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Region gets growing influx of tourism dollars

Greensburg's focus on arts sets it apart from other cities its size, museum official says

BY JACOB TIERNEY

Rick Erdelack's lifelong love for the rock band Genesis regularly takes him on a road trip — from Pittsburgh to Greensburg to see the next best thing.

When The Musical Box, a Genesis tribute band, played last month at the Palace Theatre, Erdelack turned

the event into a special occasion, dining at the Rialto restaurant and staying the night at the Courtyard by Marriott off Route 30.

"The Palace is great, and we really like the town," he said.

The historic West Otterman Street venue draws thousands of people to Greensburg each year. And the money they spend on tickets, meals, hotel rooms and more adds up — to the tune of \$9 million injected into the local economy annually, according to the Westmoreland Cultural Trust's most recent economic impact study.

The trust wants to see that economic impact grow.

"We do not think that we have topped out by any stretch of the imagination," said Michael Langer, president of the cultural trust that has run the 101-year-old theater since 1990.

A 2014 study showed the theater's economic impact had increased by nearly \$2 million since 2009, and Langer hopes to see a similar increase when the study is repeated in 2019.



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The Palace Theatre contributes about \$9 million to the region's economy each year, according to local tourism officials.

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Bucs fans champing at bit for '17 season

Promotions, eternal optimism leave faithful on edge of their seats

BY MATTHEW SANTONI

The Pirates are starting their 2017 season with a road trip to Boston's hallowed Fenway Park, and so will Greg Carder.

The Collier resident, 29, and his 59-year-old father will drive more than nine hours Sunday to catch the first pitch Monday at baseball's oldest ballpark. Then they'll come back home for the first game of Carder's new season-ticket package on Saturday to seats along the third-base line, with its views of the Pittsburgh skyline.

"Fenway Park is on the bucket list," said Carder. "Your biggest hero growing up is always your dad, and I'm lucky to still have mine. ... I don't ever want

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FRESH OUTLOOK



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Pirates fan Bo Brooke, 10, watches Gregory Polanco in the dugout during a game against the Twins on Wednesday at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers, Fla.

Go online to view a gallery of Chris Horner's spring training images at TribLive.com

Pentagon expands authority

Trump's delegation of power to military a seismic shift from Obama administration

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WASHINGTON — Week by week, country by country, the Pentagon is quietly seizing more control over war-fighting decisions, sending hundreds more troops to war with little public debate and seeking greater authority to battle extremists across the Middle East and Africa.

Last week it was Somalia, where President Trump gave the U.S. military more authority to conduct offensive airstrikes on al-Qaida-linked terrorists. This week it could be Yemen, where military leaders want to provide more help for the United Arab Emirates' battle against Iranian-backed rebels. Key decisions on Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan are looming, from ending troop number limits to loosening rules that guide commanders in the field.

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The changes in Trump's first two months in office underscore his willingness to let the Pentagon manage its own day-to-day combat. Under the Obama administration, military leaders chafed about micromanagement that included commanders needing approval for routine tactical decisions about targets and personnel moves.

But delegating more authority to the Pentagon — and combat decisions to lower-level officers — carries its own military and political risks. Casualties,

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Health care woes loom for GOP

Failure to strike down Obamacare may haunt mid-term elections

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WASHINGTON — The crash of the House Republican health care bill may well have transformed an issue the party has long used to bash Democrats into the GOP's own political nightmare.

Since former President Barack Obama's health care overhaul was enacted in 2010, Republicans have blamed Democrats for rising premiums and diminished choices of insurers and doctors in many markets. Repealing Obama's law has been a para-

mount GOP campaign promise that helped them grab control of the House that year and the Senate in 2014 and elected Donald Trump to the White House in November.

Yet here they are, in full control of government but unable to deliver their pledge. Instead, they're sweeping up debris from a failed bill that party moderates and conservatives hated, sparked a civil war between Trump and the hard-line House Freedom Caucus and threatens to alienate GOP base voters.

Many Republicans say they now own the health care issue.

"If you say, 'This is Obamacare; it's failing,' people can say, 'Well, we elected you to fix it,'" said Tom Davis, a former Republican congressman from

Virginia who headed the House GOP's campaign committee.

"We have the House, the Senate, the White House," said David Winston, a GOP strategist who advises congressional leaders. "People are going to expect points on the board."

Davis, Winston and others note that it's a long way to the November 2018 elections. That's when Republicans will defend their congressional majorities, so GOP successes on issues such as tax cuts and infrastructure that affect the economy and jobs could overshadow their health care dud.

In addition, party leaders hope to produce new health care legislation. It's unclear how they'd do that without

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MUDSLIDES WREAK HAVOC IN COLOMBIA

Residents rescue a woman who was caught in a mudslide from heavy rains Saturday in Mocoa, Colombia. The deluge, caused by the rise of the Mocoa River and three tributaries, came too quickly for many residents to seek safety. According to the Red Cross, 400 people were injured and 220 are believed missing. **Story, A6**

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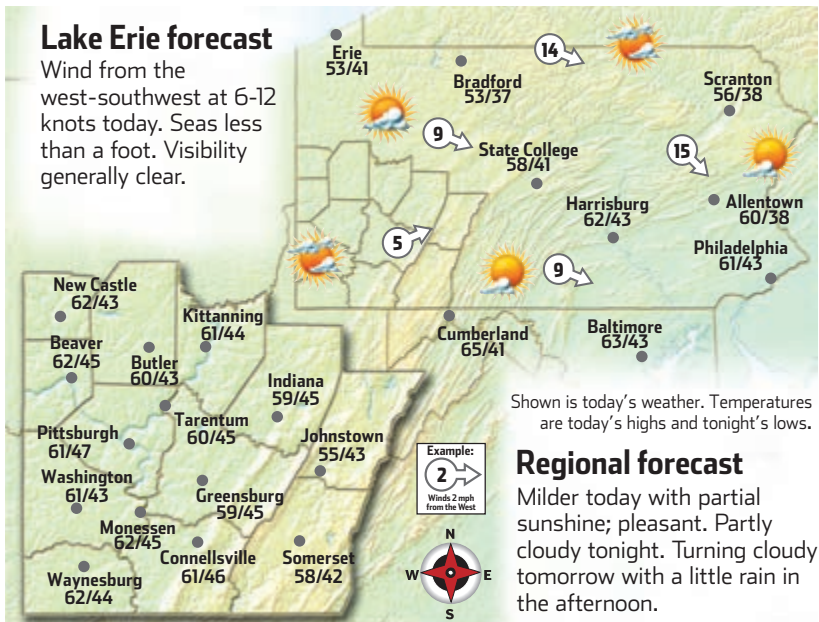
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TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH 59 Some sun; pleasant and milder	LOW 45 Partly cloudy	66/56 A bit of afternoon rain	61/40 Rain, then a couple of showers	69/56 Mostly cloudy and milder	62/43 Occasional rain
9 a.m. 38 10 a.m. 43 11 a.m. 47	Noon 52 1 p.m. 54 2 p.m. 56	3 p.m. 58 4 p.m. 59 5 p.m. 58	6 p.m. 58 7 p.m. 56 8 p.m. 53	9 p.m. 52	

Lake Erie forecast

Wind from the west-southwest at 6-12 knots today. Seas less than a foot. Visibility generally clear.



Regional forecast

Milder today with partial sunshine; pleasant. Partly cloudy tonight. Turning cloudy tomorrow with a little rain in the afternoon.

Almanac

Statistics for Pittsburgh through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperatures

High/low	43/39
Normal high/low	56/35
Year ago high/low	68/45
Record high	83 (1986)
Record low	11 (1923)

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.23"
Month to date	trace
Normal month to date	0.11"
Year to date	10.02"
Normal year to date	8.15"
Last year to date	7.83"

Snowfall

Yesterday	0.0"
Record	2.6" in 1962
Month to date	0.0"
Season to date	32.0"
Normal season to date	40.0"

River Stages

As of 7 a.m. yesterday

Allegheny	
Clinton L&D	12.47 R
C.W. Bill Young L&D	13.72 R
Franklin	8.40 F
Freeport L&D	15.85 M
Natrona L&D	12.82 R
Sharpsburg	13.50 R
Loyalhanna Creek	
Kingston	4.69 M
Latrobe	7.87 M
Monongahela	
Charleroi	17.40 R
Elizabeth	14.60 R
Youghiogheny	
Connellsville	8.00 F
Sutersville	9.70 R

Around the world

	Today	Tom.
Acapulco	85/72/s	85/72/s
Amsterdam	59/40/pc	57/42/pc
Athens	67/51/s	63/54/r
Baghdad	78/54/s	73/54/pc
Beijing	74/41/pc	78/50/pc
Buenos Aires	75/63/r	77/62/pc
Cairo	75/58/c	79/58/pc
Calgary	40/24/c	41/20/pc
Cancun	87/76/s	87/77/pc
Dublin	55/42/pc	55/41/r
Frankfurt	65/47/c	65/43/c
Jerusalem	58/46/sh	63/48/pc
Lima	80/71/pc	80/70/c
London	61/42/pc	62/45/pc
Madrid	65/37/s	67/41/s
Mexico City	82/47/s	82/49/s
Montreal	47/27/pc	47/36/pc
Moscow	52/35/r	43/33/r
New Delhi	100/71/pc	102/74/pc
Paris	63/44/pc	64/46/pc
Rio de Janeiro	84/70/sh	86/70/pc
Rome	62/46/t	68/45/sh
San Juan	85/75/sh	82/74/sh
Seoul	59/37/s	63/39/s
Sydney	69/60/sh	69/61/sh
Tokyo	53/44/c	58/46/s
Toronto	57/37/pc	52/43/c
Vienna	73/47/c	68/46/t
Warsaw	73/48/t	60/45/c

Air Quality

Statistics for Southwestern Pennsylvania from Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection.

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Today **Good**

Today is **not** an AQI Action Day.

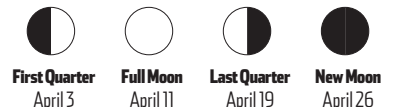
Relative humidity

Yesterday

High	100% at 3 a.m.
Low	82% at 2 p.m.

Sun & Moon

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:00 a.m.	6:59 a.m.
Sunset	7:44 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Moonrise	11:21 a.m.	12:18 p.m.
Moonsset	1:07 a.m.	2:08 a.m.



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Around the nation

City	Today H/L/W	Tom. H/L/W	City	Today H/L/W	Tom. H/L/W
Albuquerque	61/39/pc	68/42/pc	Kansas City, Mo.	61/51/sh	62/45/r
Anchorage	45/30/pc	46/37/pc	Las Vegas	81/58/s	70/50/pc
Atlanta	81/62/s	74/60/t	Los Angeles	76/54/s	68/53/pc
Baltimore	63/43/s	64/55/r	Miami	87/75/pc	85/75/pc
Billings	56/36/sh	48/31/r	Minneapolis	56/41/r	57/40/c
Boise	56/30/pc	50/29/pc	New Orleans	81/70/t	81/61/t
Boston	47/33/pc	48/37/pc	New York City	58/42/s	55/48/pc
Charleston, S.C.	78/60/s	80/65/c	Ocean City, Md.	55/43/s	58/53/pc
Charleston, W.Va.	67/49/pc	71/56/r	Phoenix	83/60/s	85/58/s
Charlotte	72/52/s	70/61/r	St. Louis	70/57/sh	66/53/r
Chicago	61/46/r	55/45/r	Salt Lake City	54/34/r	51/34/c
Cincinnati	64/49/pc	68/52/r	San Diego	70/57/pc	64/56/pc
Cleveland	60/46/pc	61/54/r	San Francisco	68/50/pc	67/50/s
Dallas	71/56/t	78/59/s	Seattle	53/37/pc	53/40/pc
Denver	61/34/s	54/28/r	Washington	65/48/s	67/58/r
Des Moines	57/48/r	60/44/r			
Detroit	61/44/s	56/48/r			
Honolulu	85/73/s	85/72/s			
Houston	78/61/t	84/60/s			
Indianapolis	62/50/pc	65/51/r			

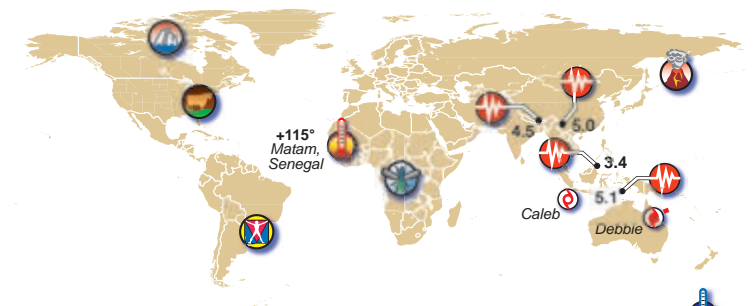
U.S. extremes (For the 48 contiguous states)

High	95 at Zapata, Texas
Low	17 at Squaw Valley, Calif.
Wettest	2.93 at Plymouth, Mass.

STEVE NEWMAN'S EARTH WEEK



The maximum extent of Arctic sea ice occurred March 7. Thinning ice is harming wildlife and indigenous people but makes the Arctic more accessible to shipping and oil exploration.



Antibiotic soil

The widespread use of antibiotics on livestock to prevent rather than treat disease is causing an adverse impact on soil microbes around farms where the antibiotics are used, researchers say. A team from Virginia Tech examined soil samples from 11 U.S. dairy farms and found the amount of antibiotic resistance genes was 200 times greater in soil near manure piles compared with soil from elsewhere. The researchers point out that soil microbes are important in climate regulation, soil fertility and food production. The wholesale use of antibiotics in agriculture could threaten those beneficial effects, the team warns.

Yellow fever alert

Brazil has launched a mass vaccination campaign for yellow fever in its southern states, where the disease has killed more than 220 people as

well as countless numbers of howler monkeys. Large portions of Brazilian rain forest in Minas Gerais state are left without a single monkey. "It was just silence, a sense of emptiness," University of Wisconsin anthropologist Karen Strier said after visiting the affected region. Scientists say they are alarmed at the speed at which the mosquito-borne disease is spreading, jumping from one patch of forest to another.

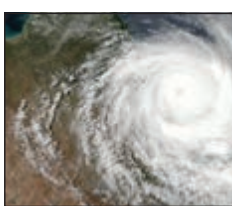
Disease detectors

Researchers say they have found that blood-sucking flies can be used to detect emerging diseases in wild animals before the pathogens can spread to humans. Franck Prugnolle, from France's National Center for Scientific Research, followed up on earlier studies that found DNA from animals and the diseases they carry are preserved in the blood meals of flies. By examining blood inside more

than 1,200 central African flies, mainly tsetse flies, Prugnolle discovered the insects had fed on 20 different species, ranging from elephants and hippos to reptiles and birds. He also found 18 previously unknown malaria parasite species in the blood.

Earthquakes

A moderate quake damaged a number of homes in southwestern China's Yunnan province. Earth movements were also felt in the northeastern Indian state of Sikkim, northern Borneo and from Indonesia's Banda Sea to Darwin, Australia.



Cyclone Debbie struck the Queensland coast March 27.

Historic eruption

Russia's Kambalny volcano erupted at the southern tip of the Kamchatka Peninsula for the first time since the reign of Catherine the Great, almost 250 years ago. Ash blew southward toward the Kuril Islands.



Kambalny volcano last erupted in 1769.

Tropical cyclones

Parts of Australia's Queensland coast were ravaged by Category 3 Cyclone Debbie, which made landfall near Bowen after lashing an island offshore with 161 mph winds. Cyclone Caleb formed briefly south of Sumatra.

LOTTERIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Pennsylvania

Pick 2	Day: 10	Night: 23
Pick 3	Day: 126	Night: 821
Pick 4	Day: 6411	Night: 4092
Pick 5	Day: 77211	Night: 72293
Wild Ball	Day: 5	Night: 4
Treasure Hunt	7 8 19 21 30	
Cash 5	15 30 32 34 38	

Treasure Hunt payout

Matches	Winners	Prize
5 of 5	0	\$0
4 of 5	55	\$100
3 of 5	1,319	\$6
2 of 5	10,309	\$1

Today's jackpot at least \$30,000

Cash 5 payout

Matches	Winners	Prize
5 of 5	2	\$225,000
4 of 5	102	\$218
3 of 5	2,732	\$13.50
2 of 5	33,803	\$1

Today's jackpot at least \$125,000

Powerball

Drawing	Not available
Powerball/Powerplay	Not available

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Pennsylvania

Pick 2	Day: 69	Night: 89
Pick 3	Day: 439	Night: 178
Pick 4	Day: 3907	Night: 4747
Pick 5	Day: 26395	Night: 60824
Wild Ball	Day: 1	Night: 5
Treasure Hunt	1 5 13 19 27	
Cash 5	1 23 27 37 41	
Mega Millions	17 24 27 32 58	
Mega Ball/Megaplier	10 / 3	

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Pennsylvania

Pick 2	Day: 45	Night: 21
Pick 3	Day: 702	Night: 999
Pick 4	Day: 8722	Night: 5579
Pick 5	Day: 68503	Night: 12001
Wild Ball	Day: 8	Night: 5
Treasure Hunt	10 13 14 19 29	

Cash 5 3 26 27 28 33

Cash4Life 24 38 40 44 49

Cash Ball 2

Match 6 15 16 21 30 31 34

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Pennsylvania

Pick 2	Day: 93	Night: 05
Pick 3	Day: 744	Night: 459
Pick 4	Day: 3671	Night: 9605
Pick 5	Day: 43649	Night: 79948
Wild Ball	Day: 6	Night: 8
Treasure Hunt	4 8 16 23 24	
Cash 5	11 18 26 36 37	
Powerball	8 15 31 36 62	
Powerball/Powerplay	11 / 3	

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Pennsylvania

Pick 2	Day: 22	Night: 19
Pick 3	Day: 980	Night: 850
Pick 4	Day: 0567	Night: 4523
Pick 5	Day: 40594	Night: 77207
Wild Ball	Day: 9	Night: 5
Treasure Hunt	1 7 12 14 26	
Cash 5	20 28 32 34 39	
Mega Millions	30 33 35 37 46	
Mega Ball/Megaplier	10 / 5	

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Pennsylvania

Pick 2	Day: 15	Night: 53
Pick 3	Day: 099	Night: 787
Pick 4	Day: 4888	Night: 7054
Pick 5	Day: 65207	Night: 41385
Wild Ball	Day: 2	Night: 2
Treasure Hunt	6 8 17 25 30	
Cash 5	10 17 18 34 42	
Cash4Life	32 42 58 59 60	
Cash Ball	4	
Match 6	6 11 17 18 46 49	

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Pennsylvania

Pick 2	Day: 08	Night: 18
Pick 3	Day: 702	Night: 583
Pick 4	Day: 2891	Night: 0759
Pick 5	Day: 07838	Night: 11950
Wild Ball	Day: 2	Night: 9
Treasure Hunt	11 14 21 24 26	
Cash 5	7 26 32 35 40	

KQV POLL

Saturday's question

Do you agree with President Trump that the congressional investigation into his campaign's association with Russia is a witch hunt?

Yes	2,618 (98 percent)
No	50 (2 percent)

Sunday's question

Tomorrow, the Pittsburgh Pirates will begin their 135th season with a game at Fenway Park as they look for a fresh start after coming off a

disappointing 2016 season, which the team finished with a losing record, missing the playoffs for the first time in four years. Competing in the same division with last year's World Series champion Chicago Cubs, it remains to be seen how our "batting Buccos" will fare this year.

How well do you think the Pirates will do this season?

Make playoffs:	412-333-9190
Winning season:	412-333-9192
Losing season:	412-333-9194

Final results can be heard on KQV-AM (1410) at 6:58 p.m.

Snow blankets northern New England

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTPELIER, Vt. — It was April Fools' Day, but it wasn't a joke: People across northern New England woke up to a foot of heavy, wet snow on parts of the region Saturday and conducted weekend business as more fell throughout the day.

The storm caused power outages and numerous highway accidents. By mid-afternoon, the number of electric customers without power across Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine had dropped to about

2,200 from overnight totals that reached into the tens of thousands. The winter storm warning for Vermont and New Hampshire expired but remained in place for parts of Maine until 8 p.m.

"This is Mother Nature's idea of an April Fools' joke," said meteorologist Eric Schwibs of the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine.

But he said that although it's disheartening to see snow so late in the season, it's not unusual. Winter had already brought more snow

than normal to northern New England. Portland, Maine, recorded 84.4 inches of snow, 2 feet above normal for the city; Concord, N.H., had 73.8 inches, about 15 inches above normal.

Although the storm may have sent some people back to bed, friends from Massachusetts on a visit to Maine were reveling in the snow.

"If you live in New England, you have to expect Mother Nature to keep you on your toes," said Erik Lustgarten of Newburyport.

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Staying course could be 'suicide' for GOP

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compromising with Democrats, who have little motivation to pull Republicans out of the quicksand. That could change if Democrats decide a deal is better than gambling on whether voters blame them and Obama's law should premiums rise and the number of insurers decline significantly.

"They both have risk, and that's a recipe for ultimately some action to be taken," said Mike Leavitt, Health Secretary under President George W. Bush.

For now, there are ominous signs for Republicans.

The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll last week found strong voter antipathy for how Trump is handling health care and for the sunken House GOP

bill. That included widespread worry that people would lose coverage and opposition to its higher premiums for older people, smaller subsidies for lower earners and cuts in Medicaid aid for the poor.

Dangerously for Republicans, threatening to reduce federal health care aid speaks directly to voters in states that backed Trump. All 13 states with the highest proportion of people getting federal subsidies for their insurance premiums voted for him in November, according to federal data.

