralhome.com

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DOROTHY SMITH WALKER

Age 104 of Hickory, on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Wife of the late Wilbert H. Walker; mother of three daughters, Joyce Ewing (Donald) of Bethel Park, Linda W. Smith of Mt. Lebanon and Janet Okarma (Jack) of Hickory; a son, Dennis Walker (Diana) of Hickory; sister of Richard Smith of Hickory and Roberta Farrar (Larry) of Columbia, TN; five granddaughters; a step-grandson; seven great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 PM Tuesday in **MCILVAINE-SPEAKMAN FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, Robert K. McIlvaine, Owner/Supervisor, 27 Cherry Ave., Houston, PA 15342, where services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Interment will follow at Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions be made to the Mt. Pleasant Twp. Historical Association Library, C/O R.L. White, 21 Dire Dr., Hickory, PA 15340 or AHN Healthcare at Home, Hospice Care, 500 Commonwealth Dr., 1st Floor, Warrendale, PA 15086.

Condolences may be left by viewing the obituary at: www.mcilvaine-speakman.com
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FRANK J. ZAPPALA, JR.

April 24, 1931 - September 4, 2022



Age 91. Frank passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on September 4, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen, brothers Richard (Nancy) and Charles (Pamela), sons Frank III (Erica) and Mark (Debra) and daughter-in-law, Terri Roberto. Grandchildren Brittany, Anna (Patrick), Frances, Matthew and Mark, Jr. great-grandchild, Graham, and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank J. Zappala, Sr. and Josephine, brother, Stephen A. Zappala, son Paul R. Zappala and stepson, Ralph C. Roberto.

Frank grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and attended Central Catholic High School, University of Notre Dame and Duquesne University School of Law. After graduating from law school, Frank joined his father's law firm but soon recognized opportunities in commercial real estate and developed shopping centers in a multi-state area. At one time, he was the largest developer for the Kmart Corporation in the 1970's and 1980's. After a successful career in real estate development, he, along with his brother Richard, started an investment banking firm, creating a financing vehicle that was used by developers across the country. Frank retired at a young age but not before his talents and influence were recognized by his peers. He had a superior intellect and an amazing grasp of any subject matter that made him an advisor and counselor to family, friends and business associates. Throughout all of his successes and accomplishments, Frank maintained a humble and modest demeanor that made him approachable by people from all walks of life.

After his retirement, he and Maureen moved to south Florida where they began their life of travel and charity work. Over the years, they traveled the world, eventually setting foot on every continent. They always made a point of visiting the small cities and villages around Europe and Asia and befriended the local restaurant owners and wine makers. He left a lasting impression wherever he went.

Frank and Maureen were involved in many charities throughout their years in Florida including the Hibiscus Foundation and Martin Memorial Hospital where Frank also served on the Board of Directors. They hosted many events with a flair that usually made the social pages.

His warm smile, comforting words, soothing advice and gentle leadership will be greatly missed.

Friends are welcome on Monday from 3-5 at **FOREST HILLS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 915 KENNEDY AVE., DUQUESNE, 412-466-3300, where a Blessing Service will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with Rev. John McKenna, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery-West Mifflin, with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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JOSEPH D. VALENTE



Joseph D. Valente, age 81, of New Eagle, formerly of Deep Creek, MD, Duquesne, and Munhall, passed away on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at home. Son of the late Daniel and Helen Valente, he was born in Homestead, on June 10, 1941. He was a retired Union Carpenter, a classic car enthusiast, an accomplished bowler with a 300 game, and a card player. He proudly served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was the husband of the late Mary Karen (Weber) Valente. He is survived by his dogs, Sophie and Sadie; brothers and sisters-in-law, Allan J. (Karen) Weber, Louis (Debbie) Weber, Don (Kathy) Weber, and Greg (Lynn) Weber; all of West Mifflin; nieces and nephews, Dana, Louis, Donald, Brian, Katie, and Mike; cousin, Kathleen Lucerne Rich of Florida; and life long friends, Cliff, Lori, Danielle and his godson, Cliff Grierson, Jimmy Babbie Family, and Gaspere Porco Family. Visitation will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **MALOY-SCHLEIFER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 915 KENNEDY AVE., DUQUESNE, 412-466-3300, where a Blessing Service will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with Rev. John McKenna, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery-West Mifflin, with Military Honors.

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MARYLOU L. WALKER



Age 97, of Penn Hills, born and raised in Berlin, PA, passed away on Friday, September 2, 2022. Beloved wife for 72 years of Ben F. Walker. Loving mother of James (Maureen) Walker, Bert (Darlene) Walker, and Susan (the late John) Kuster. Grandmother of Amy (John), Julie (Feller), Jonathan (Kylie), Charles (Sarah), Laura, and Linda (Kylie). Great-grandmother of Jessica, Joshua, Elijah, Benjamin, Jacob, Dorothy, and John. Sister of the late Elizabeth Merrill and late Edwin Landis. A longtime member of the United Church of Christ in Penn Hills, and a member of the church choir. She was a self-taught artist, using various mediums. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Berlin Area Historical Society, 400 Vine Street, Berlin, PA 15530. Arrangements entrusted to the **GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE**.

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THERESA (HASSICK) "BABY" ZATEZALO



Baba was 95 years young when she joined her loved ones in heaven on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

She was the beloved wife of the late John Zatezalo; loving mother of Bonnie Reinhart (the late Terry), the late John Richard Zatezalo, and Connie Markiw (David). Cherished Baba and grandmother of Angie Zatezalo, Gretchen Reinhart (Jim Kiger), Nicole Reinhart, Anastasia Markiw (Parva) and Gregory Markiw (Christina). Great-grandmother to Trini Zatezalo, Beatrix and Paul Kiger, Christopher and Brooke Zatezalo.

Sister of the late Mary Bordenick, Anne Kendrick, Nicholas Hassick, Alexander Hassick, Dorothy Blumenschein, Samuel Hassick, Catherine Galla, Michael Hassick, and Thelma Bodnar.

She was known as 'Baba' to all who knew and loved her. She lived a long and happy life surrounded by her family that she cherished with all her heart. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she was always willing to share their accomplishments with anyone within earshot. She will be remembered for her endless love and beautiful smile.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the caretakers of Gallagher Hospice Care, especially Carrie and Trish.

Family and friends will be received at the **VLADIMIR S. CORBA FUNERAL HOME** located at 300 East Main Street, Carnegie on Saturday, September 10, 2022, and Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM with a Parastas at 7:30 PM on Sunday. Funeral on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 10 AM at St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church on Mansfield Blvd in Carnegie.

Masks are required for individuals not vaccinated.

Donations may be made in her memory to St. Peter and St. Paul UOC, P.O. Box 835, Carnegie, PA 15106.

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In Memoriam

JOHNATHAN COLLEGE

September 13, 1983 ~ February 23, 2012



Wishing you Happy Birthday even though you are no longer with us in person!! Miss you, your beautiful smile and full of life personality every day. Love you forever and always.

Dad, Mom, Shannon and Lauren

JUSTIN MICHAEL WRIGHT

February 5, 1990 - September 11, 2016



We are the rememberers, the people left behind. To keep the one who's gone from us, alive in heart and mind. The people left to cherish and preserve a legacy.

Yes we are the rememberers... And we will always be.

Love Always, Your forever family.

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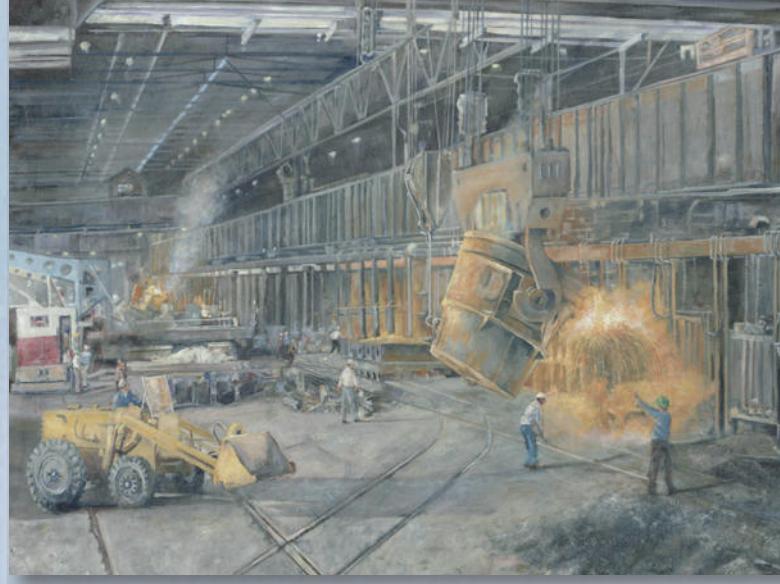
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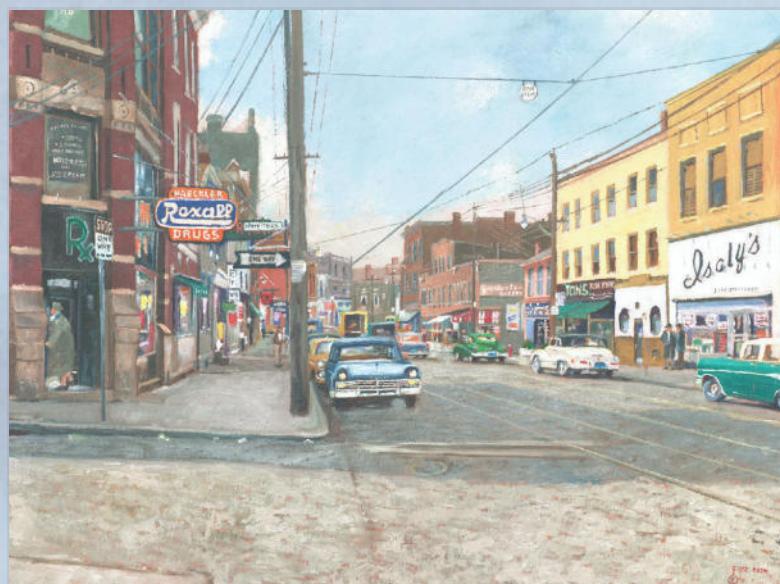
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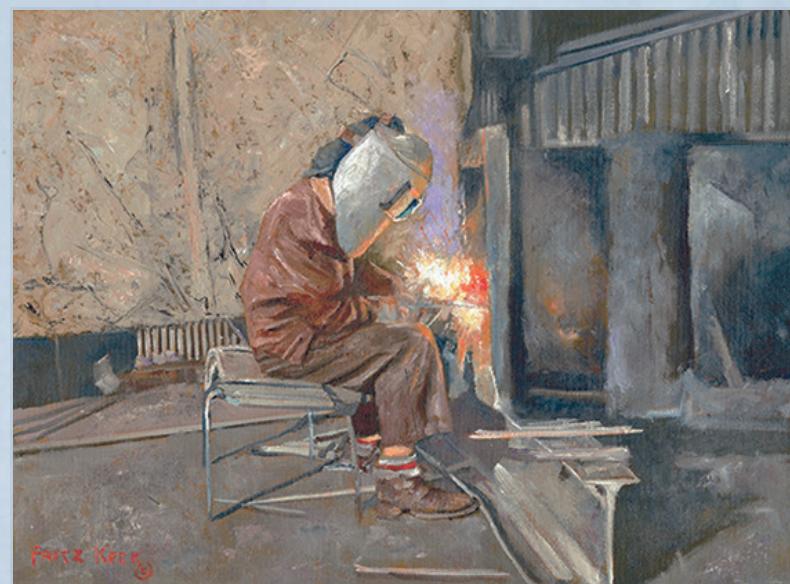
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PA Agenda

Boosting manufacturing gets bipartisan support

A new poll sponsored by the non-partisan Pittsburgh Works Together shows Pennsylvania voters strongly favor Democrats Josh Shapiro for governor and John Fetterman for U.S. Senate, over their Republican opponents, Doug Mastriano and Mehmet Oz. But ranking the political horse race for the Nov. 8 elections was the least significant result of the August survey by the non-profit advocacy group for a diverse economy and manufacturing.

Despite the heated and hyper-partisan rhetoric of the campaigns for governor and U.S. Senate, the poll of 600 registered Pennsylvania voters, conducted by Public Opinion Strategies, showed Republicans, Democrats and Independents overwhelmingly favor a non-partisan agenda to, among other things, create manufacturing jobs, expand vocational training, and maintain affordable and reliable energy through natural gas, wind, solar and nuclear.

"The public is not as divided as politicians — or the rest of us — tend to think," Jeff Nobers, executive director of Pittsburgh Works Together, said Friday. "The voters in Pennsylvania are willing to do what's necessary to turn the state around and make it the powerhouse it should be. But the politicians have to listen."

Candidates for office, take note: While divisive cultural battles rage on, Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh area continue to lose population and good-paying manufacturing jobs that anchor the economy. Together, in the five years before the COVID pandemic, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana added more than 66,000 manufacturing jobs. Meantime, Pennsylvania lost 300. With aging populations, two-thirds of Pennsylvania counties are shrinking. Since 2010, 42,000 more people died in the 10-county Pittsburgh region than were born.

New people will come to this state and region only if they see opportunity. Confidence, however, in Pennsylvania's future is waning. The Pittsburgh Works Together poll shows three out of four Pennsylvanians rate the economy fair or poor, and even more believe it will get worse or stagnate over the next year.

The good news is that Republicans, Democrats and Independents generally agree on what it will take to reverse population and job losses.

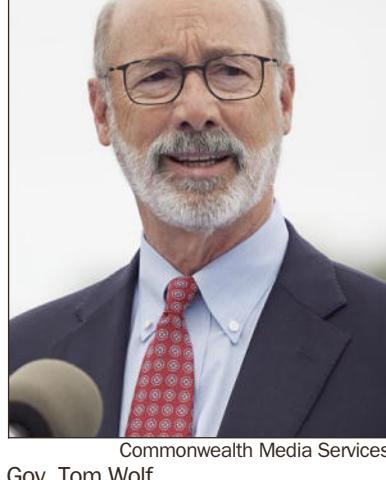
Roughly 95% of voters support greater access to technical, vocational and trade training as an alternative to a four-year college. Nearly 90% favor granting similar assistance to students enrolled in community colleges and vocational training as those in four-year colleges, such as scholarships for training in skilled trades. Most new good-paying jobs require more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year degree.

Other economic development measures with strong bipartisan support include streamlining permit processes, bolstering Pennsylvania's business reputation, and using government grants and loans to prepare potential factory construction sites, thus offsetting the higher costs of building industrial sites on Pennsylvania's old brownfields and rolling hills. That would help Pennsylvania compete for investment with flatter states that have lower building costs.

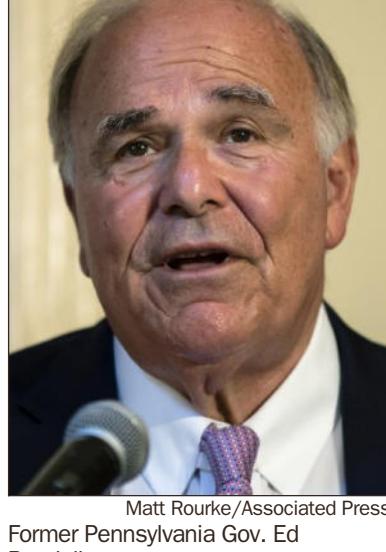
Pittsburgh Works Together believes, rightly, the next governor ought to become the state's top salesperson, promoting Pennsylvania's many assets to investors. Becoming the state's biggest pro-



Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette
Jeff Nobers, executive director of Pittsburgh Works Together



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Gov. Tom Wolf



Matt Rourke/Associated Press
Former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell

moter and cheerleader has nothing to do with partisan politics. Former Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell was an outstanding salesman for Pennsylvania. Current Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf is not.

People in Pennsylvania, like those in the rest of the country, are divided on many issues, including the criminal justice system, race and foreign policy. But a bipartisan agenda on economic development has broad support. Politicians interested in public service, instead of self-service, should unite the people around a bold and proactive agenda to reverse the economic and population losses that plague this state and region.



Letters to the Editor

Penn West railroad — wait, university

The goofy people who chose the name "Pennsylvania West University" (abbreviation "Penn West") for the combination of California, Clarion and Edinboro universities did not do their job ("What's not in a name: Rebranding state system universities is a complex task," Sept. 4). I agree with the "outside" educational consultant quoted in the article, who said that Penn West looked "more like a railroad than a college." (I taught at California.)

The three eastern members of the State System of Higher Education became "Commonwealth University." That was logical. All the western folk had to do was to use the same name — as do New York and California schools. Those who do not know will assume that Penn West is separate — totally — from another school.

Although these six universities are the only publicly owned schools in the commonwealth, we are still treated as step-children. Penn State and Pitt were allowed to create 24 and four campuses, respectively. Their "state-related" status is a clever manifestation of state/private funding and secret expenditures.

Our location in small communities, which made possible an education for students who could not commute to urban sites, but became a handicap when the battle began for state financial support. This should not even be an issue.

Why? In 1982-83, the schools made final plans to become independent of the Department of Education. The initial effort was that we would be the Commonwealth University, with each school's name after.

It didn't happen. Why? It was blocked by Penn State — they were the Commonwealth University.

Finally, if the cost of the replacement of signs/insignia/media is only \$1 million, that will be the first correct financial outlay in the commonwealth's history.

J.K. FOLMAR
California

Heartless cartoon

On Sept. 9, a day that the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette presents stellar and compassionate coverage of the passing of Queen Elizabeth, its editorial section runs a Steve Kelley cartoon that mocks both a stroke victim and a man who has largely overcome a childhood stutter. This cartoon taints the whole image and reputation of the Post-Gazette. He has to go.

VIRGINIA LINN
Regent Square

Us vs. them

Please quit the contention about Republicans, Democrats and elections. Russia's Vladimir Putin and China's Xi Jinping are "holding hands" and facing off against the U.S.

CHRISTINE COATES
Cranberry Township

Chilean idealists

After 40 years of doing business in Chile, I was very pleased

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Basically what we MAGA want — all of the above — is what we had under President Donald Trump.

CAROLYN FLAVIN

Brookline

What MAGA want

Joe Biden doesn't know me, yet because I support MAGA, he has referred to me and Republicans as terrorists and semi-fascists ("Biden at Independence Hall: Trump, allies threaten democracy," Sept. 2). That is in addition to being called a "deplorable" for several years.

I am an informed Republican who wants secure borders, low crime rates, affordable gas and food prices. I also want 6% inflation instead of 40%, low taxes, energy independence, available baby formula, and a strong military. (Remember Afghanistan, where Mr. Biden left 13 American soldiers to die as well as billions of dollars worth of equipment?)

Let's also have open gas and oil wells in Pennsylvania, no CRT education, strong support for our police, and no men competing in women's sports.

Remember Jan. 6

In response to the editorial that condemned President Biden's speech ("Biden's speech moves us closer to the brink," Sept. 2), I want to ask the editors how they would like to address the catastrophe of Jan. 6?

Pretending that there was no problem, no insurrection, won't change things. In fact, I believe it might encourage some to act even more violently in upcoming elections. In order to fix a problem, one must admit that there is a problem.

As we all know, Mr. Trump uses inflammatory words constantly and consistently. Is he creating unity in the country? Lying and name-calling seems to be the nature of politics at present. Wouldn't it be nice to return to civil discourse?

KATHY ANDREWS

Economy Borough

America still cowed by 19 terrorists



Mark Lennihan/Associated Press
The National September 11 Memorial and Museum

30,000 of theirs, including 100,000 innocents. Delirious with fear and dogma, we and our terrified brothers worldwide feed on our fair shares of discarded freedom and blood lust. We proclaim our defiance, saying, "Don't Tread on Me," so that may we forget: America the Beautiful is still cowed by 19 dead felons.

Today is Sept. 11. The Justice Department's first priority — as shown on its website — is not as it should be with "uphold the Constitution" or "uphold the law," but instead "prevent future terrorist attacks."

DON KRIEGER

Squirrel Hill

Truth, courtesy and the Queen

What a cruel viral tweet shows us about ourselves



Brandon McGinley

Let's grant, for the sake of argument, that the infamous tweet of Carnegie Mellon professor Uju Anya wishing an "excruciating" death on Queen Elizabeth II for leading a "genocidal empire" expressed the truth, in multiple respects: first, that the late queen was morally responsible for British colonialism and, second, that the tweet represented the true feelings of Ms. Anya.

The former, it should be said, is dubious. Elizabeth presided over the (very) late British Empire the way I preside over my nine-year-old daughter's tea parties — only ceremonially, and from great distance. But as far as Ms. Anya was concerned, her tweet and its vituperative follow-ups expressed a truth the needed to be said, no matter how unpopular.

The question is: Do the principles of the freedom of speech and academic freedom mean that every true idea is worth expressing at every moment?

When I was more active on social media, I got myself into the most trouble when I asked one question, and one question only, before firing off a tweet or post: "Am I convinced what I am about to say is true?"

Truth, to use the logicians' language, is a necessary but not sufficient condition to make something worth saying. That is especially true on the internet. It's the baseline, the bare minimum. If it's not true, you can't say it. If it is true, you have to go farther down the decision tree.

Is my idea worth expressing in this way? The same truth can be put into an infinite variety of words. Those words can be gentle and compassionate, or shrill and cruel. Sometimes harder words are necessary, but a true statement expressed without charity for others loses something of its truth.

Is my idea worth expressing in this context? The same truth hits listeners differently depending on what's going on around them. Breaking sad news to a family member in a private moment on your sofa is appropriate; doing so on a roller coaster probably isn't. Don't stand up and announce the Steelers score, true as it may be, during a funeral.

And is my idea worth expressing to this audience? Among close friends, you might express provocative ideas you think are true in order to gauge their response, or just for the sake of argument. But on social media your audience is the entire world, and not every idea is ready to be shared with everyone.



Britain's Princess Elizabeth, later Queen Elizabeth II, poses in front of a microphone to make a 21st Birthday speech, April 21, 1947, in Cape Town, South Africa. The Queen has been criticized for her role in British colonialism.

For me, after several years it became clear that almost nothing meaningful I could say on social media met all these conditions. No matter how careful I was, some readers, either honestly or maliciously, heard something different than what I intended — and sometimes my intentions weren't pure, either. In any case, truth was lost in the medium.

These secondary conditions, which can be distilled into courtesy, are increasingly considered passé. Those like Ms. Anya who specialize in the history and theory of social oppression see standards of courtesy — such as the admonition not to speak ill of the dead — as tools of that oppression. They stifle people who speak truth to power by placing sharp criticisms out of bounds; they prop up the status quo by defining any idea that seriously challenges it as "uncivil" or "discourteous."

Others are coming to agree with this criticism. They see a social order constrained by a corporate-government-academic alliance for whom courtesy and sensitivity isolate and suffocate challenges, especially on cultural issues such as gender and race. The only way to make a difference is to over-

whelm the system with words and ideas considered to be mean or offensive until it finally breaks down.

The truth is, these criticisms of the secondary conditions of truth-telling are basically correct. Courtesy does protect the status quo. It does place not just cruelty but challenging ideas out of bounds. It does make it harder to effect change.

But that's not always bad. In fact, it's necessary. A culture without courtesy would lack one of the very last principles of decency — that is, of treating others with dignity — that holds society together.

Courtesy isn't costless, it's true. It constrains our liberty to say and do whatever we're feeling at any given moment. It slows movements for change, sometimes shamefully, such as during the Civil Rights Era, when it was often considered discourteous to speak plainly about Jim Crow as what it was: American apartheid. In the case of the Royal Family, it can lead to concealing crimes and protecting predators. There are times and places where the veil of civility completely obscures the truth, and it must be torn.

That doesn't mean, however, that

the entire concept must be abandoned. As for Ms. Anya's tweet, it wasn't just discourteous but cruel. Even if one believes the Queen and the empire she ostensibly oversaw were responsible for great cruelty, repaying that with further cruelty isn't justice. It's the war of all against all, until only one man or woman is left standing. Then, finally, peace and justice will reign on earth.

Courtesy, on the other hand, recognizes the complicated reality of other people. This includes the dead. It teaches that they are valuable even if they have different ideas and values, and even if they are objectively wrong. It doesn't deny or undermine the importance of truth-telling; it enhances it by recognizing that we don't speak the full truth when we don't respect the dignity of others.

As for Queen Elizabeth II, her entire life was based on courtesy, and that will always attract both admiration and scorn. It would be a tragedy, though, if belief in courtesy died with her.

Brandon McGinley is the deputy editorial page editor for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Joe Biden is the last politician of his kind. Which kind is next?

National perspective

DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

Joe Biden may have been the right answer to the tumult in the country at the end of Donald Trump's first term. And his climate-change legislation is a substantial, enduring achievement. It will place the country on a new glide path on the environment, making a difference in the fight to save the earth.

But that — and his rise in job approval to 44%, up from 38% last month, according to Gallup — should not obscure the larger historical truth: Despite his early September remarks about political extremism, Mr. Biden is out of sync with the times and, unlike his two predecessors, he hasn't defined, transformed or even altered the political and cultural character of the country.

Unless Mr. Trump is imprisoned or branded a two-time loser — and even if he is, or both (not out of the question) — people on the right for decades will call themselves the new Donald Trump, or the freshly minted Donald Trump, or Trump on steroids, the way hockey's Sidney Crosby and Connor McDavid were called the next Wayne Gretzky. Former Gov. Paul LePage of Maine says he was Donald Trump before Donald Trump. Florida's Gov. Ron DeSantis is running for re-election as the next Donald Trump.

No one is running this fall as the next Joe Biden, even though there are moments — on abortion, for example — when the president isn't governing as the old Joe Biden. It once was a compliment to say that someone was one of a kind. Joe



President Joe Biden and former President Barack Obama arrive in the East Room of the White House on Sept. 7 for the unveiling of the Obamas' official White House portraits.

Biden is the last of a kind. He's living an old definition of politics rather than giving a new definition to politics.

To be sure, redefining politics is a difficult act to pull off. Abraham Lincoln did it, and so did Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. For all their gifts, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson didn't. Jimmy Carter certainly didn't. Nor did either George Bush. Barack Obama almost did — simply getting elected was an historic achievement, and passing Obamacare was a substantial change — but the Obama style has faded even though the Kennedy and Reagan styles haven't.

The old definition of politics is a century-and-a-half old: the art of the possible. The actual quote, borrowed by scores of politicians — when civil politics rather than talk of civil war seemed possible — goes this way: "Politics is the art of the

possible, the attainable — the art of the next best." It's from Otto von Bismarck. He became chancellor of Germany when Ulysses S. Grant was president. He has been out of office for 132 years.

Mr. Biden's conception of politics is clearly the art of "the attainable — the art of the next best." That's why he trimmed the left's college-loan proposal and why he was willing to accept a deal with Sen. Joe Manchin and permit concessions for the fossil-fuel industry. The Democrats swallowed a bite rather than the whole, but did so reluctantly. None of the Republicans even nibbled.

But here's the point: The Bismarck remark was the leitmotif of politics from the age of the steamboat through the age of the space shuttle. Now it's the age of the Artemis moon vehicle. Unless the Democrats — or the rump of Republicans now dismissed as RINOs — present a new rubric, the enduring

leitmotif could be a variation on "if you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore."

The old dog in the White House has been trying to learn new tricks since he became vice president. He deserves plaudits for trying, and there is no disgrace in being lumped in history as a salve to a nation's wounds. Now that the passions of the time have dissipated, the country may never stop appreciating Gerald Ford.

As Mr. Obama's understudy Mr. Biden learned that many Republicans weren't interested in compromise, a far cry from the Senate he knew well even at the end of his tenure in 2009. Some Republican senators today don't believe he is a legitimate president, or least so they say publicly. In the Trump years they were not nearly as interested in protecting the legislative branch against encroachment from the executive branch as they are today. Even in the Richard Nixon years, some Republicans were troubled by the encroachments of the 37th president, which took the form of budget impoundments.

Mr. Biden's coming of age was in the 1972 election, which is remembered nationwide as a Republican landslide — Mr. Nixon swept 49 states — but which is remembered in Delaware for the triumph of the New Castle County councilman Joe Biden over two-term incumbent GOP Sen. J. Caleb Boggs despite Mr. Nixon carrying the state with 59.6% of the vote. (The conventional definition of a landslide is 60 percent.)

The Nixon 1972 triumph skews the political profile of the country but even so, exit polls from that election provide perspective on how Mr. Biden views the world. In

the campaign in which he began his 36 years in the Senate — longer than life expectancy in colonial America — women voted for the Republican presidential candidate by a 61-37 margin. In 2020, women voted for the Democratic candidate by a 57-42 margin.

But most relevant this summer is how those with college degrees voted. Americans with university diplomas voted Republican by a 52-35 margin in 1972. They voted Democratic by a 56-42 margin in Mr. Biden's election. Lest you think that 1972 was an aberration, college graduates sided with Republicans in every election since then but one (2008, a virtual tie) ... until Mr. Trump ("I love the poorly educated") ran in 2016.

In the years when Republicans won the college vote, they wouldn't have howled against college-loan assistance. The original GI Bill, which sent 8 million veterans to college, was drafted by Harry W. Colmery, former national commander of the American Legion and former Republican national chairman.

In 1790, at the same point in George Washington's presidency as where Mr. Biden is now, John Adams said of the first president, "His person, countenance, character, and actions are made the daily contemplation and conversation of the whole people." Even discounting the impact of the first president, no one today would say Mr. Biden is the daily contemplation and conversation of the whole people. Like many presidents before him, he is a bridge figure. But a bridge to where?

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Basketball, medicine, husbandry: Don Hennon's triple act

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Exposition, one of his prize Herefords was named grand champion senior bull in 2001.

His father's son

When he began his basketball life at Pitt, he was called "a triumph of pedagogy" by Doc Carlson, the university's former basketball coach. The pedagogue was L. Butler Hennon, Don's father and the celebrated basketball coach at Wampum High School for 28 years.

The teaching began when Don was four years old. Wampum lore has it that Butler Hennon arranged for his father, Ernest, to fashion a makeshift basketball hoop with an onion-bag net, which was hung on a door in the living room. Little Don was then given a small ball to shoot, and he took to the game so enthusiastically that he wore out the living-room rug.

He subsequently accompanied his father to the Wampum Gym each morning before classes began. While his father heated and cleaned the gym, he began to develop his shooting repertoire, including a hook shot that would become a devastating weapon against taller defenders.

Later, as varsity basketball players, he and his teammates benefited from the innovative drills his father designed. For instance, Wampum players wore weighted jackets to improve their mobility and blinders to prevent them from watching the ball while dribbling. Once freed of such hindrances, they flourished against opponents; to them, the games seemed a reprieve, a lesser challenge than practices.

Wampum players say that when you have a coach as intelligent, creative and passionate about imparting good habits as Butler Hennon,

you build a solid foundation for succeeding not only in basketball but in other phases of life. And Don Hennon is proof, they say. They point out how he has internalized his father's lessons in each of his three lives: above all, the habit of doing more than is required.

Home sweet home

At Pitt he was a bona fide student-athlete, the antithesis of many current college stars, who qualify as students only in the loosest definition of the word. Mr. Hennon earned top grades in demanding courses, such as art appreciation and film history. He majored in chemistry.

Mr. Hennon's decision to enroll in Pitt's medical school seemed heretical to people who believe pro sports are the pinnacle of human achievement. But to Mr. Hennon, it was a long-term career choice: "When all is said and done, you

have to remember it's just basketball, it's not life and death. At a Pitt sports banquet, I said it's wonderful to score a lot of points and win games. But in my estimation there's nothing to compare with being a surgeon who saves the life of a dying patient in the emergency room, and he shakes your hand and walks out of the hospital. That's the ultimate as far as I'm concerned."

Today, the ultimate for him is his collection of three farms totaling more than 300 acres in Sewickley, New Galilee and Mercer, where his Hereford cattle graze. He says he draws special satisfaction from raising the cattle in western Pennsylvania, where he has lived his entire life, with the exception of two years' service as an Army surgeon in North Carolina and South Korea in the 1960s.

"I've always considered myself fortunate to have grown up in western Pennsylvania, in Wampum.

People in town were always 110% willing to help. In grade school, when my classmates and I would play in basketball tournaments, people were eager to volunteer to drive us wherever — clear up to Rome, New York, for one. I believe that Wampum's record in basketball reflected more than just good coaching or good players; it was also due to a wonderful community spirit, to the feeling of a close-knit family. Times change, but I sense the spirit of community that I associate with Wampum to apply to western Pennsylvania as well. I've spent practically my whole life here, and it's been a good place to live."