Democrats view all that as campaign ad fodder. Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., protected many Republicans by averting a House vote on the doomed bill, but several dozen supported it in committees.

"Clearly, the Republicans own this," said Rep. Ben Ray

Lujan, D-N.M., who heads House Democrats' campaign organization. "We will continue to make sure that the American people know about their votes."

GOP damage could come from another direction, too.

Failure to dismantle Obama's law could dampen turnout in next year's congressional elections by voters demoralized when Republicans fumbled their promised repeal. Brent Bozell, chairman of the conservative For America, said Friday it would be "absolute suicide" for the GOP to stay on its current, unsuccessful course.

"Just saying, 'Give us four more years and we'll repeal it' is going to be very hard" to sell to voters, said Robert Blendon, professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Pence to make Grove City stop



TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Vice President Mike Pence will deliver the commencement address at Grove City College this year, according to the campus newspaper.

The Grove City Collegian posted an email from college President Paul McNulty to its Twitter account, which said Pence accepted the college's invitation to deliver the commencement address May 20.

McNulty did not provide specifics about the arrangements but said the college will be working with the vice

president's advance team in the upcoming weeks and that "more information will be forthcoming."

"We know that this day is a celebration of the accomplishments of our graduating class," McNulty wrote. "Please pray that our efforts to organize and manage this event will result in a wonderful lifetime memory for our graduates and their families."

Grove City College is a private, Christian liberal arts school in Mercer County that serves about 2,500 students, according to its website.

Fireworks, bobbleheads add to charm

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to take it for granted, to spend that time with someone you're lucky enough to have."

Baseball's opening day is always one of optimism, and 20 years of losing taught Pirates fans to be scholars of the silver lining. Even if the players are largely the same group that had a disappointing 2016 season and the Pirates' division still looks tough, fans are looking at a schedule chock-full of special events and giveaways designed to lure them to the ballpark and make the experience of cheering alongside strangers, friends and family more memorable, regardless of the outcome on the field.

"Attendance around the country is down in almost every sport. I think a lot of us are 'cocooning' in our houses," said Ronald Dick, an associate professor of sports marketing at Duquesne University. "Giveaways, promotions and concerts can have an effect. ... The Pirates are very good at promotions."

Mike Gaffney, president of West Point Little League in Greensburg and Hempfield, said he would arrange for a group outing to fall on a promotional night so the kids would come away with some memento or special memories.

"With the little kids and their parents, we like to plan for a fireworks night, a bobblehead night or a T-shirt night, where they'll get something to remember, not just some random night," Gaffney said.

Carder said he was sold on a package of weekend game tickets when the Pirates' sales staff gave him and his daughter, 7, a tour of PNC Park, including a chance to walk onto the field and play with the



ANDREW RUSSELL | TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Greg Carder and his father, Ron Carder, both of Collier, are making the trek to Fenway Park in Boston for the Pirates' season opener on Monday.

Fun for fans

In addition to regular events such as college nights, free T-shirts and "pup nights," the Pirates' 2017 promotions include:

- April 8 vs. Braves: Francisco Cervelli "That's Amore" singing bobblehead
- May 20 vs. Phillies: Bob Walk chair-tip bobblechair
- May 26 vs. Mets: Postgame concert with Flo Rida
- June 8 vs. Marlins: Star Wars Night
- June 17 vs. Cubs: Jordy Mercer bobblehead
- July 14 vs. Cardinals: Grateful Dead Night
- July 18 vs. Brewers: Runners Night
- Aug. 4 vs. Padres: Postgame concert with Chicago
- Aug. 8 vs. Reds: Charlie Brown bobblehead
- Aug. 17 vs. Cardinals: Faith Night
- Aug. 19 vs. Cardinals: Gregory Polanco bobblehead
- Sept. 22 vs. Cardinals: Law Enforcement Night
- Sept. 26 vs. Orioles: Zombie Night
- Zambelli Fireworks nights: April 21 vs. Yankees; May 5 vs. Brewers; May 19 vs. Phillies; June 9 vs. Marlins; June 30 vs. Giants; Aug. 18 vs. Cardinals; Sept. 1 vs. Reds; and Sept. 22 vs. Cardinals

dugout phone to the bullpen. His first home game Saturday will be a bobblehead night, and he was looking forward to Sunday "Kids Days" when his daughter could run the bases after the game.

"I do the opener every year with friends for the last 15 to 20 years," said Tim Creamer,

43, of Southwest Greensburg. "We're excited about it. ... There's something of the little kid in you on the first game of every year, hoping they'll do well this year."

In addition to the friends and co-workers he'd been tailgating with for years, Creamer said he also tries to get to a few

games a year with his sons and his father for some intergenerational bonding.

Because his father grew up as a Yankees fan, Creamer said they are planning another outing during the series against the Yankees in late April, when the Pirates have lined up fireworks Friday, a T-shirt giveaway Saturday and a kids' day Sunday. His sons, ages 14 and 13, are old enough to start following the game and their favorite players more closely, so the game is a greater part of the experience for them than it used to be, he said.

Dick said many regular events at the ballpark play off Pittsburghers' predilections: Activities for kids intended to lure family get-togethers on Sundays; a concert lineup usually rich with classic rock, pop and country; and fireworks displays after almost every Friday home game.

"I've never seen more adults who are amazed by fireworks," said Dick, a Philadelphia transplant. "They're awesome fireworks, don't get me wrong."

While family traditions, giveaways or special events might attract fans to the game, Dick said the team's fortunes on the field will always create some of the best fan experiences.

"When you win 20 less games than you did the year before and fall back below .500, it's going to have an effect (on attendance)," Dick said. "I was there (in 2013) that night we won the wild-card, when Johnny Cueto dropped the ball and Russell Martin hit two home runs. ... It felt like an exorcism."

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Delegation of power carries political risks

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of civilians and American service members, may be the biggest.

The deepening involvement in counter-insurgency battles, from the street-by-street battles being fought in Iraq to clandestine raids in Yemen and elsewhere, increases the chances of U.S. troops dying. Such tragedies could raise the ire of the American public and create political trouble with Congress at a time when the Trump administration is trying to finish off the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria and broaden efforts against similarly inclined groups.

Allowing lower-level commanders to make more timely airstrike decisions in densely populated areas such as the streets of Mosul, Iraq, can result in more civilian deaths. The U.S. military is investigating several bombings in Mosul in mid-March that witnesses say killed at least 100 people. And it is considering new tactics and precautions amid evidence suggesting extremists are smuggling civilians into buildings and then baiting the U.S.-led coalition into attacking.

Alice Hunt Friend, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, cited

another concern: Military operations becoming "divorced from overall foreign policy" could make civilian leaders and the military vulnerable to run-away events.

"Political leaders can lose control of military campaigns," she warned.

But top military leaders say they need to be able to act more quickly against enemies. And they've been staunchly supported by Trump, who has promised to pursue Islamic extremists more aggressively and echoed the view of Pentagon leaders that the Obama administration's tight control over military operations limited effectiveness.

Explaining his request for more leeway in Somalia against al-Shabab militants, Gen. Thomas Waldhauser, head of U.S. Africa Command, told Congress this month that more flexibility and "timeliness" in decision-making process was necessary.

Approved by Trump on Wednesday, it was hardly the first military expansion.

The Defense Department has quietly doubled the number of American forces in Syria. It has moved military advisers closer to front lines in Iraq, and it has publicly made the case for more troops in Afghanistan.

Venue expansions give region's economy a shot in the arm

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The Palace's growth corresponds to an overall expansion of the tourism industry in Westmoreland County. Travelers here spent \$772.4 million in 2014, according to a study commissioned by the state Department of Community and Economic Development. That's up \$30 million from the prior year.

In Greensburg, a focus on the arts has helped the city grow its tourism base, said Judith Hansen O'Toole, director of the Westmoreland Museum of American Art.

"The city is extraordinarily supportive of the arts, and I don't think that's something you'll find in many small towns in Pennsylvania. And I think that makes a huge difference for all of us," she said.

The last economic impact study of the North Main Street museum found a yearly impact of \$3 million, but it was performed before a two-year, \$38 million expansion that was completed in 2015. Museum officials now estimate the impact at \$4.5 million a year, though a study will be done soon to get a more accurate figure, O'Toole said.

Bigger stars, more stages

The Palace has grown in economic stature by attract-

Tourism dollars

Travelers spent \$772.4 million in Westmoreland County in 2014, the most recent year for which data are available.

Here is a breakdown of that spending:

- \$239.6M, transportation
- \$165.7M, food and beverage
- \$146M, retail
- \$138.6M, recreation
- \$82.5M, lodging

Source: PA Tourism Office

ing more big-name national acts, Langer said.

Smaller shows attract locals who might eat or have drinks at downtown establishments before a concert. But notable performers such as country singer Trace Adkins and comedian Lisa Lampanelli, both of whom are scheduled to perform at the Palace next weekend, turn Greensburg into a destination. And that means more tourism dollars.

"People that come in that situation typically stay a couple of days. They eat all their meals out, they stay in a hotel," Langer said. "And, as you can imagine, those people are more valuable to the local economy than someone who comes and just has dinner and a show."

In 2001, the Palace hosted 73 shows — 23 of which featured national touring artists. In 2015, it held 115 shows, and 74 of those were nationally known.

The theater has attracted visitors from numerous countries and almost every state, Langer said.

Greensburg has more cultural institutions than most cities its size, O'Toole said.

The Greensburg Garden and Civic Center, operated by the cultural trust, hosts the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra and the Greensburg Civic Theatre company. Stage Right theater company holds numerous shows at the Palace each year. Seton Hill University opened its Performing Arts Center in 2009 in the downtown arts corridor and added an Arts Center in 2015.

Still, there's no downtown hotel, and many storefronts remain vacant.

"I know we have a problem with storefronts being empty, but I think we're still working on that, and we're going to crack that," O'Toole said.

The various cultural institutions sometimes have trouble scheduling major events. There used to be a volunteer-run cultural council that would work with city organizations to make sure their schedules didn't conflict, but



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A \$38 million expansion of the Westmoreland Museum of American Art was completed in 2015.

it was disbanded as volunteers lost interest. Now, major events are sometimes scheduled on overlapping dates, competing with each other, O'Toole said.

Sustaining growth

Like the Palace, other local attractions are expanding to vie for a bigger share of tourist dollars, said Anna Weltz, Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau spokeswoman.

Fort Ligonier began a \$13 million expansion last year, and Laurel Mountain ski resort reopened in December after being closed for 11 years.

The largest category for trav-

el spending in Westmoreland County is transportation, which reached \$239.6 million in 2014. That's mostly because of the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity, where passengers more than quintupled from 2011 to 2015 after Spirit Airlines started offering direct flights to destinations such as Orlando.

The number of passengers peaked at 355,910 in 2015 before dipping to 289,382 last year. It's become easier for county residents to travel to distant locales and easier for visitors to come here, said airport Executive Director Gabe Monzo.

"We do it for Florida; they do it for us," he said. "An airplane flies both ways, and that's good for everybody."

Westmoreland, Somerset and Fayette counties are part of the Laurel Highlands region, where travelers spent a combined \$1.8 billion in 2014 — which ranked the region eighth out of 11 across Pennsylvania, according to the state tourism office. Updated tourism-related economic figures are expected to be released in the next few months.

The state's biggest tourist draws are the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Dutch Country Roads regions, each of which brought in more than \$7.5 billion in 2014.

But the local impact shouldn't be underestimated, Weltz said. The state economic study shows tourism supports almost 5,000 jobs in Westmoreland County — and almost 12 percent of the jobs in the Laurel Highlands region.

The Palace will continue to expand as a cultural and economic force for the county, Langer said.

"I think it will continue to play a major role. It has for a while, and I think it will only get better," he said.

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Venezuela reinstates authority of congress

Outcry prompts rare reversal by embattled socialist president

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CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's president and supreme court backed down Saturday from an unprecedented move to strip congress of its legislative powers that sparked widespread charges that the South American country was no longer a democracy.

President Nicolas Maduro asked the supreme court in a late-night speech to review a ruling nullifying the branch of power that set off a storm of criticism from the opposition and foreign governments. The court Saturday reinstated congress' authority.

It was a rare instance of the embattled socialist president backing away from a move to increase his power. Opposition leaders dismissed the reversal as too little too late. They said the clarification issued by the judges only proved again that Maduro controls the courts and there is no longer a separation of powers in Venezuela.

"The dire situation we're living through in Venezuela remains the same. There is nothing to 'clarify' when it comes to respecting the constitution," moderate leader and former presidential candidate Henrique Capriles said.

At the same time, critics celebrated the reversal as proof that cracks are beginning to show in Maduro's control of a country spiraling into chaos, with his approval ratings dipping below 20 percent amid

the worsening economic and humanitarian crisis.

Opposition leaders recast a planned Saturday protest as an open air meeting. Hundreds joined congress members in a wealthy Caracas neighborhood to celebrate the rare victory.

Later, soldiers fired tear gas on activists who attempted to march on government offices downtown and blocked their path with barricades and armored cars. Some of protesters jumped atop the military vehicles and made triumphant gestures.

"It's not clear exactly how wounded the government is. This is the first time since the opposition won the National Assembly in 2015 that they have managed to get the president to reverse a decision. So this is huge," said Javier Corrales, who teaches Latin American politics at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

The revision undoes most of the original court decision but will allow Maduro to enter into joint oil ventures without congressional approval. Supreme court President Maikel Moreno met with diplomats in the morning and warned that the court would not "remain passive" in the face of attacks on the country's right to self-rule.

Maduro issued his instructions to the court after an emergency meeting of the national security council Friday night that was boycotted by congress leaders. The three-hour meeting capped a day in which Venezuela's chief prosecutor and longtime loyalist of the socialist revolution launched by the late President Hugo Chavez broke with the



REUTERS

Gaby Arellano, deputy of the Venezuelan coalition of opposition parties, clashes Saturday with national guards during a rally.

administration and denounced the court ruling. Luisa Ortega said it was her "unavoidable historical duty" as the nation's top judicial authority to decry what she called a "rupture" of the constitutional order.

That statement, and the internal division it exposed for the first time, may have been the most damaging moment.

"It was really perhaps the first sign of public dissent within the ranks. And it was huge that Maduro did not trash her. Maduro must have realized that Ortega was not acting alone," Corrales said.

Small protests popped up around the capital beginning at dawn Friday. Troops from the National Guard fired buckshot and swung batons at students in front of the supreme court, and journalists had cameras seized.

As the country's currency

hemorrhaged value and analysts began to project the beginning of the end of 18 years of socialist rule, Maduro invited congress President Julio Borges to speak with him. But Borges refused, breaking a years-long streak in which the opposition ramps up pressure only to diffuse it by coming to the bargaining table, usually fruitlessly.

Paraguay's leader fires 2 top officials

Interior minister, police chief tossed after capital clashes

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ASUNCION, Paraguay — President Horacio Cartes fired Paraguay's interior minister and top police official on Saturday following the killing of a young opposition party leader and violent overnight clashes sparked by a secret Senate vote for a constitutional amendment to allow presidential re-election.

Dozens of people, including a police officer, were arrested Friday evening as protesters broke through police lines and entered the first floor of Paraguay's legislature, setting fire to papers and furniture. Police used water cannons and rubber bullets to drive protesters away from the

building while firefighters extinguished blazes inside.

Early Saturday, Rodrigo Quintana, 25, was shot and killed at the headquarters of the Authentic Radical Liberal Party, a location away from where most of the protests took place. Anti-riot police, whose heads and faces were covered by helmets, had stormed the opposition headquarters amid the protests.

Before stepping down, police Cmdr. Crispulo Sotelo said the police agent responsible for Quintana's death had been arrested. Later Saturday, Cartes announced that he had accepted the resignations of Sotelo and Interior Minister Miguel Tadeo Rojas.

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Acclaimed Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko dies in Oklahoma

Works took aim at Soviet atrocities under dictator Stalin, others

OKLAHOMA CITY — Acclaimed Russian poet Yevgeny A. Yevtushenko, whose work focused on war atrocities and denounced anti-Semitism and tyrannical dictators, has died. He was 84.

Ginny Hensley, a spokeswoman for Hillcrest Medical Center in the eastern Oklahoma city of Tulsa, confirmed Yevtushenko's death. Roger Blais, the provost at the University of Tulsa, where Yevtushenko was a longtime faculty member, said he was told Yevtushenko died Saturday morning.

Yevtushenko's son, Yevgeny Y. Yevtushenko, said his father died about 11 a.m. and that doctors said he was suffering from stage 4 cancer.

Yevtushenko gained notoriety in

the former Soviet Union while in his 20s, with poetry denouncing Josef Stalin. He gained international acclaim as a young revolutionary with "Babi Yar," the unflinching 1961 poem that told of the slaughter of nearly 34,000 Jews by the Nazis and denounced the anti-Semitism that had spread throughout the Soviet Union.

At the height of his fame, Yevtushenko read his works in packed soccer stadiums and arenas, including to a crowd of 200,000 in 1991 that came to listen during a failed coup attempt in Russia. He also attracted large audiences on tours of the West.

With his tall, rangy body, chiseled visage and declaratory style, he was a compelling presence on stages when reading his works.

"He's more like a rock star than some sort of bespectacled, quiet

poet," said former University of Tulsa President Robert Donaldson, who specialized in Soviet policy during his academic years at Harvard.

Until "Babi Yar" was published, the history of the massacre was shrouded in the fog of the Cold War.

"I don't call it political poetry; I call it human rights poetry, the poetry which defends human conscience as the greatest spiritual value," Yevtushenko, who had been splitting his time between Oklahoma and Moscow, said during a 2007 interview with The Associated Press at his home in Tulsa.

Yevtushenko said he wrote the poem after visiting the site of the mass killings in Kiev, Ukraine, and searching for something memorializing what happened there — a sign, a tombstone, some kind of historical



Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko arrives Jan. 20, 1972, at Kennedy Airport in New York, for a four-week tour of the United States.

marker — but finding nothing.

"I was so shocked. I was absolutely shocked when I saw it, that people didn't keep a memory about it," he said.

It took him two hours to write the

poem that begins, "No monument stands over Babi Yar. A drop sheer as a crude gravestone. I am afraid."

Yevtushenko was born deep in Siberia in the town of Zima, a name that translates to winter. He rose to prominence during Nikita Khrushchev's rule.

His poetry was outspoken and drew on the passion for poetry that is characteristic of Russia, where poetry is more widely revered than in the West. Some considered it risky, though others said he was only a showpiece dissident whose public views never went beyond the limits of what officials would permit.

Dissident exile poet Joseph Brodsky was especially critical, saying, "He throws stones only in directions that are officially sanctioned and approved." Brodsky resigned from the American Academy of Arts and Letters when Yevtushenko was made an honorary member.

Ship's name honors aviator's bid to save fellow

Pilot crashed during Korean battle when comrade was trapped

BATH, Maine — Naval aviator Thomas Hudner watched helplessly as a fellow fighter pilot's plane turned into a death trap after a crash landing behind enemy lines during the Korean War. The injured pilot was pinned in the cockpit, unable to escape from the burning plane.

The lieutenant did the only thing he could to help: He crash-landed his own plane, climbed out and tried to save his comrade, Ensign Jesse Brown.

"What Tom did is one of the greatest feats of bravery in any war," said Adam Makos, who wrote a book about the aviator titled, "Devotion."

The 92-year-old Medal of Honor recipient watched Saturday as the future USS Thomas Hudner was christened during a snowstorm

Saturday at Bath Iron Works in Maine.

The wet and cold spectators included Hudner's wife, Georgea, one of the ship's sponsors, their children and other family members.



Hudner



Brown

Brown's daughter and two brothers were also there. Also on hand were two other Medal of Honor recipients, along with Marine Corps veterans who credited naval aviators for saving their skin during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, where both enemy bullets and brutal cold claimed the lives of Marines.

"Without the fighter pilots, we wouldn't be here today," said John "Red" Parkinson,



The future USS Thomas Hudner, a U.S. Navy destroyer named for Korean War veteran Thomas Hudner, looms over the audience during a christening ceremony Saturday at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine.

a Marine corporal during the battle who commented that Saturday's snowy weather seemed appropriate.

The ceremony celebrated heroism — and friendship.

Brown was the African-American son of sharecroppers in Mississippi who became the first black aviator in the U.S. Navy. Hudner, who's white, was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and son of a well-to-do grocery store owner in Massachusetts. The two squadron mates hit it off

despite their differences.

Fletcher Brown, one of Jesse's brothers, said both men were driven and loved to fly. "From what I know about Tom and what I know about Jesse, they were probably two of a kind. The only difference is one was wealthy and one was a cotton picker," he said.

There was no happy ending, however.

Neither Hudner nor the crew of a rescue helicopter could free Brown despite tak-

ing an ax to the plane. Brown lost consciousness.

"An aviator is calculating by nature and all he had to do was look around to know he wasn't coming home. That's when he glanced up at me and said his last words, 'Just tell Daisy how much I love her,'" Hudner said before the event, referencing Brown's wife.

Brown's remains were never found.

A Navy frigate was named for Brown in 1973.

Songwriter Dylan finally gets his hands on his Nobel

Small ceremony passes prize to controversial laureate

STOCKHOLM — Bob Dylan finally has his hands on his Nobel Literature diploma and medal.

Klas Ostergren, a member of the Swedish Academy, said the 75-year-old American singer-songwriter received his award during a small gathering Saturday afternoon at a hotel next to the conference center where Dylan was performing a concert later that night.