Or rather, it's been a good place for him to live three lives.

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When connoisseurs yield to commissars

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If you think of art museums at all, you probably imagine them as places that are filled with beautiful things, that put on high-profile so-called blockbuster exhibitions, and that throw glitzy — sometimes tacky — parties.

They are all that, but they're much more. Those beautiful things are our collective cultural patrimony, symbolizing who we are and where we came from. They are, too, transmitters of cultural values. If you've been appalled at the destruction of cultural heritage by the invading Russians in Ukraine, similar depredations by the Taliban and Islamic State, or the eco-radicals gluing themselves to paintings in Europe's museums this summer, chances are your understanding of the beauty and importance of what has been threatened or lost was formed by a visit to an art museum.

Those exhibitions are engines of scholarship, opportunities to advance our knowledge of a particular subject. They are the primary means by which the public has learned the history of art. So it's no exaggeration to say that art museums have played a role in the intellectual and cultural life of the nation on par with that of colleges and universities.

Like higher education, art museums face a crisis of purpose. They are now widely seen as shameful relics of the era of Western colonialism, whose proper social role is to advance a progressive agenda. The doctrine of art for art's sake, the idea that aesthetic values alone should guide their operations, is increasingly taking a back seat to political ideology. As a result, they are undergoing the greatest transformation since the 1960s, when the art museum as we know it — popular, populist and a must-see destination — came into existence.

Recognizing and sharing excellence

The art museum is a creation of the Enlightenment, born of the desire to understand the world through the collection, classification and display of its specimens and artifacts. They were built with the belief that cultural treasures belong not to the elites but to all citizens and should be available for everyone's edification and enjoyment. America's first museum boom occurred between the Civil War and World War II. Those institutions are triumphs of nationhood and democratic culture. The former, because museums grew out of the belief that this country could never be taken seriously on the world stage unless it had art museums to equal those in Europe. The latter because, particularly since the 1960s, they have brought the greatest quantity of the greatest artworks to the greatest number of people.

In their early days, art museums were disorganized and often contained works of dubious quality — sometimes outright fakes. Starting in the early 20th century, a process of professionalization began, at the center of which was connoisseurship. Aspiring curators trained by closely studying individual works of art — their appearance, style, physical makeup and history. They acquired a discriminating eye that allowed them to determine a work's authenticity, authorship, artistic quality and historical significance. Harvard once offered a graduate course in connoisseurship that produced some of the country's greatest museum directors, among them Alfred H. Barr Jr., founding director of the Museum of Modern Art.

You can see connoisseurship in action on "Antiques Roadshow." But in too many museums, connoisseurs have been replaced by commissars — ideologues for whom aesthetics is less important than ensuring we view art through progressive lenses. This tendency had long



Artists Cristobal Martinez and Kade Twist install the 2018 Carnegie International inside the Carnegie Museum's Hall of Sculpture.

existed, but in recent years the "great awakening" made it dominant.

Museums become battlegrounds

The nature and extent of this transformation can be measured by comparing statements by two directors of the same institution 15 years apart. In 2005, Philippe de Montebello, then the head of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, wrote an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal titled "Why Should We Care?" His answer: "Works of art, embodying and expressing with graphic force the deepest aspirations of a time and place, are direct, primary evidence for the study and understanding of mankind." Fast forward to 2020, when the current director, Max Hollein, told the New York Times: "There is no doubt that the Met and its development is also connected with a logic of what is defined as white supremacy."

The politicization of art museums is so pervasive that there is hardly an institution or aspect of museum practice exempt from it. It's now commonplace for labels accompanying portraits as disparate as those from colonial America and 18th-century France to include information about the sitter's connection to slavery, no matter how tenuous.

Last year Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum put on an exhibition of mythological paintings by the great Renaissance painter Titian built around one in its collection titled "The Rape of Europa." It shows Jupiter, who has turned himself into a bull, abducting Europa, who is sprawled across his back and holding on for dear life.

This was the first time in some 500 years that this group of paintings, commissioned as a series, had been seen together, and the Gardner's is considered the greatest Renaissance painting in America. Yet the museum turned the exhibition into a #MeToo moment. It commissioned contemporary artists to create works and scholars to write commentary that would, as it said, "engage with questions of gender, power and sexual violence" that are "as relevant today as they were in the Renaissance." It even created a support page on its website for anyone "triggered" by the exhibition.

Last fall the Baltimore Museum of Art staged a major exhibition of work by Henri Matisse, among the greatest of all modern artists. One of his recurring themes is the "odalisque" — a female studio model costumed, sometimes quite minimally, in Middle

Eastern garb and posed in a setting intended to evoke a harem. In the wall texts the museum made sure visitors understood that this made Matisse both a sexist and a colonialist.

Art takes a back seat

One of the notable features of this revolution is that it is coming from within as well as without. Exhibit A is the remarkable article penned for the British magazine Apollo in 2018 by Kaywin Feldman, now director of the National Gallery of Art. At the time, she was running the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and her article included a list of her museum's eight core values. At the top was "gender equality." The list continued in a similar vein until finally getting around to "essentialness of the arts" at No. 8. The director of one of the country's leading art museums placed art at the bottom of her list of institutional core values.

Outside the walls this agenda is being advanced by professional bodies such as the American Association of Museums, the media and the big foundations, which are so committed to progressivism that no museum can hope to get a grant unless it toes their line. In 2019 Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation, wrote an op-ed for the New York Times titled "Museums Need to Step Into the Future," in which he described them as "contested spaces" where on one side you have "trustees who benefit from a distorted economic system that protects and promotes inequality" and on the other "people whom the system excludes and exploits." Two months after it ran, Mr. Walker was voted onto the board of the National Gallery.

To reprise Mr. de Montebello's question, why should we care? Because the tax dollars that support these institutions are intended for heritage preservation and disinterested scholarly inquiry, not political tub thumping. And because the public is being cheated out of an experience only museums can provide.

The real value of art

What happens when we look at a work of art? There's no one answer to that question, but an almost universal response is wonder. Take a familiar example: Michelangelo's statue of David in Florence. Standing in front of it, you don't need any art background to understand that you're looking at something that started life as a large boulder; that it was fashioned into one of the world's greatest masterpieces using the most rudimentary technology, a hammer and a chisel; and that this

was accomplished by someone who didn't own an iPhone or attend an Ivy League university.

You are astonished. How did Michelangelo create something of such visionary conception, breathtaking beauty and surpassing technical accomplishment? How could any mortal have done so?

At that moment you are placed in an altered relationship with the past, your own time and, hopefully, your sense of yourself. You realize that high-functioning, supremely talented people walked the Earth before you did. And you begin to wonder whether, your comfortable assumptions notwithstanding, the present era really does represent the pinnacle of human achievement. You might even feel a little humbled.

At the same time, the idea that you're staring at a rock quickly falls away as you are pulled out of your everyday world and into the imaginative universe Michelangelo has created. What's over there that's caught David's eye? Why is his brow furrowed? How is it that he appears simultaneously both tense and relaxed? On and on. It's a unique and wonderful experience, one only art can deliver.

The new ideological approach upends all that. Art's richness and complexity is reduced to a few crude slogans. Works of art, springboards to the great epochs of the past, are turned into fields on which to fight the battles of the present. The past itself, revered since the Renaissance as a source of inspiration and a standard of excellence, is portrayed as fatally, even irredeemably flawed. Driving all this are the commissars, who have arrogated to themselves the status of superior beings, entitled to pass summary judgment on artists, art, its institutions and supporters. There is no humility, only moral vanity.

On Sept. 13, 2001, the Met reopened two days after the attack on the World Trade Center. The next day the New York Times reported that by 4 p.m., 8,270 visitors had passed through its doors, "more than normal for this time of year." Those people didn't come to be lectured about colonialism, gender equality and the rest. They came to connect with beauty, the creative imagination and our common humanity. We need to insist that our art museums revert to that aspirational, Enlightenment-derived mission. Otherwise something precious and irreplaceable will be lost.

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Mai Khoi performs at the "Faces of Free Expression," an art installation by the International Free Expression Project at the former Post-Gazette newspaper building.

Matt Petras for IFEX

An exiled artist speaks for herself

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Mai Khoi, 38, now lives in exile in Pittsburgh, having arrived in 2020 with the support of the Artist Protection Fund and hosted by the University of Pittsburgh's Global Studies Center, the International Free Expression Project (IFEP) and City of Asylum. She has since become a City of Asylum artist-in-residence.

Below, Mai Khoi talks about the growing threat of authoritarianism and why she continues to risk so much to protect the rights of others.

Anyone can be an activist: Mai Khoi in her own words

I was not born an activist. I was a pop star. Looking back now, I think the pop-star life I was living was very wasteful, very useless. I hate to think about it. That kind of life is all about material things. It encourages people not to care about others, not to care about social issues, not to care about lives beyond their own. It encourages people to ignore lives that aren't so lucky.

Still, as an artist in Vietnam, I felt very uncomfortable working under the censorship system. I wasn't free to create. And I saw so many injustices in my country. There was a huge gap between the quality of the lives of government officials and those of the citizens.

In 2016, I joined an environmental protest. I saw police pull people off the street and beat them mercilessly, just

for speaking out. I felt I had to do something. I thought maybe I could be useful. I thought maybe I could use my fame to help others. I also wanted to protect my own right to be an artist, of course, but more than that, I wanted to protect the people around me. I had so many fans and followers. I felt like together we could make a difference.

Since I was so famous at the time, I thought fame would protect me. I believed if I became an activist, if I started speaking out, it would encourage others to know their rights, fight for their rights and speak out, too.

Everyone said what I was doing was dangerous. After all, I am just a little woman and the government had so much power. But I felt driven to do something to help, and so I did what I could.

In 2016, I nominated myself as an independent candidate for the National Assembly. Since I was so outspoken, people in power saw me as a serious threat. By the end of 2019, I was forced to leave my country. I'd been evicted from my house. I was threatened. I was under surveillance 24/7.

Now I'm free mostly to travel around the world and perform, but it's still not safe for me to go back to my own country. It makes me very sad.

When I perform "Bad Activist," I want to raise awareness about human rights in Vietnam and around the world. I hope it will encourage people to support one another and fight together, because democracy everywhere is under attack. The situation is

so serious. Just a few weeks ago, Salman Rushdie, a very famous writer, was stabbed on stage while speaking out for freedom of expression. This happened here in the United States. In the United States.

I worry a lot.

Anyone can be an activist. An activist organizes things, helps build movements and fights for values they believe are useful and good. I hope I can encourage people to become activists, or support activists. I hope I can convince people that their voices matter, that speaking out matters.

As for me, I don't expect anything. I don't want to be remembered. I don't need recognition or fame anymore. I just want to do things I think are good for our society. And maybe I can inspire other people to do something good, too, and then it can go on like that.

I try to think of just two things now — the present and the future. The only thing that's important is what I can do to help.

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With dignity, Queen Elizabeth II embodied an endangered principle: Unity

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The Washington Post

The sun has finally set on the British Empire. Its last rays were embodied in the steadfast person of Queen Elizabeth II, who died Thursday after more than 70 years on the throne. Hers was the longest reign in British history, during which the country struggled to find its postcolonial identity.

Ten days of ceremonies will mark her passing — no one outdoes the English on ceremony — during which everything that can be said will be said of the Forever Queen. Here are a few brief observations on the person, the historical figure and the symbol that was Elizabeth Windsor.

We often think of duty in the context of a particular moment: the soldier in battle, the first responder in an emergency, the citizen in the jury box. The queen's entire life was a duty fulfilled. She first appeared on the cover of Time magazine in April 1929, a public figure at age 3. You might think the palaces and courtiers and jewels were ample compensation. But consider all the people around her who saw the royal life up close and wanted out. Her uncle abdicated the throne. Her children chafed under the scrutiny. A grandson decamped to Hollywood and bared his soul to Oprah.

Each wished in some way to have a life apart from royal duty. They wanted it to be a job, not an identity. They wanted to be individuals, with passions and quirks and the occasional bad day. Elizabeth understood her duty to efface herself in service to a highly abstract role: The Queen. The same tomorrow, the same next year,

the same more than 70 years after she began.

I met her briefly in 1985, at a commemoration of U.S. aid to Britain under the Marshall Plan. I was in graduate school; she had been queen since my parents were in college. I was warned not to initiate a handshake, but she reached to shake mine, supremely dignified but not aloof. She was as close to a complete blank as anyone I had ever encountered. That was her duty: not to be interested or uninterested; not to be happy or grumpy; not to hurry or tarry. She wasn't there as a person. She was there as The Queen.

History will record that Queen Elizabeth's self-discipline and devotion to duty most likely saved the monarchy. Tidal forces of the 20th century — the world wars, the spread of democracy, the end of colonialism, the decline of institutions and the rise of individualism — conspired against the anachronism of inherited authority. She neither resisted those forces nor gave them an opening against her.

Instead, she maintained a relationship with Britain's former colonies and realms as head of the Commonwealth. This attractive enterprise of more than 50 nations grew out of the imperial past, but instead of power and exploitation it stands for shared prosperity and mutual ideals. Nations have joined the Commonwealth that had no colonial ties to Great Britain at all.

Her husband sometimes said offensive things — but Elizabeth never did. Her children sowed wild oats — but Elizabeth never did. When people complained about the cost of the monarchy, she volunteered to be taxed. When people complained about the coldness of the Windsors, she warmed

her affect. For the 2012 Olympics, 60 years into her service, she played herself in a film spoof, parachuting into Olympic Stadium in the company of James Bond.

She made monarchy palatable to the modern age. We'll see how long that lasts without her.

This is not a question for Britain alone. As queen, Elizabeth symbolized something in short supply throughout the West: unity. She was not of any party or faction. She was not of the left or of the right. She was not of the North or of the South. Though she was once the wealthiest woman in Britain, she liked loyal dogs and muddy boots.

Her very existence — so diligently and dutifully fulfilled — was an appeal to the idea that such a thing exists as a British people, bound together not just by geography, and certainly not by belief, but by a past and a living culture. When the voters elected a Conservative government and later elected a Labour government, and switched again, and again, and again, across decade after decade, every prime minister's first act was to see the queen. Her ceremonial invitation to form a government embodied the principle that dueling parties serve the same nation.

It scarcely needs saying that this principle is endangered today, not just in Britain but in every nation where people are free to express their differences. We begin to fear that differences alone will destroy us, should we lose the remaining threads that bind us. Elizabeth II was strong thread.

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Against the current
KEITH C. BURRIS

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

One of the very real ramifications of our nation being enthralled in an ongoing political soap opera is that public policy gets short shrift.

Let's define public policy this way: The application of principles and reason to the amelioration of our common problems.

And the way to think about public policy is as a process, even an ongoing conversation.

For whether we are talking about hunger and malnutrition or how to deal with China, there is no static solution. Conditions change. And we learn as we do.

Finally, the instruments of public policy, most of the time, are state, local and national government.



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A homeless encampment on June 14 at the crossroads between Stockton Ave. and E. Commons on the Northside.

is to reduce college to three years.

Also, states need to start subsidizing public universities again. The feds do too.

If there were federal money to forgive loans for graduates who are underwater there should be federal money to prevent future graduates from acquiring crippling and idiotic debt.

There are at least nine European countries where college is either free or very, very inexpensive. In many of those countries — Germany, Iceland and Poland for example — it is sometimes cheaper for an American to go there than here.

It is not too much to ask that a college degree be affordable and useful.

But this is not the public policy discussion we have had or are having.

A final example: Homelessness.

Again, we are not getting to the heart of the matter.

It's a growing national problem, deeply intertwined with a nationwide mental health crisis.

Too many of the homeless have nowhere to go on a permanent basis and the large number of homeless who suffer from mental illness are not getting ongoing treatment.

The right's solution is to ignore the problem or view the homeless as invisible or surplus human beings.

But the fact that some of the cities with the most acute problem are marquee liberal and left-leaning cities shows that we have not figured this problem out yet. Not even close.

Shelters alone are not the answer. "Rapid rehousing" alone is not the answer. And shipping a homeless man to an apartment in the suburbs where he has no support system and no resources does not work.

We need new models, and not just one approach that someone deems an answer.

We need to try small clinics that do both housing and mental health navigation.

We need pop-up mental health clinics and workers.

We need crisis intervention cops, who, with the help of a judge, will get a violent or law-breaking person into treatment.

We need compassionate companions who are willing to walk with people who are not ready to be "fixed."

Most of all, we need to acknowledge the depth and chronic nature of the problem. In Pittsburgh, where the homeless population seems to be growing more severe, there is considerable aid, especially for food, but no real plan. A few people on city council have noticed and want to create a plan. But meaningful action is long overdue.

We need a dispassionate, non-ideological discussion about policy and amelioration.

Our distraction and our echo chambers are making us dumber, delaying or crippling useful action and hurting people.

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Middle of somewhere

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Justin Merriman photos

Mehmet Oz, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, at a panel discussion focusing on U.S. energy, military and immigration organized by POLARIS National Security on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 in Aliquippa, Pa. Oz was joined by his former primary opponent, Dave McCormick, former Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe, as well as moderator Morgan Ortagus, former State Department spokesperson and POLARIS National Security founder.

In show of unity and seriousness, McCormick and Oz talk national security in Beaver County

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, Pa. — At a joint panel discussion in Beaver County last week, Republicans David McCormick and Dr. Mehmet Oz brought two things center stage that have fallen off the radar of the current political conversation: party unity and national security.

The former Republican primary rivals shared a stage as part of a panel discussion sponsored by the POLARIS National Security group, whose founder, Morgan Ortagus, was the moderator.

In a joint interview before the event, each man brought his own thoughts on the national security issues that are intertwined with some of the most pressing issues for voters — inflation, crime, the border and the fentanyl epidemic. And also, perhaps more impressively, they showed that even the fiercest rivals can find common ground.

Mr. McCormick, the “establishment” candidate who lost to Mr. Oz by only 700 votes this spring, said when you have your priorities right, it’s really not that hard to do. “This is my first foray into politics; I think it’s Mehmet’s first foray into politics too. But in the end, it’s really about country first. It’s about trying to make sure we have the right leadership in Washington,” he said.

Mr. Oz commended Mr. McCormick for being a consummate professional. “From the moment the general election began — and through numerous conversations where he gave me advice — he has sent a clear message to the Republican voters that he was supportive of our party winning this general election.”

As for national security, Mr. McCormick said he believes the U.S. is in a unique moment in which national security isn’t discussed directly and yet is impacting everyone profoundly. “I think the issues that people are dealing with, which I’m sure Mehmet’s hearing on the campaign trail — the fentanyl crisis, the economic hardship of inflation, the risk associated with China and globalization, of what that’s done to our local communities and our manufacturing base — are all on the forefront of people’s concerns.” He said it’s important to connect those dots for voters.

Muhlenberg College political science professor Chris Borick says McCormick and Oz sharing the stage — and sharing it over such substantive concerns — is important on a number of levels: “It signifies party unity on the Republican side, which is incredibly important in Pennsylvania, given Republicans’ numeric disadvantage, which they’ve closed in the state, but still always struggle against.”

Mr. Borick said it was also impressive that a U.S. Senate candidate talked about a substantive issue like national security, even though it isn’t driving the headlines.

“National security, in general, is one of those issues that we’ve seen be at the very top after events like 9/11 and when the U.S. is engaged in wars ... and other times slip,” he said.

However, national security threats



Mehmet Oz speaks with Dave McCormick at a panel organized by POLARIS National Security on Sept. 7, 2022, in Aliquippa, Pa.

are woven into every top issue in our country. Mr. Borick said that “discussing issues — like Iran, Russia, the transcontinental criminal networks, China — thoughtfully” and connecting them to voters’ daily lives can make a big impact.

Unfortunately, the race between Mr. Oz and his Democratic rival, John Fetterman, has been one of the least substantive in recent memory, dominated by Mr. Fetterman’s use of props and memes on social media, as well as back-and-forth jabs about the transparency of Mr. Fetterman’s campaign about his health.

That means issues that are at the forefront of people’s minds are not much discussed. And issues that are not at the forefront — like national security — have been ignored entirely.

Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said we live in a world where crime in America, the cost of staples like gasoline and bread, and securing our southern border — often thought of as domestic political matters — are genuinely dependent on foreign policy.

“Take the Chinese Communist Party, Beijing may feel distant, but every leader running for federal office should explain why jobs in their community have been stolen by China, and then they should explain what they intend to do to bring them back and prevent the CCP from growing its economy on the backs of steelworkers in Pennsylvania or machinists in Wichita, Kansas,” Mr. Pompeo said in an interview with the Post-Gazette.

Mr. Pompeo, who campaigned for Mr. McCormick in the primary and is widely speculated to be preparing to run for president, said Joe Biden and the Democrats have failed in this regard.

“They should explain why they’ve done nothing to hold China accountable for a virus born in Wuhan crushing our children’s educations. Fentanyl, from China, now threatens every community and is destroying families,” he said.

In Pennsylvania, opioid use has long been associated with the decay of the

manufacturing base of the state and the largely white working class left behind. Yet since 2018, both the color and geography of the opioid crisis has shifted: In the past few years the number of Black residents in Philadelphia who have overdosed on opioids has risen by 70 percent.

Mr. Oz said that whether he’s at a local fair in Butler or Beaver county or in Center City, Philadelphia, the number one question he is asked about by voters is about the drugs coming from China, either shipped in the mail or smuggled across the border from Mexico. “Kensington is the biggest open air drug market in the country, where you see zombies walking down streets with needles sticking out of their neck and police officers told not to do anything about it,” Mr. Oz said. “The lawlessness there has actually destroyed the community, with all these shop owners have been chased out.”

Mr. Pompeo said discussing the current administration’s posture with Russia is also important. “The moral case to provide Ukrainians the ability to protect their families is pretty clear, but why does it matter to a family in

Iowa or South Carolina? Higher costs to heat homes in Iowa this winter will be real. Iowa farmers will pay massive prices for fertilizer. Bread, and other basics are more expensive because American leadership failed to deter Putin,” he said.

Ms. Ortagus, who organized the event and served under Mr. Pompeo at the Department of State, said she has known Mr. McCormick for years, beginning with his roles in the Bush administration, where he worked on international economic issues. “Since I’ve gotten to know Dr. Oz over the past few months, I can say I am very impressed with his grasp on national security issues,” she said.

She said it was important to her to bring the two of them together for the event: “I think it speaks to the maturity and seriousness of both Oz and McCormick to do this together, something seriously lacking in today’s politics.”

Ms. Ortagus said either man could have chosen any other event — stood up and waved, walked off the stage and left — and she was impressed they decided hers was the most important: “I think it particularly speaks to the seriousness of the national security issues of the day.”

Mr. Borick said the event — focused on a topic Republicans traditionally poll well on and featuring the former primary rivals together on stage talking about themes echoed nationally by party leaders like Mr. Pompeo — is “a very good way for Republicans to showcase their unity.”

Ms. Ortagus added that while this event might not spark a meme on social media, it does speak to the seriousness of the time and of both men: “That is something missing from both parties right now, and it is the voter who loses when someone running for office isn’t keeping their eye on the ball.”

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Morgan Ortagus, founder of POLARIS National Security, moderates a panel discussion focusing on U.S. energy, military and immigration on Sept. 7, 2022, in Aliquippa, Pa.



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

Stickers advertising delivery apps, including Ricepo and Fantuan, can be seen on the window of 98K Hamburger in Squirrel Hill.

STIRRING THE POT

By Noelle Mateer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Fengping Geng knows that what her Chinese customers want and what her American customers want are rarely the same thing.

At her Northern Chinese-style restaurant, Amazing Dumplings, her Chinese customers prefer dumplings stuffed with the traditional way, with pork and cabbage. Her American customers prefer dumplings filled with kung pao chicken — something you're unlikely to find in actual China.

Ms. Geng's Squirrel Hill restaurant serves classics familiar to anyone from Northern China, a region home to more than 600 million people. But when it comes to their English translations, names of those dishes get chunky. Try to translate biangbiang mian, and you'll just end up with "biangbiang noodles," which are named for the noise that a strip of dough makes when it's thwacked

Competing Chinese food delivery apps engage in a Pittsburgh marketing war

against a counter (biang! biang!).

On English-language apps like UberEats or Grubhub, this makes listing dish names tricky.

For a while, Ms. Geng has been faced with a conundrum: If she changes the dish name, customers who don't speak Chinese might understand it better. But then, how would Chinese customers recognize it as the dish they love from back home?

Now, there's a solution: an app that allows her to speak to her Chinese customers directly.

Actually, make that three apps. As the number of immigrants from Mainland China has grown — and crucially, grown richer — Chinese food-delivery apps have sprung up to serve America's Chinese delivery market.

The apps offer a Mandarin-language experience for people on all sides of the equation, from restaurateurs to couriers to consumers.

Now, three of the apps — Fantuan, HungryPanda and Ricepo — are vying for dominance in cities across the U.S.

Pittsburgh, with its large international student population and vibrant Chinese food scene, has proven to be particularly fertile ground.

As ubiquitous advertising in areas like Squirrel Hill shows, the Steel City is in the midst of an all-out app marketing war.

The founders

Biangbiang noodles are from northwestern China's Shaanxi province. So is Dax Li.

When Mr. Li moved to Rochester, N.Y., for college in 2010, he missed the flavors of his hometown: thick wheat noodles, juicy lamb, dry spice. He got close with a local restaurant that did malaxiangguo — a kind of build-your-own spicy mixed pot — but for the most part, restaurants near him served dishes from China's south and Hong Kong. And the majority of restaurant owners spoke the language of that region, Cantonese, rather than Mr. Li's native Mandarin.

It all meant ordering at Chinese restaurants wasn't as easy as Mr. Li and his fellow students from Mainland China might have expected.

Although the U.S. has attracted large numbers of Chinese immigrants since the 19th century, the 21st century has seen a demographic shift. As China's economy boomed, immigrants from there became wealthier. The number of Chinese students at U.S. universities

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Pittsburgh renters cope with sticker shock

By Tim Grant
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh's residential rent prices have spiked since the onset of the pandemic as more households compete for fewer vacancies and inflation has boosted the cost of nearly every necessity.

"What I've seen over the last two years is when we have a home that goes vacant, we clean it up and we're typically putting it back out there for a higher monthly rent," said Josh Adamek, a Pittsburgh landlord who owns single-family homes within a 45-minute radius of the city.

"Each little pocket — or neighborhood — of Pittsburgh is different," he said. "Sometimes it's an extra \$50 a month. Sometimes it's an extra \$200 or \$300 a month. I can't say that I see a decline in that."

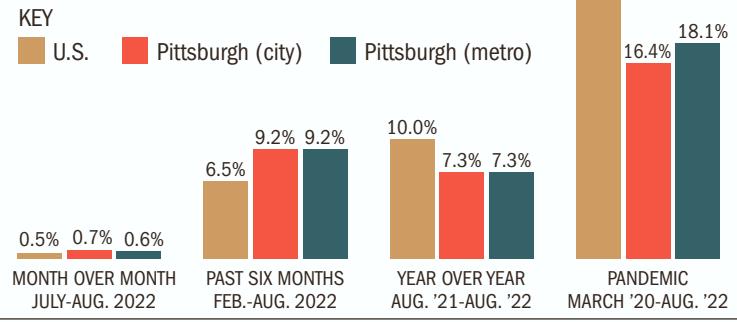
The average rent in Pittsburgh is running \$1,590 for a studio, \$1,694 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$1,789 for a two-bedroom apartment, according to San Francisco-based ApartmentList.com, which lists 1,119 available rental units in Pittsburgh on its website.

Actual market prices can either be much higher or lower than the average, although it's universally true that rents have increased across the board from Class A new luxury units in the Strip District to single-family homes in working class neighborhoods throughout the region.

Pittsburgh rent prices skyrocket

Rent prices in the Pittsburgh region increased faster than most other rental markets in the U.S. during the first six months of this year.

PERCENT INCREASE IN RENT PRICES BY TIME PERIOD



Rent prices in the Pittsburgh metro area are up 16.4% since the pandemic hit in March 2020; and up 7.3% from August 2021 to August 2022, according to ApartmentList.com.

Hardly any major market has remained unscathed.

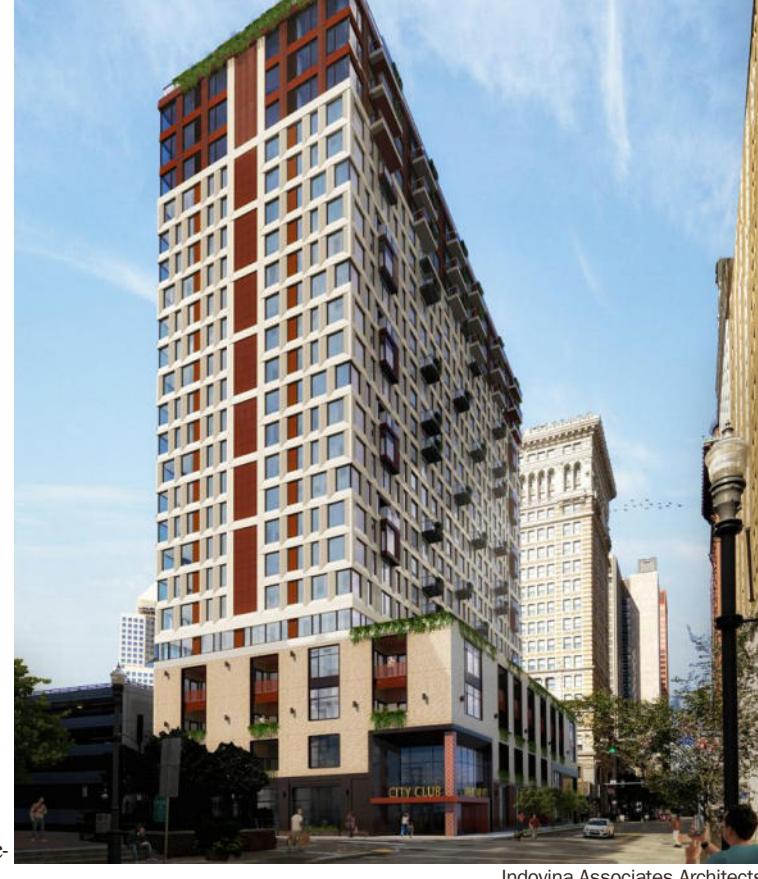
Nationally, rent is 10% higher since August 2021. The most dramatic increases occurred in places that became popular living destinations during the pandemic — places like Florida, North Carolina, southern California, Nevada, Arizona and Texas.

But those markets are starting to cool off and Pittsburgh is among

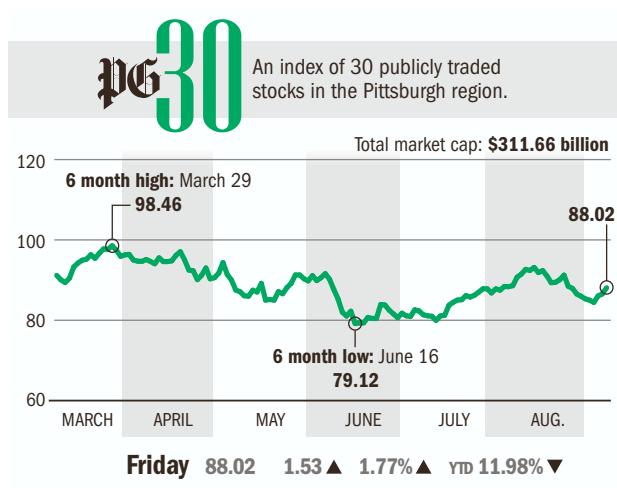
a handful of regions in the U.S. that are heating up as renters look to cut expenses and live in more affordable markets, according to ApartmentList.com.

Over the last six months or so, some of the markets that have seen the fastest rent inflation have been Pittsburgh [9.2%]; Rochester, N.Y. [13.6%]; Columbus, Ohio [10.4%] and New York City [11.9%], according to the listing site.

"Put on a grander scale, pan-demographic price growth in Pittsburgh is still a good deal lower than the national average in some areas



Indovina Associates Architects
City Club Apartments will brief the Pittsburgh Planning Commission Tuesday on its proposal to build a 300-unit apartment complex at the site of the YWCA on Wood Street Downtown. The plan includes the reuse of the existing building and construction of a 20-story addition on top of it.



Company name, stock ticker	Price	1 day Chg.	% 1 day Chg.	Market cap (in billions)
Alcoa Corp. (AA)	\$52.62	3.76	-2.83%	\$9.47
American Eagle Outfitters Inc. (AEO)	\$10.69	0.11	-0.53%	\$2.00
Ansys Inc. (ANSS)	\$258.80	3.92	-0.73%	\$22.53
Archaea Energy Inc. (LFG)	\$20.52	0.62	-5.26%	\$2.46
Arconic Corp. (ARNC)	\$26.64	0.62	-0.67%	\$2.73
CNX Resources Corp. (CNX)	\$17.18	0.4	-2.21%	\$3.25
Consol Energy Inc. (CEX)	\$66.53	0.6	-3.27%	\$2.32
Dick's Sporting Goods Inc. (DKS)	\$116.56	3.28	2.29%	\$9.23
Duolingo Inc. (DUOL)	\$99.55	6.82	-0.30%	\$3.95
EQT Corp. (EQT)	\$48.35	1.25	-3.12%	\$17.89
Equitrans Midstream Corp. (ETRN)	\$9.44	0.22	-2.48%	\$4.09
Evqua Water Technologies Corp. (AQUA)	\$36.81	0.68	-1.08%	\$4.47
FNB Corp. (FNB)	\$12.08	0.1	-0.76%	\$4.24
Federated Hermes Inc. (FHI)	\$35.45	0.11	-0.09%	\$3.16
First Commonwealth Financial Corp. (FCF)	\$13.55	0.1	0.37%	\$1.27
Howmet Aerospace Inc. (HWM)	\$36.41	0.56	-1.07%	\$15.12
Kennametal Inc. (KMT)	\$23.88	0.51	-5.76%	\$1.94
Kraft Heinz Co. (KHC)	\$36.46	0.4	-0.55%	\$44.68
Krystal Biotech Inc. (KRYX)	\$70.84	-0.41	0.80%	\$1.82
MSA Safety Inc. (MSA)	\$122.63	3.02	1.06%	\$4.80
Northwest Bancshares Inc. (NWBI)	\$14.08	0.13	-1.06%	\$1.79
PNC Financial Services Group Inc. (PNC)	\$164.34	1.49	0.43%	\$67.40
PPG Industries Inc. (PPG)	\$128.11	0.35	0.28%	\$30.11
S&T Bancorp Inc. (STBA)	\$30.13	0.18	-1.92%	\$1.18
United States Steel Corp. (X)	\$25.22	0.93	0.17%	\$5.98
Viatris Inc. (VTRS)	\$9.88	0.2	-6.08%	\$11.98
Wabtec Corp. (WAB)	\$91.23	1.44	0.21%	\$16.59
WesBanco Inc. (WSBC)	\$34.81	0.22	-0.88%	\$2.08
Wesco International Inc. (WCC)	\$144.64	6.38	0.12%	\$7.35
Coherent Corp. (COHR)	\$44.23	0.97	-0.16%	\$5.79

Closing prices for the week ending Friday, Sept. 9, 2022

Source: Bloomberg

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Steeper heating bills loom, with less federal aid

By Isabella Simonetti
New York Times

Last winter, Michael Jandro and Jillian Park could have faced heating costs that rivaled the \$806 monthly mortgage payment on their Maine farmhouse.

The couple heat their 135-year-old home with oil, the most expensive of the major heating sources and a common one in Maine, where many residents start bracing for the financial burden long before the first freeze.

With each of them injured on the job and unable to work, Mr. Jandro, 43, and Ms. Park, 52, qualified last year for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, a federal initiative that helps vulnerable Americans cover their heating and cooling bills. They paid about \$1,500 in heating for the entire winter while the assistance covered the rest. Without that help, Mr. Jandro said, "we would be lost."

The struggle for low-income families to heat their homes is familiar, but for many, this winter will be even tougher than last.

Energy costs have been a source of significant pain for Americans who are dealing with the fastest inflation in 40 years. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has put a strain on global energy supplies, pushing up fuel prices.

While people can choose a cheaper protein at the grocery store or repair a vehicle instead of replacing it, there is often only one choice when heating a home.

"You can't switch the way you heat your home based on fuel prices," said Mark Wolfe, the executive director of the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association, which projects that heating costs will rise 12.3% this year — even faster than overall inflation. For natural gas, the country's most com-

mon heating source, the association expects an increase of more than 20%, to \$856 for the heating season, from \$709 a year ago.

In recent years, the Home Energy Assistance Program has received an annual appropriation of almost \$4 billion. The American Rescue Plan, a big pandemic relief package in 2021, provided an extra \$4.5 billion.

Help on that scale appears unlikely to be repeated.

The House and Senate appropriations committees have approved funds akin to the pre-pandemic allocation for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1. In August, 58 members of Congress signed a letter urging the committees to increase the funding.

"With the end of the stimulus funds for LIHEAP, states will have few choices but to reduce the size of the average grant and the number of households served," Mr. Wolfe said.

Each state sets eligibility for the program, based on income. Local nonprofit groups, in most states, help distribute the federal money, which recipients receive as a credit on their energy bills.

The assistance can be life-saving for some. When Americans don't have enough money to heat their homes, they sometimes turn to potentially deadly solutions — using space heaters known to cause fires or enduring freezing temperatures for long periods. In January, at least 19 people died in a New York City fire linked to a space heater.

"We've had, over the years, fires and even deaths because of unsafe heating options that people choose because they can't afford to pay their heating bill," said Sharon Scott-Chandler, the chief executive of Action for Boston Community Development, a nonprofit group in Boston that helps distribute the heating assistance funds.

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Ask me about ...

How I compete with Amazon, what's selling in men's clothing these days, and Tony Bennett

By Mark Belko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Over the years, Chas Schaldenbrand has rubbed shoulders with lawyers, business executives and celebrities. He founded the Heinz Healey's men's apparel store in 1988, with its first location at Station Square. In 2009, he moved the store to 150 Fifth Ave., Downtown, in a rehabbed building at the edge of Market Square.

He discussed where the store's name came from and which business adages really hold true.

PG: How did you get started in the clothing business?

A. Well, I started out in shoes in upstate New York, Chicago. When I came to Pittsburgh, we got involved with Station Square. [Former Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation President] Arthur Ziegler wanted a men's clothing store. Couldn't get one so he asked us to do it, and we got started with it 33 years ago.

PG: Where did the Heinz Healey name come from?

A. That's my oldest son. That's his name. Heinz is his first name. Healey, which is a family name for my wife, is his middle name.

PG: You mentioned that you got your start in Station Square. What prompted you to move Downtown?

A. Well, we had a store Downtown on Wood Street, Stetson Shoes, we owned. When they started Station Square, they were looking for tenants, and we went over there with a shoe store. It was called Jareds. We had several stores at Station Square. We had one, Chaz Shoes. Very successful. Then we had Charlene's and Etienne Aigner, a French store. And they wanted a men's store. That's how we started.

PG: You've been in the business a long time. What are some of the biggest changes you've seen in men's clothing over the years?

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PG: What would you say is the biggest lesson that you learned from the pandemic?

A. Big lessons? Boy, it's hard to say. It was so con-

Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette
Chas Schaldenbrand, owner of Heinz Healey's on Fifth Avenue, Downtown.

There are still a lot of occupants that still have to do suits. Lawyers have to do suits when they go to court. So it's still a suit business. It's just not like it was back in the day.

PG: In this day of Amazon and online shopping, how does a specialty men's store like yours stay in business and thrive?

A. We're selective in the purchases that we make to sell to people. And then we coordinate them, the shirts, the ties. Online, you can't do that. In fact, we have people that come in and want measurements so they can get a custom suit or custom sport coat. [Online] the outcome is not going to be as great as if it was in a store with people who knew what they were doing.

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PG: You mentioned that part of the workforce is still not coming Downtown. But you've been able to get over that hurdle and still do well?

A. Yeah. It's hard to explain. When they do come back buying, they're into suits and sport coats. The ones who just wear a shirt and dress pants, our sales are way up in those.

PG: What would you say are your biggest sellers these days?

A. Suits and sport coats are probably tied. Suits give you more money because they're more expensive. We sell more sports coats. They're definitely at the top of the list for us.

PG: And even with so many people working at

home, there's still a demand for sports coats and suits?

A. I think what really happened was with all the weddings, they were sort of forced into going to the weddings. People spent more money on them this year because of the wait [coming out of the pandemic]. So they were a little bit more extravagant. I think that's what helped, too.

PG: You're friends with Jim Nantz, the CBS sports broadcaster. What other celebrities have shopped at your store over the years?

A. Tony Bennett. The nice one was the presidential candidate from Ohio but he's a Pittsburgher [John Kasich]. He walked in the store one day. . . . They're not the crux of our business. We get people in from Carnegie Mellon University, Pitt. They like to dress.

PG: You mentioned Tony Bennett. Why did he stop in the store?

A. He needed a tie for his tux. He and his daughter came in.

PG: How did your friendship with Jim Nantz start?

A. Bob Pompeani of CBS, KDKA, he brought him up some years ago and we just hit it off. He actually has a clothing line himself, a Jim Nantz clothing line, small. He has a shop where he lives in California.

PG: What's the best advice you could give to someone who's starting out in the retail clothing business these days?

A. Get a good location. You can be the greatest in the world, but if you have a bad location or the location goes down, that's what hurts it. Pick a good location I would say would be the number one thing.

PG: So the old adage about location, location, location still holds true?

A. Yes. When they brought me down here, this building. . . . the roof had caved in and everything, and they told me across the street there was going to be a park. I said, are you sure of that? [That] means no high building would be built there [to] hide you. People can see you from anywhere. We have no trouble with people finding the store.

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How to convert home movies from tape to digital format

Sound advice

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Q. I have quite a number of home movies recorded on VHS and VHS-C camcorder tapes. I would like to transfer them to a USB drive so I can show them on a computer and transfer them to other family members' computers. Years ago, I purchased a device that used a converter box and software, a package that was supposed to work with a PC. It was difficult to use, so I gave up on it. Can you recommend an easier way to transfer my home movies to a digital format?

R.Y., North Versailles

A. This is another question that comes in fairly regularly. Transferring your camcorder videos to digital is very easy these days, with a simple, compact and affordable device.

The ClearClick Video2Digital Converter 2.0 sells for under \$160 and makes converting your videos a snap. It is easily found online from vendors such as Walmart or Amazon. The device is a bit smaller than one of your VHS tapes and has a color screen and a control panel on the front. There are yellow-white-red RCA video and audio connectors on the top to connect your camcorder or VHS output. Press play on the device playing the tape, press record on the ClearClick and it will record your videos in standard definition to an SD memory card or a USB flash drive. It is easy for anyone to use and a far cry from any of the old software-hardware packages that often ended up discarded by



Soundcore Space Q45 headphones

in ambient noise was eerie and a more memorable difference than with any other noise-canceling headphones I have ever tried before, even very expensive ones. This silence did not have any psychoacoustic side effects that make you suspect something unnatural is going on. It is just dead quiet once you put them on, and the specs tout 98% noise reduction.

After trying them for myself, I believe it.

Comfort is exceptional and the headband presses the earcups over your ears firmly but with no discomfort. Sound is pristine in the way I expect from premium Soundcore products, with neutral, realistic sound that does not sound gimmicky or overdone. There is excellent bass definition, strings are silky, vocals are rich and velvety and everything is in perfect balance.

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NATALIE HILL

People on the move

Associations & Organizations

William F. Ward, a former Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, and an attorney with Rothman Gordon, PC, was appointed to



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the Pennsylvania Behavioral Health Commission for Adult Mental Health. Judge Ward serves as the representative of the Pennsylvania Commission on

Crime and Delinquency, for which he also acts as chairman of the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee. His practice areas include media-

tion, white collar criminal defense, and business and commercial litigation.

Engineering

Allen + Shariff Corp. said Caleb Wakeley joined as a mechanical designer.

Health

Justin K. Williams, M.D. joined the practice of Leo R. McCafferty, M.D., F.A.C.S. & Associates, Plastic Surgery P.C. Dr. Williams specializes in aesthetic and reconstructive

plastic surgery of the face, breast, and body.

Law

Whiteford, Taylor & Preston said a trio of leading commercial litigators — Ray F. Middleman, Amy J. Roy and Shane D. Valenzi — have joined its firm.

Nonprofit

Green Building Alliance promoted Chris Cieslak to chief operating officer, vice president of programs.

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Delivery apps find fertile ground serving customers

DELIVERY, FROM E-1

grew dramatically. The population of Chinese immigrants grew six-fold between 1980 and 2016, according to the Migration Policy Institute. Over time, emigrés were more likely to be from the heart of the country's economic boom, the Chinese Mainland.

Meanwhile, Mr. Li, living in upstate New York, was hungry. "We ordered a lot of delivery in the winter," he said.

He and his friend started approaching local Asian restaurants, offering to create Mandarin-language menus in simplified Chinese characters and distribute them among students.

Back then, Mr. Li's project was analog — occasionally a fax machine got involved.

Today, he and his co-founder from the University of Rochester are CEOs of Ricepo. In 2021, the company was acquired by Weee!, a grocer specializing in ethnic food delivery, for an undisclosed amount. It's likely a good network for Ricepo to be part of. The Fremont, Calif.-based Weee! has raised over \$800 million in funding to date.

Ricepo is in the Pittsburgh market already, but the app plans to redouble its efforts later this year when the city is slated to be Q4's "main push." In the leadup, the company has partnered with local restaurants to offer exclusive menus — authentic dishes that you won't find on an English-language app (on a recent visit to Yue Bai Wei, for example, flyers advertised Ricepo-exclusive dishes).

The restaurant owners

To Ms. Geng, the advantages of a Chinese app are clear. Which of the apps to choose from is trickier.

Representatives from each Chinese-language app have stopped by Amazing Dumplings to woo Ms. Geng, whose customers are fiercely loyal, thanks to her serving some of the only authentic Northern Chinese food in the city.

She opted for HungryPanda after returning from a trip to New York, where she saw its blue-and-white bear logo everywhere.

"With HungryPanda," her favorite of the three, "I can better sell traditional Chinese food, and attract more people to come and get to know Chinese dishes," she said, also praising the service as "very reliable."

These apps allow owners to do more than just use Chinese. They allow restaurant owners to show Chinese-speaking customers different menus entirely.

You can see the difference in the apps' algorithmically generated "popular dishes." On DoorDash, the most popular chicken dish at Amazing Dumplings is kung pao chicken. On Ricepo, it's Xinjiang-style dapanji, or "big plate chicken," a dish few non-Chinese-speaking Americans have heard of.

Ms. Geng said the constant visits from local app reps haven't always been pleasant.

She said she was dissuaded from signing on with Fantuan when a representative said the company would take 25% of each order.

"How could we survive?" she asked. (HungryPanda and Ricepo take 10% of her orders instead). Fantuan did not respond to the Post-Gazette's request for comment.

The eaters

Like Ricepo, HungryPanda was started by a Chinese student studying abroad — this time in the U.K. Its expansion strategy is similar in that the company focuses on areas with high numbers of Chinese students, just on an international scale.

When the London-based HungryPanda expands into a new city, it hires local campus representatives to make the app known among college students. It also has sales reps who approach restaurants. (HungryPanda actu-

ally entered the State College market before Pittsburgh's, due to the size of the Chinese population at Penn State.)

Xiaohan Feng, U.S. general manager for HungryPanda, said it benefits from the fact that food delivery was already popular in China.

But food delivery isn't just "popular" in China. It's ubiquitous.

In Chinese cities, the delivery ecosystem is more advanced than in the U.S. Delivery fees are dirt-cheap. A huge labor force means couriers can sometimes arrive at your doorstep within 15 minutes of an order being placed. Meituan, one of the most popular apps, employs 4 million couriers alone.

The food itself is often cheap, too, although that doesn't mean China is a food utopia: A stark divide between the haves and the have-nots means some of the most delicious food on Earth is prepared and delivered by working-class Chinese, often from rural areas, who work hard for less money. (The same biangbiang noodles that Ms. Geng sells for over \$15 would be under \$5 in Beijing.)

That means international students, who are more likely to come from the class in China that orders food than the one that delivers it, often have pretty advanced ordering habits.

At white-collar jobs in China's major cities, it's not uncommon to order food delivery for lunch every day. And that's precisely what makes capturing the Chinese ordering market such big business — even in U.S. towns where the Chinese population is relatively small.

Pittsburgh is the city where "college town" and "major metropolitan area" meet. Mr. Feng personally visited earlier this year to ensure the new local HungryPanda team was working well here.

"Pittsburgh was one of the most important launches in H1," he said, referring to the first half of this year. "We tried to figure out, OK, what's the root connection between all the universities and the colleges there? And who are the people that can help us to promote ourselves to our potential audience?"

HungryPanda settled on a mixed strategy of campus ambassadors, promotion on Chinese social media apps, and paper flyers — although it's the physical ads you're most likely to see. Walk through Squirrel Hill, for instance, and you'll notice stickers on windows, posters on restaurant walls, pamphlets at checkouts.

If you've been to Yue Bai Wei, a Sichuanese restaurant on Forbes Avenue lately, you were likely greeted by a large poster propped up by a stand at the doorway. When seated, you were handed a pamphlet along with your menu. And when you made a bathroom break, another poster exhorted you as you washed your hands to scan the QR code to learn more.

Surrounded by all the advertising, it'd be easy to think that Chinese delivery apps are at peak saturation.

Mr. Li and Mr. Feng both say they're far from it. Both hope to expand their services to non-Chinese restaurants, and that's already beginning. In Squirrel Hill, Turkish Kebab House sports a window sticker advertising Fantuan. Not to mention, a fourth Chinese-delivery app, Chowpas, has yet to even enter the Pittsburgh market.

"We're not at a phase where we are talking about competition," said Mr. Feng, who believes Chinese delivery apps are simply growing at the same rate U.S. cities' Chinese food scenes are.

And now, Chinese students who have stayed away from Pittsburgh campuses due to remote classes and COVID-19 lockdowns are beginning to trickle back.

To Mr. Feng, that's more good news because they'll be hungry.

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Rent at properties in Pittsburgh, such as the Connection at South Side, has jumped in the past few years.

Pittsburgh renters cope with soaring increases

RENT, FROM E-1

like the Floridas and Arizonas of the nation," said Rob Warnock, an analyst at ApartmentList.com.

"But nevertheless, if you were to do a heat map of the country, Pittsburgh is seeing a lot of price inflation right now."

Evictions rebound

The sharp rent increases here could fan the flames of an affordability crisis for low-income families when the cost of other essential goods and services like groceries also are rising.

The rental rate for Black residents in the City of Pittsburgh is 69.9%, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data from 2016 to 2020.

During that same time span, rental rates for all households in Pittsburgh increased by 1.3%, according to John C. Boyle, a research analyst at the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group.

"However, this increase in rental rates was less pronounced for non-Hispanic white households, of which the majority are still owners in the City of Pittsburgh, while the majority of all households — 53.3% — rent."

Last month, the number of evictions in Pittsburgh fully rebounded to pre-COVID-19 levels, according to the Eviction Lab at Princeton University. Eviction cases have been gradually moving higher since the end of federal and local eviction moratoriums, combined with dwindling pandemic-related rental assistance.

Downtown-based SVN Three Rivers Commercial Advisers is a commercial real estate broker. The firm also has a division that manages about 600 rental units in Allegheny County. Keane George, managing director at SVN, said they've had about 30 evictions since the moratoriums ended, but the number would have been triple that if it weren't for working with some renters on payment plans.

"Those units are all over Allegheny County," he said. "But it would mostly be the B class and C class units, which is mostly what our management department does. We're not managing the A class stuff, so that's a pretty good representation of most of the evictions in this county."

"Not that there weren't any evictions in the Strip District," Mr. George said. "But most of them are coming from working class B and C class apartments."

Demand for luxury units

It's the Class A, or luxury, apartments that often make headlines when new buildings open in the

Pittsburgh ranks among top in rent growth

PERCENT INCREASE IN RENT PRICES

BY CITY, POPULATION 300,000+	
Lexington, Ky.	14.4%
New York City, N.Y.	11.9
Seattle, Wash.	10.5
Columbus, Ohio	10.3
San Jose, Calif.	10.3
Boston, Mass.	9.7
Albuquerque, N.M.	9.4
Pittsburgh	9.2
Charlotte, N.C.	9.2
Tulsa, Okla.	9.2

BY METRO, POPULATION 1 MILLION+	
Rochester, N.Y.	13.6%
Grand Rapids-Kentwood, Mich.	11.2
Providence-Warwick, R.I.-Mass.	10.9
New York-Newark-Jersey City, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa.	10.9
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.	10.8
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash.	10.7
Columbus, Ohio	10.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass.-N.H.	10.0
San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, Calif.	9.9
Pittsburgh	9.2

Source: ApartmentList.com

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city.

They appeal mostly to young adults between ages 25 to 34 who are willing to pay \$2,855 for a one-bedroom apartment on Centre Avenue instead of doing what their parents and grandparents typically did at their age — which is buy a home. Some can afford a mortgage but choose to rent to eliminate the hassle of homeownership and maintain the freedom to relocate.

Class A renters here tend to work in fields like technology, education, medicine and life sciences. They are drawn to luxury apartment buildings because of amenities like pools, lounging areas, fitness centers, co-working spaces and package delivery.

"Builders are not as concerned with making units themselves as large as possible," said Bryan McCann, a commercial broker at Colliers, Downtown. "Smaller buildings are OK because we're having a building with a lot of amenities that come with it."

He said empty nesters are more likely to rent apartments downtown where they can be near the action. The apartment might even be a second home.

While high-end renters often rent by choice, the demand for rental housing in recent months also comes from would-be home buyers who were priced out of the housing boom and now must rent until mortgage rates stabilize.

"We will continue to see a surge in demand for rental housing," said Mr. George from SVN. "The key factors driving that is the

shortage of housing and it also stems from the cost to build.

"Although demand is very high for apartments and condos, developers are shying away from building just because of the cost," he said. "And it's very difficult to get anything done because of the very long and difficult process to get approvals."

The 2,700 units managed by North Side-based Birgo Realty range from around \$600 a month for workforce housing in Westmoreland County to \$2,500 a month for its Class A apartments near Downtown.

Workforce housing makes up the bulk of Birgo's portfolio, which means its rents don't always align with the Pittsburgh metro averages. Studio apartments rent for around \$850; one-bedroom units are around \$1,150; two-bedroom units are about \$1,450; and three-bedroom units go for around \$1,700.

"Demand for our units has been consistently strong as there will always be a need for dignified workforce housing," said Justin Brown, associate director of asset management at Birgo.

"One thing that plays in our favor is B class and C class multifamily assets generally hold up better than other classes or product types during times of economic duress," Mr. Brown said. "Given where we are in this cycle, this is just another reason to feel good about demand."

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Lexus LX600 – If this is all new, what was the old one like?

Driver's seat

SCOTT STURGIS

2022 Jeep Grand Wagoneer Obsidian 4x4 vs. 2022 Lexus LX600 Luxury: A beastly battle. This week: 2022 Lexus LX600 Luxury

Price: \$104,345 to start.

Conventional wisdom: Car and Driver likes the "broad range of available trims, refined twin-turbo V-6 powertrain, more deluxe interior than outgoing model," but not that "third row not standard equipment, F Sport model has a rough ride, not as rich looking as a Range Rover."

Reality: It's all new. Ish.

What's new: When last we were riding around in a giant SUV, it was the new Grand Wagoneer, which was roomy but not, drove small but ate like a big piggy. Now we have the fourth generation LX, which is new for 2022, but doesn't shout that at first glance. But it is lighter, faster, and more rigid, Lexus tells us.

Competition: In addition to the Grand Wagoneer, there are the Mercedes GLS, BMW X7, Lincoln Navigator, Cadillac Escalade, Infiniti QX80.

Up to speed: The LX600 certainly gets its occupants moving in a hurry. The 3.5-liter twin-turbo V-6 creates 409 horses, which gallop the LX600 to 60 mph in 6.1 seconds, according to Car and Driver. But that's 0.4 second slower than the Grand Wagoneer. Advantage Jeep.

Shifty: The 10-speed automatic transmission did its work very well, changing gears without much calling attention to it. Select PRND through an old-fashioned shift lever, with manual shiftability to the side and on the paddles. Not a fan of the straight dial, so advantage Lexus.

On the road: Or is it all over the road? Even the Lovely Mrs. Passenger Seat could feel the vehicle flipping and flopping like a whale caught on the beach.

What she couldn't feel was the sense of the LX600 getting away from me too many times on the highways and on curves. I feared one poorly timed bump would have this monster lying on its side.

The bump-laden Pennsylvania



The Lexus LX600's new look for 2022 mainly involves details noticeable to the trained eye — the grille and other features. It still has a very familiar look.



The interior of the 2022 Lexus LX600 is definitely handsome and the seat supple, but the operational quirks quickly ruin the experience.

Turnpike and other roads were just sad places to be. Advantage Grand Wagoneer.

Cruisy: The LX600 had a distinct vibration while going up turnpike grades with the cruise

control engaged. I could feel a bit of a shudder or something, which only amplified the other quirks of the suspension.

Driver's Seat: Fortunately, Lexus has not forgotten how to

very nicely appointed jump seats, but knees and heads are smashed. Still, if I were about 5 inches shorter I could see the comfortable seat not being so bad, which is more than I can say about many SUV third rows.

Getting there is half the battle, though. Buttons sit in many places to provide ways to fold the seats flat to create a nice cargo area. But only the buttons on the middle row seat spring the middle row out of the way to access the rear, and even then the access remains challenging. The wheel well cuts into the bottom of the door and the tall floor height means it's a stretch to get inside.

Worse, though, is exit, where the narrow footpath and tall height could easily lead to tumbling out the door. Now, I'm klutzier than the average car guy, but still, expect some splattered kids littered around the LX600 in the parking lot.

Cargo space is nil behind the third row. The headrests really sit against the tailgate glass.

Towing is available up to 8,000 pounds, 2,000 less than the Grand Wagoneer, which handily wins this category as well.

Keeping warm and cool: Toggles control temperature and the pretty secondary touchscreen controls other functions.

There's something called climate concierge that handles things for you.

But other buttons are spread about the console. The seat heaters and ventilators are in the small cubby in front of the gearshift, as is the steering wheel heater button. My iPhone kept my hands warm by hitting the steering wheel heater button a lot.

Fuel economy: I averaged about 16 mpg during a highway and country road trip up north.

Where it's built: Aichi, Japan

How it's built: Consumer Reports predicts the reliability to be a 3 out of 5.

In the end: I can't believe a redesigned Lexus would have features that are so archaic and confusing, and handling that is so city bus-like.

The piggish Grand Wagoneer wins the day handily.

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Letters Testamentary on the Estate of: Phyllis G. Sirota, a/k/a Phyllis Greenspan Sirota, No. 02-220568, late of the borough of Pleasant Hills, PA. David M. Sirota, Executor. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them to: Wendy Denton Heleen, Esq., Goehring, Rutter & Boehm, 2100 Georgetown Dr. Ste. 300, Sewickley, PA 15143.

ROBINSON, Stephen E., deceased, of Neville Township, PA. No. 05343 of 2022. June A. Toward, Extr., 351 Silvercreek Ln., Berkeley Springs, WV, 25411, or to Richard J. Kibbll, Esq., 939 Fifth Ave., Carnegie, PA 15108.

YOUNG, Marilyn Gertrude, a/k/a Marilyn G. Young, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 05591 of 2022. Frank Jackson, III, Extr., 305 Marguerite Ave., Apt. A, Wilmerding, PA 15201, or to Richard J. Catalano, Esq., 468 Lincoln Hwy., North Versailles, PA 15137.

MEACHAM, Ellen M., deceased, of North Versailles, PA. No. 05597 of 2022. Donald L. Meacham, Adm., c/o Jeffrey A. Golvash, Esq., 9 Dewalt Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

KNECHTEL, Lucile D., a/k/a Lucile Dorothea Knechtel, deceased, of Monroeville, PA. No. 05267 of 2022. Susan M. Knechtel, Extr., 4429 Gateway Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146, or to Edwin W. Russell, Esq., Meyer Unkovic & Scott, LLP, 535 Smithfield St., Ste. 1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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SMITH, Larry, a/k/a Larry D. Smith, a/k/a Larry Dale Smith, deceased, of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA. No. 05598 of 2022. James R. Silvis, Extr., c/o Deborah A. Liots, Atty., 1008 Manor Building, 564 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

VANHOE, Toni, a/k/a Toni Marie Ivanhoe, deceased, of Scott Township, PA. No. 05349 of 2022. James C. Ivanhoe, Jr., Adm., 344 Finley Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106, or to Gary M. Zyra, Esq., 314 E. Main St., Carnegie, PA 15106.

ROBISON, Aurora, a/k/a Aurora C. Robison, deceased, of Plum Borough, PA. No. 05105 of 2022. Sandra L. Reed, Extr., 126 Hallwell Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15239, or to Gary M. Zyra, Esq., 314 E. Main St., Carnegie, PA 15106.

MILLER, Rita M., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 05812 of 2022. Lawrence Miller, Co-Extr., 2611 Harlansburg Rd., New Castle, PA 16101, and Michael Miller, Co-Extr., 126 Wilderness Trail, Evans City, PA 16033, or to Jay Hagerman, Atty., 4499 Mt. Royal Blvd., Allison Park, PA 15101.

SCHMIDT, Bryan R., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 05875 of 2022. Richard Schmidt, Extr., 151 Dickson Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202.

STANTON, Kenneth J., deceased, of Clairton, PA. No. 05446 of 2022. Patrice Bristo, Adm., 716 Saint Clair Ave., Clairton, PA 15025.

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decedent to make known the same in writing to him or his attorney, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to him without delay:

Bids and Proposals

BEAVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1300 Fifth Street
Beaver, PA 15009
August 24, 2022
INVITATION TO BID

Beaver Area School District invites sealed bids for construction of a new pole building. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM prevailing time on Friday, Sept 30, 2022, in the Beaver Area School District Administrative Office, (same address) at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Bid security in the amount of ten percent of the bid must accompany each bid. The Beaver Area School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive irregularities in the bids.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of opening of bids.

Bid requirements and specifications may be obtained by contacting John Lyon, Facilities Manager, Beaver Area School District 1300 Fifth St., Beaver, PA 15009, or by email at jlyon@basd.k12.pa.us

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The Shaler Area School District is soliciting bids for CHALKBOARD RESURFACING & NEW WHITEBOARDS

Sealed bids due back to Shaler Area School District, 1800 Mount Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA, 15116, attention John Kaib, on before 1:00 p.m. on September 19, 2022. Bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Buildings & Grounds Office at 412-492-1200, ext. 2900.

Shaler Area School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to make the award in the best interest of the School District in accordance with law.

SHERRI JAFFEE
Board Secretary

INVITATION TO BID

Peters Township School District is accepting bids for the Installation of Five (5) Bus Garage Bay Doors. Bid Packets can be obtained by contacting Brandon Womer, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at (724) 941-6251, ext. 6011. Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Business Manager, Mr. Brad

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Position reports to the Google PIT office & may allow for partial telecommuting.

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Bids and Proposals

Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Parties or individuals interested in responding may download a copy of the Solicitation from the Business Opportunities page of www.HACP.org. Questions or inquiries should be directed to:

Mr. James Harris
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh
Procurement Department
100 Ross Street
2nd Floor, Suite 200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
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A pre-submission meeting will be held via Zoom meeting on September 15, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. Please see meeting information below:

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CNC Milling Machine for
educational purposes

Specifications for the machine can be found at www.trinitypride.org under "Request for Proposals/Bids" under the District subtitle.

The Owner will receive Bids until 1:00 PM prevailing time, on Monday, September 22nd, 2022, at the School District Administrative Offices, 231 Park Avenue, Washington, PA 15301, c/o Mr. Taylor Hott, Dir. of Fiscal Services. Promptly thereafter, they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room at Trinity Area High School. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

ACHA-1687, Dwelling Unit Painting Service

Allegheny County Housing Authority (ACHA) is seeking Bids from qualified vendors to provide Dwelling Unit Painting Service on an as needed basis, per specifications in the IFB. ACHA is now conducting all competitive solicitation on an internet-based eProcurement Housing Marketplace. ACHA is paying for all costs for the use of the Marketplace so, there will be no additional charges for your company to use the Marketplace to download documents or submit responses to ACHA.

AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Guy Phillips, Purchasing Manager, Telephone: (412)402-2435, E-mail: gphillips@achsng.com.

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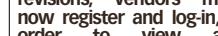
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LYNN HALL

It may look like Fallingwater, but this modern marvel has its own story to tell

By Alicia Chiang
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Deep in the woods of northern Pennsylvania, an imposing modern structure blends into a hillside of dark green foliage.

A babbling stream flows through the building, whose walls are stacked slabs of gray stone. Like its walls, the building consists of rectangular sections layered on top of one another with a row of windows stretching across. The red window frames add a splash of color.

Sounds like Fallingwater, right? Think again.

This is Lynn Hall. The building in Port Allegany, McKean County, shares its heritage with Frank Lloyd Wright's celebrated house built for the Kaufmann family in Fayette County. In fact, it was designed and built by Walter J. Hall, who oversaw construction of Wright's cantilevered masterpiece at Bear Run.

Fallingwater has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1974 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2019. It attracts over 180,000 visitors a year.

Lynn Hall, which began construction in 1934 — two years before Fallingwater — sat empty and deteriorating for almost 25 years.

"It's a very considered, thoughtful, interesting building that keeps revealing new things," says Jeffery Chusid, an associate professor of art and architecture who led his Cornell University students to begin Lynn Hall's preservation in 2016.

The building is designed using an architectural technique called compression and release, utilizing a series of small and large rooms to move people through an interior. It's a signature element of the organic architecture Wright created in the first half of the 20th century.

From the small entryway, visitors are beckoned by natural light to the second floor. On the landing, water trick-

ling from an indoor fountain leads them onward and upward to rooms with views of the rolling hills of the Allegheny River Valley.

"The way that you can move up the hillside is also pretty cool," Chusid says. "Ultimately, you can get all the way onto the roof."

"This is a very Wrightian thing to do because Wright believes if you are taking the flat part of the site on which to build, [then] you need to put a flat part back."

Imitator or innovator?

Wright clearly influenced Hall, a self-taught builder and contractor who traveled to Buffalo, N.Y., to study Wright's Darwin Martin House and Larkin Building, both constructed in the early 1900s.

Wright's impact on Hall can be seen in his early drawings of Lynn Hall. A 1932 sketch depicts a three-story building with smooth white walls, geometric roofs and metal balustrades framing the edges. A center tower stretches toward the sky, and a one-story wing extends from the top floor toward the hill behind the house. This design may have been inspired by roadside architecture Hall saw in Europe while serving as an Army engineer.

By the time construction began in 1934, Lynn Hall's design had morphed into the shape we see now: a sleek, horizontal structure that reflects Wright's Prairie School architecture.

However, Hall is not a mere imitator of Wright, who was often criticized for going over budget and designing beautiful buildings that lacked utility. Hall, on the other hand, was the "ultimate repurposer," according to Adam Grant and Rick Sparkes, the current owners of Lynn Hall.

The indoor fountain and pond were originally a natural spring on site. Rather than divert it, Hall incorporated the running water into the building's design.

Hall also reused abandoned nearby



Alicia Chiang/Post-Gazette
The entrance to what is now known as the architect's suite at Lynn Hall, built in the 1930s, in Port Allegany, Pa. For an interactive with video, [go to post-gazette.com/ae](#).

railroad tracks, embedding them in the concrete roof to create a cantilever and as support in the retaining walls at the back of the building.

Another feature that sets Lynn Hall apart from Fallingwater is the use of glass block. Port Allegany was home to many glass plants in 1937, including Pittsburgh Corning, the only American manufacturer of architectural glass block at the time.

Since glass blocks have more load-bearing capacity than traditional windows, Hall used them to introduce natural light into dark spaces without windows. The connecting stairway between Lynn Hall's two-story core and living spaces features a row of glass block on the upper part of the wall. Another glass-block wall between a hallway and a bedroom grants privacy while also bringing in natural light from the top of the stairwell.

When Frank met Walter

When Lynn Hall's construction began in 1934, Hall envisioned a roadside inn that would serve travelers along Route 6, and he paid for it with his own money.

He completed the first phase of his project — the two-story core — in 1935 and opened a restaurant with a ballroom on the second floor in 1936. Port Allegany residents remember its glory days, with Hollywood-style signs shining across the valley and music wafting from the frequent parties held inside. Its modern design drew the interest of many people, including Frank Lloyd Wright.

Wright had dismissed the original contractor for a vacation home he was trying to build for department store magnate Edgar J. Kaufmann's family on the

side of a mountain over a rushing waterfall in Bear Run, about 90 minutes southeast of Pittsburgh. The architect was hunting for a new builder, one not only well versed in working with Pennsylvania native materials but also bold enough to take on an architectural challenge.

Wright dispatched his son, John, also an architect, to Lynn Hall in 1935. As the younger Wright inspected the building, he was amazed to see the integration of horizontal slabs and vertical supports that acted like beams, making the structure self-supporting. This was exactly what Wright had in mind for Fallingwater.

In July 1936, Hall suspended construction on Lynn Hall to begin working at Bear Run. Clinton Piper, senior administrator of special projects at Fallingwater, says there was sometimes friction between architect and contractor.

"While I think there was certainly an admiration on the part of Walter for Wright, they also disagreed. They argued," he says.

Hall was responsible for managing the supply chain and hiring subcontractors, stone masons and laborers. He tried to follow Wright's plans, but the architect was rarely on site. Many in Port Allegany, including Hall's granddaughter, Susan Hall-Wheeland, believe Wright left many of the details up to Hall.

"Frank Lloyd Wright had given them a plan, I'm sure, and they followed that," she said. "But then they said, 'Uh oh, what shall we do now?'"

She believes her grandfather often made the decisions on how to make Wright's ideas a reality.

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Lynn Hall archives
A 1930s photo of Lynn Hall shows its two-story core with a restaurant on the first floor and ballroom on the second floor.

TOP: Lynn Hall's rough-grained slate floor in the two-story core closely resembles floors at Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater. Walter J. Hall was the contractor for both buildings. (Alicia Chiang/Post-Gazette)

It may look like Fallingwater, but this modern marvel has its own story

HALL, FROM F-1

Saving Fallingwater

Many locals and Hall family members also believe Hall was the secret hero who saved Fallingwater from "falling into water" by inserting more rebar than Wright specified in the cantilevered concrete terraces. Architectural experts say the reality is more complicated.

Worried about the cutting-edge design, Kaufmann hired an architectural engineering company, Metzger-Richardson Co., to perform a load test. The test created cracks, evidence of structural failure.

The company proposed using twice the steel in Wright's design, but the architect rejected the plan. Hall reportedly slipped in extra steel rebar, adding more support than Wright wanted but less than the engineers had called for.

When workers removed wooden scaffolding supporting the first floor, the terrace sank 1 1/4 inches. In the early 2000s, Fallingwater's main terrace underwent a complicated, invasive and ultimately successful rehabilitation.

"They built this thing in the middle of nowhere in the heart of the Great Depression, using people who were not particularly specialized in advanced construction techniques of avant-garde buildings," says University of Texas at Austin architecture professor emeritus Richard L. Cleary.

Cleary is the author of "Merchant Prince and Master Builder: Edgar J. Kaufmann and Frank Lloyd Wright." He gives Hall substantial credit for Fallingwater's success.

"Without him, you know, there'll be no Fallingwater," Cleary says.

Hall's fame

Architectural historians still argue about the extent of Hall's contributions to Wright's famous work.

"Walter Hall was a crucial figure in the creation of the stone-tapestry walls at Fallingwater, although it remains unclear exactly who invented their style," wrote the late University of Pittsburgh architecture professor Franklin Toker in his 2003 book, "Fallingwater Rising."

"If not the inventor, Walter Hall was for certain the prime executor and maestro of Fallingwater's masonry style."

Toker also credits Hall for Fallingwater's rough-grained slab floors. "You can still see the identical floors he had laid at Lynn Hall a few years before," he wrote.

After completing the main house at Fallingwater, Hall traveled back to Port Allegany and continued working on Lynn Hall, adding a card room, a furnace room, and a gas station out front in 1938. He also incorporated red accent painting and windows from Hope's Windows in Jamestown, N.Y., the same manufacturer that supplied Fallingwater.

Hall's son, Raymond Viner Hall, was an architect who went by the initials R.V. He opened an office at Lynn

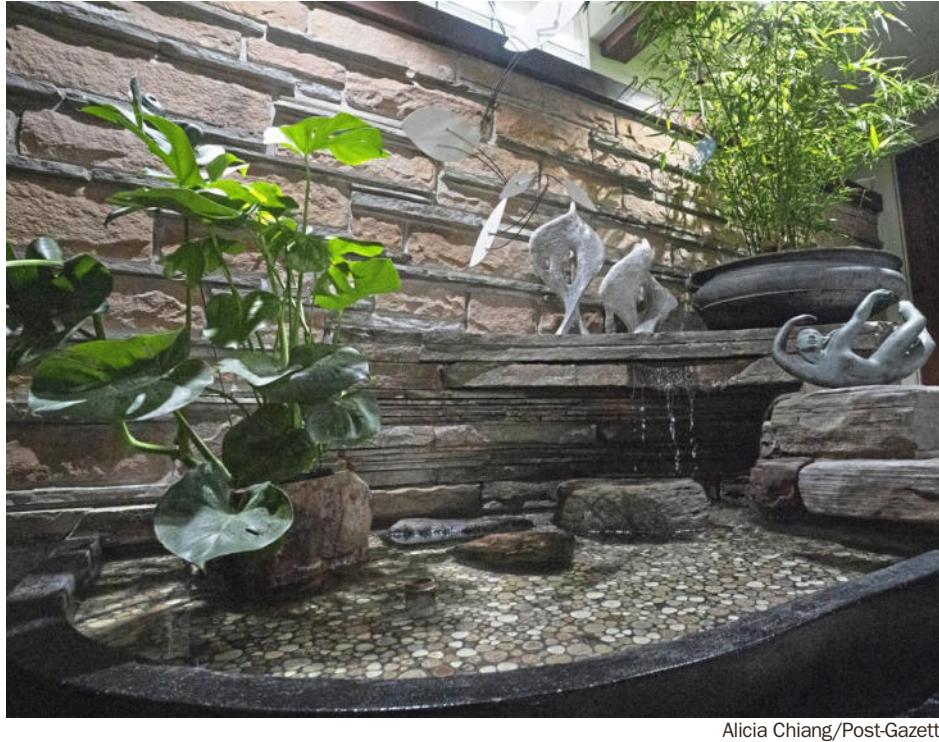
Hall next to the two-story core with its own entrance. A mini waterfall flows next to the entrance into the building's facade.

"They had clients coming to the building," Piper says. "And they could see the modernist architecture that they were interested in and, you know, those principles of organic architecture, building into the site and so forth and using native materials."

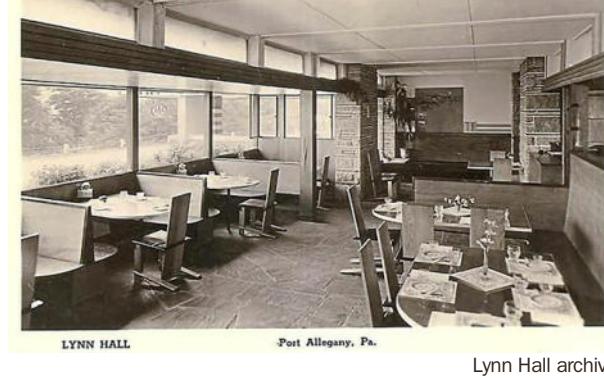
"So it really became kind of a calling card for them and really indicated that they had sort of arrived in terms of builder and architect."

In 1939, Hall returned to Bear Run to build Fallingwater's guest house. When it was finished, Hall turned down Wright's job offer at Taliesin studio in Wisconsin and returned to Port Allegany. Father and son built a very successful business in Pennsylvania, New York and even the Virgin Islands.

"They would design your home, build your home,



Alicia Chiang/Post-Gazette
The indoor fountain at Lynn Hall was a natural spring that was incorporated into the building's design.



Lynn Hall archives
An old postcard shows Lynn Hall's first-floor dining room when it was a restaurant.



Lynn Hall archives
Walter J. Hall, the designer and builder of Lynn Hall, sits by a fireplace there with a dog in an undated photo.

build your doors, build your windows, do the flooring. They were one-stop shops for many of the big homes there in Port Allegany," says Gary DeVore, who owned the property for a time.

she found him unresponsive. He had died of a heart attack at age 73.

"There was no way to keep that building going without my father's business," Hall-Wheeland says. "Without ... his ability to find the solutions and being able to maintain the building, it just took a few years before it deteriorated."

Many Hall family members moved out of the remote town and created their own lives. The main house was too large for the two or three people who remained. They added sleeping space to the pump house and moved in there.

Meanwhile, the main house slowly decayed as rainwater accumulated and the roof caved in. Grass grew tall, and saplings grew into trees.

Ray Morton Hall, Susan's brother, continued to live in the pump house with his family. He often sat watching cars rush by on Route 6. Some suddenly slammed on their brakes, turned around and stopped in front of the building. They would come up to him and ask about this unexpected "Frank Lloyd Wright house." He would stand up, smile and begin to tell the long history of Lynn Hall.

Lynn Hall rises again

In 2006, uncertain about the future of Lynn Hall, Piper conducted field research with the help of Ray Morton Hall and others who knew the building. Piper drafted a National Register of Historic Places nomination with the

hope of documenting the building's history.

No one had lived there for years. The spring that once flowed through the building had dried up. Birds and snakes took refuge in the spaces once filled with lights and laughter.

Seventy pine trees towered in front of the building, all over 70 feet tall. The house became truly "organic."

In this period of deterioration, Jim Young, a Hall relative, offered to purchase and then donate Lynn Hall to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Fallingwater's owner and operator. According to Young, the conservancy turned down the deal, insisting mold remediation alone would cost millions of dollars. The conservancy did, however, take documents that staffers felt were relevant to Fallingwater.

Architecture enthusiasts Gary and Sue DeVore purchased the property in 2013, starting Lynn Hall's preservation.

The DeVores said it was like opening a time capsule. Everything had been left untouched since the 1980s. While cleaning and stabilizing the structure, the couple began a collaboration with Cornell's historic preserva-

tion program. A group of 30 students spent four days working on the historic house. Many of the drawings and other documents rescued from Lynn Hall ended up in Chusid's possession on Cornell's campus in Ithaca, N.Y.

"You have to be very careful because there's mildew and other things. And so, as of now, we can't put them into formal archives elsewhere," he said.

The DeVores knew that a real restoration of Lynn Hall would require more expertise and financial backing than they could provide. They listed Lynn Hall for sale and patiently waited for buyers.

"Our nightmare had always been selling off to somebody who would make an indoor antique shop and let it sit empty for another 20 years," Gary DeVore said.

New owners

Growing up in Greensburg, Rick Sparkes had always dreamed of living in Fallingwater. "But of course you can't do that," he says, laughing.

After seeing Lynn Hall on the historic house listing website Circa Old Houses, he and his partner, Adam

Grant, decided to visit. Despite earlier work, the building was still "a mess." Walls were peeling and windows were caving in. Grant recalls seeing the sky through a hole in the ceiling from the first floor.

"But walking inside ... the potential ... it gave me chills," he says. "When we walked in the front door, literally like, Wow!"

They purchased the property for \$250,000 in February 2017. Since then, they have been "deconstructing it down to the bones" and rebuilding Lynn Hall. They label every stone, strip it and put it back, one by one, he says.

Local contractors wanted to replace the building's radiant-heated floors with baseboard heating. Sparkes and Grant refused, insisting on repairing the original heating system. When it was done, they found the heating in the floor more than sufficient, keeping them warm and toasty in northern Pennsylvania's cold, snowy winters.

"If you just take your time and study the approach that Walter took when he designed it, it all actually makes very much sense. It's a very sensible layout," Grant says.

He and his partner also brought design ideas and collections from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they formerly lived. Buddhas and large paintings sit on shelves around the dance hall, co-existing harmoniously with Lynn Hall's modern aesthetic.

Sparkes and Grant are currently renovating the building to rent out on Airbnb. The ballroom, R.V. Hall's former architect's office, is their private residence. His original office, referred to as the architect's suite, has one bedroom and rents for \$230 per night. The renovated cottage in the former pump house has two bedrooms and rents for \$390. The grand hall in the two-story core can be rented out for private events.

The sound of water is once again heard inside Lynn Hall, along with classical music pouring from Bluetooth speakers.

Once in a while, tourists traveling to the Allegheny National Forest, Kinzua Bridge or Cherry Springs State Park drive by Lynn Hall, slam on their brakes and stop out front, amazed to find an organic modern building in this Appalachian Mountains town. And they wonder why it looks like that famous house in Fayette County.

Piper, the senior administrator at Fallingwater, says the builder and architect of both followed the same principles.

"Fallingwater was a site in the woods on a waterfall, a client that had really deep pockets," he says. "Lynn Hall was a more modest-scale project. It evolved over time. It was kind of a living laboratory for the Halls."

"I think they just kind of informed each other as they were built."

Alicia Chiang was a summer intern at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

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The corner window in the living room of Lynn Hall's pump house/cottage overlooks the Allegheny River Valley.



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Top: The house at 1174 Washington Road in Mt. Lebanon was built in 1940 and has the original windows and slate roof.

Above: The living room has a hardwood floor and a stone fireplace that burns gas and wood.

Designs on Mt. Lebanon

Tudor with great bones priced at nearly \$1.18 million

By Patricia Sheridan
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Buying here

It's a lot of house for two people. With nearly 4,000 square feet, five bedrooms, 4½ bathrooms, a large garden, a covered terrace and a new kitchen, the house at **1174 Washington Road**, Mt. Lebanon, is probably best suited for a family of four or more.

"We just want to downsize," said owner and interior designer Neill Stouffer.

He and his husband, Bruce Harshman, are planning on spending more time in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"We love Pittsburgh and will always have something here," Stouffer said. "But we have been spending nearly two weeks a month in the cooler months in Florida so it is just more than we need."

The couple started with an 8,000-square-foot home on the North Side. This home is half that but still rather large.

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Rental house with solar panels snapped up quickly

By Linda Wilson Fuoco
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Sometimes a rental is too good to last very long.

Jessica Cheng and her husband, Yash Puranik, had not planned to leave their yellow brick house in Swisselm Park after less than two years. They installed solar panels on the roof.

"My husband is very environmentally friendly," Cheng said.

But Harvard University made her an offer she couldn't refuse—a chance to do postdoctoral research in epidemiology. She is just finishing her Ph.D. work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Puranik, who also has a doctorate, works remotely and can do that from anywhere.

Rather than sell the house they bought in November 2020, the couple decided to rent it for \$1,950 per

Living here

month. Listed with Parks Edge Properties, the house quickly found a tenant.

Swisselm Park is in the East End of Pittsburgh, next to Squirrel Hill. This street backs up against Frick Park.

"Love Street is a dead end, so it's quiet and has a suburban feel," Cheng said. "Our cats, Gigabit and Purrogie, love watching the birds."

Cheng, who competes in half-marathons, loves running through the park and the neighborhood."

The solar panels are an extra bonus for the tenant. Although the tenant is responsible for utilities, he or she will never have an electric bill.

"We've actually sold energy back to the utility company," she said.



The yellow brick ranch house in Swisselm Park sports solar panels and was built in the 1950s.

Neighbors told the couple that the 1,226-square-foot ranch house was built in the 1950s. "A neighbor's uncle built it."

The house has three bedrooms, two baths and a big game room in the basement. There are hardwood floors in every room and the house

has central air conditioning.

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Tudor with great bones priced at nearly \$1.18 million

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"I said to Bruce, 'You know, we could probably really live in 2,000 square feet,'" recalled Stouffer. Harshman agreed.

So they have put their beloved and beautifully decorated home on the market for \$1.175 million (MLS No. 1571620) with Vera Purcell of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services (www.howardhanna.com or 412-916-4488).

It is an iconic Mt. Lebanon Tudor that is as fabulous inside as out. Harshman is an avid gardener and has created an oasis of green with pops of colorful flowers that has been featured on the Mt. Lebanon Public Library Garden Tour.

"It will be one of the things he will miss most, but he has created a garden wherever we have gone," Stouffer said.

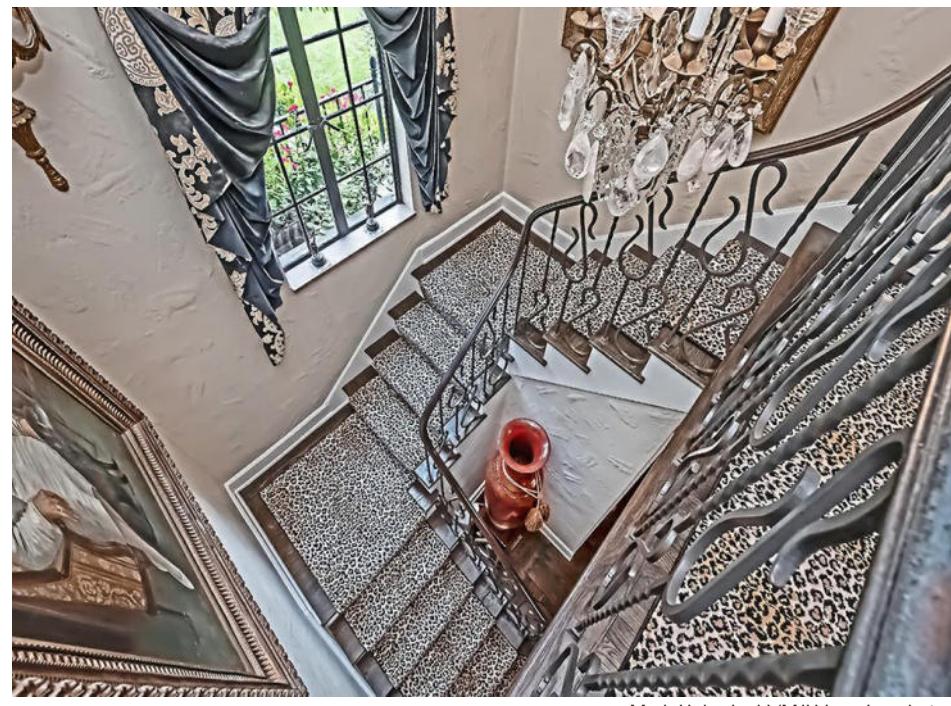
He and Harshman, a trustee for the Historical Society of Mt. Lebanon, strived to preserve the house's architectural integrity, including its 80-year-old slate roof.

They kept the original steel casement windows on the front of the house. For comfort, they added custom storm windows on the inside.

"When people replace the windows it is like cutting a nose off a face," said Stouffer.

His talent as a designer is on display in every room including the outdoor one — a slate terrace with a classic black-and-white awning.

"We love spending time on the terrace in the summer. It is just so peaceful and private," Stouffer said. "It is truly hidden from everybody, and if you don't know



Mark Holewinski/MJH Imaging photos

The winding staircase is off to the side, giving the house a very large entrance hall that is ideal for entertaining, according to the owners.



The current owners expanded the kitchen and installed ceramic tile that looks like marble.

the terrace is there, you don't know."

French doors link the terrace to the living room, whose focal point is an im-

pressive stone fireplace.

The living room and every other room is saturated with style, from the original hardwood floors, woodwork and built-ins to Stouffer's meticulous attention to detail.

The sitting room off the kitchen and the owners suite are favorite spots when it is too cold to be on the terrace.

"The sitting room is really comfortable," he said.

The owners suite could be an even bigger space with two bathrooms, a dressing room and the library at the back of the house.

"All that can be closed off as one huge master, and you'd still have three other bedrooms and three bathrooms," Stouffer said.

He and Harshman love the house's junior beam construction, which includes concrete floors and steel beams.

"It is built like a fortress," Stouffer said.

The Allegheny County property assessment is \$419,000. Over the past three years, three houses have sold in the 1100 block of Washington Road for prices ranging from \$408,900 in December 2020 to \$1.355 million in December 2019 (www2.allegenycounty.us/RealEstate/GeneralInfo.aspx?).

No part of the house was left untouched when Stouffer and Harshman moved in five years ago.

"Electric, plumbing, three

heat pumps, an air conditioner and central boiler system that are all brand new," the designer said. "You name it, we improved it."

They opened the breakfast room to the kitchen and installed a vacuum system under the cabinetry.

"Basically you don't need a dustpan," said Stouffer. "It is like a central vac."

The kitchen cabinets feature three types of hardware. The large ceramic tile on the floor looks just like marble without the stress of that porous stone. It came from Tile & Designs.

"Another nice feature of this house is our winding staircase off to the side, which is an unusual format and gives us a very large entrance hall," said Stouffer, adding that it is ideal for entertaining.

Even the garage was not overlooked. "When it is 72 degrees in the house, it is 72 in the garage," he said. "It is heated."

"We have always bought the ugliest house in the best neighborhood, but this house was the exception because it has such good bones."

Patricia Sheridan: psherdan@post-gazette.com.



The dining room has a hardwood floor and crown molding.



Hostas thrive in a shady part of the garden.



The terrace sports a classic black-and-white awning and is nearly invisible from the street.

Married couple conquer by dividing

Ask Amy

By Amy Dickinson
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Amy: We are "Pat" and "Leslie." We were both retired when we married two years ago, and we signed a prenuptial agreement that keeps our finances separate.

We each own a house outright, and we spend half our time in each. We agreed to share daily expenses and set up an account, which we equally fund and from which either of us can draw for those expenses.

We both have our own trust that controls our assets. Our assets, though, are considerably different, although our incomes while working were roughly the same.

Part of Pat's assets come from a sizable inheritance, and Pat believes that those funds are family money and must be passed down the generations. Leslie believes that this is wise family planning.

Leslie has invested a significant amount in the education of the offspring. Pat agrees that this, also, is wise family planning.

We were discussing travel, and a proposal was put forth that the expenses for travel should be divided proportional to assets. A similar proposal was put forth for medical expenses, as one of us has significantly higher medical expenses.

We look to your sage advice as to whether these are good and fair proposals. — **Pat and Leslie**

Dear Pat and Leslie: Please come to my house and sort out my life. Your decisions and distribution of assets seem fair (to me), and if this works for you, then carry on!

Your financial blueprint for life appears both solid and responsible. But sometimes you need to color outside of the lines, because life has a way of derailing even the most finely laid plans.

You are extremely good at deciding, distributing and dividing. My one suggestion for you to consider would be to find ways to share more.

A somewhat radical idea would be for you to consider taking advantage of the hot housing market, sell your two homes and look for a home together that will be suitable in design and location for you to age comfortably in place. Together.

You could use the profit from the sales to fund a joint account to be used for travel and medical expenses, as needed.

Dear Amy: The following happened three times this month to people I know! Here's the story: Somebody died with no will and left their loved ones to deal with the aftermath.

My friends are having trouble getting into bank

accounts to pay funeral expenses, getting into apartments to clear out belongings, dealing with funeral homes, getting access to email accounts so they can notify the near and dear of the sudden departure, and trouble tracking down veterans benefits and mortgages and leases and insurance policies.

Squabbling over the heirlooms will happen next. Meanwhile, there are disputes about who shall serve as executors.

It would have been so simple for these now-departed souls to make some arrangements before the inevitable day arrived.

Passwords, bank details, powers of attorney, car titles and all other legal documents — these may be kept discreetly hidden, with an "in case of emergency" note prominently featured someplace in the home.

Copies of all the items in your wallet, such as licenses and credit cards (front and back) should be in there, too.

Banks are quick to freeze accounts. Thawing them can be difficult without the right paperwork.

Please use your platform to explain in your inimitable way that nobody gets out of here alive, and it is a kindness to formally make one's wishes known and one's arrangements transparent — instead of burdening those who love you with cleaning up your affairs while they grieve. — **Worried**

Dear Worried: "Nobody gets out of here alive." That's as inimitable as it gets.

Thank you so very much for this important admonition. I hope your message reaches a lot of people, inspiring them to take these steps for the sake of those they will leave behind.

I had the best Thanksgiving ever last year. After a horrendous Easter with so many changes and unnecessary demands, I said no more, at least for a while.

I booked a flight and hotel and left town for Thanksgiving. I decided that a turkey sandwich alone was better than another mess. It was the best decision.

As a result, Christmas was wonderful. Sometimes you can solve a problem by not being a part of it. — **C. in Chicago**

Dear C: Taking a breather can be good for everyone.

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Horoscope: Georgia Nicols, Sept. 11, 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 moon is in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: You have high standards and you work hard. You're observant and do your homework, which produces top results. This is a winning year for you! Expect recognition for your past efforts. You might get a promotion, an award, kudos or a prize. You deserve this.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a lovely day! You feel happy, which is why you are sociable and friendly with everyone. In turn, others want to be with you because it is obvious that you are concerned for their wel-

fare and their benefit. This is because the moon is in your sign lined up with Jupiter. You rock! Tonight: You're energetic! This week: Ex partners and old friends are on the scene.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today you are more aware of the deeper aspects of life. This is why you feel compassionate toward others and you have a genuine concern for their problems. You also want to pursue your own peace of mind by working with your own inner code. Tonight: Money ideas. This week: Unexpected socializing!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is a great day to schmooze with others. You will love to be active with groups as well as friends because you have a warm energy and a genuine interest in the welfare of others. You also

will find it rewarding to work with an organization that wants to help those in need. Tonight: Decompress from the activities of the day. This week: Entertain at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): People admire you today. You look successful. This is also why you will be successful if you are dealing with groups or you have to be in the public eye. Tonight: Group activities. This week: Family and relatives are back on the scene.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your sense of adventure is aroused, which is why this is a great day to travel or explore new territory. You'll find it energizing to meet new faces and see new places. Today, whatever you give is what you will get back. Tonight: You are admired. This week: Finances are favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

Transportation delays.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This is an excellent day for business and finance. It's also a good day to discuss how to divide something like an inheritance or to explore the details of shared property or anything that you own jointly with someone else. All parties will be fair-minded, and you will benefit. Tonight: Explore! This week: New love! Surprise favors!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is a wonderful day to schmooze with the general public. People will respond to you because they sense that you have a genuine interest in them. And you do! Tonight: Dynamic discussions! This week: Mercury is retrograde in your sign. Expect delays and goofy mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Invite the gang over for barbecue, because it's a great day to entertain at home. People will be happy and mutually generous. This same positive influence will attract profitable real estate

opportunities to you as well. Tonight: Home improvements. This week: Sudden opportunities to travel!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Because you are upbeat today, all your interactions with others will be warm and friendly. You've got big ideas! Since enthusiasm is contagious, people will be attracted to you. Enjoy this good press. Tonight: You're convincing! This week: Surprise gifts come your way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "There's gold in them thar hills!" This is an excellent day to boost your earnings. Or you might make a pleasing purchase. You will be generous to others. Great! What goes around, comes around. Tonight: Money-making ideas. This week: Relationships are warm and affectionate.



Allegheny County

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1st Ward

Rodger Citron to 500 Liberty Avenue LLC, restaurant, 500 Liberty Ave., \$2,400,000. Clark Locust III LLC to James Paul Parisi and Abigail Maire McAllister, property, 2016 Watson St., \$400,000.

2nd Ward

Janis Baldwin trustee to Joy Wendy Ann Bernard, 11 Fifth Ave., \$312,213. Albert Pasquarelli to Guy David Vincent and Kimberly Dawn Walters Vincent, 350 Oliver Ave. Unit 1206, \$280,000.

4th Ward

Robert Thompson trustee to MAO Realty 2 LLC, 222 Chesterfield Road, \$185,000. AFLY LLC to Oakland Planning & Development Corp., 22 Edith Pl., \$124,999. AFLY LLC to Oakland Planning & Development Corp., 23 Edith Pl., \$125,000. AFLY LLC to Oakland Planning & Development Corp., 24 Edith Pl., \$125,000. AFLY LLC to Oakland Planning & Development Corp., 9 Edith Pl., \$125,000. AFLY LLC to Oakland Planning & Development Corp., 5 Edith Place, \$125,000. Kathy Togni to Phillip Lamberty and Michele Dorfman, 144 N Dithridge St. Unit 102, \$149,900. Peter Gidas trustee to Oakland Ave Associates LLC, restaurant, 125 Oakland Ave., \$580,000.

6th Ward

Lawrenceville Lofts LLC to Lily Makaeva, condominium property, 3725 Beaver St. Unit 409, \$562,000. Foursome Partners Associates LP. to Salonia Realty Co. LLC, industrial site, 3509 Smallman St., \$1,100.