Ostergren told The Associated Press that the ceremony was a small, intimate event in line with the singer's wishes, with just academy members and a member of Dylan's staff attending.

"It went very well indeed," he said, describing Dylan as "a very nice, kind man."

Other members of the academy told Swedish media that Dylan seemed pleased by the award.

During his show hours later, Dylan made no reference to the Nobel award, simply performing a set blending old classics with tunes from his more recent albums.

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Rivers surge suddenly, kill scores in Colombia

Floodwaters precipitated by intense rains hit small city as residents sleep

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BOGOTA, Colombia — An avalanche of water from three overflowing rivers swept through a small city in Colombia while people slept, destroying homes, sweeping away cars and killing at least 193 unsuspecting residents.

The incident triggered by intense rains happened about midnight in Mocoa, a provincial capital of about 40,000 tucked between mountains near Colombia's southern border with Ecuador.

Muddy water and debris quickly surged through the city's streets, toppling homes, ripping trees from their roots and carrying them downstream. Many of the residents did not have enough time to climb on top of their roofs or seek refuge on higher ground.

According to the Red Cross, 202 people were injured and 220 were believed to be missing. President Juan Manuel Santos declared a state of emergency Saturday and said the death toll will likely rise but warned against speculating how many people are dead.

Eduardo Vargas, 29, was asleep with his wife and 7-month-old baby when he was awakened by the sound of neighbors banging on his door. He quickly grabbed his family and fled up a small mountain amid the cries of people in panic.

"There was no time for anything," he said.

Vargas and his family huddled with about two dozen other residents as rocks, trees and wooden planks ripped through their neighborhood below. They waited there until daylight, when members of the military helped them down.

When he reached the site of his home Saturday, he found nothing but rocks and mud. "Thank God we have our

lives," he said.

As rescuers assessed the scope of the damage, many residents continued a desperate search for friends and relatives.

Oscar Londono tried in vain throughout the night to reach his wife's parents, whose home is along one of the flooded rivers. He decided it was too dangerous to try to reach them in the dark. So he called over and over by phone but got no answer.

Once the sun began to rise, he started walking toward their house but found the streets he usually takes missing.

When he reached the neighborhood where his in-laws live he found "just mud and rocks." Rescue workers with the military oriented him toward the mountain, where he found his relatives camped with other survivors.

"To know they were alive," he said, "it was a reunion of tears."

Santos said at least 22 people were seriously injured and being airlifted to nearby cities, as the small regional hospital in Mocoa struggled to cope. Herman Granados, an anesthesiologist, said he worked throughout the night on victims, cleaning wounds. He said the hospital doesn't have a blood bank large enough to deal with the number of patients and was quickly running out of its supply.

Some of the hospital workers came to help even while their relatives remained missing.

The Red Cross planned to set up a special unit in Mocoa to help relatives find loved ones.

Santos blamed climate change for the avalanche, saying the rainfall in one night was almost half the amount Mocoa normally receives in March. With the rainy season in much of Colombia beginning, he said authorities need to redouble their efforts to prevent a similar tragedy.



The avalanche, triggered by intense rains, happened about midnight in Mocoa, a provincial capital of about 40,000.



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Trump advisers richer than previous White House officials

Divestitures of some conflicts of interest already resolved

WASHINGTON — President Trump's son-in-law and daughter are holding onto scores of real estate investments — part of a portfolio of at least \$240 million in assets — while they serve in White House jobs, according to new financial disclosures.

The revelations about Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump were part of a massive White House release of financial disclosure forms Friday night for dozens of its top administration officials.

Kushner, Trump's senior adviser, resigned from some 260 entities and sold off 58 businesses or investments that lawyers identified as posing potential

conflicts of interest, the documents show.

But lawyers for Kushner and in the Office of the White House Counsel, in consultation with the Office of Government Ethics, determined that his real estate assets, many of them in New York City, are unlikely to pose the kinds of conflicts that would trigger a need to divest.

"The remaining conflicts, from a practical perspective, are pretty narrow and very manageable," said Jamie Gorelick, an attorney who has been working on the ethics agreements for Kushner and Ivanka Trump.

Kushner began selling off the most problematic parts of his portfolio shortly after Trump won the election, and some of those business deals predate

what is required to be captured in the financial disclosure forms. For example, Kushner sold his stake in a Manhattan skyscraper to a trust his mother oversees. Kushner, Ivanka Trump and their three minor children have no financial interest in that trust, his lawyer said.

Top officials in the Trump White House tend to be far wealthier — and therefore more entangled in businesses that could conflict with their government duties — than people in previous administrations.

Trump's chief strategist, Steve Bannon, disclosed assets between \$13 million and \$56 million, including his influential political consultancy, Bannon Strategic Advisors Inc., worth as much as \$25 million.



Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, hold in excess of \$240 million of assets, according to a required federal disclosure.

One of the wealthiest members of the Trump administration — aside from the billionaire business owner president himself — is Gary Cohn, who left a top position at Goldman Sachs to become Trump's chief economic adviser.

His disclosure shows he received at least \$40 million in income from Goldman Sachs-

related dividends, interest, salary and bonuses, about half of which was in some form of stock compensation.

The financial disclosures — required by law to be made public — give a snapshot of the employees' finances as they entered the White House. What's not being provided: the Office of Government Ethics agreements

with those employees on what they must do to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

Those documents will not be disclosed, White House lawyers said, although the public will eventually have access to "certificates of divestiture" issued to employees who are seeking capital gains tax deferrals for selling off certain assets.

Senate heads for showdown on Supreme Court

GOP appears prepared to use 'nuclear option' to confirm Gorsuch

WASHINGTON — The Senate is headed for a tense showdown over President Trump's Supreme Court nominee that could have far-reaching consequences for Congress, the high court and the nation.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his Republicans are determined to confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch within the week. But to do so, they will likely have to override Democratic objections and unilaterally change Senate rules so that Gorsuch can be confirmed with a simple majority in the 100-seat chamber, instead of the 60-voter threshold.

about the Senate by not changing the rules," Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York told The Associated Press, referring to McConnell.

As of now, Gorsuch claims support from 54 senators — the 52 Republicans, along with two moderate Democrats who are up for re-election in states Trump won, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota. One by one, most of the other Democrats have lined up against Gorsuch, citing his rulings in favor of corporations or his vague answers during his confirmation hearings. Though Democrats remain a handful shy of the 41 votes that would be required to mount a filibuster and trigger a rules change, it is the widely expected outcome.

"I remain very worried about our polarized politics and what the future will bring, since I'm certain we will have a Senate rule change that will usher in more extreme judges in the future," Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said Friday as she became the latest Democrat to announce plans to join the filibuster against Gorsuch.

Gorsuch, 49, has served more than a decade as a federal appeals court judge based in Denver. He is mild-mannered but deeply conservative, in the mold of the justice he would replace, Antonin Scalia, who died in February 2016.

McCaskill and other Democrats have pointed out that while Gorsuch's confirmation won't change the ideological balance of a court that will be likely to split 5-4 on important cases, that could be what happens next as liberal justices age along with Justice Anthony Kennedy, 80, who often acts as a swing vote.

Republicans argue that the filibuster has almost never been used against a Supreme Court nominee and they are right; even Clarence Thomas got onto the court without a filibuster, despite highly contentious confirmation hearings over sexual harassment claims.

Though it may seem arcane, the approach is known on Capitol Hill as the "nuclear option," because it strikes at the heart of the Senate's traditions of bipartisanship and collegiality.

It would allow all future Supreme Court nominees to be confirmed without regard to the objections of the minority party. And senators of both parties say that proceeding with the rules change could ultimately lead to complete elimination of the minority party's ability to block legislation via filibuster; one of the few remaining mechanisms that force bipartisan cooperation in Congress.

"Once you go down this path it's awful easy just to keep going, and that is not a good thing," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., a senior lawmaker.

Nevertheless, Republican senators are fully prepared to take the step, blaming Democrats for forcing them into it by preparing to filibuster a well-qualified nominee.

And Democrats are just as ready to push the GOP to pull the trigger, even as they argue that McConnell and Republicans will have only themselves to blame.

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LAWMAKERS' 'SLUSH FUND'

Its time has passed

State lawmakers' \$118 million "reserve" could help with Pennsylvania's projected multibillion-dollar budget shortfall. Often called a "slush fund," it's less than fully accountable to taxpayers.

And lawmakers didn't tap it during the last, nine-month budget impasse, making its continuing existence even harder to justify.

Legislative leaders maintain that their reserve buttresses separation of powers, ensuring that the Legislature can operate even if a budget-battling governor cuts off normal funding. Yet during the last impasse, PennLive notes, House and Senate Republicans

and Senate Democrats instead borrowed money and House Democrats instead got a Treasury advance, undercutting that rationale.

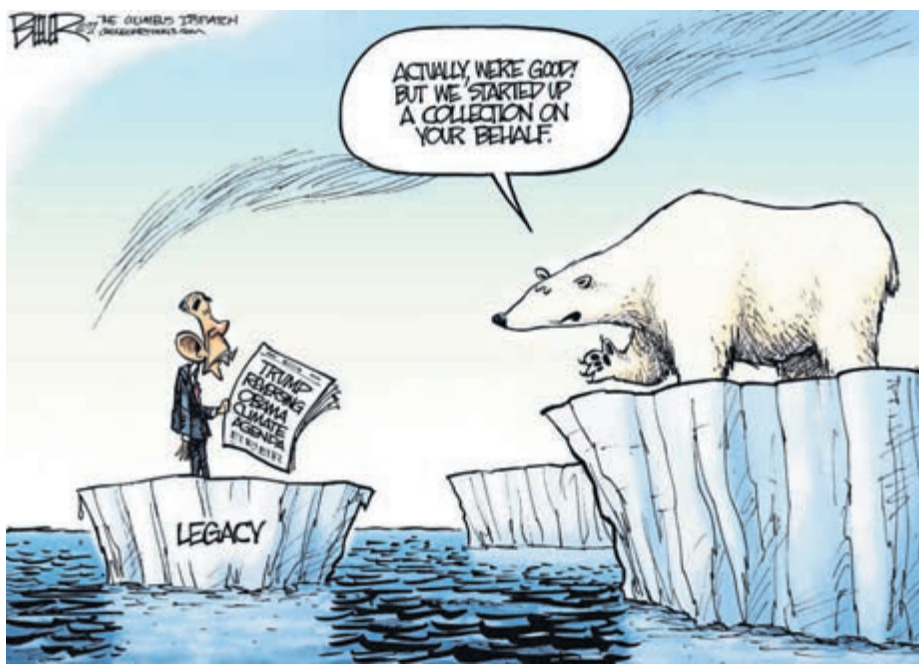
The reserve is audited annually by an outside firm hired by the Legislature. State Auditor General Eugene DePasquale said he would love to do an independent audit but can't, telling The Philadelphia Inquirer "it would take a statute." Essentially, the Legislature makes sure that only it audits its own "slush fund" — despite that fund consisting of unspent taxpayer dollars from prior legislative budgets.

Even if it's accurate, self-accounting by the Legislature breeds suspicion. That suspicion would be side stepped with implementation of Rock the Capital activist Eric Epstein's idea: Return unspent legislative money to the general fund, where it would help close Pennsylvania's yawning budget gap. But if you think the Legislature's going to OK that voluntarily, perhaps you'd be interested in buying Harrisburg's Market Street Bridge.

The Legislature makes sure that only it audits its own "slush fund."

Sunday pops

The Westmoreland County Republican Committee endorsing county-office candidates for the first time is good news for voters. With 42.5 percent of registered voters in a county where Democrats held a 2-to-1 advantage a decade ago, the GOP now can ensure two-party competition. That means more choices at the polls and greater ballot-box accountability for officeholders. It's a sharp contrast with Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, where Dems continue to dominate. But whichever party holds sway, one-party rule's never healthy for the body politic. ... **Regarding the "ransomware" cyber-attack** on state Senate Democrats' computer system, Minority Leader Jay Costa, D-Forest Hills, told *Philly.com* last week what he told Trib editors and reporters during a March 17 sit-down: Instead of paying hackers ransom to unlock its data, his caucus has been using cellphones and laptops while Microsoft rebuilds its desktop computers — and won't need any additional money to repair the damage. Seems that one way or the other, ransomware attacks end up being costly for their targets. ... **As if the political landscape** wasn't strange enough already, The Oregonian reports that a "Portland Anarchist Road Care" group patched a few potholes, per the group's Facebook page, "to squash perceptions that anarchists only break windows and block roads. ... (A)narchists do not desire chaos, we desire freedom and equality." So now, anarchists are spinning themselves as constructive contributors to society. Time to scan the skies for flying pigs.



LETTERS

Silence disheartening

I wanted to comment on the story "Ex-Penn State President Graham Spanier guilty of 1 count of child endangerment" (March 25 and TribLIVE).

I understand there are legal reasons for not testifying on one's own behalf, but Spanier's silence was disheartening. The ex-president of Penn State University had the opportunity to "clear the air" about decision-making with respect to the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal. He chose instead to be silent — not taking the witness stand — while two other convicted officials, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, offered testimony for the prosecution.

For a leader of higher education to remain silent showed either arrogance or fear — or perhaps a bit of both.

Both Spanier's lack of words and his cold stare spoke volumes to child sexual-abuse victims everywhere — and not in a reassuring way. This may have been a legal maneuver, but for a leader of higher education to remain silent showed either arrogance or fear — or perhaps a bit of both.

We may never know the entire truth of this inexcusable chapter in Penn State history, but these three convictions —

along with Sandusky's — may hopefully help pave a smoother road for the victims' recovery process.

Nothing can change what happened, but it is clear that silence is not the right path in stopping and solving the child sexual-abuse epidemic in this country and around the world.

George Aul
Belle Vernon

The writer is a 2008 graduate of Penn State.

Wind rural booster

Wind energy boosts rural American economies in unmatched ways, although you wouldn't know that from Robert Bryce's commentary "Realistic energy options: The answer isn't blowing in the wind" (March 26 and TribLIVE).

Ninety-nine percent of wind farms and their economic benefits go to rural areas, often among the country's lowest-income counties. Farmers and ranchers get \$245 million a year in lease payments for hosting turbines, and wind has attracted more than \$140 billion of private investment in the last decade.

The taxes that wind projects pay help rural towns fix roads, pay teachers and buy ambulances while reducing other citizens' taxes.

And in Pennsylvania, thousands of workers have wind-related jobs, many at the state's 26 factories that build wind-related parts and materials.

"It's helping us survive and maintain services," Iowa farmer Michael Nolte told a Bloomberg reporter last year. A 2016 Pew poll found 83 percent of Americans support more wind power.

That means Nolte's view isn't the exception; it's the rule.

Greg Alvarez
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Vouchers & growth

School voucher systems could meet local needs.

There are over 2,000 jobs (not minimum-wage jobs) not filled in the Pittsburgh area because the workforce does not have basic skills that manufacturing jobs need.

Many K-12 public schools are not teaching "the three Rs" and how to use them on the level needed for training to function on the job. How can you fill the many new jobs needed in the future when you can't fill the present jobs?

Since many public schools are not doing the job using our tax money, it should go to the schools that are trying to teach these skills.

This lack of education hampers job growth and manufacturing growth, which can slow economic growth.

Dave Bastl
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The writer is chairman of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

PETER MORICI

Entitlements & tough choices

President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to dramatically roll back the frontiers of government — but will likely fall short because of their lack of candor and finesse.

Steve Bannon's "deconstructing the administrative state" is great for rallying troops in an electoral campaign. But it's terrible politics when translated into a ham-handed budget that slashes too much that is worth preserving and avoids tough choices about entitlements.

Trump's repeated promise to replace ObamaCare with something better, less-expensive and terrific becomes empty when juxtaposed against the American Health Care Act, which would have raised insurance costs for many low-income, rural and older citizens. It would have created new subsidies for families earning more than \$98,400 a year, and offered little encouragement to control the cost for drugs and basic health services.

CNN profiling little old ladies

Entitlement spending and interest on the national debt will consume virtually all federal tax revenue by 2027.

who would lose their Meals on Wheels, and the Congressional Budget Office finding that millions of Americans would go without health care coverage — not necessarily by choice but because the AHCA would have pushed premiums out of reach — are not products of the media's left-leaning biases.

Democrats get elected by delivering new and bigger entitlement programs, from Medicaid to ObamaCare — and by sending to the states federal largess that permits governors and mayors to dole out patronage without having to tax to pay for them.

Entitlement programs often reward undeserving beneficiaries; for example, the millions of men ages 25 to 54 who neither work nor seek employment but can qualify for food stamps and free health care.

Republicans campaign to generally scale back government but rarely take aim at federal largess that benefits their particular constituents.

Without any changes in existing programs, entitlement spending and interest on the national debt will consume virtually all federal tax revenue by 2027. Then Washington will have to raise taxes to levels that absolutely cripple business and growth, let wither the military and vital civilian services or impose draconian cuts on Social Security and assistance to the truly needy.

Entitlements and interest on the debt already consume about two-thirds of the \$4 trillion in federal spending, with defense and discretionary spending approximately

splitting the balance.

Much of what the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Education and other agencies spend represents federal regulatory overreach. However, slashing the State Department, medical and other research and development support is senseless when the nation faces challenges from ISIS, China's growing power and escalating international economic competition.

The president's budget should have plainly stated that the nation can no longer afford to subsidize the indolent along with the truly needy while neglecting defense and handicapping the legitimate civilian functions of a global power.

The Trump document fails to address the tough choice before the nation — expect less of government or the country will simply go bust.

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PAUL KENGOR

71 gender options: Oh, boy!

The newest project by the progressive left is transgenderism. Like their reinventions of marriage and family and sexuality, leftist human-nature redefiners are now remaking gender in their own image — many genders. Many, many, many genders.

To that end, I must warn them: Be careful, liberals, because you don't seem to have given much thought about the newest slippery slope, the latest can of worms you're opening. Like the inherent problem of the redefinition of marriage, once you try to kick down absolute standards for gender, you open the floodgates to all sorts of novel reconfigurations that even the most "open-minded" liberals will be uncomfortable endorsing.

In the case of gender, consider the ideological crazy house that is New York City, where city employees now have the option of choosing from a minimum of 31 different gender identities. In categorizing oneself, New York City employees are free to fluidly fluctuate among various male-female combinations and derivations. It's a fascinating thing, really. You can change your gender identity not merely once or twice or a handful of times, but you can keep changing it over and over, daily if you'd like, or even hourly — and the government will legally support you in your whims and fancies.

Selections include not just "transgender" but "pangender" and a myriad of other possibilities. There is also the PC-esque choice, "Person of Transgender Experience."

In responding to this biological madness, a city official confirmed to The Daily Caller that the panoply of gender identities are all protected by the city's anti-discrimination laws and added that the current list posted online is "not exhaustive."

Indeed, why would it be exhaustive? Like progressivism, transgenderism is in a state of constant evolution. New York's merry liberals are generously allowing lots of room for yet new gender forms that a person is apparently free to create for himself, herself or (better) oneself.

As for New York-based businesses that do not accommodate the "gender" choice, they risk six-figure fines under rules established by the city's Commission on Human Rights. In fact, if you dare not refer to a transgender person by his or her preferred pronoun, regardless of the person's XX or XY chromosomal reality, there are a bunch of angry New York progressives who would fine you and shut you down — in the name of "tolerance" and "diversity," of course.

Facebook lists more options than New York City does, and even those generous options remain (inevitably) in a constant state of flux. Facebook has at various times in the last two years listed 51 gender options, 53, 56, 58 and 71. The list, too, is fluid.

Of course, it is. I ask liberals in all seriousness, and I want them to seriously consider an answer: Which gender options among the lists of 51, 53, 56, 58 or 71 are invalid? Which are illegitimate?

Will you say? Can you say? Who's to say, eh? And therein is the inherent problem. Once you begin messing with absolutes, and everything becomes relative, then everything and anything is deemed possible.

Paul Kengor's latest book is "Takedown: From Communists to Progressives, How the Left Has Sabotaged Family and Marriage."

Play ball!

Baseball numbers aren't difficult. But this quiz might be, says George W. Will

Sportswriter: "You hit only two home runs all last year and already you've hit seven this year (1969). What's the difference?"
Reds outfielder Alex Johnson: "Five."