7th Ward

Richard Ekstrom to Kevin and Laura Dickey, 5049 Amberson Pl., \$1,850,000. Maria Crisanti to Michael and Robert Senko, 5501-5503 Howe St., \$725,000. Paul Mickey to Joseph Griffith IV, 5922 Howe St. Unit 204, \$440,000. William Ward to Joel and Michelle Reisz, 372 S Highland Ave. Unit 504, \$175,000.

8th Ward

John Leventis to Rachel Lee, 4803 Cypress St., \$335,000. Brian Christopher Smith to Halbo Jiang et al. and Yingzi Peng, 622 Gross St. Unit 304, \$310,000. Ronald Maloney to Ilease homes Limited, 1038-1040 Summit St., \$80,000.

9th Ward

Diana Yanakiev to William Aaron Drozd and John William Kamauff Jr., 4540 Hatfield St., \$700,000. Coalle Capital LLC to Samuel Brayer, 162 Locarna Way, \$290,000. Jiajie Wang to Joanne Elizabeth Delorenzo, 4225 Post St., \$290,000.

10th Ward

Nitesh Singh to Andrew Manzo, 5583 Butler St., \$680,013. Sean Miller to Runyan Wang, 1036 Chislett St., \$200,000. Darla Balthaser to Tirzah Decaria, 4502 Coleridge St., \$178,000. NCRC Housing Rehab Fund LLC to Devin Borden, 5008 Dearborn St., \$410,000. Leslie Greene to Manuel Gasca III and Katherine Webb, 6920 Greenwood St., \$275,000. Arthur Kleitz Jr. to Oxbridge Development Corp., 614 Kendal St., \$60,000.

11th Ward

Old Republic Diversified Services Inc. to Neil Patrick Jones and Necia Hobbes, 1421 Greystone Drive, \$860,000. Ethan Windograd to Asma Mohseni and Kaiser Shahid, 6413 Jackson St., \$560,000. Thomas Critchfield to Andrew Eick and Charlotte Nitsch, 828 Mellon St., \$439,000.

12th Ward

Z & S Realty Inc. to Commercial Acquisitions LLC, 316 Lowell St., \$295,000. Darlene Robinson to Health Heroes Connect LLC, 6587 Navarro St., \$8,000.

13th Ward

Louis Van Reese to Louis Van Reese and Dominique Scaife, 2344 Park Hill Drive, \$36,000.

14th Ward

Joseph Bellisario to Alex and Rhona Yazbin, 5430 Aylesboro Ave., \$1,237,500. DCGG LLC to Jacob Lott and Silvana Sutera, 2847 Beechwood Blvd., \$397,000. Laura Kinzel to Scott Vogel and Ann Kirwan, 704 E End Ave., \$499,603. Scott Sweeny to Jeremy Grenadier, 2900 Franklin Road, \$365,000. Paula Ritter to Roots Capital LLC, 5653 Melvin St., \$228,000. David Jonathan Morgan to Michael and Noell Schneier, 1249 Murdoch Road, \$489,500. Jeffrey Sassano to Kent Vasko and Cynthia Andjura, 1312 Pocono Street rear, \$275,000. Carrington North to National Apartment Leasing Co., 5840 Wilkins Ave., \$1,194,683. Stephen Nesbitt to Xiaosu Liu and Kai Wu, 6678 Woodwell St., \$780,000. Jeffrey Gross to Brian and Jennifer Flores, 6902 Yorkshire Drive, \$915,000.

15th Ward

Mikal Merlinia to Joanna McElwain, 5003 Amper St., \$130,000. Sergey Brodsky to Craig Andrew Toochek, 735 Loretta St., \$231,500. Joy Brauneit to Michael Patrick Anthony Buckley, 4033-4035 Muray Ave., \$306,000. Alexander Lepore to

Borys Shostak and Elena Shvets, 1037 Weller St., \$250,000.

16th Ward

Daniel Garcia Lopez to Aidan Doyle, 2407 Burham St., \$400,000. Daniel Nill to Robin Nill and Casen Wolinsky, 2827 Edwards Way, \$125,269. Mark Findick to Joseph and Gretchen Kelly, 2409 Jane St., \$181,400. DVD Housing LLC to Robert Archibald, 20 Kosciuszko LLC, real estate, \$110,000. Rattan Flips LLC to Abby Vorhaus, 2410 Letice St., \$261,888. Urban Redevelopment Authority Pittsburgh to MTP, 2700 S Water St. LLC, real estate, 2695 S Water St., \$756,160. Michael Sedlock to Star Holdings LLC, 2620 Salisbury St., \$183,500.

17th Ward

Ercil Martin to 522 Freeland St. PA LLC, 522 Freeland St., \$40,000. Michael Gross to RE 360 SS Partners III L.P., 709-711 Industry St., \$105,000. Geary & Scott Properties LLC to RE 360 SS Partners III L.P., 106 Secane St., \$10,000.

18th Ward

Janice Locke to A & J Holdings 1 LLC, 422 Augusta St., \$140,000. Brad Adams to Andrew and Tania Miller Conte, 118 Bigham St., \$361,250. Slice Industries LLC to Calvin Beck, commercial property, 1617 Broadway Ave., \$75,000. Janet Kita to Keyway Homes South Two LLC, 1609 Crosby Ave., \$110,000. Donald Gehring to JMW Remodeling LLC, 642 Curtis St., \$20,000. Donald Gehring to JMW Remodeling LLC, 642 Curtis St., \$20,000. Z3 Enterprises LLC to Jessica Gentile, 868 Glass Run Road, \$173,000. Frederick Bull to Jonathan Despines and Mia Magnotti, 437 Jenne Drive, \$235,000. Sean Moloney to Justin Gorni, 5224 Meadowcroft Road, \$253,000.

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20th Ward

Joseph Trotter to Aurelia River, 810 Georgia Ave., \$123,000. Y & Q Management Inc. to Baoying Shi, 242 Moore Ave., \$370,000.

31st Ward

Marin Tomov to Barbara Ann Scheib, 1057 Mifflin Road, \$330,000.

Aspinwall

Lawrence Shields III to Jonathan Taglietti and Kayla Crean, 525 Guyasuta Road, \$475,000.

Avalon

Brion Maher to Citylife North LLC, 943 Jackman Ave., \$57,000.

Baldwin Borough

Daryl Moisey to Andrew Michael Hornayak Jr., 5232 Blossom Road, \$155,000. Erika McGee to Anthony Lipera, 1264 Brooklawn Drive, \$181,500. Kamala Timina to Benjamin Kiner, 5529 Brownsville Road, \$185,000. Alex Jones to Theresa Jaylene Waple, 4879 Elmwood Drive, \$227,000. Joseph Bullister to Suman Ramanuj, 5111 Frick Drive, \$260,000. Z3 Enterprises LLC to Jessica Gentile, 868 Glass Run Road, \$173,000. Frederick Bull to Jonathan Despines and Mia Magnotti, 437 Jenne Drive, \$235,000. Sean Moloney to Justin Gorni, 5224 Meadowcroft Road, \$253,000.

Baldwin Township

Vincent Marze to Kristin Elaine Keefe, 626 Southwix Drive, \$210,000.

Bellevue

Joseph Rostan to Diane and Carrie Mossgraves, 642-644 Means Ave., \$250,000. Jennifer Fisher to Jacob Michael Fisher, 488 Roosevelt Ave., \$180,000. Estate of Thomas Lewis to Bloomfield Heights Development LLC, 75 Sumner Ave., \$192,500.

Ben Avon

William Berry to Nicholas and Jacqueline Darow, 112 Monitor Ave., \$340,000.

Bethel Park

Odzen Ustu to William and Deborah Sperry, 35 Alton Drive, \$275,000. David Kraska to Bryan Charles and Susan Miller, 6195 Brushrun Road, \$59,000. Michael Houck to Jacob Janaszek, 159 Cypress Drive, \$210,000. James Dunbar to Tucker Good and Alyssa Bernstein, 3328 Forest Road, \$385,000. Stephen Putt to Kaitlin Hartzog, 2933 Idaho Ave., \$175,000. Frederick Bence to Christina Antenucci, 108 Old Village Lane, \$165,275. Beverly Stifler to LTN Properties LLC, 213 Fairview Ave., \$1,750,000. Donald Gehring to JMW Remodeling LLC, 646 Curtis St., \$25,000. Geary & Scott Properties LLC to RE 360 SS Partners III L.P., 1537 Dagmar Ave., \$10,000. Daniel DiPardo to Paul and Robin Mickey, 501 Grandview Ave. Unit 1001, \$535,000. Ronald Lee Lankey to JMT Investments LLC, 1314 Kennerba Ave., \$67,000. Christopher Manolios to Remi Realy LP., 217 Kramer Way, \$62,000. William Hough trustee to Metropolitan Decorators LLC, property, Oneida St., \$15,000. Michele Cummings to Jeremy Haley, 616 Rossmore Ave., \$235,000. Estate of James Mears Jr. to SWZ Properties LLC, 330 Shaler St., \$200,000. PB Property Development Inc. to Kenneth and Zachary Carpenter, 729 Wills St., \$175,000. ZSMB LLC to Michael and Jessica Lingendie, 450 Wyola St., \$625,000.

20th Ward

Peachy Pelican Properties LLC to Sawtooth Homes LLC, 1312 Charters Ave., \$89,000. James Ratcliffe III to Rashay Johnson, 3727 Chartiers Ave., \$162,275. Beverly Stifler to LTN Properties LLC, 213 Fairview Ave., \$1,750,000. Donald Gehring to JMW Remodeling LLC, 646 Curtis St., \$25,000. Geary & Scott Properties LLC to RE 360 SS Partners III L.P., 1537 Dagmar Ave., \$10,000. Daniel DiPardo to Paul and Robin Mickey, 501 Grandview Ave. Unit 1001, \$535,000. Ronald Lee Lankey to JMT Investments LLC, 1314 Kennerba Ave., \$67,000. Christopher Manolios to Remi Realy LP., 217 Kramer Way, \$62,000. William Hough trustee to Metropolitan Decorators LLC, property, Oneida St., \$15,000. Michele Cummings to Jeremy Haley, 616 Rossmore Ave., \$235,000. Estate of James Mears Jr. to SWZ Properties LLC, 330 Shaler St., \$200,000. PB Property Development Inc. to Kenneth and Zachary Carpenter, 729 Wills St., \$175,000. ZSMB LLC to Michael and Jessica Lingendie, 450 Wyola St., \$625,000.

21st Ward

Steven Komorowski to Nicholas Michael Furar, 1304 Boyle St., \$265,000.

23rd Ward

Robert McClusky to Seemaab and Mackie Ohara Ali, 615 Tripoli St., \$381,825. Tom Pierce to Andrew Moffatt and Genevieve Anderson, 845 Vista St., \$230,000.

24th Ward</h

Real estate transfers

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\$290,000. John Daniels to Michael and Laura Olivieri, 212 Virginia Manor Drive, #763,000. Lester Kaneta trustee to Marleen Pennison and Susan Magovern, 100 Vista Cir Unit 504, \$595,000.

Oakdale

Danielle Pancari to Jacob Robinson and Chelsea Benson, 110 Creekview Ln, \$202,000.

Oakmont

Saddle Light Capital LLC to Christopher Draxinger, 659 Sixth St., \$120,000. Jeff McMeekin to Rafa and Carl Viola Luga, 817 California Ave., \$460,000. Brooks & Blair Homes Oakmont LLC to Donald and Mary Thomas, 3 Carolina Ave., \$1,100,000.

Ohio

NVR Inc. to Patricia Wegener trustee, 160 Dana Drive, \$383,485. NVR Inc. to Sudha Parimala Pullabhotla, 164 Dana Drive, \$383,655. Scott Simonsen to Carl Kraski and Lisa Bait Peters, 198 Freedom Ln, \$679,000. Linda Ruckert to Lisa Robi, 136 Independence Way, \$486,000. Thomas Beatty to Michael Ray Heller, 653 Nicholson Road, \$335,000. Richard Divocevic to Richard and Sandra Ekstrom, 116 Patriot Ln, \$650,000.

Penn Hills

Albert Settemaier to Zachary Glen Frazier, 5816 Third St., \$182,000. PNC Bank National Association to Rejuva House Construction LLC, 108 Bellevue Drive, \$61,000. Dalton Smith III to Daja Pringle Scafie, 242 Calmar Drive, \$203,500. Genevieve Phillips to George and Frances Wilkes, 141 Clay Drive, \$170,000. Estate of John Herzog to Kristina Kelly, 218 Clay Drive, \$135,000. Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to Christine Decarolis, property, Dauntless Drive, \$1,100. Janet Terlizzi to Quick Self LLC, 526 Invicta Drive, \$64,000. Sandra Jean Leindecker to Louise E White Beck, 409 Janice Drive, \$150,000. Shawn Moucheron to Garland and Cheryl Walker, 1004 Jefferson Heights Road, \$190,000. Estate of Ted Eazor to Dennis and Janice Marie Fisher, 6330 Leechburg Road, \$348,500. Estate of Donald Wise to VB One LLC, 528 Macfarlane Drive, \$100,000. Terence Wachs to Juan Carlos Villanueva, property, Milben Drive, \$157,000. Legacy RE Holdings LLC to Antoinette Baker, 1704 Nash Ave., \$65,000. Irma Harty to Nicholas Paul Krynick, 1087 Old Coal Hollow Road, \$78,440. Arthur Anderson Jr. to AMP Management Co., 350-352 Pennsak Drive, \$190,000. Mayme Frantti to Paris Gibbs, 209 Pheasant Drive, \$153,493. Jean Martin to Daljit Khair and Rattandeep Singh Virk, 2839 Reiter Road, \$150,000. Triple Alpha Heights LLC to Brianna Fisher, 6879 Sisto St., \$130,000. Martin Miller to RR Homes 2 LLC, 428 Springfield Drive, \$168,000. Joan Donnelly to Frank Chriss, 6525 Swan Ave., \$180,000. Ashley Brady to Michael Brady, 6810 Tunnelview Drive, \$120,000. S&B Sofia Ventures LLC to VB One LLC, 137 Universal Road, \$125,000. Randy Carter Jr. trustee to Michele Lemaster and Justice Zechender, 216 Vienna Drive, \$169,500.

Pennsylvania Village

Michael Donovan to Holly Kendall, 662 carriage Cir, \$160,000. Mary Derubis to John Migot and Ashley Arnold, 319 Pennsview Court, \$145,000.

Pine

Wei Gao to Bahodir and Gulbahor Sadiqov, 314 Balsa Drive, \$975,000. Terry Kalina Jr. to Bradley and Beth Phillips, 124 Birch Drive, \$1,375,000. Loretta Hayes to Anthony Petrillo III and Darcie Varga Ig, 730 Broadway, \$305,000. Leslie Road Assoc. LLC to NVR Inc., unknown address, \$141,944. Adam Zippet to Alkanna Panigrahi and Gayana Ranjan Sapaty, 470 Cloverdale Drive, \$685,000. Estate of David Miller to Timothy Lee Siege and Alyssa Jordan Evans, 462 Conrad Drive, \$437,555. Renat Stewart to Bo Peng and Xiaorong Zhang, 502 Eagle Court, \$675,000. Logan Farms LLC to Joseph Keith Franz and Natalie Ann Ficco, property, 104 Farm Ln, \$279,900. Camp Trees Partn. LP. to Jeffrey and Danielle Browning, property, 406 Oak Ridge Ct, \$863,000. Melissa Martinez to Lindsay Chang, 123 Rabold Drive, \$767,000. Margaret Behr to Philip Behr III and Katherine Behr, 503 Rosecliff Road, \$362,500. NVR Inc. to Bitaan Mohari and Sourish Sarker, property, Spruce Road, \$707,886. Gerard Johannes Ford Majin to Daniel and Morgan Duterte, 104 Tanglewood Drive, \$559,481.

Pleasant Hills

Michael Weber to Sean Varley, 235 E Bruceton Road, \$290,000. Michael Bruzese to Matthew Mantick and Amanda Netzel, 312 Maize Drive, \$305,200.

Plum

Frank Gratzulis to Brett and Aubrey Lee Bloxendorf, 406-408 Barking Road, \$50,000. Rachel Palano to Phillip Barnett, 127 Beech Road, \$13,000. Donna Beall to PIA Realty Holdings LLC, \$565 Catskill Drive, \$101,757. Lillian Ali to Albert Ali and Rosemary Chardella, 421 Francis Road, \$61,388. Mark Hazlett to American Dream Home Properties LLC, 147 N. Duane Drive, \$140,000. Joseph Arendos to NCK Properties LLC, industrial site, 501 Old Frankstown Road, \$325,000. Jason Verba to Daniel Starha and Hannah Sabo, 5027 Ozark Drive, \$199,900.

Port Vue

John Wilson to VB One LLC, 1107 Burbank Road, \$60,000. John Pope Jr. to Zachary Thomas Kamauf and Madison

Leigh Herdlick, 1001 Highland Ave., \$95,000. Edwin Pope to Tyrone Reynolds, 901 Romine Ave., \$169,900.

Rankin

Mate Odak to Brett and Jennifer Jo McCallon, 100 Mound St., \$40,000.

Reserve

Erika Mohr to Trevor Oliver, 819 Geyer Road, \$186,500. Walter Mikulan to Manilani Arcena, 400 Logan St., \$55,000.

Richland

Nathan Pataly to Katelyn Benevolum, 305 Carters Grove Drive, \$190,000. Joan Charamonte to Ian Robert Irvin and Sarah Marie Dolon, 3613-3615 Centerview Road, \$225,900. Jeffrey Anthony to Amy Greathouse, 3911 Milton Drive, \$110,000.

Roslyn

James Truckle to Jeffrey and Ashley Dolan, 154 Cole Drive, \$365,000. Linda Galisian to Patrice Price, 304 Countryside Drive, \$219,900. Daniel Renziehausen to Peter Andrijeski and Trista Robinson, 5137 Keiners Lane, \$785,000. Karen Stevens to Tirone Land & Mineral Prospects LLC, 1003 Kenzie Drive, \$130,000. Mark Cheeseman to Kent Daniel and Erica Joan Chevalier, 122 Magnolia Drive, \$405,000.

Ross

Andrew Klein to Harry Hores, 109 Amherst Ave., \$240,000. East Orchard Partn. LP. to 5 Orchard LLC, 5 E Orchard Ave., \$430,000. Jonathan Boyd Marr to Joel Depaoli, 136 Hieber Ave., \$186,000. Michael Murphy to Jarrod Miller, 225 Jacks Run Road, \$211,500. Estate of Kenneth Peindl to Giovanni Mineo, 201 Morelli Drive, \$300,000. Aaron Bertram to Sharon Downey, 20 Pioneer Ave., \$233,000. Jessica Maguire to Joshua Schultheis and Melanie Clark, 23 Pioneer Ave., \$250,000.

Scott

Kevin Drozin to Billal Frissou and Fahima Idr, 1941 Berkwood Drive, \$261,000. Steven Fleck to William and Barbara Taylor, 2 Charles Drive, \$72,500. John Czolba to Curtis and Clarissa Lykins, 1468 Great Oak Drive, \$325,000. I Believe Properties LLC to Aparna Tikku, 1452 Greentree Road, \$225,000. Betty Jo Donnell to Laure Valeri, 2160 Greentree Road 407W, \$90,000. William Stoltz to Carter Lutz, 221 Orchard Spring Road, \$218,000. Lawrence Woodall II to Leonard Ulrich Jr. and Erika Derose Kukuruda, 1163 Peachtree Road, \$370,100. Thomas Larkin to Jacqueline Thomas, 2034 Swallow Hill Road Unit 106, \$120,000. Jessica Nock to Jakub Cipka, 2034 Swallow Hill Road Unit 422, \$118,000. Joshua Gill to Bradli Hollingshead, 1522 Worcester Drive, \$245,000.

Sewickley Heights

John Sofranko III to John Sofranko III, 10 Thawmont Drive, \$32,300.

Sewickley

Lisa Sue Wren to Michael Graham Furlong Jr. and Laura Park Furlong, 544 Academy Ave., \$1,250,000. Northwest Bank to Wbeaver LLC, bank building, 414 Beaver St., \$625,000. David Hawkins trustee to Jason Cyril and Jeannette Marie Crawshaw, 306 Grant St., \$1,850,000.

Shaler

Jane Neely to Jacob David and Abby Ishman, 195 Alma St., \$262,500. Casey Lee Carr to Russell Pennington and Josina Peterson, 418 Bethany Drive, \$305,000. Donald Costra to Corey Dipietro, 1513 Birchfield Road, \$250,000. Donald Werner to Trey and Rachel Sullivan, 3 Catherine St., \$259,900. Denise Holtz to Andrew and Rachel Vaccaro, 15 Colony Oaks Drive, \$455,000. Kathleen McQuade trustee to Brianna Dobson, 436 Friday Road, \$213,482. Estate of John Thomas to Emily Solnsud, 2808 Heron Lane, \$231,000. Thomas Jacobs to Melinda Barie, 209 Lindenwood Drive, \$230,000. Sean Beggs to Caitlin Onusko, 188 Mary Ave., \$260,000. Oikos Properties LLC to David and Carmen Anderson, 1831 President Drive, \$410,000. Christopher Norris to Devon and Zachary Kuykendall, 2422 Rolling Farms Road, \$320,000. Steven Zener to Peter Boyum, 206 Rosebriar Drive, \$260,000. Jessica McClain to Jacob Scopel and Jenina Alessio, 981 Saxonburg Blvd., \$160,000. Janet Brown to Edward and Janet Brown trustee, 111 Therese Drive, \$74,000. Joseph Kabrice to Benjamin Paul and Sheri Eden Washington, 306 Grant St., \$1,850,000.

West Deer

Ramu Perumal to Amanda Lynn Daugherty, 871 Ashley Road, \$399,900. Mark Yaconis to Lee and Crystal Weist, 101 Church St., \$132,500.

West Elizabeth

John Laverick to Heriberto and Aurora Rodriguez, 509 Fourth St., \$4,000.

West Homestead

Eric Marasco to Steven Hoffman and Carrie Mendoza, 3649 Fieldstone Drive, \$210,000. Dennis Kelly to William Michael Zelnack and Janet Hammer, 1215 Vinton Drive, \$149,250.

West Mifflin

Carolyn Renner to Sfr3-070 LLC, 3828 Clark St., \$35,000. Luanne Zwingler to Lauren Shoenberger, 201 Creston Drive, \$150,000. Kenneth Demko to Rocco Stamatoff Jr. and Christine Cooney, 420 Denison Drive, \$180,800. Dipalo Real Estate LLC to Marcus and Kirstin Simmons, 4107 Inland Ave., \$229,000. Tech One Associates LP. to Clean Express PA West Mifflin LLC, commercial property, 2100 Mountain View Drive, \$650,000. Kevin Carpenter to Pauline Martinez Ruefle, 124 Folk Ave., \$185,000.

West View

Keith Barbo to Joshua James Shamonsky and Sarah Yavorka Jobe, 127 Ashford Ave., \$260,000. Vincent Lattari to Traffic Effect LLC, 1380 Center Ave., \$170,000. Gary Galssbrenner to Roger and Paula Marie Laime, 11 Oakley Ave., \$252,500. Robert Singer to DRL Home LLC, 221 Ridgewood Ave., \$130,000.

Whitaker

Geraldine Novotny to Balboa Invests LLC, 114 Arkansas Ave., \$70,000.

White Oak

Tom Morrissey to Jonathan Manning, 914 Bruckewin St., \$15,000. James Berger to Derrick Kugler and Jessica Stameria, 2227 Pleasant Drive, \$216,000.

Whitehall

Jerome Teitz to Vincent and Kathleen Mackewich, 2016 Duncan Lane, \$385,000. Jessica Sedlacek to Jordan Anthony and Amber Diodimino Kara, 404 Kramers Lane, \$358,000. Michael Mulher trustee to Katherine Farmer, 1005 Lakemont Drive, \$350,000. Charter Homes At Hastings INC to Tyler and Elizabeth Cook, property, 3204 Lynn Aly, \$409,900. Mark Mitchell to Dominic Grande Jr. and Debra Cristina, 147 Morgan Hill Road, \$40,000. Nathan James Novelly to Anthony Cardamone and Mackenzie Dirlam, 1296 Oakridge Road, \$306,000. Jeffrey Yost to Tina and Pradip Shah, 6366 Oyster Bay Court, \$275,000. Brendan McAllister to John and Joohyun Ha Greenwood, 8108 Palermo Drive, \$495,000. Glen Richards to Kelvin Ojo and Joan Owhe, 4425 Walnut Ridge Circle, \$615,000. K & L Restorations LLC to Aaron and Mariano Bumanglag, 832 Wheatland Cir, \$201,000.

Wilmerding

John Silvka Jr. to Alysa Dolby, 207 Morningside Ave., \$43,010.

South Park

Dominic Salvatore Fajeta to Agatha Milled Laguado Becerra, 1100 Aurora Drive, \$241,100. Linda Dalzell to Kevin and Rebecca Carpenter, 1711 Connor Road, \$230,000. Leslie Road Assoc. LLC to Dan Ryan Builders Mid Atlantic LLC, 819 Frockwood Drive, \$269,911. Mero South Park Ventures LLC to NVR Inc., 2029 Pinnacle Way, \$79,511. NVR Inc. to Daniel Winfield Parton Jr. and Joanna Marie Boutlier, 2033 Pinnacle Way, \$461,455.

Springdale Township

Donald Miller Jr. to Verna Budz and Susan Milewski, 169 Cambridge Drive, \$210,000. Cheryl Heath to Jason Illig, 104 High St., \$151,500.

Stowe

US Bank Trust NA to Kings Community Enterprises LLC, 819 Tenth St., \$10,500. Steven Stack to Willowgate Properties LLC, 1113 14th St., \$82,500. Norris Ventures LLC to Christopher and Jenny Collins, 124 Bellmawr Drive, \$135,500.

Swissvale

Housing & Urban Development to Matthew McNulty, 2264 Hawthorne Ave., \$51,500. Valentina Zahran to Maryam Moghaddam, 7310 McClure Ave., \$20,000. Nicholas Rock to David Randall Clark Jr. and Jessie Lynn Poteet, 2243 S Braddock Ave., \$140,000. Susan Zielski to A Plus Rentals LLC, 2536 S Braddock Ave., \$54,500.

Tarentum

David Gartner to Adam and Mindy Blythe, 120 Second Ave., \$130,000. Mark Pugh to Java RE Holdings LLC, 309 W Ninth Ave., \$63,000.

Thornburg

Samuel Patti trustee to Alexander Work and Zoe Katawczik, 1177 Harvard Road, \$54,000.

Upper St. Clair

Mangesh Khedikar to Christopher Schmidt, 2716 Bingham Drive, \$235,000. Bren Charles Bergquist to Timothy Dipietro and Kristen Bates, 319 Hays Road, \$355,000. Central Penn Capital & Mgmt LLC to Hem Baskota and Dipila Panday, 1352 High Oak Court, \$699,900. Nicholas Allen to Mainstay Life Services, 2357 Lambeth Drive, \$312,500. Matthew Rubino to Anthony Sanchez Jr., 537 Locust Lane, \$224,900. Benjamin Marcus Homes LLC to Gerard Cipriani trustee, property, 220 Lucca Ln, \$652,588. Leonard Rubin to Matthew and Courtney Rubino, 1 Patton Drive, \$330,000. John Gravante to Douglas and Shelly Sgri, 2377 Rexford Drive, \$360,000. Scott Rowland to David and Melissa Cloniger, 1864 Winchester Drive, \$1,350,000.

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Ramu Perumal to Amanda Lynn Daugherty, 871 Ashley Road, \$399,900. Mark Yaconis to Lee and Crystal Weist, 101 Church St., \$132,500.

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West Homestead

Books

The return of Lucy Barton

By Dan Kubis

"Lucy by the Sea" is the third Elizabeth Strout novel narrated by Lucy Barton. In the first — "My Name Is Lucy Barton" — Lucy reflects on a time in the mid-1980s when she was hospitalized for several weeks and her mother came to visit her. In the second — "Oh, William!" — she recounts a trip to Maine with her ex-husband William, who has recently discovered that he has a sister living there. "Lucy by the Sea" takes place during the first year of the pandemic, when William persuades Lucy to leave New York and escape with him to Maine.

The opening pages of "Lucy by the Sea" contain details that will remind readers of the early months of the pandemic, such as toilet paper shortages and searching for ways to pass time. William and Lucy react differently to the crisis, with William enforcing quarantines and insisting on social distance and Lucy suspecting him of overreacting.

When the horror of the situation finally hits Lucy, she copes by watching the news each night but dropping her eyes to the floor as though she were being lied to, even though she knows she's not. "It is interesting how

"LUCY BY THE SEA"

By Elizabeth Strout
Random House (\$29)

people endure things," she concludes.

This conclusion — "It is interesting how people endure things" — is a perfect Lucy Barton moment. It's so nonspecific that says almost nothing (What are these things? Who are these people?), but it also reveals one of Lucy's deepest wishes: to feel like she understands her life and the world around her, even if she's constantly frustrated in that effort.

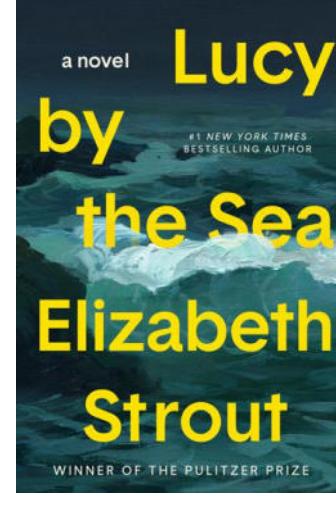
This unfulfilled search for understanding exists across all levels of "Lucy by the Sea." Lucy and William's daughter Chrissy struggles with pregnancies throughout the novel, upending her sense of herself as a woman and a wife. William is haunted by his decision as a younger man to accept money his grandfather made as a German industrialist during World War II. Lucy, a novelist by trade, writes a story in which she imagines the life of a local Trump supporter, but she can't decide whether to publish it. "I knew that many people understood

what was right and what was wrong," she thinks, "but these days I could not fully understand that myself."

Lucy is not only a character in her novels, but she also writes them, so the language and structure of the books dramatize her sense of bewilderment. She seems reluctant to impose a shape on events in the novel, for example, electing instead to introduce them with "And then this happened" or "fearing no transition at all.

She frequently follows a series of thoughts with phrases like "What I mean to say is . . ." indicating both her desire for clarity and her ongoing inability to achieve it. The word "Oh" appears so often it starts to seem like a chant, suggesting a moment of deeply felt emotion that the characters can't find words to express. The resulting style has been praised by a wide range of readers and critics, and it deserves every word and more.

If there's one thing that distinguishes "Lucy by the Sea" from the other Lucy Barton novels, it's the way it draws Strout's previous novels together into a separate literary world. Characters from all eight of Strout's previous novels appear in "Lucy by the Sea." At one point, Lucy spends time with Bob Burgess



("The Burgess Boys") and Katherine Caskey ("Abide With Me"), and Bob and Katherine realize that they've unknowingly played important roles in each other's lives. Reflecting on this moment, Lucy remarks on how interesting Bob and Katherine were and notes her astonishment that "their stories interwove!" I laughed when I read this. It was as if Lucy needed to read more Elizabeth Strout novels.

But Lucy's right. It is astonishing, sometimes, how interwoven our lives are, even if it's unclear whether that's reason for joy or despair.

Dan Kubis teaches in the English department at the University of Pittsburgh.

Bestsellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **Carrie Soto Is Back**, Taylor Jenkins Reid, Ballantine, \$28
2. **The Ink Black Heart**, Robert Galbraith, Mulholland Books, \$32
3. **Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow**, Gabrielle Zevin, Knopf, \$28
4. **Horse**, Geraldine Brooks, Viking, \$28
5. **Lessons in Chemistry**, Bonnie Garmus, Doubleday, \$29
6. **Babel**, R.F. Kuang, Harper Voyager, \$27.99
7. **The Midnight Library**, Matt Haig, Viking, \$26
8. **Sea of Tranquility**, Emily St. John Mandel, Knopf, \$25

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **I'm Glad My Mom Died**, Jennette McCurdy, Simon & Schuster, \$27.99
2. **Crying in H Mart: A Memoir**, Michelle Zauner, Knopf, \$26.95
3. **Happy-Go-Lucky**, David Sedaris, Little, Brown, \$29
4. **Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones**, James Clear, Avery, \$27
5. **Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe**, David Maraniss, Simon & Schuster, \$32.50
6. **An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us**, Ed Yong, Random House, \$30
7. **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**, Charlie Mackesy, HarperOne, \$22.99
8. **Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience**, Brené Brown, Random House, \$30

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Last Word

Contract Bridge

STEVE BECKER / THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC

This well-played hand was sent by a reader. South sent four spades doubled after West had opened one notrump, showing 12 to 14 high-card points in their partnership methods.

West led the king of diamonds and shifted to the deuce of hearts. Declarer followed low from dummy, East winning with the king. East returned the jack of diamonds to West's ace, and a diamond continuation was ruffed by

South.

Declarer had lost the first three tricks and had to make the rest. This he proceeded to do, even though it seemed he would have to lose a club trick and go down one.

South made his first good play when he led the jack of trump at trick five and took a first-round finesse. He did not play the ace first because, for his plan to work, it was necessary to be in the closed hand following the third round of trump. After drawing West's

trumps with the king and ace, declarer cashed one more trump to produce this position:

North	West	East	South
♥ Q 10	♥ J 6	♥ A 8	♠ 6 3
♣ A Q 5	♣ K 10 3	♣ J 9 6	♣ 8 7 2

South next played the six of spades, and West — who could not spare a heart because it would allow declarer to establish a heart trick in dummy — discarded a club. Dummy also discarded a club, placing East in a position where he, too, could not spare a heart and had to discard a club. South then finessed the queen of clubs, cashed the ace and scored the last two tricks with the three of spades and eight of clubs to bring in his doubled game.

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
West: 1 NT
North: Pass
East: 3 ♠
South: 3 ♣
4 ♠
4 ♣
Dble
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

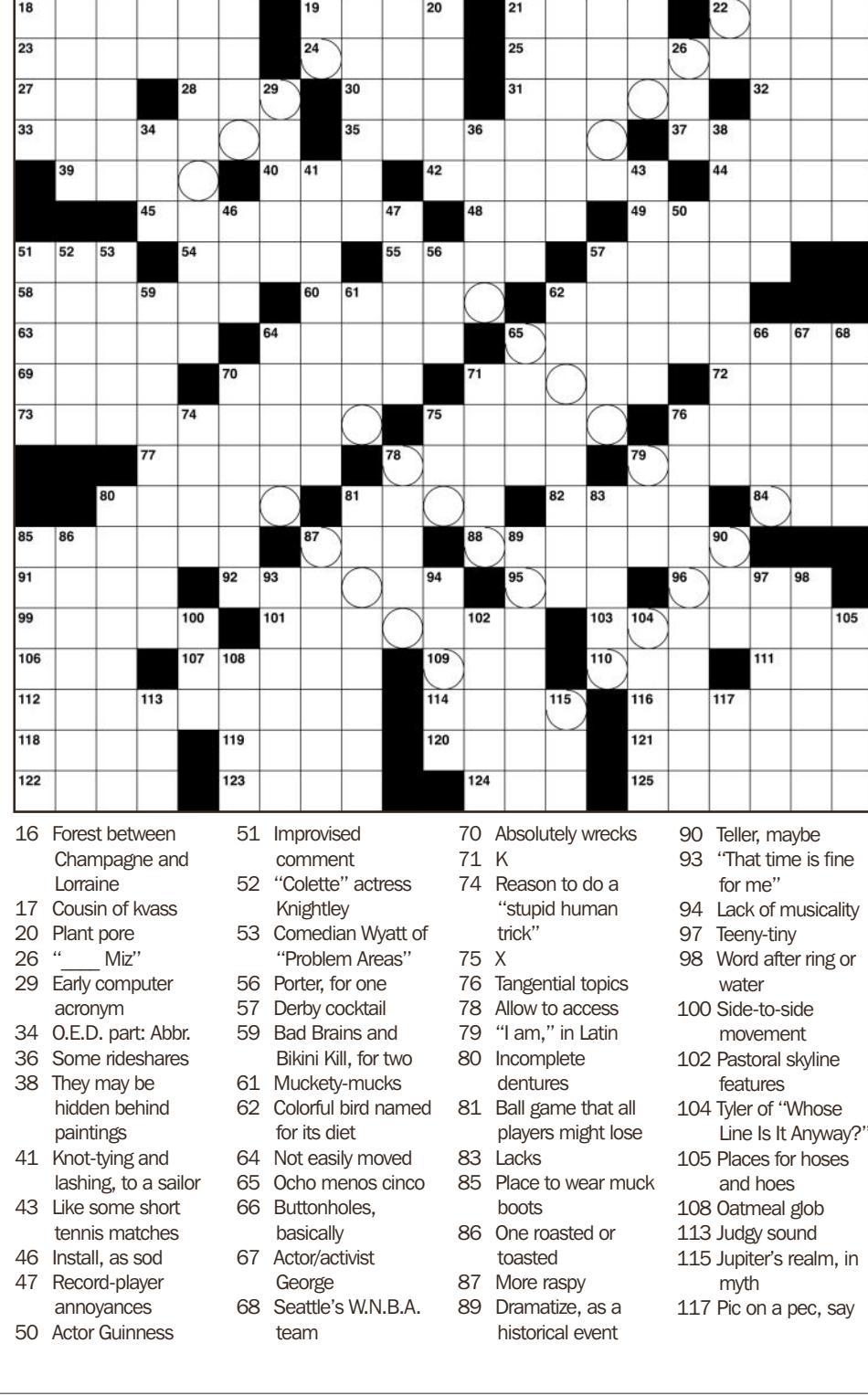
The New York Times Crossword

TODAY: UPS AND DOWNS (0911)

Tracy Gray lives in Hunt Valley, Md. She and her husband have owned and operated a lawn-and-landscaping business for the past 33 years. She got the idea for this puzzle last Christmas while riding an escalator, up and down, at her local mall, proving again that ideas can come from anywhere if you're alert to them. This is Tracy's 33rd puzzle (and ninth Sunday) for the paper. — W.S.

ACROSS	37 Hogs	63 Middle van Pelt	"Clemency"
1 Exfoliants	39 "Went out of control	64 Use Tinder, say	109 Article in Aachen
7 Foofaraw	40 A.M.A. members: Abbr.	65 Airs	110 "Where ignorance is bliss, folly to be wise": Thomas Gray
10 Cookout chuckouts	42 Marketing	69 Big exporter of pistachios	111 "Eh . . . I'll pass"
14 Thickener used in desserts	70 Features of some bygone muscle cars	71 Give an elbow bump to, say	112 It's a banger in Germany
18 Like favorite radio stations, perhaps	72 Free of fizz	72 *Lateral-breaking pitches	114 *Portrayer of Scrooge in 1951's "A Christmas Carol"
19 Calico calls	73 Yellow jacket, for one	75 Skulk	116 Surgical seam
21 Memo starter	74 Some red marks	76 Maker of the world's first quartz watch	118 Unagi and anago, for two
22 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer Yale	44 Big lugs	77 Javanese dyeing technique	119 What parallel lines never do
23 Backpacker's snack	48 Say "Whomever did this . . . , say	78 Potala Palace city	120 It beats scissors
24 Big huff?	49 Alice who wrote "The Color Purple"	79 One of seven represented in the Pleiades	121 Passionate
25 Have an outsize presence	51 Org. with a sizable registry	80 *Glide down from above	122 Secretary, e.g.
27 "I didn't need to know that!"	54 Yellow jacket, for one	81 Sleigh driver's need	123 — Noel
28 What a net might attach to	55 Syrup brand since 1902	82 Sound of an ungraceful landing	124 Place to wallow
30 Flying Cloud of old autodom	57 Word before Roger or Rancher	84 — card	125 Butterfly garden bloomers
31 Jazz clarinetist Shaw	58 To a profound degree	85 Fashion house whose logo is two interlocking C's	DOWN
32 Soaring shot	60 "Cinderella"	86 Places	16 Forest between Champagne and Lorraine
33 Some Six Nations members	62 Field trip conveyances	87 Like the Carolina Reaper pepper	17 Cousin of kvass
35 *Mount Everest scaler		88 Visionary	20 Plant pore

Last week's answers



The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette shares with you the good news, good people and other good stuff in our neighborhoods and beyond. Know a good person or story that we should spotlight? Please email us at goodness@post-gazette.com



g2 At age 99, he reprises 'Saturday Science' for his former students.

g3 'Anything is possible' as teachers share climb of Mount Kilimanjaro.

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Celebrating all that's good.



Top: Debris collected by Clay Mankaymer at the adjacent Flight 93 crash site is now displayed at the Remember Me Rose Garden in Stoystown.

Above: The diversity of color in the Julie Andrews roses at the Remember Me Rose Garden in Stoystown.

Above right: View of the central part of the Remember Me Rose Garden in Stoystown with surrounding Julie Andrews roses.

Beauty blooms

to honor 9/11 heroes
at Remember Me Rose Garden

By Jane Milner

When Clay Mankaymer planned for his retirement as a Pennsylvania state trooper, he knew he wanted to move from Shaler and make his home in Somerset County "in the middle of nowhere, on the way to nowhere, where nothing ever happens." He and his wife, Mary Alice, chose Shanksville, with a population of around 200, and were content with their small-town, peaceful life.

Then on Sept. 11, 2001, he was thrust headfirst into the nightmare of the Flight 93 crash that killed 40 passengers and crew. It changed not only the course of his retirement but also challenged him to be a community leader in an entirely new way.

Mankaymer, 75, lives just a few minutes drive away from the Shanksville crash site. A little after 10 a.m. that day 21 years ago, he saw smoke billowing and rushed to join in a rescue in a field next to a wooded area where the

good tribute

airplane crashed. However, when entering the area, all he could see was a 15-foot crater and few identifiable parts. There were no survivors.

Mankaymer says that his original reaction was anger and desire for revenge. But after hearing the stories of faith and bravery that the heroes exhibited when deciding together to storm the cockpit and take down the plane that was only 20 minutes from Washington, D.C., he resolved to do everything he could to honor them.

His involvement began immediately and has continued for the past 21 years.

SEE **GARDEN**, PAGE G-4

On a trip across 9/11 Trail, he was flagging It felt great

By Fred Zelt

For about the thousandth time in as many miles, a motorist seeing the bright 3-by-5-foot American flag flying free on the back of my bicycle looked at the flag, gazed at my red, white and blue 9/11 National Memorial Trail jersey, then gave me an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

The driver of the next car in line did the same. Then the next, the one after that and every single one of the six motorists who passed as I straddled my bike beside the road into Annapolis, Md., on a warm, clear June afternoon.

This sort of thing doesn't happen to me. I

good ride

am just a guy, not a uniformed soldier or first responder. Usually when I'm riding my bike on a road, reactions are just the opposite.

I was the last of a dozen or so cyclists nearing the end of a 58-mile ride on the 22nd day of our 23-day pilgrimage around the September 11 National Memorial Trail, a 1,300-mile route of bike paths and roads linking the Pentagon Memorial in Virginia with the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset



Courtesy of Fred Zelt

Fred Zelt on the 9/11 National Memorial Trail at Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

**Vital meds
for less.**



Photos courtesy of Carol Ritter

The Grove City High School class of 1967 had one more Saturday Science with Homer Christie.

The Grove City class of 1967 had a request

One more class with its 99-year-old science teacher

By Abby Mackey

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Shirley Rich received an invite to her 55-year class reunion, she wasn't sure she would go.

She has fond memories of her time at Grove City High School, but after living through the deaths of her mother and husband — her "soulmate" — beginning in July 2021, she wasn't up for a celebratory event.

But when news broke this spring that the reunion weekend's itinerary would include one more "Saturday Science," she had only one response, "Sign me up," which is exactly how she responded in 1963 when she was eligible for the program.

In 1957, Russia sent into orbit the world's first artificial satellite, known as Sputnik 1, and Americans got nervous. The "Space Race" began, and just a year later, President Dwight Eisenhower signed the National Defense Education Act, which emphasized — and funded — technology and science programs for American kids.

In the Grove City School District, led by then-Superintendent Jack Hetrick, one answer to that call was Saturday Science, which began in 1960.



Homer Christie, 99, spent more than 50 years teaching Saturday Science at Grove City High School.

good reaction

Led by high school science teacher Homer Christie, the voluntary and free Saturday morning program invited freshman students to perform science experiments in an intentionally informal environment: No grades, no assigned seating and attendance was just a sign-in sheet.

"I think the whole key is students like to do things on their own," Christie, now 99, said. "They like to have hands-on experience. That's where I think they learn."

The program started with just one session, but its popularity encouraged the district to schedule four sessions beginning as early as 6:30 a.m. to accommodate students with weekend jobs.

Christie deflects credit for its success to Hetrick and to the inherent wonder of science experiments, but his students disagree.

"He doesn't tell you how to do things. He'll talk about what you want to accomplish, and he'll let you figure out the path," said Rich, 73. "And he doesn't stop you if you're going to make a mistake: You learn and go on from it. He had such confidence in us!"

But there was one reaction that couldn't be measured: The informality of those meetings created bonds between the students and their teacher that simply couldn't have happened within school day constraints. That's why Rich stayed after class one day to ask her teacher's advice.

She was a diehard science lover and winner of the freshman class' science award. She wanted a career in medicine, but at the time,

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How I spent my summer vacation: Assisting UPMC scientists

By Joshua Axelrod

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Alessandra Azure spent about two months of her summer vacation working in a medical research laboratory in Pittsburgh. That's a wild use of any student's coveted time off from school, but it's even more intense when you realize that the 16-year-old rising high school junior traveled all the way from Seattle specifically for this experience.

Alessandra was one of 80 high school students and four college undergraduates this summer to participate in the 2022 UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Academy, an eight-week program that matches budding scientists with researchers who mentor them and guide them along as they work on a specific project. Its main goals are to provide a glimpse of what it's like to actually work in a lab and promote diversity in the field of cancer research.

For her, that involved being mentored by Kellie Spahr, a doctoral student in the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine studying T-cell metabolism within tumors in the lab of immunologist Greg Delgoffe. Spahr was on hand all summer to answer Alessandra's questions and guide her through the ins and outs of real laboratory techniques, such as western blotting, cell culturing and flow cytometry.

"I think after the program, I have a more accurate idea of what research is



Alessandra Azure, 16, pipettes liquid while her mentor Kellie Spahr, a doctoral student, watches during the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Academy in Shadyside.

good idea of what research is

versus what I thought research was without actually having seen it," Alessandra told the Post-Gazette. "That's one of the things I was surprised by, how interactive and collaborative it is. I thought it was someone in a dark room with a pipette all by themselves. But it's not really like that at all."

Hillman Academy is currently run by director David Boone, who is also the vice chair of the Hillman Cancer Center's education committee and an assistant profes-

sor of biomedical informatics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. The Greene County native went through a similar program in high school organized by West Virginia University that sparked his lifelong passion for science and still serves as a constant reminder for him of "the impact this program can have."

Boone said that there are more than 600 Hillman Academy alumni, whom he generally recruits through the Pittsburgh Public Schools system and local

outreach programs such as the Fund for Advancement of Minorities through Education and Homeless Children's Education Fund. He always gets excited when summer comes around because Hillman Academy students tend to "bring an energy to the cancer center and into the research that's often lacking."

"Science is better the more diverse it is," he said. "Currently, it is much more homogenous than I think it needs to be in order for science to impact all popula-

This engineering student peddles nostalgia with vintage Pitt clothing business

By Abby Mackey
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Think about your priority list when you were a college freshman. Was "care for my new vintage clothing business" on the list? Probably not.

But you aren't Lucas Connell.

In July 2021, Connell followed his older brother's footsteps by starting an online account to sell vintage clothing. To populate it, he'd visit the same three thrift stores every day in his hometown of Indiana, Pa., but he'd also drive around Western Pennsylvania looking for unique pieces.

The process allowed his personal style to evolve, and he became more aware of what those around him were wearing. When he arrived at the University of Pittsburgh in Oakland as a freshman in the fall of 2021, he noticed that few others wore vintage duds, and his worlds collided.

During the few spare moments between courses in calculus, chemistry, physics, engineering coding and engineering projects to prepare for a computer engineering major, Connell focused on finding vintage Pitt clothing, a business model he saw from vintage clothing pickers at other universities.

"When you find something that's rare or you know you'll make some money or something you really like, it's really exciting. Your heart starts beating," he said, like the time he saw a blue-and-yellow striped sleeve hanging on a thrift shop rack only to discover it was an ultra-rare 1980s Pitt knit sweater.

You can't buy that particular sweater — because he kept it — but there are plenty more available.

Connell, 19 and now a sophomore, attends regional vintage clothing pop-up markets, but most of his business is done by taking pictures of his finds at iconic spots around Pitt's campus — like the bronze panther at the corner of Forbes Avenue and Bigelow Boulevard — and posting it to his business' Instagram account, @elcon_threads.

Being tech savvy, he knows that Instagram algorithms capture Pitt students — even those

Courtesy of Lucas Connell
University of Pittsburgh sophomore Lucas Connell is the founder of Elcon Threads, a vintage clothing company dedicated to rehoming retro Pitt garb.good
threads

who don't follow him. Admirers can comment on the post or message him directly to buy what they like. And many times, that personal connection comes with a little nostalgia with notes like, "My dad wore this when he went to Pitt."

And although he didn't get into the business with an environmentalist's mentality, he's seen firsthand how much clothing gets thrown away and the number of like-new items that end up in thrift stores, which makes him an advocate for used goods from a sustainability perspective.

"Maybe if you have one vintage shirt, you aren't making that big of an impact, but if everyone re-wore clothing, it would be a huge impact," he said. "If you can reclaim a piece of clothing and give it new life, why wouldn't you?"

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Enysah Roberts, right, a rising senior at The Ellis School, and her mentor Neil Carleton, a graduate student, prepare a microscope for their work.

tions. ... The more we are able to reach all students, the better we can impact health care in the short term and long term by training these students and having them go off to become researchers and clinicians in the future."

This year's Hillman Academy was the first fully in-person one since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It wrapped up in mid-August and featured 197 mentors showing students how their labs function. Boone mentioned that the Hillman Academy also expanded its

usual offerings to include ophthalmology and surgical oncology lab-placement options.

One mentor-mentee pair who seemed to have gotten a lot out of their Hillman Academy experience was Neil Carleton, a Pitt medical student working in the lab of breast cancer researcher Steffi Oesterreich, and Enysah Roberts, a 17-year-old rising senior at The Ellis School. A lot of Enysah's summer was spent

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Teachers' climb of Mount Kilimanjaro a good lesson in aiming high in life

By Jane Milner

After returning to school this fall, Pine-Richland students are learning a valuable life lesson from two of their teachers who just got back from the summer adventure of a lifetime — They climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. And their lesson is simple: "If two 50-something-year-old teachers can climb the highest free-standing mountain in the world, you can do anything!"

The two teachers have been co-workers and best friends for 26 years. Rob Hunt of Richland, 51, teaches fifth grade at Upper Eden Hall and is the assistant wrestling coach at Pine-Richland. Chip Sargent of Cranberry, 58, is the computer and accelerated math teacher at Wexford Elementary.

Their journey to Mount Kilimanjaro began over a year ago when the two got an invitation they couldn't pass up. Caleb Kolb, head wrestling coach at Pine-Richland, also runs a nonprofit called Adventures in Training with a Purpose headquartered in Pine. Founded by his father, former Pittsburgh Steeler Jon Kolb, in 2015, ATP helps veterans and first responders to improve the quality of their lives through adventures of "purposeful performance training." Some of the local activities that clients participate in are biking, rock climbing, whitewater sports and hiking in North Park and McConnells Mill and Raccoon Creek state parks.

ATP also partners with K2 Adventure Travel, based in Arizona, to plan larger scale excursions. Kolb and his wife, Sarah are frequent guides on K2 Adventure Travel excursions to exotic locations around the world that also provide opportunities for volunteering as part of the trip.

This July, the Kolbs were planning to guide a group on a six-day Mount Kilimanjaro trek, along with a few days of volunteering in



Chip Sargent created Mount Kilimanjaro from bulletin board paper for his fifth grade classroom.

'in good hands'

Tanzania, and invited Hunt and Sargent to join them.

Hunt was all in from the beginning, but Sargent needed some convincing. For several months, he would only give Hunt a small percent of chance that he'd do it. But Hunt said he wouldn't give up. "I asked again one night when we were all at a Halloween party, and when he said he was 31% in, I knew he'd do it."

Both their families — Hunt's wife, Barb, and 20-year-old daughter, Brianna, and Sargent's wife, Nancy, and 26-year-old son, Ryan — were very supportive but had a few reservations. "Barb asked me to get my heart checked out," Hunt said. "Nancy was worried, but she knew I was in good hands," Sargent said.

Gathering equipment and gear and training took the next seven months. The two trained together by hiking the North Park trails and Raccoon State Park with backpacks filled with weights.

They trained separately, too, and both admit that in the days

leading up to their trip, they thought of little else but getting ready.

Hunt repeatedly worked out at the ATP gym on a treadmill that was set to 40 degrees incline and walked to 1,500 feet of elevation in around 30 minutes. Sargent trained by walking, and the last 70 days before the climb logged over 1 million steps for a total of 532 miles. "I got in the best shape of my life," he said.

On July 14, the 12-member team, ages 24 to 58, including a local firefighter and EMT who were sponsored by ATP, began their journey. After the grueling 16-hour trip, they spent the first two days doing volunteer work — building a climbing wall at Arusha, Tanzania, for an orphanage housing 10 children.

The kids were thrilled. "The minute we completed the wall, they raced to the top. They thought they hit the lottery," said Hunt.

The next day, the group toured a local hospital where K2 Adventure Travel sponsored a free prosthetic



Photos courtesy of Rob Hunt and Chip Sargent

Rob Hunt at the Kilimanjaro summit accepting the challenge of his school librarian to get a photo reading a book during summer vacation.

leg clinic for patients through Hope to Walk, an organization that provides limbs for impoverished amputees throughout the world.

On their third day in Tanzania, the group, guided by the Kolbs, began their six-day climb.

Mount Kilimanjaro is made up of five major ecological climate zones, including the departure village; the rainforest with dense vegetation, where they encountered monkeys in the trees; the grasslands of moorland; alpine desert containing stone, lava, and desert; and the arctic ice and glacier at the summit. Except for some light rain in the rainforest, the weather was nearly perfect the entire climb.

The climbers were assisted by 47 K2 Adventure porters who carried tents, equipment, supplies, food and water. "They were incredible," said Hunt, describing their kindness, excellent care, and the delicious soups and meals prepared by the porters, who had been trained at a culinary school.

Finally, at 9:45 a.m. on the sixth day, the team made it to the sum-

mit of Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain above sea level in the world at 19,341 feet.

All were healthy and excited. The first thing they did as they stood above the clouds was congratulate each other and touch the sign marking the summit, followed by taking lots of pictures on their cell phones.

But the two teachers had something else they each needed to do:

Sargent, who is a fifth-degree master instructor at Young Brothers Tae Kwon Do, broke a board. He's not sure, but he may hold a Guinness World Record for highest altitude board break.

Hunt had a mission, too. The librarian at his school had challenged the students and staff to take a photo of themselves somewhere over the summer reading a book. So, one of his first photos at the summit was reading a few pages of the book he took along.

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On a trip across 9/11 Trail, he was flagging. It felt great

RIDE, FROM G-1

County, September 11 National Memorial in Manhattan, Empty Sky Memorial in Newark, N.J., and many other deeply significant sites of American sacrifice and resilience.

Local bike club members guided the bulk of our group into Annapolis, but I had dropped behind to reflect on memorials to Gold Star families and World War II before navigating brisk headwinds high above the Severn River on the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. Beyond the bridge, the strong emotions I felt as I waited beside the road for the string of six cars to clear an intersection were the culmination of weeks of encouragement that had been shown every day as I pedaled the bike with the American flag.

My role model in cycling with a flag was Strabane resident Brian Leek, a Marine and engineer with welding skills who flew an American flag on the back of his bike while pedaling with a small group of veterans from San Diego to Pittsburgh, then with a large group to Washington, D.C., for the Fourth of July in 2019. For the 9/11 Trail ride in June, Brian lent me the bike flag holder he had made.

Before the ride, I felt the flag would fit the theme of the 9/11 Trail ride, make our cyclists more visible to motorists and might help indicate the nature of our journey on parts of the route where bicycles are a rarity. I had no idea how this experience would change me.

The cheers of more than 1,000

strangers ranged from the staccato "U-S-A" of a strong, young white man as he pedaled past on the C&O Canal Towpath near Washington to the silent salute of the flag by a middle-aged Hispanic fellow with a very crisp, short haircut outside Philadelphia to the earnest well wishes of a Black woman on the fringe of the Juneteenth celebration in Jersey City. You definitely notice when each and every day scores of people give encouraging toots of car horns, waves and thumbs up.

Being on a bike for several hours every day, away from TV and news, gave me time to reflect on ways the flag can be a powerful and unifying symbol. Before this experience, it seemed to me in recent years that showing the American flag could be interpreted as a very specific, partisan political statement. If I were to sit down and talk with the people who showed respect for the flag or gave me words of encouragement, surely we would find many things we disagree about.

This has always been the way of things. At the same time, I am certain there are aspects of the United States and our shared history that we would find we have in common.

Our band of cyclists spoke with many people along the route, including Pennsylvanians who showed us great kindness and hospitality in Meyersdale, Johnstown, Portage, Hollidaysburg, Duncan, Harrisburg, the Lehigh Valley, Portland and Philadelphia. Topics we discussed included local history, community service, bike trails, preservation of significant



Fred Zelt's bike and flag on the Great Allegheny Passage portion of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail.

Courtesy of Fred Zelt

and beautiful places, and redevelopment and renewal. I do not recall that divisive contemporary topics came up, even once. We focused on what we had in common as Americans.

Most of us on the 9/11 Trail ride were experienced long-distance cyclists. In 2017, I pedaled 4,295 miles from Maine to Seattle to help raise funds and awareness for people with multiple sclerosis, and I helped lead a Bike the US for MS group from Virginia to San Francisco the following year. I have participated in lots of shorter bike rides for cancer research and other charitable causes.

On these rides, every day we would encounter someone with a strong connection to the cause, and people were very kind to us.

But Sept. 11, 2001, directly impacted every single American who is now older than 21 and indirectly impacted everyone younger. When people realized we were riding to honor the people lost on 9/11 — and those who were injured and those who responded in the following hours, days and years — we sud-

denly felt a connection. This connection — rooted in being American but not linked to politics, and spiritual but not necessarily cast in one religious tradition — was a reminder of the unity experienced by many around the nation following 9/11. I believe that our shared history, as messy as it is, and with people who were as imperfect as we are today, together with the fundamental bedrock values of our American democracy, are still strong and deep within us.

The American flag is my flag, and your flag, too. We may disagree about many things. Deep divisions among Americans are not new in our experiment in democracy.

But we also are all connected. Such differences are part of our imperfect American fabric. So I encourage you, no matter what are your beliefs and political leanings, to seize the American flag as your symbol, as our symbol, and to display it proudly.

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You, too, can pedal on 9/11 Trail this fall

The September 11 National Memorial Trail was formalized by legislation passed unanimously by Congress and signed into law in October 2021.

The June 2022 ride on the trail honored those who died on 9/11 and the many people who responded on behalf of community and country. The ride also was designed to refine details of the route and test logistics in preparation for future groups of cyclists.

The 9/11 Trail Alliance is a nonprofit dedicated to continued development of the trail, including the segment in Somerset County between the Great Allegheny Passage and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

The public is invited to participate in a bicycle ride from Berlin, Pa., to the Flight 93 Memorial and back on Sept. 24, benefiting the 9/11 Trail Alliance and its efforts to complete the trail.

More information about the group and the ride can be found at 911trail.org.

— Fred Zelt

2022 Tour de Trail

The fourth-annual, 24-mile ride on the September 11th National Memorial Trail goes from Berlin, Pa., to the Flight 93 National Memorial and back on Saturday, Sept. 24.



National Flight 93 Memorial, explaining the details of Sept. 11 to visitors. She said she always suggests that visitors to the national memorial also visit the rose garden, which she especially loves because it doesn't detail the flight path and destruction. "The rose garden is about the passengers and crew ... It's serene and just beautiful."

"The rose garden is a complement and contrast to the national park," said Mankamyer.

This summer, Phase II included improvements to the walking trail with accommodations for the handicapped, the planting of an acre and a half of wildflowers, and the creation of a parking lot and walking path to the garden compass area.

Phase III projects in the next year will include adding a visitor center with restrooms, a Star of David garden to honor Flight 93's Jewish passengers, planting of trees, installation of a picnic grove, a sound system, and a full stage that will accommodate a symphony orchestra.

But with all the additions and improvements, only one focus guides every decision.

"Everyone who visits the garden knows that its sole purpose is to serve as a living tribute to the heroes of Flight 93," said Cenk.

Mankamyer is proud of the peaceful, inspirational garden that moves visitors so much that many walk away in tears. The project is turning into exactly what he dreamed it would be, starting with his beautiful roses. "The first winter," he said, "we didn't lose a single rose bush here."

To learn more about the Remember Me Rose Garden project or donate please see [https://www.remembermerosegarden.org](http://www.remembermerosegarden.org).

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Beauty blooms at the Remember Me Rose Garden

GARDEN, FROM G-1

A year after the tragedy, Congress formed the Flight 93 Commission to partner with the families of the heroes, community members, and the National Park Service to plan and build a national memorial. Over the next few years, the team oversaw the submission of more than 1,000 entries in a design competition and established boundaries to include a 2,200-acre crash site and adjacent debris site, visitor areas, and surrounding property to provide "a reverent, contemplative and appropriate setting."

Mankamyer was a member of the task force, and he soon learned that some of its ideas could not be included in the memorial.

One was that a rose garden be added at the crash site as a living tribute to the crew and passengers. But the request was denied by the Flight 93 Commission because national memorials must be constructed of steel and granite, called hardscape, and steer clear of projects that contain live plantings that require on-going maintenance, called softscape.

But still the Flight 93 families and task force liked the idea of a living garden that would be more conducive to remembrance, prayer and healing. In 2009, the families donated 13 acres for a "Remember Me Rose Garden."

Mankamyer was determined to make the "living" memorial work. He became the president and chairman of the board of the project.

Between then and when the first



The Flight 93 Memorial flag with the 40 names of the passengers and crew at the Remember Me Rose Garden in Stoystown.

phase of the Remember Me Rose Garden was finally completed and dedicated 12 years later — September 2021 — the project stalled.

The original rose chosen didn't survive a test winter in Mankamyer's backyard, the original committee disbanded and plans never materialized due to a lack of funds. "We had about \$300 in donations, and we needed over \$1 million," he said.

In the spring of 2021, another volunteer, Bill Cenk, who became vice president and vice-chairman, found some state grant money. Donations increased, and they were back in business.

First, suitable roses had to be chosen. Rose growers from across the country weighed in, including

Stephen Scanniello, a world-renowned gardener, author, and designer of public and private gardens who heard about the project.

Scanniello suggested the committee consult with Certified Roses of Texas, a developer and grower that recommended the deep pink fuchsia "Julie Andrews" rose with a bright yellow heart and intense fragrance.

Julie Andrews roses are cultivated to do well in the chilly, windy, rainy Shanksville climate and are hearty enough to bloom from early June through mid-October. Certified Growers, along with Hopewell Nursery, donated 400 bushes, and Scanniello taught the volunteers how to care for them.

Friends left flowers in front of the memorial stone for Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl at the Remember Me Rose Garden in Stoystown.

Jane Milner photos



Friends left flowers in front of the memorial stone for Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl at the Remember Me Rose Garden in Stoystown.

"Julie Andrews is a big fan of roses and has beautiful rose gardens at her home ... We are told she was thrilled that her roses were chosen for the Remember Me Rose Garden," said Cenk. In 2020, the rose won first place as the "Most Beautiful Rose of the Century" in the International New Rose Competition in Lyon, France.

The garden is situated just one-quarter mile east of the entrance of the national memorial, at 6488 Lincoln Highway, Stoystown, and features a large floral design spanning 280 feet with four compass points — each extending 93 feet in length and encircling a 40-foot fountain and reflecting pond in the center.