WASHINGTON
See? Baseball numbers aren't difficult. But be precise: As players say after a close play, "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." And don't be discouraged if some questions stump you. As Phillies manager Danny Ozark said in 1976, "Even Napoleon had his Watergate." And as Brewers manager Harvey Kuenn said after losing the 1982 World Series to the Cardinals, "We're going to hang our heads high." Now, name the player or players who:

- 1) Had 297 three-hit games and only one three-strikeout game.
 - 2) Struck out only 23 times in 474 at bats against Hall of Fame pitchers.
 - 3) Batted .415 in 94 at-bats against Greg Maddux.
 - 4) Had at least 100 hits from both sides of the plate in a season.
 - 5) Has the lowest career batting average among players with 3,000 hits.
 - 6) Are the three players who each had an OPS (on-base percentage plus slugging percentage) above 1.000 in their final season.
 - 7) Are the four pitchers with more than three Cy Young awards.
 - 8) Are the seven starting pitchers with two seasons with a sub-0.9 WHIP (walks and hits per innings pitched).
 - 9) Are the three hitters to have at least 40 home runs and 100 walks in a season before turning 23.
 - 10) Have the three best OPS seasons at age 20 playing at least 100 games.
 - 11) Are the four hitters with more than 500 home runs and 600 doubles.
 - 12) Has the best stolen-base percentage with at least 500 steals.
 - 13) Was the Hall of Famer who won three MVPs and finished second four times.
 - 14) Was the youngest 20-game winner.
 - 15) Set the rookie record for strikeouts.
 - 16) Holds the record for most extra-base hits by a third baseman in a single season.
 - 17) Among pitchers in the live ball era (post-1920) with at least 900 innings, had the lowest opponents' batting average and most strikeouts per nine innings.
 - 18) Is the only player in the top 10 all time in runs, hits, home runs, RBI, total bases and extra-base hits.
 - 19) Is the pitcher with the most strikeouts in his first 100 major league games.
 - 20) Is the only first baseman to have 40 home runs and 30 stolen bases in a season (he did it twice).
 - 21) Are the three pitchers with six seasons with at least 200 strikeouts and no more than 175 hits.
 - 22) Had the longest hitting streak by a catcher.
 - 23) In 1930, hit .386, had 250 hits, hit 40 home runs and drove in 170 but led the league in none of these four categories.
 - 24) Had a higher batting average than Joe DiMaggio's .408 during DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak in 1941.
 - 25) Was the MVP in two consecutive All-Star games.
 - 26) Were the two to win rookie of the year, MVP and Cy Young awards (not all in the same season).
 - 27) Lost no-hitters with two outs in the ninth inning in consecutive games.
 - 28) Is the only player to finish first or second in MVP voting in his first five full seasons.
 - 29) Are the five center fielders elected to Cooperstown in their first year of eligibility.
 - 30) Has the most World Series hits.
- Bonus question:** Which broadcaster said, "Ozzie Smith just made another play that I've never seen anyone else make before, and I've seen him make it more than anyone else ever has"? Hint: He also said, "There's a fly ball to deep center field. Winfield is going back, back. He hits his head against the wall. It's rolling toward second base."

- Answers:**
- 1) Tony Gwynn
 - 2) Tony Gwynn
 - 3) Tony Gwynn
 - 4) Garry Templeton (1979), Willie Wilson (1980)
 - 5) Cal Ripken (.276)
 - 6) Ted Williams, Barry Bonds, Shoeless Joe Jackson
 - 7) Roger Clemens (7), Randy Johnson (5), Steve Carlton (4), Greg Maddux (4)
 - 8) Cy Young, Mordecai Brown, Ed Walsh, Christy Mathewson, Sandy Koufax, Greg Maddux and Clayton Kershaw
 - 9) Mel Ott (1929), Eddie Mathews (1954), Bryce Harper (2015)
 - 10) Mel Ott (1.084), Alex Rodriguez (1.045), Ted Williams (1.045)
 - 11) Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Albert Pujols, David Ortiz
 - 12) Tim Lincecum
 - 13) Stan Musial
 - 14) Dwight Gooden (1985, age 20)
 - 15) Dwight Gooden
 - 16) Nolan Arenado (89)
 - 17) Billy Wagner
 - 18) Hank Aaron
 - 19) Yu Darvish
 - 20) Jeff Bagwell
 - 21) Pedro Martinez, Nolan Ryan, Clayton Kershaw
 - 22) Benito Santiago (34 games)
 - 23) Chuck Klein
 - 24) Ted Williams (.412)
 - 25) Mike Trout
 - 26) Don Newcombe, Justin Verlander
 - 27) Dave Stieb
 - 28) Mike Trout
 - 29) Ty Cobb, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Kirby Puckett, Ken Griffey Jr.
 - 30) Yogi Berra (71)
- Bonus answer:** Jerry Coleman, of course.

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Former Vice President Joe Biden takes selfies with the audience after an emotional speech against sexual assault on college campuses at the University of Pittsburgh's Petersen Events Center last April.

ACADEMIA'S SEXUAL ABUSE DYSFUNCTION

In sexual assaults, some students are guilty until proved innocent, according to K. C. Johnson & Stuart Taylor Jr.

After a wave of activism created a frenzy over campus sexual assaults, the Obama administration twice rewrote federal rules governing how allegations must be handled at colleges and universities. In response to this movement, too many schools have adopted procedures that force accused students to turn to the courts for any hope of justice.

In particular, since 2011, when the Department of Education reinterpreted Title IX to require that sexual assault cases be judged by a "preponderance of the evidence" — a lower burden of proof than is used in criminal cases — more than 100 accused students have sued their schools. In most of these recent cases, the colleges have lost, as they should have.

Our examination of court records shows how the new mandates and procedures amount to a *de facto* presumption of guilt. It also shows that colleges are at best incapable of adjudicating allegedly criminal conduct — and at worst hopelessly biased.

The recent cases can be divided into two groups. In the first are colleges that considerably broadened the definition of sexual assault and, in some instances, applied the new definition to students who did not violate the rules in place at the time of their alleged misconduct.

In 2015, Brown University broadened its definition to treat as sexual assault any "manipulation" that is followed by sex. The school then disciplined a male student for having violated this provision in 2014. As a Rhode Island judge, William Smith, observed in 2016, the vague provision could make a rapist of a male student who gave flowers to a female student before the two students had consensual sex.

In another case that ultimately went to court, Western New England University found a student guilty of violating a new "affirmative consent" rule — which defines anything other than "a clear, knowing and voluntary consent to any sexual activity" as equivalent to a "no" — that the school had adopted six weeks after his alleged misconduct.

'Fairness' for the accused

The second group includes schools that violated their procedures, which were unfair to begin with. In one case, James Madison University allowed an accuser to provide an appeals board with new evidence without giving the accused a chance to respond, even though he had been found not guilty by his initial hearing panel. The appeals board overturned the original decision without checking whether the accuser's new evidence might be misleading or irrelevant. (It was both.) The finding was set aside in December 2016 by a district judge, Elizabeth Dillon, who said that "no reasonable jury" could find the process fair.

That same month, an Oregon judge, Curtis Conover, found that the University of Oregon had denied an accused student — who had passed four polygraph tests — a chance to counter the school's

A system in which accused students get fair outcomes only by bringing expensive lawsuits — a recourse that many cannot afford — is a deeply flawed one.

claim that inconsistencies in his accuser's story had resulted from trauma.

The most important of the recent decisions came last July, from the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City. A three-judge panel made it easier for accused students to prove that their colleges' disciplinary processes amount to discrimination against males and thus violate Title IX. Even if the university in the case was not motivated by anti-male animus, Judge Pierre Leval wrote for the panel, a "university that adopts, even temporarily, a policy of bias favoring one sex over the other in a disciplinary dispute, doing so in order to avoid liability or bad publicity, has practiced sex discrimination."

Epidemic a myth

Campus sexual assault is a serious problem, and evidence suggests that some accusers have indeed been treated unfairly by institutions in recent years, as many were in decades past. But the so-called epidemic is a myth. The best available crime statistics, based on face-to-face surveys of a large number of people at their homes by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, indicate that sexual assault dropped by more than half from 1997 to 2013. Even if many victims are not candid with bureau surveyors, as some analysts suggest, it would not affect the validity of rape rate comparisons from year to year.

The vast majority of schools we studied now use procedures that stack the deck against accused students. A system in which accused students get fair outcomes only by bringing expensive lawsuits — a recourse that many cannot afford — is a deeply flawed one. Not only should the Department of Education scrap these federal mandates, but sexual assault allegations should be handled by the same police and prosecutors who deal with all other serious crimes.

K.C. Johnson and Stuart Taylor Jr. are co-authors of "The Campus Rape Frenzy: The Attack on Due Process at America's Universities." They wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

JOSEPH SABINO MISTICK

Showing he's bungler in chief

After all the big talk, all the chest-thumping and fist-pumping, all the promises and intimidation, Donald Trump's "The Art of the Deal" has turned out to be the "The Art of the Schlemiel."

"Schlemiel" does more than just conveniently rhyme with "deal." It is also one of those singular words that can replace an entire paragraph, describing someone who clumsily fails, a habitual bungler. Things rarely go his way.

And, so far, that describes Trump's experience at governing. From his ill-conceived Muslim travel bans to his colossal failure to replace ObamaCare, and the Russian quicksand from which he cannot escape, Trump has bungled one thing after another.

Behind it all is the common misconception that government can be run like a business, and it would be easier if that were true.

Trump, once a powerful CEO perched atop the corporate pyramid, could rule by fiat in business. He usually had to please no one but himself and a small group of directors and investors.

But government is different from business in many ways. And what works in Trump Tower is sure to fail in the White House.

Not one of the three equal branches of government prevails over the others, which must come as a shock to a former corporate CEO. Trump has already met more than his match in Congress and the courts, mostly because he did not account for the Constitution.

Compromise, not required in business, is essential to government. As Colin Powell said, "just as they did in Philadelphia when they were writing the Constitution, sooner or later, you've got to compromise. You've got to start making the compromises that arrive at a consensus and move the country forward."

Obvious efficiencies in business, where profit is a proper goal, are often not possible in government, where the rights and values of everyone must be taken into account. Government must serve all the people, not just those who are profitable to serve.

And in government, there are no boardroom confidences or business secrets. Everything government does will eventually see the light of day. Traditional journalists wield just one of the microscopes under which government business is conducted.

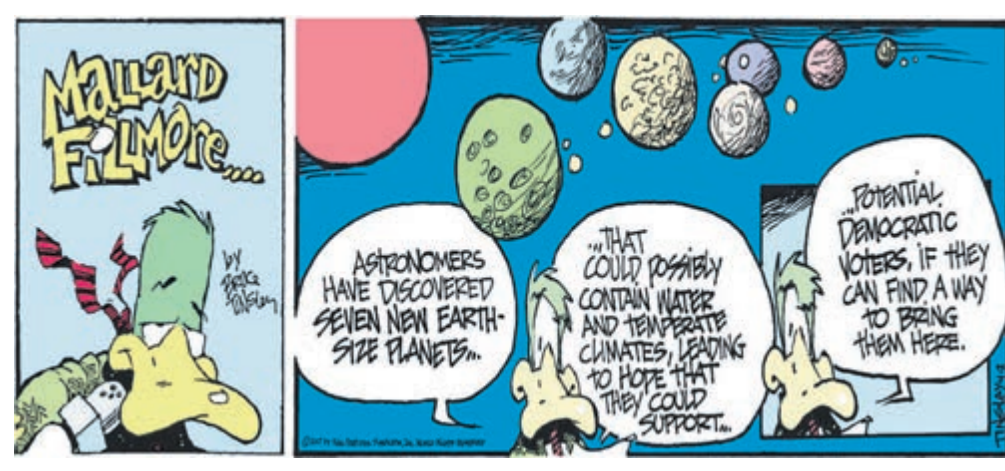
Statutes requiring transparency and protecting whistleblowers have become ingrained in our public culture. Social media, cellphone cameras and computer searches have turned every citizen into an investigative reporter. In government, everything is challenged and opposed by someone.

Trump seemed to realize the complexity of governing, at least for a moment, during his brief run at repealing ObamaCare. As if he had experienced a startling revelation, he exclaimed, "It's an unbelievably complex subject. Nobody knew health care could be so complicated."

Well, all of it is complicated. The budget, tax reform, infrastructure, immigration, the environment, jobs, civil rights, education, housing — they all need a serious approach. And Trump can get a good start on all of this by permanently removing his book "The Art of the Deal" from the White House library.

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MALLARD FILLMORE



\$4.24M verdict in Pennsylvania gas drilling lawsuit tossed

New trial ordered in lawsuit over well water contamination

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A federal judge has thrown out a \$4.24 million jury verdict against one of the largest natural gas producers in Pennsylvania and ordered a new trial in a lawsuit alleging Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. contaminated

the well water of two families.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Martin Carlson on Friday set aside the verdict reached a year ago by a jury in Scranton, saying the evidence presented by the Dimock homeowners "was sparse, sometimes contradictory, frequently rebutted by other scientific expert testimony, and relied in some measure upon tenuous inferences."

Carlson also said the plaintiffs presented no evidence that would justify

a multi-million dollar award.

The judge, however, declined to decide the case in favor of the company and, instead, ordered a new trial. He said that before any trial, the parties should have settlement discussions with the aid of another judge.

Dimock was the scene of the most highly publicized case of methane contamination to emerge from the early days of Pennsylvania's natural-gas drilling boom. Dozens of plaintiffs

settled with Cabot in 2012, but two families opted to take their case to trial.

The rural community and its fight against fracking, a method used by drilling companies to extract oil and gas from underground rock, also was featured in the Emmy-winning 2010 documentary "Gasland."

Cabot hailed the judge's Friday decision, saying in a statement that it had been confident that "once a thorough review of the overwhelming scientific

evidence and a full legal analysis of the conduct of the plaintiffs' counsel would be understood."

Dimock residents first reported in 2008 that water from their faucets turned cloudy, foamy and discolored, and it smelled and tasted foul. Homeowners, all of whom had leased their land to Cabot, said the water made them sick with symptoms including vomiting, dizziness and skin rashes.

NATION

GEORGIA

Repeat offender charged with arson in overpass fire

ATLANTA — A man charged with arson Saturday in the raging fire that collapsed part of Interstate 85 north of downtown Atlanta has been arrested more than a dozen times, mostly on drug charges.

Jail records show that Basil Eleby has been arrested repeatedly since 1995. Accused of starting the fire below the elevated highway, Eleby now faces charges of first-degree arson and first-degree property damage.

Sophia Bruner and Barry Thomas, both charged with criminal trespass, were arrested along with Eleby on Friday.

"We believe they were together when the fire was set and Eleby is the one who set the fire," Deputy Insurance Commissioner Jay Florence said.

Florence would not discuss how the fire was started or why, saying those details would be released as the investigation progresses.

MARYLAND

Record-breaking coin auction fetches \$106.7M

BALTIMORE — A rare 1804 silver dollar fetched almost \$3.3 million dollars in what officials say is a record-breaking coin collection auction.

A five-part sale of the D. Brent Pogue coin collection that ended Friday netted a total of almost \$106.7 million.

The five auction events were held over the past two years by Stack's Bowers Galleries of Santa Ana, Calif., in conjunction with Sotheby's in Baltimore.

Friday's final auction yielded about \$21.4 million, including the 1804 dollar, an 1811 half cent that brought \$998,750, and a 1793 Liberty Cap cent that sold for \$940,000, making it the most valuable circulated cent ever sold.

NEW YORK

Ford recalling 53,000 trucks that can roll away

NEW YORK — Ford is recalling 53,000 2017 F-250 trucks because they can roll away even when they are parked due to a manufacturing error.

Ford says drivers should use the parking brake to make sure that parked cars don't move.

Dealers will also replace the defective part for free, but Ford doesn't have the replacement parts yet. It will notify owners when the parts are available.

The recalled trucks have 6.2-liter engines. They were built at a Kentucky plant from October 2015 through Thursday and sold in North America.

The company says it is not aware of accidents or injuries due to this defect.

FLORIDA

Buzz Aldrin to take flight with the Thunderbirds

MELBOURNE — Astronaut Buzz Aldrin will take flight once again, this time with the world-renowned Thunderbirds at the Melbourne Air and Space Show in Florida on Sunday.

Aldrin was the second man on the moon, piloting the Apollo 11 and following Neil Armstrong onto the lunar surface in 1969. Now 87 years old, the retired Air Force colonel will be the oldest person to fly with the Thunderbirds, known for their rigorous physical requirements.

His flight comes as the Air Force celebrates its 70th year.

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SPORTS



Kuhl likes being part of young guns

Pirates starter on youthful staff: 'It's really awesome'

BY SEAN FARRELL

MONTREAL — Chad Kuhl is in good company as he gets ready for his first major league opening day Monday at Fenway Park.

Kuhl, Jameson Taillon, Tyler Glasnow and Trevor Williams made their major league debuts with the Pirates last season. Kuhl, Glasnow and Taillon now make up three-fifths of the starting rotation, and Williams breaks camp as a long reliever.

"It's really awesome," Kuhl said after his final spring training outing in a 6-4 loss to Toronto on Saturday at Olympic Stadium. "These guys, you see them all the way up through the system. You saw (Steven) Brault and Glass from high-A on up, and Trevor coming in and having that kind of special year last year actually staying in the big leagues. So I know that's something really special for all of us, and I'm really excited to see how good we can do."

Kuhl, who will start the finale of the three-game series Thursday

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Hard work ahead for new Pirates coaches

Team was subpar in most baserunning stats last year

BY CHRIS ADAMSKI

BRADENTON, Fla. — Kimera Bartee never will forget the day early this spring when he packed his belongings for the drive across Bradenton from Pirate City to LECOM Park. It signified that, for the first time as a coach, he'd advanced to the major leagues.

"It was a little emotional," Bartee said a few weeks later, "to be honest with you."

For Joey Cora, being promoted to the big league staff was also emotional — but for a different reason.

This season will be Cora's 10th as a major league coach, so his sentiment isn't so much associated with being part of MLB as it is with what MLB team he's joining.

"The difference here is because it's the Pittsburgh Pirate, and being Puerto Rican, that means a lot," Cora said. "That's different. It's a different feeling because of Roberto Clemente. He always will be the

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Kiski Area's Woods leads Denver 'D'

North Vandergrift native began coaching in 1992 at Division III program

BY DOUG GULASY

Joe Woods never fretted about his coaching trajectory, even as his work took him to nearly a dozen stops in more than two decades.

The North Vandergrift native and Kiski Area graduate kept plugging away as a defensive backs coach, leading talented secondaries and working for and alongside some of the most well-

known coaches in college and the NFL. But he never established a set goal.

So when new Denver Broncos coach Vance Joseph hired Woods as defensive coordinator in January to replace Wade Phillips, Woods took it in stride. "My whole process in coaching has been just try to be the best coach you can be at your position," said

Woods, 46, who previously served as Broncos' defensive backs coach. "So my whole focus, my whole coaching career was to be the best defensive back coach I could be, and then if I was afforded an opportunity to become a defensive coordinator, that'd be the next step in my career.

"Basically 26 years later, the opportunity presented itself to me, and I didn't feel like it was too long of a wait or it didn't happen fast enough. I felt like for me, at this point in my career, it was the right place and right team."

A 1988 Kiski Area graduate who played cornerback and safety at Illinois State, Woods began coaching at Division III Muskingum University in 1992.

Woods was all over the map for more than two decades. He spent one spring as linebackers coach at Northwestern State (La.) and

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FLEURY



MURRAY



ABOVE AND UPPER LEFT: CHAZ PALLA | TRIBUNE-REVIEW; BELOW LEFT: AP

IT TAKES TWO

Pens benefit, not suffer, from goalie mix

BY JONATHAN BOMBULIE

In one sense, the Penguins' goaltending situation this season has been rife with drama.

Marc-Andre Fleury is a veteran cornerstone of the franchise, beloved by much of the fan base for his decade-plus of meritorious service to the black and gold. Matt Murray is the talented up-and-comer who put a Stanley Cup ring on his finger before he celebrated his 23rd birthday.

There's only one net, and it's not big enough for the both of them.

See what happens next on *As The Puck Turns*.

Strip away the soap-opera style theatrics, however, and one decidedly less sexy storyline remains: The tandem of Murray and Fleury has worked out pretty well for the Penguins this season.

"We believe we have the best goaltending tandem in the league," coach Mike Sullivan said.

Sullivan might be a bit biased toward

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DUAL-POWERED

NHL teams with two goalies who have won 18 or more games this season (through Friday):

Penguins: Matt Murray 29, Marc-Andre Fleury 18

Ducks: John Gibson 23, Jonathan Bernier 19

Blackhawks: Corey Crawford 32, Scott Darling 18

Senators: Craig Anderson 22, Michael Condon 19

Flames: Brian Elliott 26, Chad Johnson 18



Gonzaga's Przemek Karnowski dunks between South Carolina's Chris Silva (left) and Sindarius Thornwell in the second half. Karnowski had 13 points and five rebounds.

FINAL FOUR: GONZAGA 77, SOUTH CAROLINA 73

Zags hold off South Carolina to reach final

Big men Karnowski, Collins combine for 27 points, 18 rebounds

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GLENDALE, Ariz. — Nigel Williams-Goss scored 23 points, Gonzaga's big men combined for 27 and the Bulldogs used some last-second strategy for a 77-73 victory over South Carolina on Saturday in a matchup of first-time Final Four teams.

The Bulldogs' 7-footers, senior Przemek Karnowski and

freshman Zach Collins, took care of things on both ends of the court, combining for 18 rebounds. Collins also had six blocks.

Gonzaga (37-1) will face the winner between North Carolina and Oregon in the national championship game Monday night.

"To be playing the last game of the year, that's crazy cool," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said.

Williams-Goss missed a shot with 12.7 seconds left, and South Carolina rebounded and called a timeout trailing

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75-72. South Carolina passed the ball around, and Gonzaga fouled Sindarius Thornwell with 3.5 seconds left. He made the first and missed the second on purpose. Killian Tylie rebounded for Gonzaga, was fouled and made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left to seal the win.

"We had been practicing it all year, and we always want to foul under 6 (seconds). I thought the guys did a great job," Few said. "Josh Perkins did a job being really patient and not fouling on the shot. The second part is you've got to get the rebound, and that's what's been difficult for us at times. They executed great."

Williams-Goss, a second-team All-American, led the Bulldogs to a 14-point lead in the second half but it disappeared quickly as the Gamecocks (26-11) went on a 14-point

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TERRIFIC 10 • 2017 GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

BY BILL BECKNER JR.



SIMON BEHR
FRANKLIN REGIONAL
6-5, SR., FORWARD
Traditional post player (12 ppg, 8 rpg) helped Panthers reach WPIAL, PIAA playoffs. Shot 63 percent from field. Hit winning shot to upset Moon, 52-51, in PIAA first round.



JAKE BISS
LATROBE
6-2, SR., GUARD
One of WPIAL's top point guards guided high-scoring Wildcats (76.3 ppg) to WPIAL 6A quarters, PIAA first round. Averaged 13 points, 6.5 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals.



ANTHONY DELLEFEMINE
NORWIN
6-2, SR., GUARD
High-intensity guard led Knights at 14.3 points per game. Also provided 2.6 assists, 2.5 rebounds and often drew opponents' top defenders.



MACKENZIE AUNKST
PENN-TRAFFORD
5-7, JR., GUARD
Scrappy defender led Warriors in scoring (9.5 ppg) and FG percentage (47), and set school record for fewest turnovers by a point guard — 5-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.



MICHELLE BURNS
HEMPFIELD
5-5, SR., GUARD
Helped lead Hempfield (14-10) to WPIAL playoffs for 16th straight season and PIAA playoffs, in first season in Class 6A. Slowed by a foot injury, put up 15.0 points, 5.0 assists.



LAURA GRAYTOK
LATROBE
5-7, JR., GUARD
Led Westmoreland County girls in scoring at 21.6 ppg and averaged 3.5 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 4.0 steals. Division I prospect has 1,037 career points.



BEN HERTZOG
GREENSBURG C.C.
6-2, SR., GUARD
Integral part of Greensburg Central Catholic's undefeated regular season and postseason run to WPIAL 2A semifinals and PIAA quarters. Averaged 14.4 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists.



NEAL McDERMOTT
GREENSBURG C.C.
6-2, SR., GUARD
Had breakthrough season for Centurions (25-1) with 19.4 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals a game. Part of senior group with 72 wins, three section titles, 10 playoff wins.



MARVEL MCGOWAN
GREENSBURG SALEM
6-0, JR., GUARD
Averaged 19.5 points and shot 50 percent from field. Also put up 3.6 rebounds, 3 assists, 2.3 steals. Had 34 points against Blairsville, 32 against Franklin Regional.



TOMMY PISULA
SOUTHMORELAND
6-2, SR., GUARD
Mt. Aloysius recruit returned from knee injury to help Scotties reach WPIAL 3A quarters. Had 1,043 points in three seasons. Averaged 18.3 points, 7.4 rebounds, 3.1 assists.



MIKE POMPEI
JEANNETTE
6-0, SR., GUARD
Streaky go-to scorer helped lead Jayhawks (12-13) to WPIAL, PIAA 2A playoffs. Posted 16.9 points, 3.0 assists, 1.5 steals. Finished with 1,023 career points.



BRANDON STONE
SOUTHMORELAND
6-11, JR., GUARD/FORWARD
Division I prospect led Scotties to WPIAL quarterfinals for first time since 1987. Averaged 25.3 points and 11.4 rebounds, and blocked 2.5 shots. Has 1,199 career points.



BRITTANY STAWOVY
GREENSBURG C.C.
5-7, SR., GUARD
Led Centurions to 17th straight playoff trip and another deep run. Averaged 15.2 points, 7.1 rebounds, 5.1 steals, 4.7 assists. Scored 1,121 career points.



OLIVIA PORTER
SOUTHMORELAND
5-8, SR., GUARD
Had one of top all-around seasons in county: 20.8 points, 4.2 rebounds, 4.5 steals, 2.2 assists a game. Finished with 1,353 career points, second on school's scoring list.



HALEY MOORE
GREENSBURG C.C.
5-8, SR., GUARD
Emerged as scoring threat for Centurions (19-6), who reached WPIAL Class 2A semifinals and PIAA second round. Put up 14.4 points, 8.3 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 2.4 assists a game.

BEST IN WEST



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AUSTIN BUTLER
LATROBE, 6-4, SR., GUARD

Some call him "AB." Others know him as "Buzz." For this purpose, Austin Butler's title remains Westmoreland Tribune-Review Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

The Latrobe senior repeats as the county's top player after leading the WPIAL in scoring at 30 points per game and propelling the Wildcats (19-5) to the WPIAL Class 6A quarterfinals and a return trip to the PIAA playoffs.

Senior Neal McDermott of Greensburg Central Catholic and Southmoreland junior Brandon Stone also were considered for the honor.

Butler, known for his deep-range shooting, attacked the basket more this season and presented defensive challenges for every team he faced. The 6-foot-4 guard broke the boys' school scoring record and finished his career with 1,905 points.

He also averaged 6.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals.

The Holy Cross recruit no doubt will be remembered as one of the best players — and all-around athletes — to come out of Latrobe.

How will Latrobe fans remember you?

I think I left my mark. But I couldn't have done it without the best coach in the WPIAL, coach (Brad) Wetzel, and great teammates. I felt I did all I could.

How important was it to have your dad, Eric, as an assistant coach, and brother, Bryce, as a teammate?

It was a privilege and something I am very appreciative of. My dad has always been my coach. Getting to pass it to my brother and have him score was something special.

Where do the nicknames come from?

"AB" has kind of always been there but has died down of late. "Buzz" started my sophomore year of football.

ABI GABAUER
NORWIN, 5-9, SR., GUARD/FORWARD

Before every game this season, after warmups, Abi Gabauer dashed across the court to greet her father, Tim, for a pregame fist-bump.

"He always sits first row, in the middle," said Gabauer, a senior at Norwin. "It meant so much to us as I continue to build my story."

And what a story it has become for the Westmoreland Tribune-Review Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

Gabauer missed her sophomore season with a torn ACL and saw minimal playing time last season on a team that repeated as WPIAL Quad-A champions.

And then, this season, "I came out of nowhere," she said.

An all-around player and scene-stealer, she helped uphold program tradition as she assumed a leadership role and guided the Knights (17-6) back to the WPIAL playoffs in the new 6A classification.

Laura Graytok of Latrobe, Greensburg Central Catholic's Brittany Stawovy and Olivia Porter of Southmoreland also were considered for player of the year.

Gabauer led Norwin in scoring (15 ppg), rebounds (7 rpg) and 3-point percentage (35), and often was the best defender on the floor.

She has committed to Division II West Virginia Wesleyan.

How will you be remembered at Norwin?

For my determination and preparing myself to be a great leader. Never expect anything.

What did it mean to be around for the title runs?

I really enjoyed being around those girls over the years. They taught us so much, and I tried to present that to the younger girls.

What is your favorite sport to play, other than basketball?

I always enjoyed volleyball, and I played softball. Wiffle ball with my brother. I love to lift. I am always in the weight room.

MEGAN KALLOCK
GREENSBURG SALEM
5-6, SO., GUARD

Scored 19.7 points per game for the Golden Lions (10-13), who made WPIAL 5A playoffs. Had three games of 30 or more points. Also 3.9 rebounds, 2.6 steals, 2.4 assists.



DANIELLE McMASTER
NORWIN
5-8, SR., GUARD/FORWARD

Lone returning starter from two-time WPIAL champs was senior leader who averaged 13 points, 4.0 steals, 2.0 assists for Knights (17-6).



OLIVIA MILLER
LIGONIER VALLEY
5-9, SR., GUARD/FORWARD

Do-it-all senior forward averaged 18.7 points, 10.3 rebounds and was one of best players in District 6. Also contributed 2.6 steals and 1.6 blocks for the Rams.

WESTMORELANDSPORTS

Woods leads 'D' in Denver

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eight years as Minnesota Vikings defensive backs coach.

"From when I started and was a Division III coach at Muskingum all the way to where I am right now, it's all really been enjoyment because I'm doing what I want to do, what I love to do, and that's coach football," Woods said. "From that standpoint, it hasn't been anything where I look back on my career as drudgery. It was really more of a learning experience every spot I was at."

Woods can name-drop some of the most famous coaches in the country, from Ohio State's Urban Meyer — his special teams coach at Illinois State — to Notre Dame's Brian Kelly, whom he worked for at Division II Grand Valley State. He considers Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, whom he coached with in Tampa Bay and Minnesota, a close friend.

"All the different coaches I've encountered or worked with throughout my career all had an impact on who I am as coach," Woods said.

Woods came to Denver in 2015 and led the Broncos' "No Fly Zone" secondary the past two seasons. With Pro Bowl cornerbacks Chris Harris Jr. and Aqib Talib and Pro Bowl safeties Darian Stewart and T.J. Ward, Denver led the NFL in pass defense in 2015 and '16 — a run that included a victory over the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50.

"Keeping Joe Woods as a coordinator was vital," Joseph said in a January news conference. "He was a guy who had opportunities to take other interviews, but he wanted to be here. I wanted to Joe here. Joe's been a secondary coach here for two years. They've been first in pass defense the past two years. All four (starting defensive backs) have made (at least) one Pro Bowl under Joe, so keeping that system intact was very important to our defensive success moving forward."

Woods said his biggest task in his first season as defensive coordinator is improving the Broncos' run defense, which ranked 28th last season.

"The position coach always has their position they look over and manage, that they're responsible for," he said. "For me now, it's just a responsibility of me getting the whole defense to play at a high level. It really comes down to making sure we're on the same page from a players' standpoint, just making sure those guys are doing their job, executing and playing hard. And then for me personally, making sure from a game-plan standpoint that I'm doing my best to put those guys in the right position."

Woods returned to Western Pennsylvania last summer, bringing a replica of the Lombardi Trophy to Kiski Area High School. He calls winning the Super Bowl a "surreal experience," one he hopes to have again.

"The pieces are here," he said. "There's some things we need to clean up. That's a process you go through every year. But from our front to our linebackers to the secondary, with the additions we've made in free agency and the additions we'll make in the draft, we should be able to play at the same level and even play better than we have the last two years."

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Olivia Cindrich, a member of the Steel City Selects U16 team, played for Carrick, which reached the PIHL Division II final.

Girls hockey on the upswing

Western Pennsylvania program set to compete in national tournament

BY JERIN STEELE

Sara Gargasz once was a figure skater, but after watching her brother participate in a youth hockey program, she asked her dad if she could try the sport, and she got permission.

When a team Katie Hill's older brother Jonathan played for needed a goalie, she got equipment and became part of the team.

Mira Rolin wanted to play football but felt she was too short. So she tried dek hockey and eventually made her way to the ice.

The path to hockey was different for all three of them, but they all led to the same place: Steel City Selects, a Pittsburgh-based girls hockey program.

As members of the Steel City Selects 19-and-under team, they hope to bring home the program's first national championship.

For the second consecutive year, Steel City Selects is sending three teams — 19U, 16U and 14U — to the USA Hockey Girls Tier II National Championship from April 6-10 in Troy, Mich.

Twelve teams in each age group participate at nationals.

All of the girls on the three Steel City Selects teams are from Western Pennsylvania.

Hill is a Freeport grad and a freshman at Butler County Community College. Rolin is a junior at Latrobe, and Gargasz is a junior at Seneca Valley. They have been to nationals before and placed third two years ago. With experience in their corner, they are hoping for more.

"We all work pretty well as a team, and each time we go back to nationals, we are a little bit more mature," Hill said. "All of us are real excited to make a name for Steel City again at nationals."

Gargasz and Rolin have been on a line with Jayda Mears all season, and it has produced results. Gargasz has a team-high 48 goals. Mears has 27 goals and 20 assists, and Rolin has 10 goals and 21 assists.

The trio started playing together

in the summer during minicamp and quickly built chemistry, which is what they credit for the gaudy numbers.

"I have an amazing line I play with, and we work for every goal as a team," Gargasz said. "Yeah, it shows that I have a lot of goals, but my linemates have a lot of assists, and the assists are just as important."

Rolin said, "All of us work so well together. We personally know each other so well. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses, which makes working with each other so much easier. It works out so nicely. We motivate each other, and we know exactly where each other is going to be."

Hill sports strong numbers in goal with 10 shutouts, including a pair at the Mid-Am District Championships on March 18-19 in Cleveland, which the 19U team won to clinch its spot at nationals. She has a 1.98 goals-against average and .929 save percentage.

Steel City Selects president Eileen Granata said interest in girls hockey continues to increase, and there are plans to add a 12U team next year.

"There are more opportunities out there for girls now," Granata said. "From a collegiate standpoint, the NCAA and the colleges have added a good 20 to 30 teams in the U.S. for girls hockey, and with the NWHL making its debut last year and having the All-Star game in (Cranberry) this year, even more girls are getting interested in hockey."

When Hill and Gargasz started playing, there were not many girls youth teams. Both are excited to see the upward trend for the sport.

"It's exciting to have the girls hockey community growing," Hill said. "When I was just starting out, there weren't really any 16U or 14U teams. So I was playing on a 19U team when I was 9. I grew up playing on several boys teams just to play on a team because there really wasn't any girls teams around. It's cool to see all the girls coming up and now there are 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U teams."

Steel City Selects' 16U team clinched its spot at nationals with a 9-0 win over the Cincinnati Lady Sabrehawks and a 3-0 win over the Gilmour Gladiators. Goalie Madison Barker, who played for Indiana in the PIHL Class A finals, had the

shutout against Gilmour and shared the shutout against Cincinnati with Lindsey Scott, an Adams Township native.

Several players on the 16U girls experienced nationals last year as part of the 14U team and are looking forward to another opportunity.

"It was a lot of fun. There were a lot of good hockey players there from around the nation," said 16U defenseman Amara Marrese, a freshman at South Fayette. "We got to meet some new teams and got to make new friends from different places. The thing I'm most excited for this year is the competition. I'm looking forward to playing some harder teams and trying to win something big."

Marrese, 13, said the team looks up to Olivia Cindrich, who played for Carrick, which reached the PIHL Division II finals this season.

"Our coach really didn't assign a captain. But as a team, we look at Olivia as our captain," Marrese said. "She takes responsibility and makes sure we do the right things and playing well as a team. She might not have a 'C' on her jersey, but I like to think of her as a captain."

The 14U team is made up of all first-year players in the program. They received an automatic bid as the only team out of the Mid-Am District but have played top teams in various tournaments, including the Nova Ice Dogs, its first opponent at nationals.

"It's a really great opportunity for us," said 14U captain Kylie Vetere, an 8th grader from Bethel Park. "I hope we can win a couple of games, and I can bond with the girls some more."

Vetere, 14, is a center, and her line consists of Naomi Caparelli, a Pittsburgh native, and Isabelle White of Seven Fields. Vetere has been playing hockey for three years and sometimes gets a surprised reaction from friends at school when she tells them what sport she plays.

"Most of the time they're like 'You? You play hockey?' Because I'm wearing a dress at school," Vetere said. "It's just one transition from a classic lady to an aggressive hockey player."

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RANKINGS

Baseball

Class 6A

Team Record

1. Pine-Richland	5-0
2. Norwin	2-0
3. Plum	3-0
4. Peters Township	4-0
5. Butler	1-1

Class 5A

1. Latrobe	2-1
2. Montour	0-1
3. North Hills	5-0
4. West Allegheny	4-0
5. Franklin Regional	0-0

Class 4A

1. Blackhawk	4-0
2. South Park	5-1

3. Knoch	0-1
4. South Fayette	1-0
5. Belle Vernon	2-1

Class 3A

1. Riverside	2-1
2. Steel Valley	4-1
3. Avonworth	1-0
4. Mt. Pleasant	0-1
5. Burrell	1-2

Class 2A

1. Serra Catholic	4-0
2. OLSH	3-0
3. Neshannock	2-2
4. California	2-1
5. Shenango	2-2

Class A

1. Vincian Academy	1-1
2. Greensburg C.C.	0-0
3. Sewickley Academy	1-0
4. Rochester	0-2

5. Jeannette	0-1
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Softball

Class 6A

1. Hempfield	3-0
2. Shaler	1-0
3. Canon-McMillan	0-0
4. Latrobe	1-1
5. Baldwin	2-1

Class 5A

1. West Allegheny	1-0
2. Penn-Trafford	1-1
3. Franklin Regional	3-2
4. Thomas Jefferson	2-1
5. Moon	1-0

Class 4A

1. Yough	2-1
2. Mt. Pleasant	0-0
3. Belle Vernon	4-0
4. Central Valley	1-0

5. Beaver	2-1
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Class 3A

1. Ellwood City	1-0
2. South Park	2-0
3. Deer Lakes	1-0
4. Freeport	3-0
5. Burrell	1-1

Class 2A

1. Chartiers-Houston	5-0
2. Laurel	2-0
3. CW North Catholic	1-2
4. Shenango	2-0
5. Serra Catholic	0-1

Class A

1. West Greene	4-0
2. Carmichaels	1-0
3. Leechburg	1-1
4. Monessen	2-0
5. Sewickley Academy	1-1

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

Saturday's results

Ripken Experience tournament at Myrtle Beach
Cumberland Regional, NJ 12, Valley 2
Deer Lakes 12, Cumberland 1, 5 inn.
Hopewell 12, Valley 1
Peters Township 8, Padua Franciscan, Oh. 5
Nonsection
Ellwood City 2, Beaver 0
Seneca Valley 1, Chartiers Valley 0
Fort Cherry at West Allegheny, ppd.
Shaler 4, Mt. Lebanon 1
Shenango 13, Rochester 3

LACROSSE

BOYS

Saturday's results
Nonsection
Penn-Trafford 12, South Fayette 6

GIRLS

Saturday's results

Nonsection

Shaler 8, Latrobe 5
Rugby
Saturday's results
Nonconference
Kiski Valley 34, Central Catholic 31

SOFTBALL

Saturday's results

Ripken Experience tournament at Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
Waynesburg 10, St. John Villa Academy, N.Y. 0
Ripken Experience tournament at Myrtle Beach
Cambridge Springs 6, Carmichaels 5
Carmichaels 13, St. John Villa Academy, N.Y. 1
Granville, Ohio 10, Burgettstown 0
Lake Center Christian, Ohio 8, Upper St. Clair 4
Nonsection

Belle Vernon 10, Ligonier Valley 0
Chartiers Valley at Canon-McMillan, ppd.
Ellwood City at Neshannock, ppd.
Howland, Ohio at North Allegheny, ppd.
Laurel Highlands at University (n)
Mohawk at Hickory, ppd
New Brighton at Rochester, ppd.
Seneca Valley 10, Montour 5
Steel Valley 10, West Mifflin 9
West Mifflin 15, Steel Valley 9
Saturday's summary
WPIAL
Nonsection
Belle Vernon 10, Ligonier Valley 0
Ligonier Valley000-00-0-2-2
Belle Vernon.....021-52-10-14-2
WP: Bailey Parshall LP: Jane Garver 2B:
LV: Lexie Petrof. BV: Kourtney Gavortola,
Alex Sokol, Jordan French. HR: BV: Jordan French.

VOLLEYBALL

BOYS

Saturday's results

Derry Tournament

Preliminary round

Penn-Trafford 1, Central Martinsburg 0
Norwin 1, Montour 0
Shaler 1, Latrobe 0
Derry 1, Deer Lakes 0
Beaver County Christian 1, Huntingdon 0
Fox Chapel 1, Altoona 0
Penn-Trafford 1, Penn Hills 0
Pine-Richland 1, Forrest Hills 0
Quarterfinals
North Allegheny 1, Norwin 0
Shaler 1, Derry 0
Beaver County Christian 1, Fox Chapel 0
Penn-Trafford 1, Pine-Richland 0
Semifinals
Shaler 1, North Allegheny 0
Penn-Trafford 1, Beaver County Christian 0
Finals
Penn-Trafford 1, Shaler 0
To report scores, call 1-888-748-8742.

Augusta's 9th tests players

Unusual layout makes hole pivotal in final round of Masters

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Jordan Spieth might have found a new way to finish the front nine at the Masters.

It was during a practice round one year that Spieth reached the tee on the 460-yard ninth hole and noticed an opening in the trees left of the tee. It was large enough to consider going down the first fairway. He figures he has tried this unconventional route a half-dozen times.

"In practice rounds and times I've just been messing around, there's a hole where you can go down 1, and it gets all the way to the flat," Spieth said. "And then the angle into the green, it's just tier-tier-tier."

He said this while chopping his hand from left to right. From the ninth fairway, the tiers on the diagonal green stack front to back. Spieth figures if he can put his tee shot far enough down the first fairway, it would be a straight shot over two bunkers.

So what's the problem? "Obviously, if one person does it, there will be a new tree there," Spieth said with a laugh. "Every time I've tried it, when I've been with members, they've said, 'Don't let the chairman see you.'"

The ninth hole at Augusta National can be a pivotal part of the Masters' final day. The conventional way to play the hole is to drive to the bottom of the hill, a slight dogleg to the left even as the terrain moves to the right. From there, it typically is a short iron up the hill to a three-tiered green that slopes sharply to the front. Two deep bunkers are to the left of the green.

The contours are so severe that it is not unusual to see players putt from 20 feet with their backs to the hole.

"I think the ninth hole is a relatively awkward golf hole," six-time Masters champion Jack Nicklaus said. "It's a dangerous little hole. It's a scary little hole."

And it's where Tiger Woods nearly missed the cut at Augusta National. It was 2003, with Woods going for an unprecedented third straight Masters, when he came to No. 9 (his last hole of the second round) needing par to make the cut on the number. He sprayed his drive to the right, under a tree. He hit a waist-high shot under a branch and into the left bunker, and then blasted out 3 feet above the hole.

"That putt," Woods said at the time, "was either going in or going off the green."

The ninth might also be the hole that ended Nick Faldo's career at the Masters. He referred to the approach No. 9 requires as a "classic Augusta second shot." It's typically a downhill lie, with the ball below the player's feet, meaning the contact must be clean. And it didn't help when a new tee was built 30 yards back. Faldo's last year playing the Masters was in 2006, and he couldn't get to the bottom of the hill.