Mankamyer got the idea from a compass rose he saw in history books. The Julie Andrews rose bushes were planted in the compass circle, and an assortment of perennials make up the north-south-east-west compass points.

On the perimeter of the fountain, 40 stones found on the site, each a different size and shape, are engraved with the names of the heroes.

Mankamyer has met many of the families and cherishes their stories of the heroes.

For example, Toshiya Kuge, a student from Tokyo, was on vacation, determined to learn English and find a college to attend, possibly in Pittsburgh. He was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan. One of the only items found intact at the crash site was a Steelers jersey he carried on the flight.

Honor Elizabeth Wainio, 27, from Baltimore, was traveling on business as district manager for Discovery Channel Stores in New Jersey. She loved vacationing at the beach. When her friends visited the garden, they left some sand and a few seashells by her stone.

Fifteen teakwood benches designed for meditation and reflection surround the stones, and even that purchase had a poignancy that was characteristic of every phase of the project. Ryan Cenk, son of Bill Cenk, raised \$14,000 for the benches as his Eagle Scout project. Before he got to see all the benches installed, Ryan died of a brain tumor in 2017. A half-mile walking trail, Ryan's Trail, surrounds the garden and is dedicated to him.

Volunteers can be found on most days tending the roses and perennials, including those that surround the 15-foot cross that was erected at the crash site to comfort families as they waited for news about their loved ones from the coroner.

That cross was given to Mankamyer for the garden by the Flight 93 National Memorial because religious symbols are not permitted in national parks.

Suzanne Bowser is one of about 25 volunteers who regularly prune roses, spread mulch, pull weeds and do other gardening chores. She also volunteers as an ambassador at the

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1 good thing

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good melodies:

Woodland Hills High School sophomore Cody Conley won the Age 14-15 Division at the Philadelphia International Music Festival Concerto Competition this summer at Valley Forge Military Academy & College in Wayne. The 15-year-old, who has been playing violin since he was 5, performed the first movement "Allegro moderato" of Henryk Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No. 2 in D minor, Op. 22, which he said he likes "because I find it to have beautiful melodies." He won a \$750 scholarship to next summer's 14-day violin intensive at PIMF and a chance to perform in the 2023 PIMF Winners Circle Concert.



Cody Conley, violinist and sophomore at Woodland Hills High School.

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How I spent my summer: assisting UPMC scientists

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characterizing tumors that the lab generated using rat models in an ongoing effort to create a reliable breast cancer model applicable for humans.

In addition, Enysah also got to visit an operating room and witness a hysterectomy in person, which confirmed her inclination toward surgery. She appreciated Hillman Academy for providing her and everyone else with a rare "opportunity to dip your toes into a professional field" and for "expanding my interests" in all things science, technology, engineering and mathematics, aka STEM.

Then there was the duo of Sierra White, a postdoctoral researcher studying mitochondrial regulatory

protein in the lab of ovarian cancer researcher Nadine Hempel, and Denise Griffin, an 18-year-old Taylor Allderdice High School graduate and incoming Carnegie Mellon University freshman who just completed her second Hillman Academy stint.

"It really helps you on your path to other STEM-based careers," Griffin said. "You get to network a lot and see what you're really interested in and what you're not. It's great that they work with kids in high school. It's really fun for them."

The mentors get just as much out of Hillman Academy as their young charges, particularly important practice in determining how best to explain their research to someone with minimal background in what they're studying.



Denise Griffin, left, an incoming freshman at Carnegie Mellon University, and her mentor Sierra White, a postdoctoral fellow, examine protein from ovarian cancer cells.



Courtesy of Rob Hunt and Chip Sargent
Rob Hunt, left, and Chip Sargent make it to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

rooms as a reminder of that message. "I am going to talk about it all the time," Sargent said.

For more information about Adventures in Training with a Purpose, see <https://www.adventurestraining.org>.

For more information about K2 Adventure Travel, see <https://www.K2Adventures.org>.

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random acts of kindness

Neighbor lends a hand to independent sort

Aging sometimes can present challenges to all of us.

As we age, especially after 70 years of age, many of us struggle with trying to maintain our independence, but knowing there are always times when to accept help from others. We strive to continue being independent as long as possible because that is the *who* that we know to be *ourselves*.

The more we become dependent, the more we feel we are losing control over our lives and losing ourselves.

Maybe we may not be able to take care ourselves sufficiently.

For example, when I try to unload my car of grocery bags and carry them into my apartment, and another tenant asks to help me, I usually respond, thanks, but no. I appreciate that offer, but it's good for me to keep strengthening my arms and legs. It's important for me to do as much as possible for myself so I can keep living on my own.

However, one day, things were different. It was a 90-plus, hot and humid day in a week of like days. I spent the afternoon grocery and pharmacy shopping. I had just

had cataract surgery, so I could not lift heavy bags. I spent the afternoon dealing with shifting the items and packing them in small bags full in the trunk of my car. I ended up with six bags.

I had to carry each bag from the car to inside the apartment door, down the steps and down the hall to my apartment. Because I had to hold the rail while carrying one bag at a time, and it meant six trips, back and forth. I was exhausted just thinking about it.

Just then, a young man who was my neighbor, came out to get in his car. He saw me and asked, "Can I help you carry these bags in?"

I was so relieved as I responded, "I would so appreciate it. They are light bags because I just had cataract surgery, and I am not allowed to lift anything heavy. If you would just leave them in front of my apartment door, that would be great!"

I met him at my apartment door and thanked him. Now I could put the groceries away faster and more quickly cool off in the air conditioning due to his help!

The surgery was successful. Now I can carry my own groceries in regularly packed bags. It was good to



Jennifer Kundrach/Post-Gazette

resume this task independently again, and it felt good. But I am so grateful for the young man's kindness just when I needed it.

ELLEN DEHOUSKE
Stanton Heights

Officer comes to the rescue twice in Etna

On a recent Wednesday night, a group of bocce players from Morningside decided to go to E Town in Etna for a fish sandwich.

With parking as it is in Etna, I was in several parking spaces. When leaving the restaurant I had a senior moment and did not remember where I eventually parked.

Officer Ron Cerniglia came to my rescue and

found my car and also, in another act of kindness, jumped the battery of one of the other ladies' car.

Needless to say, our Wednesday night hero is Officer Ron Cerniglia for going above and beyond the call of duty.

J. VIVIRITO
Shaler

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 kflow@post-gazette.com. You also can write Random Acts of Kindness at the Post-Gazette, 358 North Shore Drive, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.



Members of this year's Hillman Cancer Center Academy class.

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Students listen to a lecture on how to give scientific presentations.

chance to get your hands on and learning about real work going on at Hillman Cancer Center is a second-to-none experience."

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Teachers' climb a good lesson in aiming high in life

AIM HIGH, FROM G-3

"The Medusa Stone" by adventure writer Jack Dubrul.

After just a half hour at the summit, the climbers began their 14-hour climb back down the mountain. They consider that the most strenuous part of their journey because a climber uses different muscles to navigate the long, steep and gravel terrain.

Back home, the 12 have continued the bond they created on their climb and have become "like family," frequently sharing texts and calls filled with memories and invitations to visit each other. That's exactly what the Kolbs knew would happen.

Caleb Kolb trains prospective climbers by explaining that the letters that make up the word "change" are included in the word "challenge." He points out that climbers are changed by Kilimanjaro "because you cannot complete the challenge of climbing a mountain without being changed."

Sargent and Hunt agree they indeed have been challenged and changed by their experience. And they will continue to spread the message to family, friends and their students that with hard work and desire to succeed "anything is possible."

Both created a reproduction of Mount Kilimanjaro that is hanging in their class-

The Grove City class of 1967 requested one more class with 99-year-old science teacher

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school loans weren't as large or easily-given as they are now, putting medical school tuition out of reach for her mailman father and secretary mother. Christie had an idea: pharmacy school.

That was the perfect answer to Rich, who ended up having a long career as a pharmacist all over the country as she traveled with her career-military husband.

Christie retired from the classroom in 1986 but continued teaching Saturday Science until just four years ago, at age 95, when his ailing wife needed his care.

But when the class of 1967 asked him to return to teach one more Saturday Science for their reunion last month, his enthusiasm to teach it matched Rich's to attend.

And Grove City Borough couldn't let the chance slip away, either: Randy Riddle was also a Saturday Science student and is now Grove City's mayor.

"Mr. Christie at 99 years young continues to have a passion for sharing his science knowledge," he said. "I think it's a wonderful thing he did to bring awareness back to that program," which is why Riddle signed a proclamation making Aug. 20, 2022 "Homer Christie Saturday Science Day," the day he resurrected the program for the class of 1967 and the community.

He partnered with Grove City High School science teacher Nate Barber and a few former students to have his former Saturday Science, now in their 70s, pour sulfuric acid onto zinc, which forms zinc sulfate and releases hydrogen.

Instructors captured

their hydrogen in balloons, the group wrote "Saturday Science" on them, and because the element is lighter than air, they all walked outside, took a few pictures, and let them go.

The act wasn't meant to be symbolic, but accidentally, it was, as Christie decided he will repeat Saturday Science next year for the class of 1968, and Rich rediscovered the comforts of a favorite subject, like-minded former classmates and an influential teacher.

"I haven't felt good in a long time, but just being with old friends and doing old, familiar things like that was so comforting," Rich said. "I'm so happy I went."

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HEALTHY HOME LAB

By Hallie Lauer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

From the outside, the three-story house sitting at 257 Oakland Ave. looks like any other Pittsburgh home. But inside, University of Pittsburgh students will soon be working to find solutions to problems older people often face when trying to stay in their homes rather than moving into nursing homes, known as "aging in place."

The house is Pitt's new Healthy Home Lab, which will aim to support aging in place by designing and developing assistive and smart home technology.

The 105-year-old home that the university purchased in April was an ideal

amalgamation of problems real-life home-owners in the city are experiencing.

The house had asbestos and lead issues, one of the chimneys was unsafe, there were structural problems that needed to be addressed, some of the electricity needed rewiring and – as is the case in many Pittsburgh homes – the basement was damp.

Some homebuyers might have taken one look at that list of flaws and run in the other direction. But the challenges made it a dream house for the university.

In the lab, students will try to come up with ways to make home environments healthier for people, especially seniors and people with disabilities, who "want to remain in their homes and live independently as long as possible," said Everette

James, the director of the Pitt Health Policy Institute.

A number of years ago, but particularly as the COVID-19 pandemic set in, researchers began really focusing on home environments as an aspect of health, according to James.

"We've always known that the home and where people live in their home environment is a very important aspect of their health," he said. "And the importance of the home as the center of health has really accelerated the last couple of years."

The Oakland Avenue home had been owned by a single family for generations after it was built by their great-grandfather. When the university purchased it, there was a queen-size bed in the dining

Pitt's new program will help students find solutions for aging in place

room because the grandmother couldn't navigate the many stairs anymore.

James, who was the Pennsylvania secretary of health from 2008 to 2010, explained that as the over-65 population continues to rapidly grow, many people are opting to age in their own homes rather than transfer to a nursing home or assisted living facility.

That desire often presents a host of problems that Pitt is hoping to address in the new lab.

Using 2019 data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Porch, an organization that connects homeowners with home services, completed an analysis that found Pittsburgh had the

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Adapting older homes

Pittsburgh has high percentages of both aging homes and aging residents. Pitt's new Healthy Home Lab is working to find solutions for aging residents who want to live in their homes longer.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Porch.com
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HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF HOMES WITH SEVERE ISSUES

PITTSBURGH	8.2%
Washington, D.C.	6.9%
Baltimore	6.7%
Kansas City	6.6%
Philadelphia	6.5%

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11.1% of homes have structural damage, like cracks in the foundation or holes in walls and floors.



11.6% of homes become uncomfortably cold for 24 hours or more in the winter, due to heating equipment breakdown or insufficient insulation.



According to Census Bureau data, 48 million households in the country (39%) include at least one person age 65 or over, one person with a disability, or both.

About 1 in 8 households have a member who uses a mobility device for a long-term condition.

TOP: Jonathan Pearlman, chair of Pitt's Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, welcomed visitors on Aug. 29 to the school's Healthy Home Lab, a 105-year-old Oakland home purchased to create, test and demonstrate technology that enables people to age in place. (Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette)



Sam Jordan, 18, a member of the Three Rivers Rowing Association's eighth through 12th grade novice competitive team, rows with his teammates on the Allegheny River during practice on Tuesday at Washington's Landing.

How to start rowing

By Jon Moss

Rowing down the Allegheny River is "unlike any other experience" for Matt Logue and many other rowers.

"You really get to experience a lot of the natural beauty that Pittsburgh has to offer," said Logue, executive director of the Three Rivers Rowing Association. "From the trees to the bridges to the towers downtown."

Rowing in sync with up to seven other people may seem complicated, but local instructors say it's a skill that isn't hard to pick up and local organizations offer classes for all levels of experience.

There are also teams for both novices and more advanced rowers, where they can team up with those who have similar knowledge.

It's easy to check out rowing as a spectator. One of the country's largest rowing competitions, or regattas, is Pittsburgh's own Head of the Ohio—scheduled for Oct. 1 and 2, with more than 80 events running along the Allegheny River from Washington's Landing to Point State Park.

If you want to get into rowing, here's what you need to know.

No special equipment

All you need to get started are workout clothes, sneakers and a water bottle.

Ergs, or indoor stationary rowing machines, are available at places like TRRA's facilities on Washington's Landing and in Millvale but also at many gyms. On the boats themselves, you simply have to strap in your feet, and oars

are provided. If you find yourself really enjoying rowing, you can also purchase your own personal boat.

"It's really just ... show up with an open mind and a growth mindset," Logue said. "We're able to get you in the boat and on the water pretty quickly."

A full-body workout

Logue said every rowing stroke utilizes more than 85% of the body's muscles, including the upper and lower parts of the body – from deltoids and lats to quadriceps and glutes – as well as the core.

"It's a great cardiovascular workout, it's an endurance sport," he said. "It has the ability to customize workouts to be long and low for endurance training, or short and intense, to really activate all muscle systems in the body."

He said people of all ages are

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Check up



Deep brain stimulation may be treatment for binge eating disorder, study suggests

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

A well-timed jolt of high-frequency electricity to a region of the brain implicated in food cravings appears to tamp down the impulses at the heart of binge eating disorder, researchers report.

Out-of-control eating that causes shame, regret or health problems is psychiatry's most recently recognized eating disorder. It's thought to affect as many as 5% of American adults, most — but not all — of whom are obese. While talk therapy and the attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder medication Vyvanse are offered as treatments, the condition doesn't always yield readily to either.

In a feasibility study that involved just two patients, researchers at Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania tried treating binge eating disorder with a form of deep-brain stimulation similar to that used for epilepsy, obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression and Parkinson's disease. The preliminary results were published last month in the journal *Nature Medicine*.

Expanding on work conducted on mice, the team discovered that the cravings just before an episode of binge eating set off a specific low-frequency electrical pattern in a part of the brain called the nucleus accumbens. That structure plays a key role in one of our most primitive mammalian behaviors: the pursuit of pleasure.

The two patients who volunteered for the study were women who had struggled for years with out-of-control eating and were willing to let researchers implant a suite of four electrodes in their brains.

The surgery was no minor procedure. After securing a patient's head in a stereotactic cage, surgeons take filaments capable of recording and delivering electrical signals and sink them through the skull until they reach the limbic system, the deepest region of the brain. The process is so invasive that researchers allowed six weeks of recovery time before beginning the process of measuring the patients' responses to food.

The first task was to eavesdrop on the women's brains as they encountered the kinds of food that triggered binges. Then the researchers used the electrodes to disrupt the electrical signals that came right before the out-of-control eating began.

Both women were severely obese, and both had briefly benefited from gastric bypass surgery before they resumed binge eating and regained much of the weight they had lost. Each reported that different foods tended to be triggers; one told researchers she was "addicted" to chocolate, peanut butter and fast food.

"They couldn't completely control themselves around food," said Dr. Casey H. Halpern, a neurosurgeon at Penn and one of the study's co-authors. "They craved food, and they were emotional eaters."

Many Americans struggle with overeating, crave certain foods and eat to comfort themselves. But those with binge eating disorder do so in extreme ways that endanger their health, cause them to feel deeply shameful about their intake, and often prompt them to withdraw from family and friends to hide the behavior.

Halpern said the volunteers showed similar brain patterns in response to delectable foods. It was akin to responses they'd seen in thousands of binge-eating mice and to those seen in many patients with obesity: The brain circuits that suppress reward-seeking behaviors appeared to have been "really perturbed."

Once researchers identified the exact signature of the women's brain waves before, during and after an episode of out-of-control eating, the electrodes were repurposed. When the system detected the distinctive electrical patterns of an impending episode, it delivered a brief — and to the women, undetectable — burst of high-frequency



A new study suggests electrical stimulation to the brain, like that used for epilepsy and Parkinson's disease, could be effective in treating out-of-control eating.

electrical stimulation that was intended to scramble the indiscriminate "Eat!" signal.

If the pre-binge electrical pattern didn't immediately respond, the stimulation was repeated until it did. All told, each woman got an average of roughly 10 minutes a day of electrical stimulation — a far more limited use than is common in the treatment of disorders like OCD.

The intervention showed promise in both patients. Over the six months of the study's initial phase, it reduced the frequency and severity of out-of-control eating episodes and prompted weight loss — about 18 pounds in one patient and 13 pounds in the other. For one subject, that was 4.5% of her body weight; for the other, 5.8%.

Although the weight loss was modest, it happened without any specific advice or a regimen prescribed by the researchers. To the team members' further surprise, both women started to exercise without any prompting to do so.

The two subjects, along with four more people now being recruited into the study, will continue to receive the experimental treatment and will be followed for at least a year.

Scientists worry that when the brain's pleasure-seeking circuits are dialed down, people will lose interest in other enjoyable activities that are normal and healthy. That didn't happen with either woman, Halpern said. Indeed, both reported that their quality of life had improved over the course of the study.

"The fact they were able to lose weight without being instructed to is astonishing," Halpern said. The slow loss might allow patients to keep the weight off by re-establishing healthier eating patterns and link them firmly to a growing sense of wellness, he said.

"I don't believe this is a silver bullet," Halpern said. But if patients who got the deep-brain stimulation also received guidance in weight loss and behavior change, it could be a powerful tool in the treatment arsenal, he said.

For something that comes so naturally to humans, eating is a complex behavior to study. The patterns we establish appear to emerge from deep in

instincts, practiced behavior and the emotional cues with which we have surrounded food.

"We've just had trouble mapping it out — where binge eating stops and starts," said Dr. Carrie McAdams, a psychiatrist at the University of Texas Southeastern Medical Center who specializes in treating eating disorders.

For young people and those who report new or sporadic episodes of out-of-control eating, binge eating feels like an unhealthy habit that can be reversed by talk therapy or drugs, McAdams said. A new generation of diabetes and obesity drugs — a group broadly known as GLP-1 agonists that includes Trulicity and Ozempic — appear to help, even though they're not formally approved to treat binge eating disorder.

But for many patients, especially those in whom the behavior has been entrenched for years, the inability to stop eating even when one wants to "feels more like a biological problem than a psychological choice."

Many brain circuits play a role in substance addictions and compulsive behavior disorders, McAdams said. The new study offers insights into how to change behaviors that have trapped our brains in an unhealthy rut.

The use of deep-brain stimulation for binge eating appears to do this by helping reboot the circuits responsible for cognition and behavior and by using the brain's ability to reshape itself in response to new experience, McAdams said.

Psychologist Stephen Wonderlich, chief of behavioral research at the University of North Dakota's Sanford Health system, agreed. He said stress and negative emotions play a powerful role in out-of-control eating.

"But the fact that they've found a neural signal — it just gives us more options for more people," Wonderlich said.

Having brain surgery will likely never be a choice for those who can alter their behavior less invasively, he added.

"I can't say that anyone's pushing the easy button to get out of this," Wonderlich said. "But this is really cool, innovative stuff, and I'm very excited about it."

Combine cardio and strength training to live longer, better

By Rachel Fairbank
The New York Times

Regular physical activity has many known health benefits, one of which is that it might help you live longer. But what's still being determined are the types and duration of exercise that offer the most protection.

In a new study published in *The British Journal of Sports Medicine*, researchers found that although doing either aerobic exercise or strength training was associated with a lower risk of dying during the study's time frame, regularly doing both — one to three hours a week of aerobic exercise and one to two weekly strength-training sessions — was associated with an even lower mortality risk.

"You will function at a much higher level, for longer, if you have good muscle strength," said Dr. Bruce Moseley, an orthopedic surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine.

Muscle strength is required for a number of daily activities, such as getting out of a chair, opening a jar of pickles, carrying groceries into the house or doing yardwork. However, "we progressively lose muscle mass as we age," said Monica Ciolino, a physical therapist at Washington University at St. Louis.

The paper is the latest evidence in a trend showing the importance of strength training in longevity and overall health. "The study is exciting because it does support having a mix of both aerobic and strength training," said Dr. Kenneth Koncilia, a gerontologist at the Cleveland Clinic, who was not involved in the study. "That is definitely something I talk with my patients about all the time."

For the study, researchers used National Health Interview Survey data, which followed 416,420 American adults recruited between 1997 and 2014. Participants filled out questionnaires detailing the types of physical activity they had been doing, which included specifying how much moderate or vigorous exercise, along with how many sessions of muscle-strengthening exercises they did in a week.

After adjusting for factors such as age, gender, income, education, marital status and whether they had chronic conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease or cancer, researchers found that people who engaged in one hour of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity a week had a 15% lower mortality risk. Mortality risk was 27% lower for those who did three hours a week.

But those who also took part in one to two strength-training sessions

per week had an even lower mortality risk — 40% lower than those who didn't exercise at all. This was roughly the difference between a nonsmoker and someone with a half-a-pack-a-day habit.

Even though more research is needed, experts generally agree that regular strength training can have important benefits for healthy aging, including maintaining a high quality of life.

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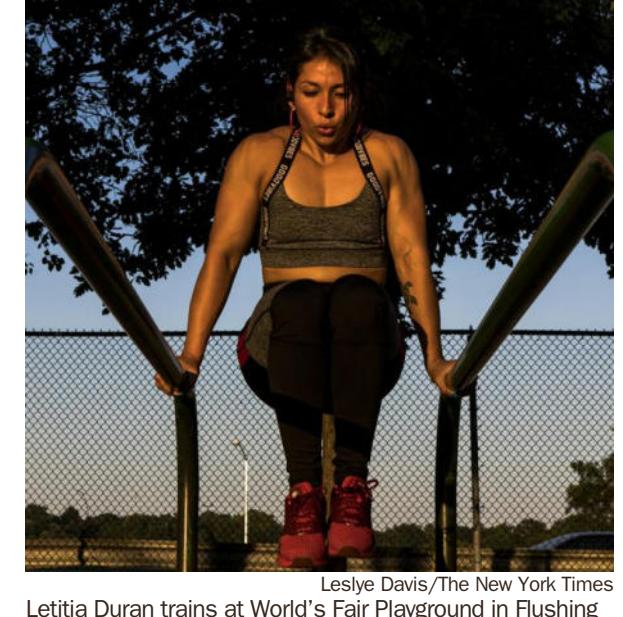
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"Keep it at a light and easy level at first," he said. "Once your body starts getting adjusted, then you can start increasing."

If you are still uncertain about certain exercises, he recommends seeking out expert advice through an exercise class or consulting with a personal trainer. The important thing, he said, is to get started and to make it a habit. Not only can this help you live longer, but it also will improve your quality of life.

"When I ask people, 'What does successful aging mean to you?,' people say they want to be independent, they want to maintain their function and quality of life, [and] they want to do the things that they want to do," Koncilia said. "It's not necessarily just living as long as possible."

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Letitia Duran trains at World's Fair Playground in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, in New York, in August 2017. A consensus is building among experts that both strength training and cardio are important for longevity.



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In addition to fitness benefits, rowing is a social activity. Members of the Three Rivers Rowing Association's eighth through 12th grade novice team prepare to put their boat into the Allegheny River during practice on Tuesday.

Tips and tricks to begin your rowing adventure

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welcome to participate despite rowing's intensity. Kids can start learning how to row at TRRA once they're in the fourth grade, and the oldest active person at the organization is 82 years old.

Rowing isn't only a physical workout, but one that also has social and emotional components.

Teamwork and trust are key parts of the sport, especially when sitting in a boat with as many as eight people needing to move their oars at the same time in the same direction.

"[It's] just the camaraderie of being in a boat together out there on the water, pushing for the same goal," Logue said.

Beginner classes

TRRA offers several programs for learning how to row, including after school for kids and in the early mornings for adults. You can learn how to "sweep row," where you hold one oar with both hands and row on only one side of the boat, or to "scull," where you hold one oar in each hand and row on both sides of the boat.

Logue said the classes



Zach Chan, left, and Burke Keener, both 14. Rowing uses more than 85% of the body's muscles, from deltoids and lats to quadriceps and glutes — as well as the core.

have a 10-to-1 ratio between students and instructors, so each student can get individualized attention. Eight-week classes for beginners start at \$349.

Once participants learn how to row, they can join summer leagues, competitive teams or more specialized programs like Hearts of Steel, for survivors of breast cancer. That group's rowing will be energized with drummers and dragons in the Pittsburgh Dragon Boat Festival in North Park on

Sept. 24.

The organization has also partnered with TopRow, a learn-to-row company that has locations around the world.

Dylan Lukas, who manages TopRow's programs in Pittsburgh, said the focus of introductory classes is "less about the fitness and more about the technique."

"Once we feel that you know how to row, then you join a team, then you get more fit," he said. "This is more of just 'let's see if you

can row.'"

Lukas said one benefit of registering through TopRow is that students can attend classes at its other locations if they are traveling away from Pittsburgh. He said it's not like "learning algebra" but is important to keep up with lessons.

"It really is fulfilling," Logue said.

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Pitt home lab will help students create healthier places for the elderly

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highest percentage of homes in the country — 8.2% — that had severe issues either with structural integrity, heating, plumbing, electricity, pest infestations or a combination of those.

And the area also has a high number of older residents. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's population estimate from July 2021, 19.7% of Allegheny County residents are age 65 and older, compared with the national rate of 16.8%.

"I think Pittsburgh is such a unique environment that's maybe the most challenging of environments," said Jonathan Pearlman, the chair and associate professor in Pitt's Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology. "And so given the opportunity to really focus on aging in place and how technology is used in the home was a great opportunity for us and one of those things that really fit like a glove in terms of our skills and interests and ability to participate."

According to Census Bureau data, 48 million households (39%) include at least one person age 65 or over, one person with a disability, or both. And about 1 in 8 households have a member who uses a mobility device for a long-term condition.

Researchers often build replicas of things like bathrooms or kitchens to test devices in, but having an actual home "breaks down the artificial environment" that comes with a clinical lab and create "a more genuine experience," Pearlman said.

That genuine experience



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Posters illustrating innovative technologies for aging in place hang on the walls of the Healthy Home Lab.

is further amplified when considering the wet basement and aging staircases in the building.

"These are the real conditions that we're trying to deliver care in," Pearlman said. "It's just kind of an essential step for us to be able to develop the true interventions and true support for people to age in place safely for somebody."

He said that one of the main issues with smart technology is that it seems to be effective for only a certain period of time.

If an elderly person is relying on this technology, it has to be more reliable, Pearlman said.

Eventually, Pearlman hopes to bring patients from a UPMC geriatric clinic into the home to have hands-on learning with the smart technology and "include users in the development of research studies."

Pitt will also be designing and testing its own innovations around improving mobility and accessibility. Some of these new innovations will be designed and built in the basement of the house and then taken upstairs for testing in the

azons ... and then we install them ourselves and hope they work," Pearlman said. "That's not a feasible way to deliver what needs to be a really reliable technology solution for somebody."

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Jonathan Pearlman, center, with Rayhan Afsar, left, a research assistant and director of engineering, and Keyshawn Shaahid, with UPMC, tour Pitt's Healthy Home Lab in Oakland.

main living areas. Pearlman expects that students will be in the lab by October, starting to design and test this technology.

They are currently working on new iterations of stair lifts and developing other technologies to help support people as they walk upstairs.

"When you look at the technologies for stair climbing, you have the handrail that was developed hundreds of years ago and then you have a stair lift that's 20 to 30 years old ... but you have no other technologies that have been developed to help people" get up the stairs, Pearlman said. "It's one thing to teach someone how to use crutches or a wheelchair in

a clinic, but it's entirely different to think about how they will be able to move about their home with those devices."

When patients learn to use assistive technology in a hospital setting, for example, they may not encounter the challenges of older houses like narrow doorways and steep staircases.

Another system Pearlman's team will be testing in the Healthy Home Lab is a way to make molding in the home — like crown molding — structural as well as decorative.

Pearlman wants to make molding functional by securing it to studs so that grab bars or railings can be installed.

have to stop eating the foods you love, but you may need to think differently about portions. Eat anything you want, but don't eat as much as you want of anything you want.

• Get up and move for three to five minutes every hour. Physical activity consists of two parts: moving more and sitting less. If you lead a sedentary life — and most people in the U.S. do — get up every hour to move your body in a way that you enjoy.

• Take 10 minutes for intervals. No time for a long workout? No problem. Interval training is a highly effective and time-efficient form of exercise. It consists of short 30-second bursts of high-intensity activity with periods of rest. For example, switching from walking to jogging, or biking hard up a hill during a leisurely ride.

• Say these two words: "It's OK." Forgiving yourself when you hit a slump is important. Positive self-talk takes practice just like anything else, but eventually being friendly to yourself will become second nature.

Here are five small actions that can lead to powerful transformations.

• Take one fewer bite a day of unhealthy foods. If you want to make healthier food choices, start with a single bite. Leave the pizza crust on your plate and instead help yourself to another bite of salad. Or add a single slice of apple to your breakfast.

• Cut corners without sacrificing the meal. You don't

• Eat food you love and also be healthier? Try taking small steps like leaving the pizza crust on the plate.



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A major complaint about assistive technology is that it looks clinical because the majority of it was designed to be used in a hospital or outpatient treatment center, Pearlman said. This is one way they can incorporate this technology into the design of an older house.

"This is a really good example of how it's thinking outside the box and saying if we want to have this kind of impact in the community ... we have to be in the community," Pearlman said. "That's what's been, I think, really energizing for the whole team."

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CONSUMER HEALTH:

Small lifestyle changes that make a big difference

By Laurel Kelly

Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)

While many modern-day ailments can be linked to unhealthy lifestyle choices, changing those choices can be a challenge. It may seem overwhelming or useless to even try.

But Dr. Stephen Kopecky, a Mayo Clinic cardiologist, recommends approaching lifestyle changes in the same way you would learn a musical instrument or teach a child math: one step at a time.

Whether your goal is to lower your blood pressure, manage symptoms of diabetes, lose weight or just feel healthier as you age, small changes can make a big difference.