"I sat on the hill with my boy, Matthew, on the bag," Faldo said. "I said, 'Matthew, I can't hit this green. ... And that made my decision. I stood on the ninth hole and said, 'I haven't got the game for this golf course anymore.'"



Three-time Masters winner Nick Faldo said struggles on the ninth in 2006 told him he no longer could compete at Augusta.

AROUND THE NHL

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Montreal	44	24	9	97	214	190
Ottawa	41	26	9	91	197	199
Boston	42	30	6	90	225	205
Toronto	37	24	15	89	233	222
Tampa Bay	38	29	9	85	215	213
Florida	33	34	11	77	201	227
Buffalo	32	33	12	76	193	221
Detroit	31	34	12	74	192	229
Metropolitan Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Washington	51	18	8	110	251	176
x-Columbus	49	20	8	106	237	177
x-Penguins	47	19	11	105	263	219
x-N.Y. Rangers	46	26	6	98	248	210
Carolina	35	27	14	84	202	214
N.Y. Islanders	36	29	12	84	224	235
Philadelphia	37	32	8	82	206	225
New Jersey	27	36	14	68	175	226

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Chicago	50	21	7	107	237	199
x-Minnesota	45	25	8	98	249	199
x-St. Louis	42	28	7	91	215	203
Nashville	40	27	11	91	230	213
Winnipeg	36	35	7	79	233	247
Dallas	31	35	11	73	207	244
Colorado	21	53	3	45	152	259
Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	42	23	12	96	206	190
x-Edmonton	43	25	9	95	228	198
x-San Jose	43	28	7	93	210	194
x-Calgary	44	30	4	92	217	210
Los Angeles	37	33	7	81	187	189
Vancouver	30	38	6	69	173	225
Arizona	28	41	9	65	188	250

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot
RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Friday's games
Penguins 4, N.Y. Rangers 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 2, New Jersey 1
Chicago 3, Columbus 1
Calgary 5, San Jose 2
Colorado 2, St. Louis 1 (SO)
Los Angeles 2, Vancouver 0
Arizona 6, Washington 3

Saturday's games
Boston 5, Florida 2
Nashville 3, Minnesota 0
Toronto at Detroit (n)
New Jersey at Philadelphia (n)
Dallas at Carolina (n)
Montreal at Tampa Bay (n)
Ottawa at Winnipeg (n)
Anaheim at Edmonton (n)
Today's games
Boston at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
Carolina at Penguins, 5 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Monday's games
Ottawa at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

SUMMARIES

SATURDAY'S GAME

BRUINS 5, PANTHERS 2

Florida	0	2	0	- 2
Boston	1	2	0	- 5

First Period—1, Boston, Acari 2, 17:03. **Penalties**—Jokinen, FLA, (high sticking), 4:08; Acari, BOS, (hooking), 10:16; Sceviour, FLA, (tripping), 13:16.

Second Period—2, Florida, Vanek 17 (Sceviour, Bjurstad), 1:38, 3, Boston, Bergeron 19 (Pastnak, Chara), 7:56, 4, Florida, Jaeger 16 (Marchessault, Yandle), 9:53 (pp), 5, Boston, Krejci 23, 14:30.

Penalties—Carlo, BOS, (interference), 8:31; Marchand, BOS, (holding), 10:26; Petrovic, FLA, (roughing), 17:01.

Third Period—6, Boston, Marchand 39 (Pastnak, Spooner), 18:16 (pp), 7, Boston, Bergeron 20, 19:48. **Penalties**—K.Miller, BOS, (interference), 1:06; Vanek, FLA, (high sticking), 17:53.

Shots on goal—Florida 3-10-13—26, Boston 13-10-6—29.

Power-play opportunities—Florida 1 of 4; Boston 1 of 4.

Goalies—Florida, Berra 0-4-0 (28 shots-24 saves). Boston, Rask 36-20-4 (26-24).

A—17,565 (17,565). **T**—2-32. **Referees**—Gord Dwyer, Frederick L'Ecuyer. **Linesmen**—Brad Kovachik, Brian Murphy.

FRIDAY'S LATE GAME

PENGUINS 4, RANGERS 3 (SO)

Penguins	0	2	1	0	- 4
N.Y. Rangers	0	1	2	0	- 3

Penguins won shootout 2-0.
First Period—None. **Penalties**—Zibanejad, NYR, (high sticking), 16:15; Kreider, NYR, (tripping), 18:37.

Second Period—1, Penguins, Guentzel 12 (Kessel, Crosby), 0:39, 2, Penguins, Crosby 43 (Sheary, Hainsey), 10:46, 3, N.Y. Rangers, Holden 11, 19:33 (pp). **Penalties**—Holden, NYR, (holding), 1:49; Streit, PIT, (tripping), 18:09.

Third Period—4, Penguins, Rust 14 (Cole), 6:46, 5, N.Y. Rangers, Nash 23 (Miller, Girardi), 8:50, 6, N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 27 (Holden, Miller), 19:48. **Penalties**—Schultz, PIT, (interference), 12:30.

Overtime—None. **Penalties**—None.

Shootout—Penguins 2 (Kessel G, Crosby G), N.Y. Rangers 0 (Zibanejad NG, Zuccarello NG).

Shots on goal—Penguins 15-9-8-3—35, N.Y. Rangers 8-12-10-3—33.

Power-play opportunities—Penguins 0 of 3; N.Y. Rangers 1 of 2.

Goalies—Penguins, Murray 29-10-4 (33 shots-30 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 30-18-4 (35-32).

A—18,006 (18,000). **T**—244. **Referees**—Eric Furlatt, Ghislain Hebert. **Linesmen**—Scott Cherrey, Greg Devorski.



GETTY IMAGES

Marc-Andre Fleury (left) has won 18 games this season, and Matt Murray has won 29.

Dual goalies lift Pens

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his own guys, of course, but it's not an outrageous claim.

As a team, the Penguins rank in the top 10 in the league in save percentage. They're one of five NHL clubs with two goalies who have won at least 18 games. They're one of four teams with two goalies who rank among the top 20 in the league in high-danger save percentage.

A case could be made that the goalie tandems for the Blackhawks, Rangers or Ducks have been better this season, but the Penguins pair is in the conversation.

"It's been great for us," goaltending coach Mike Bales said. "Both guys have played really well. Both guys have had stretches where they haven't, but that's normal. You can look around the league, and even if it's a traditional 1-2 set-up, that happens. That's just goaltending. Guys go through certain times of year when they're better than others. It's nice when you have two guys."

There were a few stretches this season where having two guys wasn't just nice for the Penguins. It was a necessity.

When Murray was out with a broken hand in October and a

lower-body injury in January, Fleury went 8-3-1. When Fleury wasn't on top of his game throughout January and February, Murray went 10-5-2.

The team avoided lengthy slumps because one goalie was there to pick up the other.

"At first, I thought it was a little bit harder not playing every night, not being in net every night," Fleury said. "It feels like it took me a little bit to find ways to make sure I was sharp every night going in. After that, it's been going all right. We're winning games. We're battling for the first spot in the league."

Given that Murray almost certainly will be handed the ball to run with in the playoffs, and that Fleury likely will move on after this season because of the roster upheaval born of June's expansion draft, there's a chance Sunday's game with Carolina will be Fleury's final home start in a Penguins jersey.

The concept of having two goaltenders who plausibly could be referred to as No. 1 on the depth chart, however, might be around much longer.

Former NHL goaltender Brian Boucher, an analyst for the NBC Sports Network, said having two high-end goalies is more important

than it ever has been.

"Here's the thing," Boucher said. "It's a hard league now. The parity in the league, night after night, the pressure that these goalies are under, the margin for error is very small. It can wear on a goaltender. The physical aspect is difficult, the games and the condensed schedule, but it's the mental side for goalies that's really hard. When you have another guy that can go in there and play games for you, it's huge."

"To me, at the end of the day, having both Fleury and Murray here is a home run."

Bales said also is easier than ever before to roster a pair of high-end goalies.

Thanks to better instruction and a new breed of goaltender that believes working on the craft is an integral part of the job, the depth of quality players at the position continues to grow.

"If you go back 20 years ago, the gap between the No. 1 goalie in the league and the No. 60 goalie was significant. Now, it's not as big as it used to be," Bales said. "You can afford to play the other guy more and keep both guys fresh."

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PENGUINS NOTEBOOK

Kunitz joins lengthy list of injured

BY BILL WEST

Another of the Penguins' tenured members has ended up on the list of those injured with vague timetables for return.

Chris Kunitz missed Saturday's practice at PPG Paints Arena with a lower-body injury. The specifics of his condition, including when he might recover, remained unknown, coach Mike Sullivan said. He said the veteran winger underwent evaluation as he spoke.

Winger Josh Archibald, who has appeared in five games this season, received another call-up from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton to replace Kunitz.

Kunitz adds to a collection of ailing Penguins that includes two other members of the 2009 Stanley Cup team, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang, as well as more recent additions Carl Hagelin, Trevor Daley and Olli Maatta.

The status of Letang, out since Feb. 25 with an undisclosed injury that Sullivan described as "complicated" earlier this season, continues to leave fans anxious. Malkin, out since March 17 with an upper-body injury, undoubtedly raises the Penguins' level of talent to a new echelon, but Letang represents a cog unlike any other on the depth chart.

Earlier this week, Sullivan confirmed his confidence in Letang's chances of returning for the start of the playoffs.

"It holds true until somebody tells us otherwise," Sullivan said Saturday. "He's obviously been going through a rehab process. We're hopeful that he's making progress. Until a course of action changes otherwise, that's how we see it. ... The nature of his injury is that it's been a week-to-week thing that they're trying to manage. We'll go from there."

Ron Hainsey also missed the Penguins' practice to take a maintenance day, Sullivan said.

Bank and trust

Sidney Crosby made Henrik Lundqvist his latest bank-shot victim when he slung a puck off of the New York netminder's head and into the net from behind the goal line Friday.

A day later at practice, Crosby told Jake Guentzel he nearly sneaked a bank shot off of Matt Murray and in. Guentzel, when asked if he might try that move, became one of several Penguins to respond sheepishly.



AP

Chris Kunitz missed practice Saturday with a lower-body injury.

"I don't even ever think about that," Guentzel said. "I just try to look for guys who are open. ... Maybe I'll practice it to start and see what it's like. Maybe just part of a drill, if a puck goes behind the net, you just try to throw it off and see what happens."

The other member of that line, Conor Sheary, has considered bouncing a shot off other parts of a goalie, just never a head.

"I've done it definitely, even back to college, but I'm not sure I've ever scored off of it," Sheary said. "I can probably count on two hands how many times I've tried it."

Bryan Rust and Tom Kuhnhackl said they've scored accidentally with bank shots in their careers. They consider intentional efforts too brazen for their playing styles.

"I guess it's having the confidence to be able to think you can hit that play," Rust said. "Because if you shoot from behind the net and miss, the puck is more than likely going out of the zone and might go for an odd-man rush. ... Once you see it go in once, you're definitely a little more likely to keep trying it."

Added Kuhnhackl: "For me, it'd probably take about 100 tries to get that shot in."

Untimely goals

The New York Rangers became the latest team to bury a shot in the final minute of a period against the Penguins when they scored with 27 seconds left in the second and 12 seconds remaining in regulation during Saturday's game.

Chicago scored with 55 and 16 seconds left in the first period Wednesday. Philadelphia got a goal with 55 seconds left in the first March 25. And the New York Islanders found the back of the net with five seconds left in the middle period March 24.

Sullivan tied those mishaps to a larger talking point he has shared with the Penguins in the past week: The team must simplify its game.

"There's been different circumstances surrounding (the goals), but the common theme is that we have to have a heightened awareness when we're late in periods, that we're that much more diligent with our play both with and without the puck," Sullivan said. "This team, for the most part, has been very good about that area of our game."

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THREE PERIODS

Written by **Jonathan Bombulie** and **Bill West**, "Three Periods" is a weekly feature composed of quick-hit thoughts and analysis on the Penguins and the NHL.

FIRST

SID'S RAP SHEET

All of the attention given to Sidney Crosby's slash to the finger of Ottawa's Marc Methot and his spearing of Buffalo's Ryan O'Reilly earlier this month put a different spin on a pretty clean season for the Penguins' captain, who is on pace to finish with one of his lowest penalty totals.

While Crosby critics might claim referee favoritism, the fact remains that the center entered the season's final five games with just 24 penalty minutes.

Crosby exceeded 40 penalty minutes in each of his last three seasons.

He has finished with fewer than 30 penalty minutes only twice — in 2012-13, when he had 16 in 36 games, and 2011-12, when he had 14 in 22 games.

If referees resist the urge to whistle Crosby for penalties these days, they also avoid the temptation to punish those who defend the star on the ice. Crosby has drawn 19 penalties, according to Corsica Hockey.

A plus-7 penalty differential (19 drawn, 12 taken) ranks behind Crosby's plus-10 (27 drawn, 17 taken) in 2014-15, and it ties plus-7 seasons in 2012-13 (15 drawn, eight taken) and 2010-11 (20 drawn, 13 taken).

Long gone are the days when he inspired frequent foul calls on opponents. In 53 games in 2007-08, he took just 16 penalties and drew 44.

Last season, he had minus-two differential (18 drawn, 20 taken).

—Bill West

SECOND

BEATING THE BLOCKS

In the modern NHL, a defenseman who accurately can get his shots past a maze of sticks, skates and defenders intent on blocking them generally is more valuable than a bruiser who can crank up 100-mph slappers.

Mark Streit is on the cutting edge of that trend.

Coming into this weekend, Streit attempted 39 shots since moving from the Flyers to the Penguins in a trade-deadline deal. Twenty-two of them were on net.

That's a percentage of 56.4, tops among the team's defensemen.

Trevor Daley (53.9) and Kris Letang (53.7) are also good at getting shots through. Ian Cole (40.9) and Brian Dumoulin (43.2) are not.

"It's hard to get pucks to the net the way teams defend in today's game, with the layers of shot blockers," coach Mike Sullivan said.

"I think Mark's one of those guys who has a knack for getting pucks down to the net and gives our guys the opportunity to create that next play."

—Jonathan Bombulie

THIRD

OL' COLLEGE TRY

A bracket buster in NCAA Division I men's hockey brought smiles to two Penguins and disappointed three others last week.

Notre Dame, the alma mater of Bryan Rust and Ian Cole, took down Hockey East conference rival Massachusetts-Lowell in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament on March 26.

The Irish's 3-2 win represented a breakthrough against the River Hawks, who count Scott Wilson, Ron Hainsey and Chad Ruhwedel among their alumni.

Massachusetts-Lowell entered the game as a favorite after topping Notre Dame, 5-1, in the Hockey East championship March 17.

The teams split their regular-season meetings.

Prior to this season, the Irish had a 1-7-2 record against the River Hawks dating to 2013-14, their inaugural year as conference rivals.

—Bill West

OVERTIME

SIMILAR STREAKS

While the Penguins have qualified for the playoffs for 11 straight seasons, the longest such streak in the NHL, their minor league affiliate in Wilkes-Barre is in the midst of a similar run.

The Baby Pens are on the verge of clinching their 15th straight postseason berth, the longest active streak in the AHL.

They've won at least one playoff round in 13 of the last 14 seasons.

The one thing missing from Wilkes-Barre's playoff resume is a championship. Dumoulin said he would like to see that change before popular 38-year-old Baby Pens captain Tom Kostopoulos retires.

—Jonathan Bombulie

Islanders' Tavares is week-to-week

New York Islanders center John Tavares suffered a lower-body injury Friday against the New Jersey Devils and is week-to-week.

Two teammates had to help the captain to the locker room after he fell to the ice clutching the back of his left leg in the third period.

—Wire report

Kuhl happy with role on staff

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at Boston, allowed four hits and two earned runs in 2½ innings.

“At the end it was a little sloppy, but I felt like I was just in a little bit of a rush in the stretch,” Kuhl said. “So I’ll go back and do some more work in the bullpen, but other than that, it felt good.”

He threw 13 of 23 pitches for strikes with one strikeout and two walks.

“I thought he was wound up a little tight. He hurried through his delivery at times,” Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. “The fight, the battle, he was always evident. The preoccupation with men on base was a little different. So his walk-away, I think he’s going to have some things to understand that he can control his adrenaline, he’s going to maintain his delivery and his friend’s a sinker.”

In five starts this spring, Kuhl allowed seven earned runs in 14⅓ innings for a 4.30 ERA.

“You try to leave out all the noise and what people are saying, ‘Oh, you have a good shot at this,’” Kuhl said. “All I know is with talks. It was all good. It was all positive stuff. So it made it that much easier to just kind of put my head down and keep working and know that good things would probably happen.”

The two-game series drew a total of 95,382 for the Pirates’ first games in Montreal since 2003.

“It’s unfortunate that it’s just a short little in-and-out trip, but it was really cool,” Kuhl said. “It was my first time out of the country, so it was really cool.”

Hurdle said he believed the 33-game spring schedule not only had run its course but also had served its purpose.

“That’s a full plate and a lot of work days,” Hurdle said. “So I’m happy with all the work, the energy, the competition on the field, the attention to small details, the group cohesion, the team bonding, exercise.

“We put a lot of time and effort into scheduling and coordinating this spring training, and I think we did a very good job of paying attention to the areas we needed to improve upon, getting the people that are in competition opportunities to compete and then getting the lineup out there and the men out there that are going to start the season and be the nucleus of this club playing and ready to go in health.”

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PIRATES NOTEBOOK



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New No. 5 starter Tyler Glasnow allowed six hits and three runs in three innings Saturday against the Blue Jays.

Glasnow learns to move on

BY SEAN FARRELL

MONTREAL — After dealing with the excitement of being named to the Pirates’ starting rotation Friday, Tyler Glasnow tried to focus on his final spring outing.

Glasnow took the loss as the Pirates fell 6-4 to the Toronto Blue Jays at Montreal’s Olympic Stadium on Saturday. He entered in the fourth inning and walked Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who then advanced on a wild pitch, and Melvin Upton Jr. homered to left-center field.

Glasnow allowed six hits, including a pair of doubles, and three earned runs in three innings.

“I felt good, just elevated a lot of balls and left a lot of good count — like 1-2 count curveballs — for hittable locations,” Glasnow said. “So I’m not too worried. That’s usually not my problem. Just today, I left the curveball hanging and got myself into trouble.”

Glasnow, who had five strikeouts, said he has learned how to move forward after tough outings this spring.

“The biggest thing for me, especially those starts, was not only feeling good on the mound is important but learning how to turn the page,” Glasnow said Friday after he was named to the rotation. “And this spring especially it was easier for me when I had a bad start just because I had a better foundation of what I was doing out there.

“It was easier for me not to think about it. I knew I could go out the next start and even the bad ones didn’t feel as bad as they did last year. So it was honestly like the bad starts were a positive for me this spring.”

Opening day vibe

Andrew McCutchen was glad the Pirates had an opportunity to play in front of major league-size crowds

BLUE JAYS 6, PIRATES 4

Pirates	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
J.McC	2	0	1	0	K.Pillar	2	1	1	0
C.Tucker	3	1	1	0	Carrera	2	0	1	0
S.Marte	2	0	0	0	Smt Jr. lf	1	0	0	0
Frazier	1	1	1	1	D. Donaldson	3	1	1	0
Meadows	2	0	1	0	B. Brney	2	0	1	1
McCutchen	1	1	0	0	C. Lopes	1	0	1	0
Jo.Jaso	0	0	0	0	Morales	1	0	1	0
J.Lplow	1	0	0	0	G.Petit	3	0	0	0
D.Ortiz	1	0	0	0	Tiwitzki	2	1	1	0
D.Frese	1	0	0	0	J.Smoak	2	0	1	0
Er.Wood	3	0	1	1	R.Mrtin	1	0	1	0
J.Osuna	3	0	0	0	R.Tleez	1	1	1	1
M.Suchy	1	0	0	0	S.Parce	1	0	1	0
Hrison	2	1	0	0	J.Davis	2	0	0	0
E.Weiss	2	0	1	0	S.Stmch	2	1	0	0
Jo.Bell	2	0	1	1	M.Ohlm	1	0	0	0
A.Hnson	1	0	0	0	Upt Jr. rf	2	1	1	3
Gsselin	1	0	1	0	Parmley	2	0	0	0
Con.Joe	2	0	0	0	R.Goins	2	0	0	0
El.Diaz	2	1	1	0	J.Elmre	3	2	1	1
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E—Donaldson (2), DP—Pirates 1, Toronto 0. LOB—Pirates 9, Toronto 9. 2B—Tucker (1), Diaz (3), Carrera (3), Morales (4), Tulowitzki (4), Elmore (4). HR—Tellez (1), Upton Jr. (3). SB—Elmore (3). CS—Upton Jr. (2).

Pirates	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kuhl	2.2/3	4	2	2	2	1
Runzler	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Glasnow L, 1-2	3	6	3	3	1	5
DuRapau	1	1	1	1	0	3
Kuchno	1	1	0	0	0	1
Toronto	IP <th>H</th> <th>R</th> <th>ER</th> <th>BB</th> <th>SO</th>	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Liriano	3.2/3	2	1	1	2	4
Bolsinger	1/3	5	3	3	1	1
Mayza	1	0	0	0	0	1
Stilson W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gonzalez H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Isaacs H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Shafer S, 1-1	1	1	0	0	1	2

HBP—by Kuhl (Martin), Liriano (Harrison). WP—Glasnow, Liriano, Bolsinger, Mayza, Shafer. Umpires—Home, Will Little; First, Clint Fagan; Second, Ryan Blakney; Third, Jordan Baker. F—3:25. A—52,202.

at Olympic Stadium to get ready for opening day.