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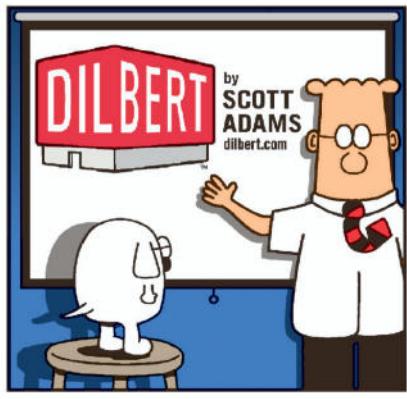
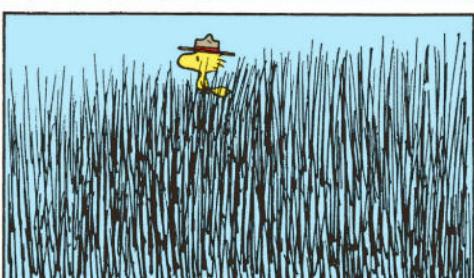
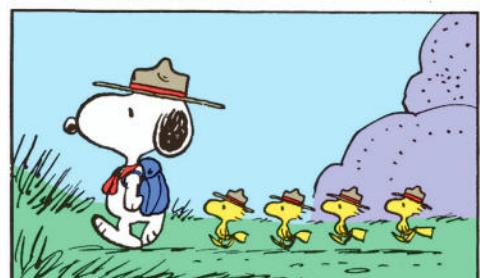
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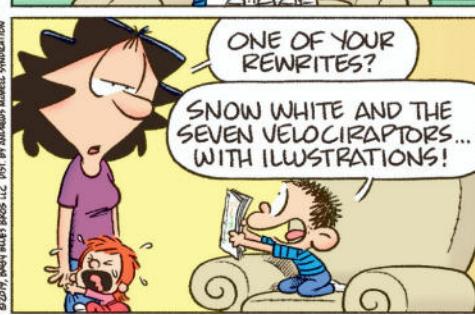
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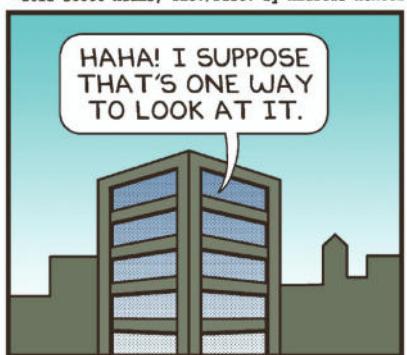
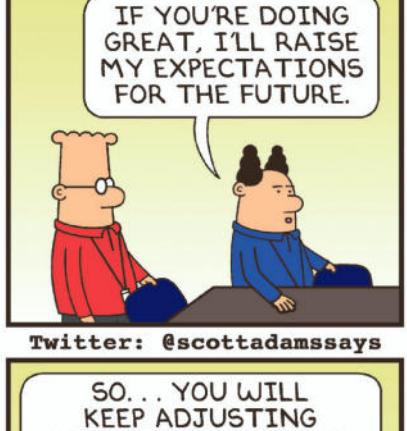
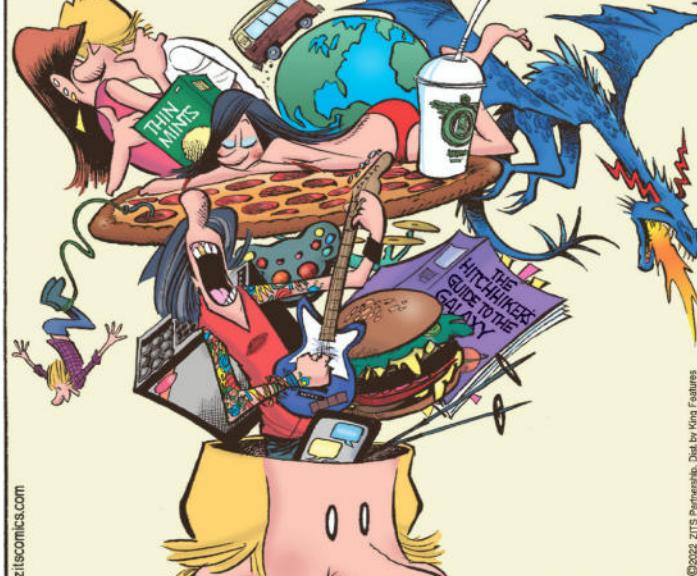
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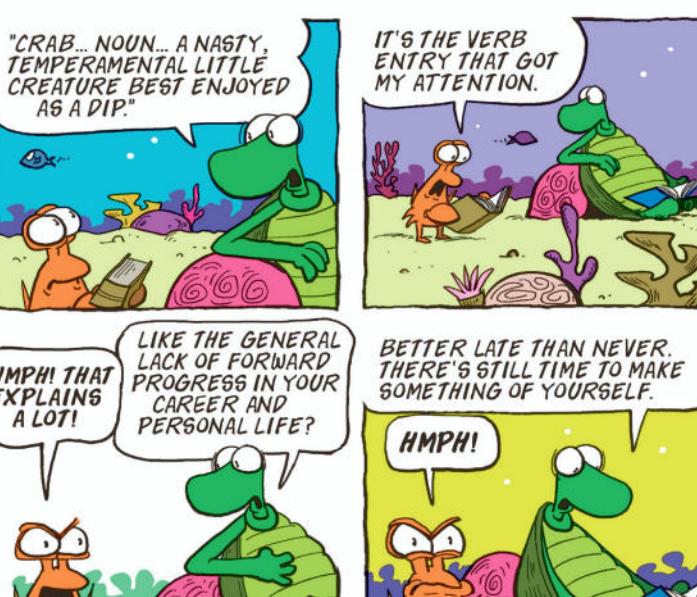
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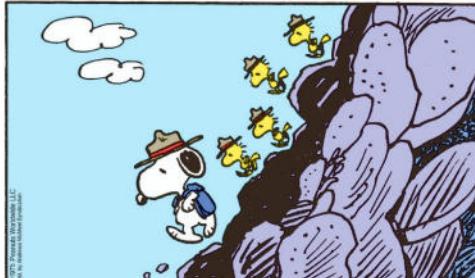
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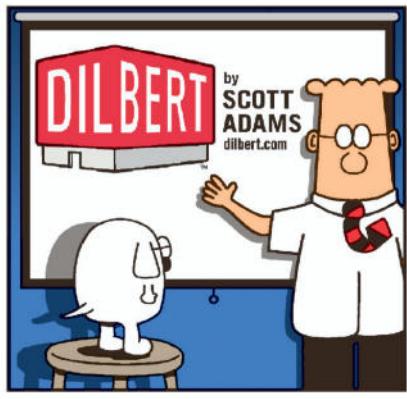
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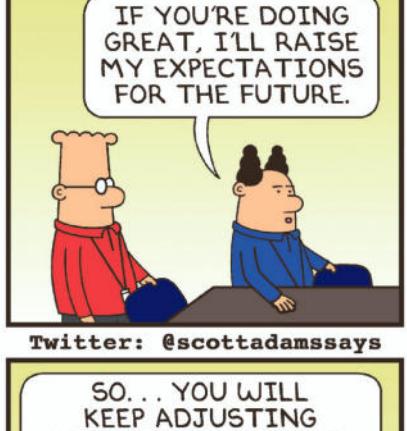
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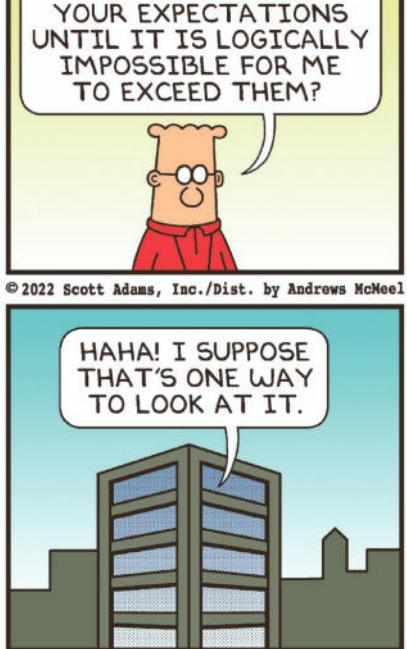
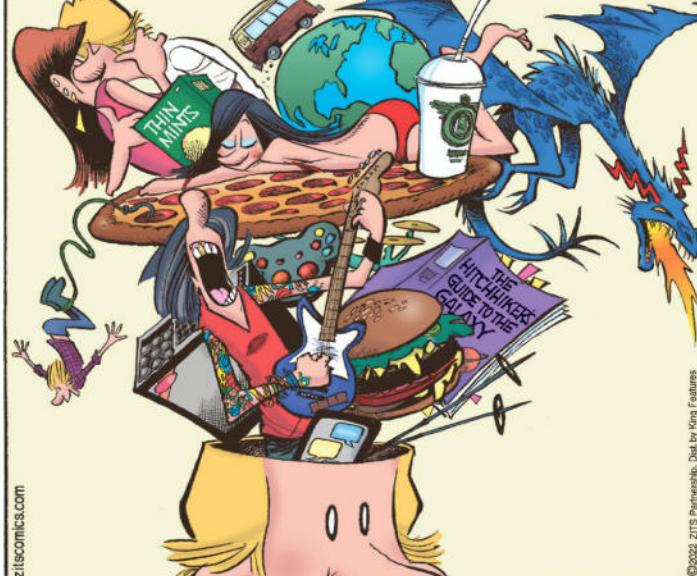
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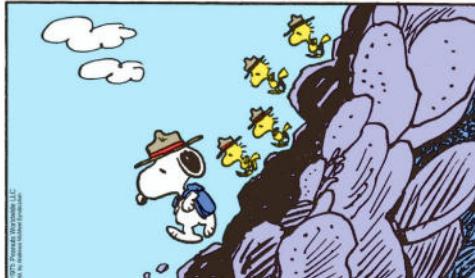
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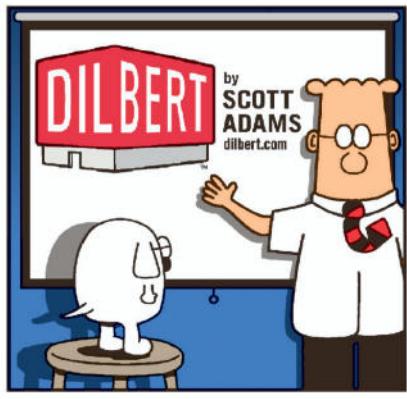
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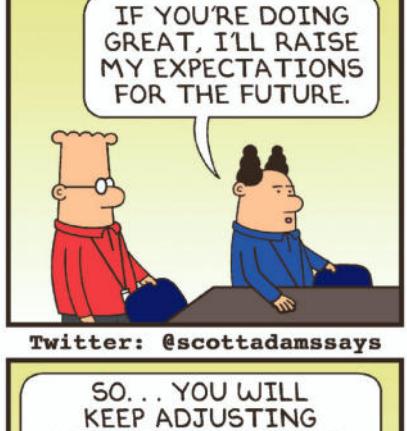
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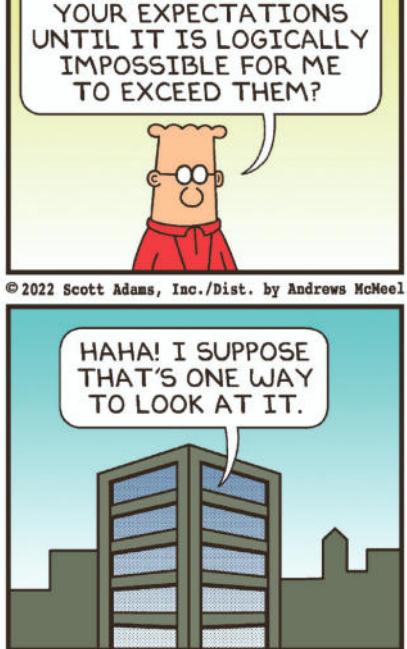
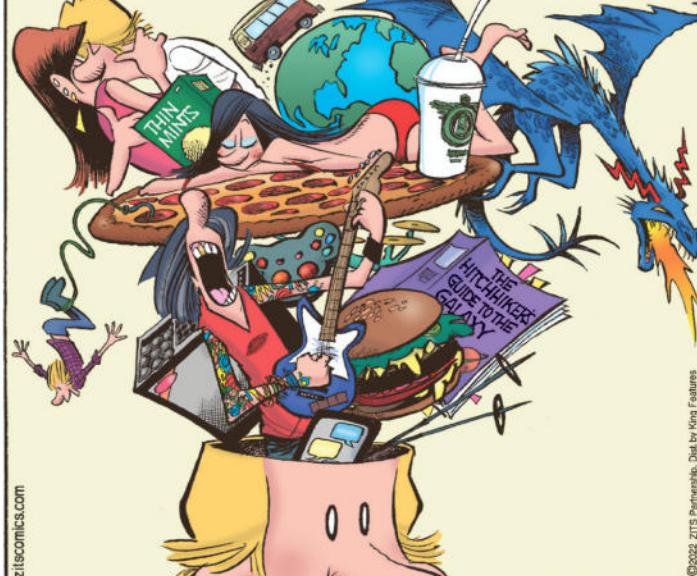
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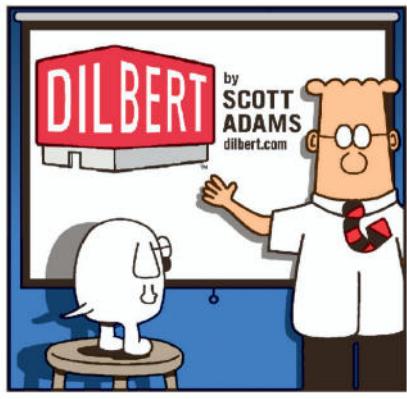
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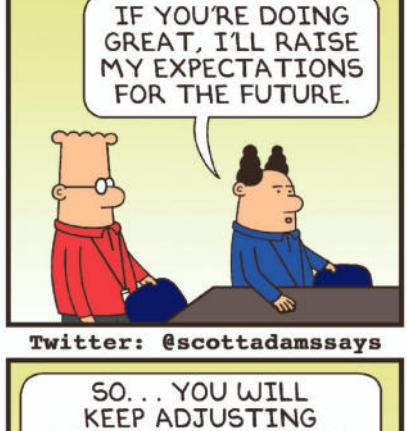
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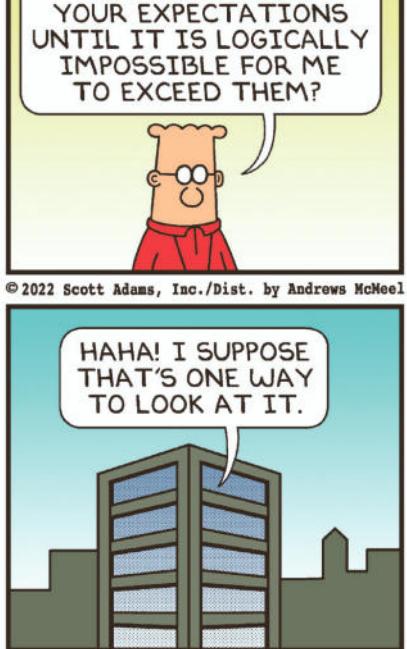
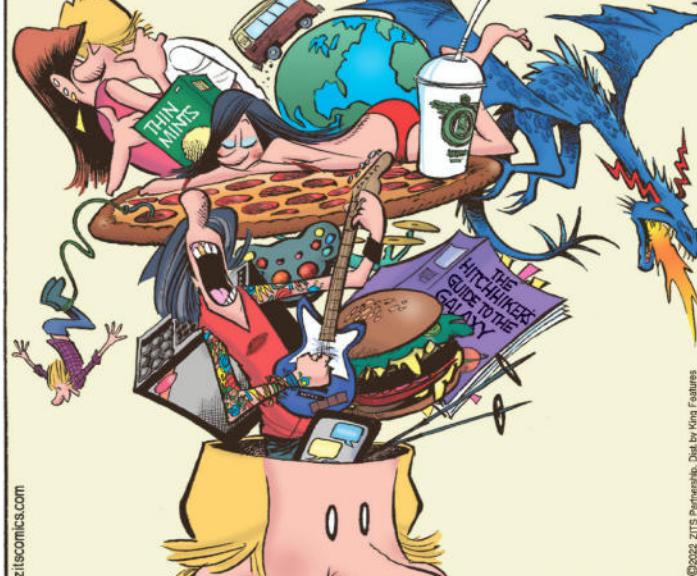
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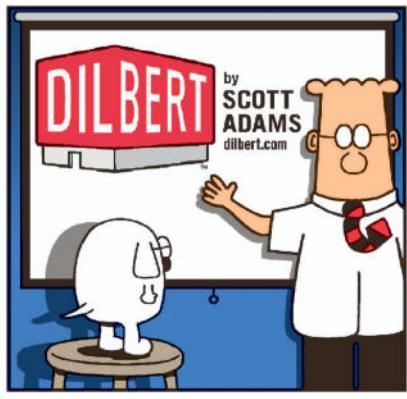
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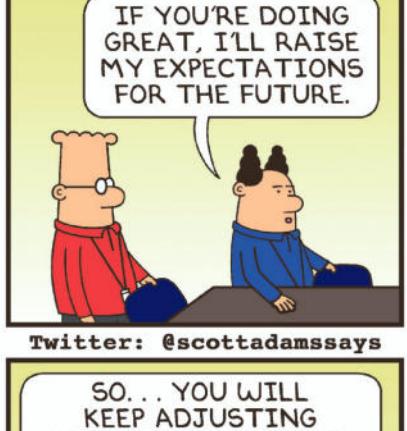
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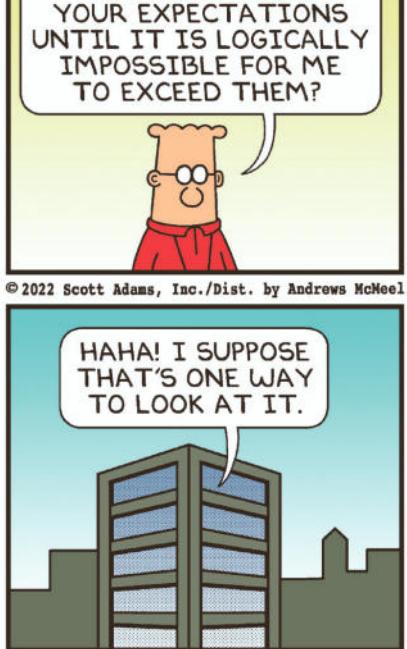
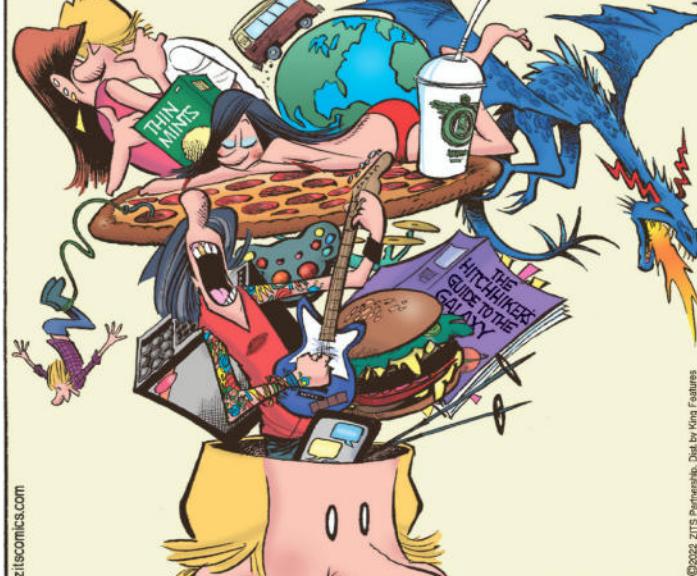
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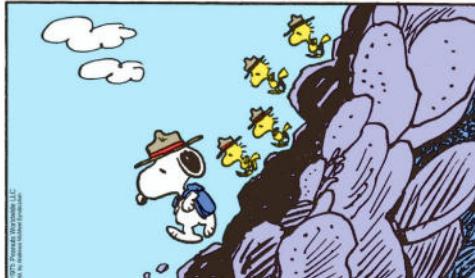
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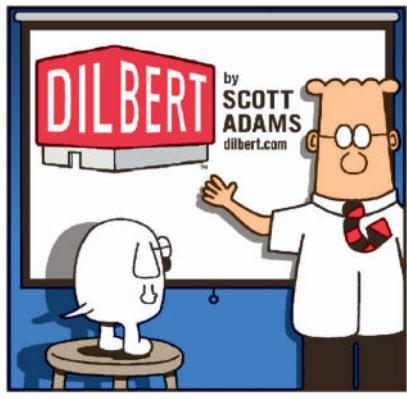
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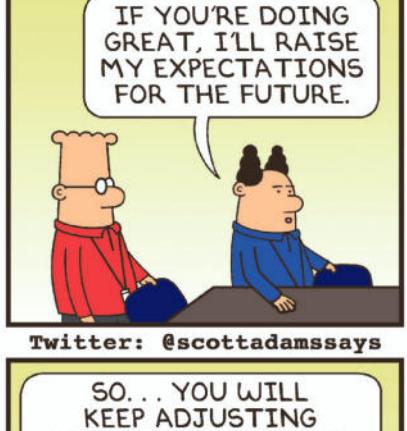
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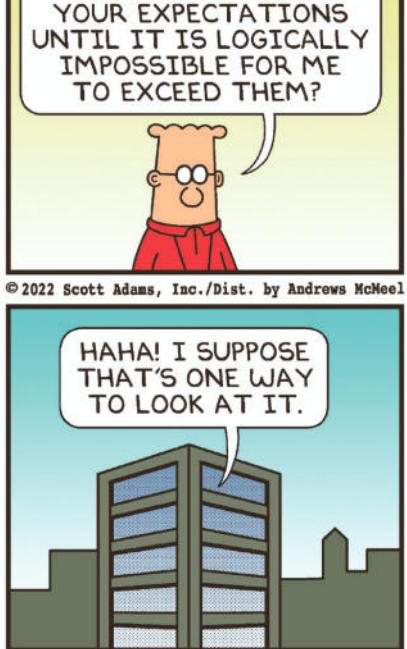
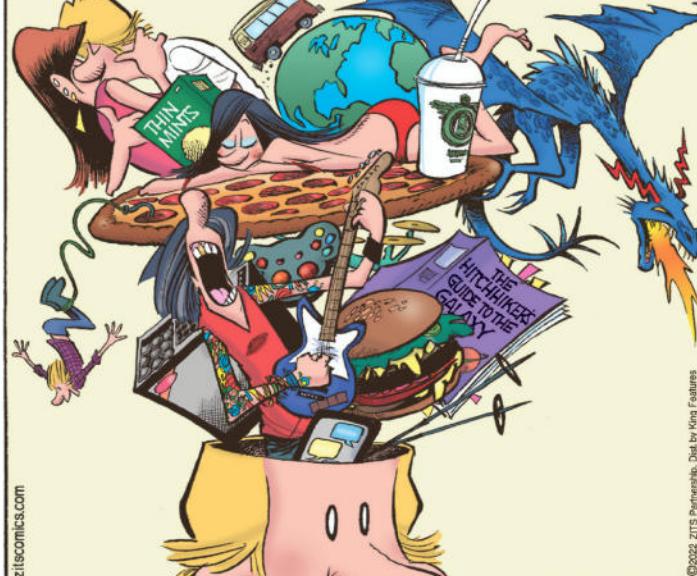
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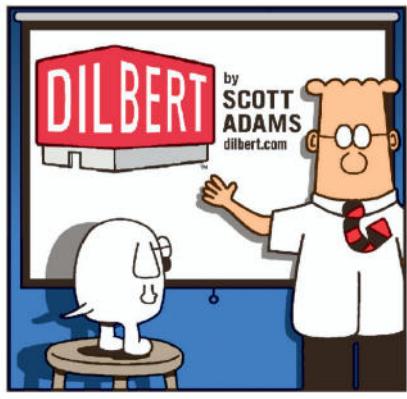
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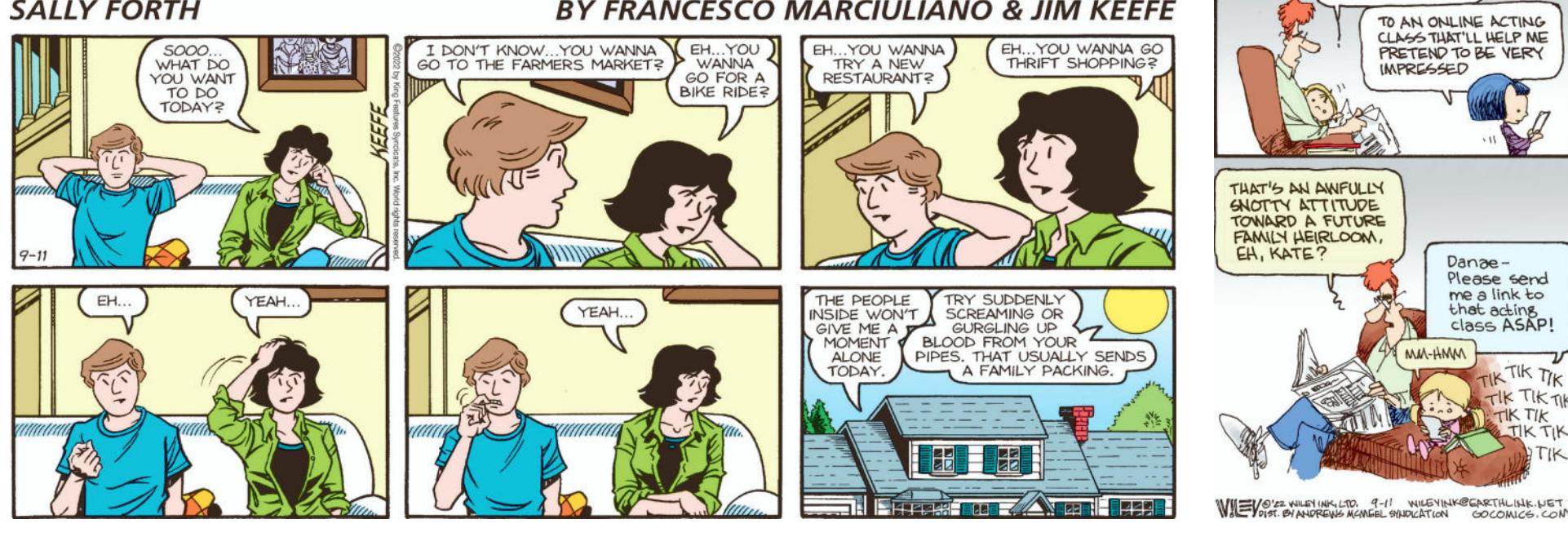
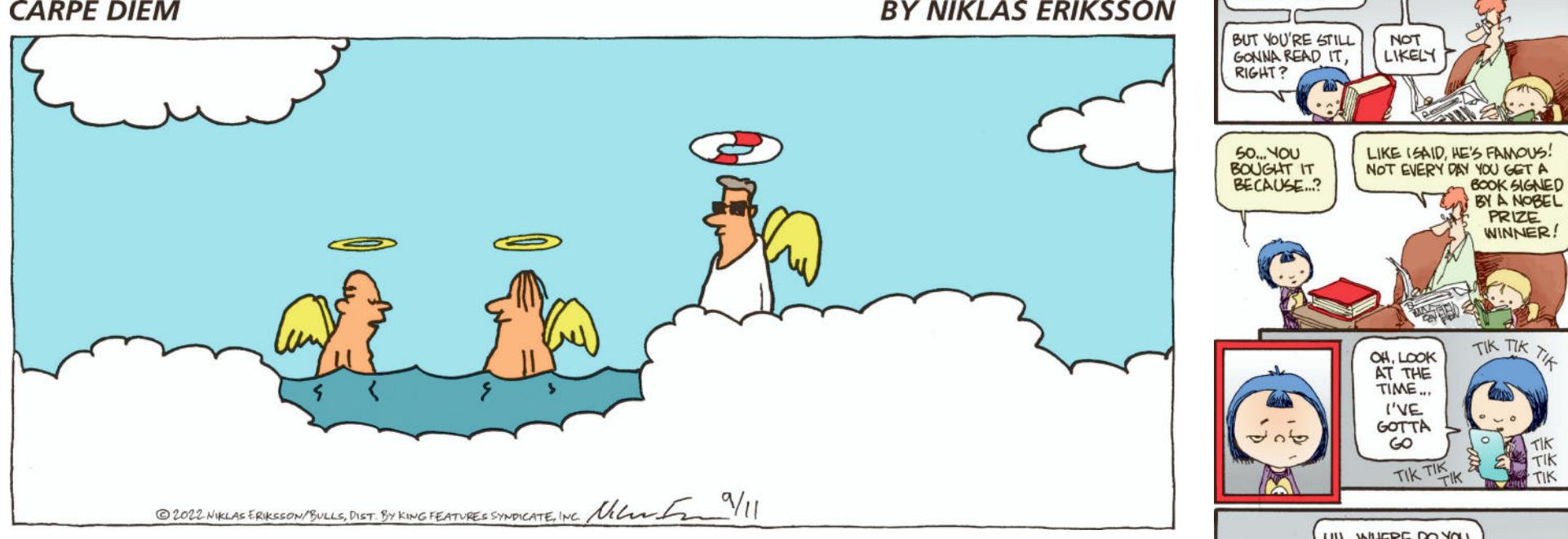
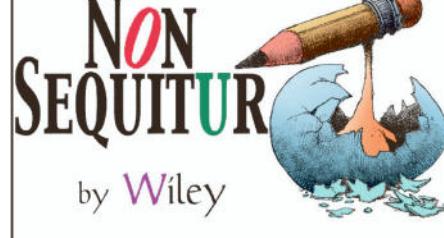


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CURTIS



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DOONESBURY



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SUSPECT'S
ON THE
MOVE!
I'M ON IT,
BOSS!

MUTTS

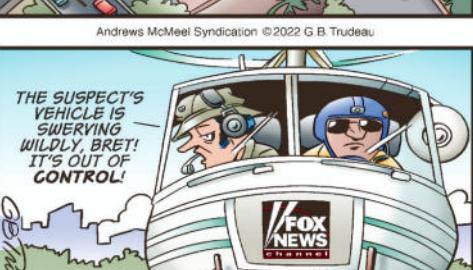
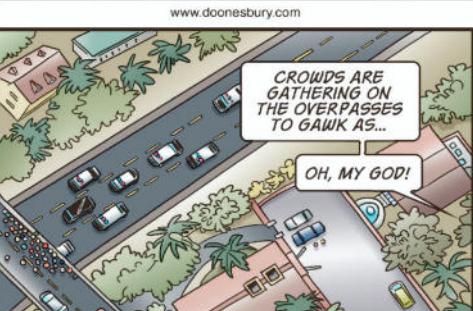
GIVE THE ONES YOU LOVE



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THE NOT-SO-DISTANT FUTURE.

BRET, THE SUSPECT
HAS JUST TURNED
ONTO I-95......ACCOMPANIED
BY A SWARM
OF BLACK-
AND-WHITES!

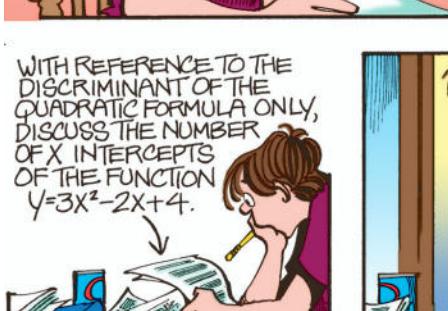
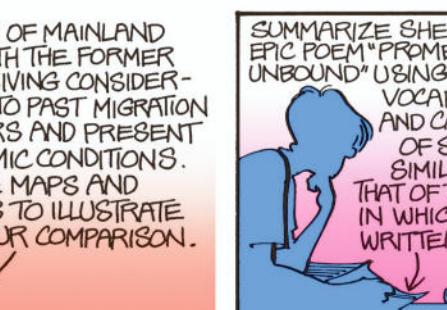
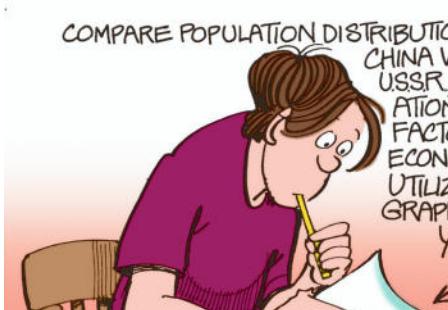
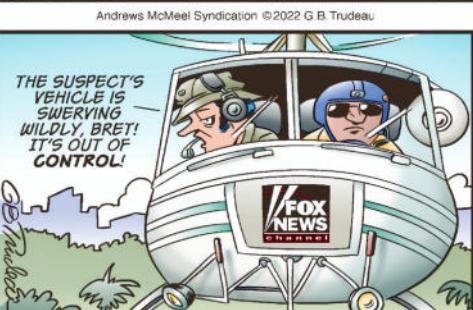
GARFIELD



BY JIM DAVIS



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

SUMMARIZE SHELLEY'S
EPIC POEM "PROMETHEUS
UNBOUND" USING THE
VOCABULARY
AND CADENCE
OF SPEECH
SIMILAR TO
THAT OF THE ERA
IN WHICH IT WAS
WRITTEN.WITH REFERENCE TO THE
DISCRIMINANT OF THE
QUADRATIC FORMULA ONLY,
DISCUSS THE NUMBER
OF X INTERCEPTS
OF THE FUNCTION
 $y=3x^2-2x+4$.IT'S INCREDIBLE,
MIKE! ...JUST
THINK ...THIS IS
YOUR LAST YEAR
OF HIGH SCHOOL!-NEXT YEAR, THEY'RE
GOING TO MAKE
YOU WORK!NO! I'M NOT GOING
TO F---ING GEORGIA!
SIR, I NEED YOU
TO TAKE YOUR HAND
OFF THE WHEEL!