McCutchen was immersed in that kind of atmosphere while helping the United States win the World Baseball Classic, and he said he believes the two-game series that drew 95,382 can help his Pirates teammates make

the transition from spring training to facing the Boston Red Sox on Monday at Fenway Park.

“I played in the Classic, so that was a transition in itself, but it’s good to get that kind of a game vibe before you have to start the regular season,” McCutchen said.

The two games against Toronto at the former home of the Expos were the Pirates’ first games in Montreal since June 23-25, 2003. The Pirates’ road games against the Expos were played in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 2004, the team’s last season in Montreal before being relocated to Washington, D.C.

“It’s cool, a lot of history here,” McCutchen said. “I mean, it’s an old ballpark, so it’s nothing that I’m really used to. A lot of the ballparks we play in are a lot newer. It’s definitely different. It’s a fun place to play at.”

“The fans seem to embrace the games here and embrace the history, so it’s been a lot of fun the past day or so.”

Tough turf

After experiencing the turf surface at Olympic Stadium, McCutchen had a lot of sympathy for the wear and tear it dealt to Expos outfielders, including Hall of Famers Tim Lincecum and Andre Dawson.

“If you’re a home team trying to sustain 81 games, that will take a toll on your body,” McCutchen said. “That’s why I have more respect for the guys that did play here in the past, for Tim Lincecum and for those guys that were here. I could only imagine the surfaces that they had to play on when they were here.

“I know myself, having to play on this for a full season would definitely put a toll on my body after a while.”

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Fowler set to face ex-mates

Former Cubs OF lines up with Cards in opener

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Dexter Fowler is going to have a bunch of old friends on hand for his debut with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The rivalry between the Cardinals and Chicago Cubs begins a new chapter in prime time Sunday. The Cubs are the new kings of baseball, coming off their first World Series title since 1908, and the Cardinals are trying to return to the playoffs after missing the party last year.

That would be more than enough for an intriguing opening day, but then there’s Fowler playing his first game in St. Louis since he signed an \$82.5 million, five-year contract with the Cardinals during free agency. First up is his old team, the same one he helped to a historic championship in November.

“Playing against the Cubs is gonna be bittersweet. Obviously, the last game I played was with them,” Fowler said. “(But) I’m excited to be in St. Louis and get started on this side.”

Fowler spent two successful years in Chicago, drawing praise for his presence in the clubhouse and his solid all-around play on the field. The Cubs won 97 games and made it to the NL Championship Series in his first year with the team and won the franchise’s third World Series championship in November.

It looked as if Fowler was on his way out of Chicago before last season, but he re-signed with the Cubs in a surprise move during spring training.

The center fielder and leadoff hitter batted .276 with 13 homers and a .393 on-base percentage in 125 games, making the All-Star team for the first time.

As far as the Game 1 reunion is concerned, don’t expect any frosty glares or awkward moments — unless someone is trying to have a little fun with the other side. Fowler joked about tackling Cubs slugger Anthony Rizzo if he gets on first base, and Chicago manager Joe Maddon continued to speak glowingly of Fowler’s time with the team — even while he seemed to be preparing himself for the sight of Fowler in a Cardinals uniform.

“But I’m happy for him. I’m happy,” Maddon said. “He took a chance last year coming back to us on the contract that he did. He nailed it, and he deserves everything that he’s getting right now.”

Albert Almora Jr., the sixth overall pick in the 2012 draft, and veteran Jon Jay take over for Fowler in center, one of a precious few questions for the loaded Cubs heading into their title defense. Kyle Schwarber gets the first crack at replacing Fowler in leadoff slot, giving the Cubs an imposing top third of the lineup along with NL MVP Kris Bryant and Rizzo. Jon Lester, who gets the ball on opening day, leads a deep pitching staff.

Maddon also thinks the team will handle the mantle of defending champions just fine.

“I think our guys are ready to turn the page and move on to this year,” he said. “We’d like to do it again. And then also not forgetting the previous year. NLCS was pretty solid also. So that’s two years in a row we traveled deeply into the postseason.

“I don’t think we think that way for the best way to describe it. I’d be surprised if — that’s not saying we’re going to kill it or somebody’s not going to beat us, that’s not my point. I just think we’re going to go into it with the right mindset.”

Today’s MLB openers

- N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka) at Tampa Bay (Archer), 1:10 p.m. (ESPN)
- San Francisco (Bumgarner) at Arizona (Greinke), 4:10 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Chicago Cubs (Lester) at St. Louis (Martinez), 8:35 p.m. (ESPN)

New Pirates coaches have work cut out

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No. 1 guy in Puerto Rico, and this organization has meant so much for the Latin American community and Puerto Rico that it’s a little burden of responsibility. A little bit more than usual.”

Cora and Bartee are two of three new members of Clint Hurdle’s coaching staff in 2017, along with bench coach Tom Prince. As two men who literally stay on the field for exactly half of all 162 games, Cora (third-base coach) and Bartee (first-base coach) will be the two in-uniform men representing the Pirates on the grass more than anyone.

Bartee and Cora replace Nick Leyva and Rick Sofield, respectively, in their roles. And while their titles suggest that waving and holding runners are their top professional priorities, the men have other tasks that might not be as high-profile but take up more of their time.

Cora, 51, is the infield coach after spending 2016 as the Double-A Altoona Curve’s manager during his first year as part of the organization. Bartee, 44, is the outfield and baserunning coach.

“The players talk about the 7-to-10,” Cora said, referring to 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. “The fans see the 7-to-10, but they don’t see the before or the after. And there’s a lot of before and after.”

and the position of the infielders, the studying of the opponent and all that stuff, that’s the real work.”

The auxiliary tasks of Cora and Bartee in working with infielders and outfielders have taken on extra importance this spring because of the number of utility and super-utility players in camp and the number of players moving to or learning new positions.

“(Cora) is great. He’s intense, and he’s really good what he does,” said Adam Frazier, who started at all four infield positions during Grapefruit League play.

“He was an All-Star (1997), a first-round guy (1985) and played forever in the big leagues (11 seasons). So you gotta listen. He’s helped me out and (fellow utilityman Phil Gosselin) and everybody else. Just around

the bag at second, using your feet and stuff like that. In the short time I have been here with him I feel like I have gotten a lot better at each spot.”

Bartee garners similar praise from players such as Frazier, Jose Osuna and John Jaso, none of whom considers outfield his natural position but will be expected to play it some.

But while the work more behind-the-scenes is important, the fans’ ire most likely will be directed at a sent runner getting thrown out at home or a runner getting picked off a base.

And the 2016 Pirates were bad running the bases. They ranked well below MLB average in metrics such as outs on the base paths, times thrown out at home, extra bases

taken percentage, times picked off and times caught stealing.

No team in baseball last season, for example, advanced from first to third on a single fewer times than the Pirates.

“When you’ve got guys that can run the bases well and they are fast, you’ve got a chance to push the envelope a little bit more,” Cora said, “so you do it.”

Bartee, who played six seasons in the majors and stole 259 bases as a professional, said he views his primary job during games as reminding his baserunners of the obvious.

“Just so they can continue to slow their mind down and be ready to let their instincts play out as a player,” Bartee said. “I don’t want them to just forget something that may seem really, really simple to most people, but it changes when you’re between the lines and the game is rolling and the situation comes up, you might just forget the obvious.”

Although they are two of the “new guys” on the major league staff, Bartee and Cora entered spring training familiar with the other coaches. Bartee was hired as the Pirates minor leagues outfield/baserunning coordinator in 2008.

“I have a history with everyone here with the exception of Joey, and we clicked very well last year in the one year that I met him,” Bartee said. “He was the guy that I watched (play) and loved ... He’s teaching me something every day. On and off the field.”

“So the chemistry among all of us is there. It’s good to have, and I’m having fun with it.”

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Gonzaga's Nigel Williams-Goss celebrates after the Bulldogs defeated South Carolina in their national semifinal.

Gonzaga reaches NCAA title game

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run to grab a 67-65 lead with 7 minutes, 6 seconds to play.

"When things got tough, we banded together and pulled through," Williams-Goss said. "There was no way I was going to come out of the game. This is the last two games of the season. Now we're 40 minutes from a championship."

Collins and Karnowski then accounted for the next seven points, including a 3-pointer by Collins and a thundering dunk by Karnowski.

Still, South Carolina wasn't done. The seventh-seeded Gamecocks scored five straight to get within 74-72 with just over 2 minutes left.

PJ Dozier led the Gamecocks with 17 points, and Thornwell, the leading scorer in the NCAA Tournament at

25.8 points per game, finished with 15 on 4-for-12 shooting after a slow start.

Karnowski went down in the first half after being poked in the right eye as he took a shot underneath the basket. Karnowski, who said he was bothered by some blurred vision, left for the last 5 minutes of the half, but Collins picked him up, finishing with eight points at halftime.

Indiana's Miller intense, friendly

Blackhawk product earned stellar coaching reputation at various Division I stops

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — It became a game-night expectation for Ohio State, during the late 2000s.

Archie Miller, an intense-but-relatable young Buckeyes assistant, was always in charge of checking the updated box score during timeouts. Miller's reaction became predictable. "He was responsible for points in transition and counting deflections. We had goals for those kinds of things," said Kyle Madsen, then a player at Ohio State. "It became a joke between us. He would crumble (the box scores) up in disgust and throw them right back at the managers and step into the huddle and tell

us, 'You guys have got to step it up!'"

This was Archie Miller, at the time no more than 30 years old. He sometimes barely seemed older than the players he mentored as part of coach Thad Matta's staff.

He was tough but fair, intense but motivating, blessed with the rare gift of being able to relate to and bring the best out of players with a combination of good cop and bad.

"He's very passionate. He'll get in your face if he has to. He doesn't hold anything back. Whatever needs to be said at the time, he'll say it," said Dallas Lauderdale, another player on those Ohio State teams Miller served from 2007-09. "He's able to identify with players and see the potential they have so far beyond what they could themselves."

Miller, 38, first broke into coaching as an intern under Herb Sendek, for whom Miller played at N.C. State.

An undersized point guard (listed at a generous 5-foot-11 by N.C. State) who played for his father, John, a legendary high school coach at Blackhawk, Miller still sits in the top 10 in numerous career lists in Raleigh. In his senior season, he helped lead the Wolfpack to the ACC tournament championship

game and the NCAA tournament.

His time at Ohio State taught Miller two enduring lessons he specifically referenced in his introductory news conference Monday.

First, it exposed him to Indiana basketball up close for the first time. Miller became the Hoosiers' coach last month.

"My lasting impression here was nine years ago, in coach (Tom) Crean's first year, when things weren't off to a good start. He had inherited something that wasn't very easy to take over," Miller said. "I remember being in here and feeling the power of this building on that team, and I left saying, 'I wonder what it's like in there when they're really good.' I've always come back to that."

And his time under Matta changed his approach to coaching.

Hard-working, demanding and tough. Outgoing, easygoing and friendly. Willing to treat every player the same. Able to help them bridge the gap between potential and production, by being tough without being unfair. Archie Miller's players and former bosses all remember him much the same way. That's not by accident.

Johnson to transfer from Pitt

Moon native is ninth Panthers player to leave program since late in Stallings' 1st season

BY JERRY DiPAOLA AND KEVIN GORMAN

For better or worse — and it might get worse before it gets better — coach Kevin Stallings finally can put his stamp on the Pitt basketball team.

After Pitt's leading returning scorer, sophomore Cam Johnson, said he is transferring — the aftermath of a three-hour Friday night meeting with Stallings — the program hit the wall with a thud.

Pitt's 2017-2018 team will be pieced together largely with senior-to-be Ryan Luther and at least seven newcomers.

Johnson's departure, first reported Saturday by the Tribune-Review, impacts the program negatively on many levels.

He started all 33 games this season and became one of the best three-point shooters in the ACC (41.5 percent, fifth in the conference). Plus, Johnson combined academic success (3.9 GPA) with good decision-making on the court, recording more than twice as many assists (77) as turnovers (38).

Stallings, who was unavailable for comment Saturday, wanted to build his team around Johnson. Instead, Johnson is graduating this month with a degree in communications and can play immediately for his new school, with two years of eligibility remaining. Because he has fulfilled his obligation to Pitt, there are no restrictions on where the Moon native can transfer.

"A lot of teams are interested," Johnson's father, Gil, said Saturday night.



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Cameron Johnson started all 33 games for Pitt this season. He finished fifth in the ACC in 3-point shooting (41.5 percent).

"I will know more when he gets his release from Pitt on Monday."

The elder Johnson, a former Pitt player who attended the Friday meeting with Stallings, said their conversation with the coach was cordial.

"He had no issues with coach Stallings at all," Gil Johnson said. "They had a plan for him. It was going to be centered around him. But there's too much uncertainty there. He wants to win, and you're going to have 8-10 new bodies."

Johnson is one of nine players to leave the program since late in the season, led by senior starters Michael Young, Jamel Artis, Sheldon Jeter and

Chris Jones. Three others join Johnson as transfers, including Damon Wilson and Corey Manigault, who barely were trusted in Stallings' rotation system. Guard Crisshawn Clark, who missed most of the season with a knee injury, also announced plans to transfer.

To round out the roster overhaul, Stallings dismissed freshman Justice Kithcart late in the season for violating team rules. Kithcart was expected to handle many of the point guard duties, but he ended up averaging only 13.3 minutes, 1.3 points and 1.2 assists.

Stallings also lost the athletic director who hired him last year when Scott Barnes left for Oregon State.

He has kept busy amidst the adversity, restocking the roster with seven players who will need to help immediately.

But even that's not enough. Stallings has indicated there may be future signings of transfers, graduate transfers and/or high school players.

The most experienced of the new faces are shooting guards Troy Simons and Jared Wilson-Frame. Simons was the second-leading scorer in NJCAA Division I (25.7 points per game) for Polk State (Fla.). Wilson-Frame (14.8) played at Northwest Florida State.

They are proven scorers against junior college defenders. Stallings' task is to get them ready for the athleticism they will face in the ACC, which put nine teams in the NCAA Tournament this year.

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Women's final is all-SEC matchup

South Carolina beat Mississippi State in two previous meetings

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DALLAS — South Carolina players watched from their hotel and were shocked along with everyone else when UConn's record 111-game winning streak ended on a buzzer-beating shot by Mississippi State's Morgan William in the women's national semifinals.

Their next reaction might have surprised some people: pride and joy, more than relief. The Gamecocks were happy to have an SEC rival in the NCAA championship game and another first-time participant to boot.

"We're proud an SEC school could do it," South Carolina guard Kaela Davis said. "I feel for (UConn) because for me, I couldn't imagine the pressure kind of riding just with having all that on your back. At the same time, I'm proud that it was an SEC school and proud of the way Mississippi State played."

The Gamecocks also were

happy for William, who tearfully dedicated a 41-point performance in a regional final win over Baylor to her late stepfather before the overtime stunner against the four-time defending champion Huskies.

Now, South Carolina has to make sure the 5-foot-5 junior doesn't do it again in Sunday's final, while trying to go 3 for 3 against the Bulldogs this season. The first win was during the regular season and the second for the SEC Tournament title.

NCAA women's championship

South Carolina (32-4) vs. Mississippi State (34-4)
Time: Today, 6 p.m.
TV: ESPN
Line: South Carolina by 3

"Morgan William is going to make shots. She's going to make plays," Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley said. "If we can decrease the amount of time that those plays are easy plays, I think it works in our favor. But if she's in a groove, and she's playing as she's played over the past five games, it's going to be a long night for us."

Mississippi State coach Vic Schaefer is 0-8 against South Carolina in five seasons, but both games this season were close. The Bulldogs lost by three on the road, then had a lead before a four-point fourth quarter in the SEC Tournament.

Now it's a third consecutive game against a top seed for the second-seeded team out of the Oklahoma City Regional.

"We keep bringing up my history with South Carolina, so apparently the fact that we've never beat them is an issue today," Schaefer said. "They've earned the right to be here. We've come through an incredibly tough region."

Mississippi State is the first team to win consecutive overtime games in the NCAA Tournament, and the Bulldogs are 3-1 in the extra period this season.



GETTY IMAGES

Mississippi State players celebrate their victory over UConn in the national semifinals Friday.

UConn women can start another streak

Huskies returning 4 starters, bringing in top recruiting class

ASSOCIATED PRESS

STORRS, Conn. — UConn will return to campus from the Final Four on Sunday for the first time in five years without a national championship trophy.

But it's not like Hall of Fame coach Geno Auriemma will return with nothing. His team heads into next season with a lot of talent and more experience.

Auriemma loses just one starter, senior point guard Saniya Chong, from a team that won its first 36 games and completed an NCAA record 111-game winning streak before losing to Mississippi State, 66-64, in overtime Friday night in the national semifinals.

"When we started Oct. 15 to where we are today ... these kids were way older than they were supposed to be," Auriemma said. "They should have shown their age early on in the season, November, December, at some point. We just kept playing like older, older players, more mature players."

They will be next season. First-team All-Americans Katie Lou Samuelson and Napheesa Collier will be juniors. Gabby Williams, who made the second team, and Kia Nurse, who made a record 22 3-point shots during the NCAA Tournament, will be seniors.

Crystal Dangerfield, who shared point guard duties with Chong, will be a sophomore.

"We'll talk about it as a team and make our minds up to have some changes made to come back as a different team, a better team," Dangerfield said.

Azura Stevens, a 6-foot-6 transfer from Duke, and 6-2 Batouly Camara from Kentucky will be eligible to play after sitting out this season. UConn has another top recruiting class led by 6-1 Megan Walker, the consensus national high school player of the year. That group also includes 5-10 guard Andra Espinoza-Walker from New York, 6-foot wing Lexi Gordon from Texas and 5-10 guard McKayla Coombs from Georgia.

The Huskies remained in Dallas on Saturday. With no reason to practice, players spent the day sightseeing, visiting with family and picking up more individual awards.

Back in Storrs, there was a sense of shock and disbelief at the student union on campus as fans mulled over the loss.

"I'm a little disappointed, but I think it kind of had to happen at some point," said Jennifer Casparino, a freshman. "Everyone was waiting to see how long the streak would go. But I don't expect them to lose again any time soon."

The Huskies' return usually means a parade and a ceremony inside the Gampel Pavilion basketball area. But the school had not announced any plans for any welcome-home festivities Sunday.

"What I always say is that this school is cows and basketball, so people are definitely going to continue to support their basketball team," freshman Lily Edeen said.

IN BRIEF

McGrady, Self lead Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2017

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Two-time NBA scoring champion Tracy McGrady, Kansas coach Bill Self, former Chicago Bulls executive Jerry Krause and former UConn star Rebecca Lobo are part of this year's Basketball Hall of Fame class.

The Hall of Fame announced the 11-person class Saturday. Others in the class are Notre Dame women's coach Muffet McGraw, Texas high school coach Robert Hughes, former NCAA executive Tom Jernstedt, Harlem Globetrotters player, owner and CEO Mannie Jackson, former Globetrotters player Zack Clayton, former European star Nikos Galis and former NBA and ABA star George McGinnis.

College football

Quarterback Tommy Stuart, a Boise State transfer, threw two touchdown

passes to Nahari Crawford in Duquesne's annual spring scrimmage.

Baseball

Adrian Beltre, who has been battling tightness in his right calf, will go on the disabled list to begin his 20th major league season, Texas Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

● New York Mets right-hander Seth Lugo is headed for the disabled list to begin the season, sources told Newsday, which would give Rafael Montero the final remaining spot in the bullpen.

Pro football

The San Francisco 49ers signed free agent running back Tim Hightower. Last season with the New Orleans Saints, he had 133 carries for 548 yards and four touchdowns. He added 22 catches for 200 yards and a touchdown.

Soccer

Reduced to 10 men in the first half, the Riverhounds couldn't hold off one of USL's top teams of a season ago. Djiby Fall's goal 10 minutes into the second half was the difference, and FC Cincinnati handed the Riverhounds a 1-0 defeat at Highmark Stadium.

The turning point came in the 42nd minute, when Riverhounds defender Gale Agbossoumonde was sent off with his second yellow card after taking down Cincinnati's Andrew Wiedeman on a counter-attack, 50 yards from goal.

The foul left the Riverhounds (0-1-1) playing down a man for nearly 50 minutes.

Golf

Sung Kang maintained his lead at the PGA Tour's Houston Open after

shooting 1-under-par 71. Kang leads Rickie Fowler by three shots as he bids for a spot in next week's Masters.

● Lexi Thompson shot her second consecutive 5-under 67 and takes a two-shot lead into the final round of the LPGA's first major of the season, the ANA Inspiration.

Suzann Pettersen is Thompson's closest pursuer (11-under), and Inbee Park is among four players another shot back at 10-under.

● Gene Sauers shot 9-under 63 to move to 12-under and take a one-shot lead after the second round of the Champions Tour's Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic.

Greensburg native Rocco Mediate shot even par to stand at 1-under for the tournament.

College basketball

New Mexico fired basketball coach

Craig Neal after four years as head coach and 10 overall with the Lobos. The move comes three weeks after athletic director Paul Krebs gave Neal a vote of confidence following the Lobos' loss in the Mountain West Conference quarterfinals.

Tennis

Johanna Konta won the biggest title of her career when she beat Caroline Wozniacki, 6-4, 6-3, in the final of the Miami Open.

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal will meet in the men's final.

Auto racing

Chase Elliott grabbed the lead when Christopher Bell wiggled with 17 laps to go and held off teammate Johnny Sauter to win the NASCAR truck race at Martinsville Speedway.



Jamie McMurray has three top-10 finishes in the first five races this season.

McMurray still confident he can compete

Ganassi driver off to solid start but still winless in more than 4 years

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Jamie McMurray has become the "other" driver on Chip Ganassi Racing's two-car team.

The 40-year-old veteran, in his 15th season on NASCAR's top circuit, hasn't won in more than four years. His teammate is 24-year-old Kyle Larson, the early points leader and one of racing's rising stars.

But McMurray is enjoying a resurgence with three top-10 finishes in the first five races, good for sixth in the standings heading into Sunday's 500-lap race at Martinsville Speedway. It's a track where McMurray has finished second twice but never won.

"Here and Sonoma are kind of the two tracks to me that every year that I look the most forward to going to because I feel like I've always qualified really well at them, and I've raced really well," McMurray said Saturday. "Honestly, I really don't feel like I've gotten the finishes I deserved at those two tracks."

His second-place finishes on the 0.526-mile oval came 11 years apart, and he came up short against two of the best at Martinsville. Jimmie Johnson beat him in 2004 and Jeff Gordon in '15. Both Hendrick Motorsports drivers have nine victories on the oldest and shortest track on NASCAR's top series.

McMurray will start sixth, his sixth top-10 start in as many races this year. He always watches the previous year's race in preparation, but he's philosophical about how much he can control. Gordon had probably a fifth-place car when he won in 2015, McMurray said, but variables come into play late in every race.

"I think we'll have a chance to win," he said. "Are the circumstances going to play out? I don't know, but in three weeks, we might go somewhere and have the fifth-best car and we might win there."

The improvements in his team, McMurray said, have been three years in the making, or since he started working with crew chief Matt McCall. Some changes in the offseason also made their midweek work more beneficial.

"We changed the structure of our weekly procedure at the shop on meetings. We changed a lot of things and tweaked on it, and I feel that's really helped our performance," McMurray said.

He even changed the day he comes into the race shop because he didn't feel he was using his time "efficiently or effectively."

The changes haven't been sweeping, but "10 little things that I feel have made a difference." A 117-race winless streak can cause whispers about whether a driver's best days are behind him. McMurray doesn't necessarily think running well prolongs a driver's career. But his current success makes him feel all the work is paying off.

"It just seems like every week we get a little quicker in relation to the other cars on the track," he said. "It's so much fun to come every week when you can compete and run as well as we have."

When the time comes to walk away, McMurray has the time he thinks is a clear picture of how it will go.

"I have every intention of being Ricky Rudd," he said.

ODDS

BASEBALL TODAY'S GAMES

Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
Yankees.....	-\$110 (6.5)	..RAYS
Giants.....	-\$130 (8.0)	..D'BACKS
Cubs.....	-\$125 (7.5)	..CARDS

BASKETBALL TODAY'S GAMES

Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
Celtics.....	4.5 (NL)	..KNICKS
THUNDER.....	5 (214.5)	..HORNETS
BUCKS.....	5.5 (196.5)	..MAVERICKS
SPURS.....	6 (NL)	..JAZZ
Grizzlies.....	6.5 (NL)	..LAKERS
HEAT.....	4 (219.5)	..NUGGETS
CAVALIERS.....	9.5 (213.5)	..PACERS
Hawks.....	4.5 (NL)	..NETS
PELICANS.....	6 (208.5)	..BULLS
RAPTORS.....	11 (212.5)	..76ERS
WARRIORS.....	10 (223.5)	..WIZARDS
Rockets.....	11.5 (234.5)	..SUNS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TODAY'S GAMES

NCAA Tournament

Women's final

Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
S Carolina.....	3 (132.0)	..Mississippi St

HOCKEY TODAY'S GAMES

Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
PENS.....	-\$180/+\$160 (5.5)	..Hurricanes
HAWKS.....	-\$150/+\$130 (5.5)	..Bruins
SABRES.....	-\$130/+\$110 (5.0)	..Islanders
Capitals.....	-\$120/even (5.0)	..JACKETS
LIGHTNING.....	-\$210/+\$175 (5.5)	..Stars
WILD.....	-\$280/+\$240 (5.5)	..Avalanche
BLUES.....	-\$140/+\$120 (5.0)	..Predators
Sharks.....	-\$190/+\$170 (5.0)	..CANUCKS
RANGERS.....	-\$155/+\$135 (5.5)	..Flyers
FLAMES.....	-\$125/+\$105 (5.0)	..Ducks
KINGS.....	-\$260/+\$220 (5.0)	..Coyotes

Home team in CAPITAL letters (O/U) = over-under

TRANSACTIONS

SATURDAY'S MOVES

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled OF Steve Selsky from Pawtucket (IL). Selected RHP Ben Taylor to the active major league roster. Placed LHPs Roenis Elias, David Price, INF Josh Rutledge, and RHPs Carson Smith and Tyler Thornburg on the 10-day DL. Optioned INF Marco Hernandez to Pawtucket (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reassigned RHP Zack Burdij, INF Everth Cabrera, INF Nicky Delmonico, INF Danny Hayes, OF Rymer Liriano and C Kevan Smith to minor-league camp. Assigned LHP Giovanni Soto to Charlotte (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP James Hoyt to Fresno (PCL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reassigned INF Dustin Ackley to minor league camp. Optioned RHP Mike Morin to Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Chad Green to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Acquired LHP Tyler Webb as a Rule 5 Draft return from Pirates and assigned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed RHPs Chris Bassitt, Sonny Gray and Daniel Mendgen, INF Jose Wendle and OF Jake Smolinski on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 30. Reassigned RHPs Simon Castro and Cesar Valdez, C Ryan Lavanway, INF Matt Chapman, and OFs Jaff Decker and Chris Parmelee to their minor league camp.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Signed manager John Gibbons to a contract extension through the 2019 season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Silvino Bracho to Reno (PCL).
ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned LHP Kevin Chapman outright to Gwinnett (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned OF Jordan Patterson to Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned 3B Chris Taylor, LHP Julio Urias and OF Trayce Thompson to Oklahoma City (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed RHP Matt Garza and C Andrew Susac on the 10-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Designated OF Tyler Goeddel for assignment.

Selected the contract of 1B Brock Stassi from Lehigh Valley (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned INF Cory Spangenberg to El Paso (PCL).
Designated LHP Keith Hessler for assignment. Placed LHPs Buddy Baumann and Christian Friedrich, RHP Carter Capps and OF Alex Dickerson on the 10-day DL. Baumann, Friedrich and Dickerson retroactive to Thursday, Capps to Friday. Selected the contract of C Hector Sanchez from El Paso.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned LHP Josh Osich, RHP Albert Suarez and OF Kelly Thompson to Sacramento (PCL).

FOOTBALL NFL
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed RB Tim Hightower.
CFL
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Announced the resignation of running backs coach Avon Coburne.

HOCKEY NHL
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled F Connor Jones from Bridgeport (AHL).
AHL
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed F Tyler Spink to a professional tryout agreement.
ONTARIO REIGN — Returned D Craig Wyszomirski to Manchester (ECHL).
SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBOLTS — Assigned F Zac Lynch to Manchester (ECHL).
ECHL — Suspended Colorado F Darryl Bootland one game.
ALASKA ACES — Claimed D Tim Campbell off waivers from Toledo.
CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Claimed D Tyler Elbrecht off waivers from Manchester (ECHL).
FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Released D Kyle Pereira.

COLLEGE
NEW MEXICO — Fired men's basketball coach Craig Neal.

TENNIS
SATURDAY'S MATCHES MIAMI OPEN
Singles
Women
Championship
 • Johanna Konta (10), Britain, def. Caroline Wozniacki (12), Denmark, 6-4, 6-3.

SPORTS BROADCASTS

Auto racing
NASCAR CUP SERIES
2 p.m. STP 500. FS1
6 p.m. Denso Spark Plugs nationals. FS1

Baseball
COLLEGE
4 p.m. Arkansas at Alabama. SEC Network
MLB
1 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay. ESPN
4 p.m. San Francisco at Arizona. ESPN2
8:30 p.m. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis. ESPN

Basketball
COLLEGE WOMEN
6 p.m. NCAA championship, South Carolina vs. Mississippi State. ESPN
NBA
1 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Knicks. WTAE-4, WATM-23
3:30 p.m. Utah at San Antonio. WTAE-4, WATM-23
6 p.m. Denver at Miami. NBATV
9 p.m. Houston at Phoenix. NBATV

Figure skating
ISU
2 p.m. World championships, exhibition. NBCSN

Golf
CHAMPIONS TOUR
3 p.m. Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic final round. GOLF
LPGA TOUR
5 p.m. ANA Inspiration Major Championship final round. GOLF
PGA TOUR
1 p.m. Shell Houston Open final round. GOLF
3 p.m. Shell Houston Open final round. WPXI-TV

Hockey
NHL
12:30 p.m. Boston at Chicago. WPXI-TV, WJAC-6, WTOV-9
5 p.m. Carolina at Penguins. Root Sports/105.9 FM, Penguins Radio Network
7:30 p.m. Flyers at New York Rangers. NBCSN

Lacrosse
COLLEGE MEN
7 p.m. Duke at North Carolina. ESPN2
7 p.m. Ohio State at Penn State. Big Ten Network

Soccer
BUNDESLIGA
9:30 a.m. Mainz at Ingolstadt. FS1
11:20 a.m. Wolfsburg at Leverkusen. FS2
ENGLISH PREMIER
8:30 a.m. Middlesbrough at Swansea City. NBCSN
11 a.m. Manchester City at Arsenal. NBCSN
MLS
9 p.m. New England at Portland. ESPN2

Softball
COLLEGE
Noon Auburn at Georgia. SEC Network
Noon Iowa at Purdue. Big Ten Network
2 p.m. Kentucky at Mississippi. SEC Network
2 p.m. Northwestern at Michigan. Big Ten Network
2 p.m. Notre Dame at Louisville. ESPN2
7 p.m. Texas A&M at South Carolina. SEC Network

Tennis
ATP
1 p.m. Miami Open men's final. ESPN2

BASKETBALL

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston.....	49	27	.645	—
x-Toronto.....	46	30	.605	3
New York.....	29	47	.382	20
Philadelphia.....	28	48	.368	21
Brooklyn.....	17	59	.224	32

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Washington.....	46	30	.605	—
Atlanta.....	39	37	.513	7
Miami.....	37	39	.487	9
Charlotte.....	35	41	.461	11
Orlando.....	27	50	.351	19.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Cleveland.....	48	27	.640	—
Milwaukee.....	40	36	.526	8.5
Chicago.....	37	39	.487	11.5
Indiana.....	37	39	.487	11.5
Detroit.....	35	42	.455	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio.....	58	17	.773	—
x-Houston.....	51	25	.671	7.5
Memphis.....	42	34	.553	16.5
New Orleans.....	33	43	.434	25.5
Dallas.....	44	41.3	.27	

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah.....	47	29	.618	—
x-Oklahoma City.....	43	32	.573	3.5
Portland.....	37	38	.493	9.5
Denver.....	35	40	.467	11.5
Minnesota.....	30	44	.405	16

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Golden State.....	62	14	.816	—
x-L.A. Clippers.....	47	31	.603	16
Sacramento.....	29	47	.382	33
Phoenix.....	22	54	.289	40
L.A. Lakers.....	21	55	.276	41

RESULTS/SCHEDULE
Friday's games
 Charlotte 122, Denver 114
 Toronto 111, Indiana 100
 Boston 117, Orlando 116
 Cleveland 122, Philadelphia 105
 Memphis 99, Dallas 90
 Milwaukee 108, Detroit 105 (OT)
 New Orleans 117, Sacramento 89
 New York 98, Miami 94
 San Antonio 100, Oklahoma City 95
 Utah 95, Washington 88
 Golden State 107, Houston 98

Saturday's games
 L.A. Clippers 115, L.A. Lakers 104
 Chicago 106, Atlanta 104
 Brooklyn 121, Orlando 111
 Sacramento at Minnesota (n)
 Phoenix at Portland (n)
Today's games
 Boston at New York, 1 p.m.
 Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 3 p.m.
 Dallas at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
 Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
 Utah at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
 Denver at Miami, 6 p.m.
 Indiana at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Golden State, 8 p.m.
 Houston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Monday's games
 Portland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
NBA LEADERS — THROUGH MARCH 31
Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Westbrook, OKC.....	75	767	674	2383	31.8
Thomas, BOS.....	70	634	552	2047	29.2
Harden, HOU.....	76	637	702	2216	29.2
Saunders, NOR.....	72	733	500	2003	27.8
DeRozan, TOR.....	69	676	506	1891	27.4
Cousins, NOR.....	70	629	521	1886	26.9
Lillard, POR.....	70	617	442	1871	26.7
James, CLE.....	69	676	330	1800	26.1
Leonard, SAN.....	68	590	449	1760	25.9
Durant, GOL.....	59	528	326	1494	25.3
Irving, CLE.....	67	625	274	1687	25.2
Curry, GOL.....	74	623	309	1848	25.0

Rebounding

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Whiteside, MIA.....	71	269	730	999	14.1
Drummond, DET.....	76	323	737	1060	13.9
Jordan, LAC.....	76	278	760	1038	13.7
Howard, ATL.....	69	284	608	892	12.9
Gobert, UTA.....	75	297	670	967	12.9

BASEBALL

MLB SPRING TRAINING RESULTS
Saturday's games
 Miami 3, Detroit 2
 Toronto 6, Pirates 4
 Cincinnati 5, C.F.I.
 Boston 4, Washington 4
 Texas 5, Kansas City 3
 Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 4
 San Francisco 6, Oakland 3
 Seattle 1, Colorado 1
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers (n)

End of Spring Training Season
MLB REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE
Today's games
American League
 N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 0-0) at Tampa Bay (

TIP OF THE WEEK It's the chalk on a turkey box call that makes sound when the wooden pieces are rubbed together. It wears off over time and eventually needs to be replaced. Do not to use school chalk. It has oils and will gum up the pores in the woods. Use call chalk, which is more like carpenter's chalk.

OUTDOORS



Semiautomatic rifles are now legal to hunt with in Pennsylvania, at least for some species. Hunters can use them to pursue small game, woodchucks and predators.

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The rules of now

Some semiautos coming to Pa.'s woods this year, but what's next?

BY BOB FRYE

Maybe you've heard Pennsylvania Game Commissioners approved hunting with semiautomatic rifles starting this fall for small game, predators and varmints but not for big game.

But have you heard why? The people spoke. Namely, the older people. They won't be around forever, so there's a good chance these rules won't be, either.

That's what commissioners seem to think, anyway.

Late last year, lawmakers removed the state's prohibition on hunting with semiautomatic rifles, opening the door for commissioners to incorporate them into seasons. Initially, board members said they'd go slowly, likely allowing them only in spots.

They changed direction in January. Agency staff looked at the safety record of hunters using semiautomatics in other states, specifically those adjacent to Pennsylvania and those similar to it in terms of hunter densities. That work, commissioners said, showed semiautomatics are no more or less dangerous in the woods than any other type of firearm.

So they gave preliminary approval to allow semiautomatics for hunting all species, including big game such as deer, bears, turkeys and elk.

The majority of hunters contacting the commission since supported the idea.

As of this past week, about 850 people had written in support of the proposal, compared to 220 or so against, said Steve Smith, director of the commission's bureau of information and education.

A random survey of licensed hunters produced opposite results, though.

The commission sent a questionnaire to 4,000 adult hunters, residents and non-residents, who had a license last fall, said Coren Jagnow, chief of the commission's research and education division. Just more than 2,000 responded.

Fifty-five percent said they supported or strongly supported the notion of allowing semiautomatics for furbearers, she said, compared to 34 percent who opposed or strongly opposed it. Eleven percent had no opinion.

Fifty-one percent were OK with using them for groundhogs, compared to 37 percent against, and 42 percent supported them for small game compared to 46 percent against.

The real difference came with big game. Jagnow said 28 percent of respondents supported or strongly supported allowing semiautos for big game hunting. But 64 percent opposed it, with 52 percent saying they

were strongly opposed.

That convinced commissioners to back off. "We listened to the public," said commission president Brian Hoover of Delaware County. "We saw the survey. We saw what the numbers were," agreed commissioner Tim Layton of Somerset County. "It was pretty cut and dry at that point."

So far, anyway. As of now, the rules say semiautomatic rifles are legal for small game provided they are .22 caliber or smaller. They're allowed for groundhogs and furbearers with no caliber restriction.

There is no restriction on magazine capacity in any case.

Commissioners said they have no specific plans to reintroduce the idea of semiautomatic rifles for big game.

That's what some still want. The National Rifle Association this past week emailed members urging them to contact the commissioners, asking them to change their minds again at their June meeting.

But commissioners said they think semiautos may come to Pennsylvania big game seasons eventually. They noted their survey showed opposition to hunting big game with semiautomatics was strongly age-related.

"The older they get, the less likely they are to support it," Jagnow agreed.

That hints at what's perhaps to come, Layton said.

Some hunters surely will use semiautomatics for small game, coyotes and groundhogs, he said. If they do so safely, "that might be the bridge to using them for big game as people get more comfortable with them."

"I don't think the semiauto question is going to go away," Layton said. "I think it's going to be in the forefront for a while because our younger hunters, they're used to that format of rifle. They're going to continue to request it."

They've got some work to do, Daley said.

Commissioners themselves largely were opposed to semiautos for big game initially, he said. They changed their minds after coming to understand their safety record and other benefits, he added.

Some other hunters haven't had that same "awakening," though.

He suggested proponents of semiautos need to educate their fellow hunters so that they get on board.

"There are a lot of benefits to them. But a lot of hunters don't understand that yet," Daley said. "And if they don't understand it, we're not going to force it down their throats."

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Outdoors books worth a look

If you're a book nut like I am, sometimes the next best thing to being outdoors is reading about it.

A good tale can inspire you to get out more, to better appreciate each trip afield, even educate you on how to enjoy a bit more success, sometimes all at once.

Three books I've seen recently captured my attention.

● **Keystone Fly Fishing** (Headwaterbooks.com, \$29.95, 586 pages, paperback).

The statewide fly fishing guide is a rather familiar vehicle. Countless have been written.

There are some unique things about this one that make it stand out, though.

For one thing, it's not the work of one angler-author, but nine. For another, it's not just about trout. There's information on how and where to catch everything from smallmouth bass and northern pike to carp and even bowfin.

"It's not just a fly fishing guide or a trout guide. It's a fishing guide," said Len Lichvar of Somerset County, a member of Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and one of the book's authors.

Included with the descriptions on each water is information on access,



BOB FRYE

what flies and other gear to use and a little bit of what it feels like to be there. There are maps, too, and photos, most so stunningly beautiful that they alone make you want to pack up the rod and go.

● **Blood on the Leaves** (Lyons Press, \$16.95, 310 pages, paperback).

There was a time, apparently, when shootings that occurred in the woods were treated as just hunting accidents. Investigations often were incomplete.

That's changing. Written by three state wildlife agency professional hunting accident investigators, this book shows how modern situations typically are more handled like cases of CSI in the woods.

The book examines a number of accidents — and some shootings not so accidental — and explains how officers determined who shot who and why. The who-done-its make some good mystery reading.

The book will get you thinking safety before you pull that next trigger.

● **Turkey Men** (Wild River Press, \$49.95, 210 pages, hardcover).

This one is for the diehard turkey hunter. Not just because of the price — that's typical of what hardback, full-color books go for — but because of the content.

It includes interviews with six men, two of them native Pennsylvanians, who achieved what's known as the "U.S. Wild Turkey Super Slam." That involves killing a bird in the 49 states that have turkeys (Alaska is the exception).

How rare is that? According to author Thomas Pero, 235 times more people have climbed to the top of Mt. Everest than have recorded a super slam.

There's an introduction to each hunter, then his story, presented in a question-and-answer format. The effect is to hear each one explain his adventures in his own language.

It's fascinating to see how the men are different and how, often, the same.

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LURE OF THE WEEK

AuthentX Moxi

Sugg. retail price: \$3.99 for an eight-pack

Company: B-Fish-N Tackle (customjigs.com/bfishn-tackle/)

Lure type: Soft plastic swimbait

Sizes and colors: Available in 3- and 4-inch models in 18 colors

Target species: Walleyes, sauger, white bass, crappies, perch

Technique: These work best when outfitted with a jig head and jigged in deep pools. They also will work when put on a jig and swum over gravel or sand bottoms. Either way, the key to the bait's attraction is its design. Deep ribs displace a lot of water and create vibration, while the body's extra-soft material makes it react under water with even the slightest movement.

Notable: Designed originally for river walleye anglers, these lures catch other fish in other conditions, too. They're available in packs of eight, 16, 64 and 96.

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Big game hunter continues efforts to clear name

YouTube video at issue in damages claim brought against ex-Safari Club president

BY PAUL PEIRCE

An award-winning big game hunter who founded the Greensburg-based Three Rivers Dental Group is tangled in a federal court battle in California with an international safari organization in an attempt to clear his name in a long-running scandal.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in California last month rejected a request by Dr. Lawrence P. Rudolph, a local television pitchman for his dental practice, to dismiss a federal invasion-of-privacy lawsuit filed against him by



Rudolph

years and from 2009 to 2011 served as president of the sport hunting and wildlife conservation organization with more than 50,000 members and 200 chapters worldwide.

Safari Club International and one of its leaders.

Rudolph, 62, claims 300 big-game species kills and numerous international hunting awards.

He was a Safari Club member for about 30 years and from 2009 to 2011 served as president of the sport hunting and wildlife conservation organization with more than 50,000 members and 200 chapters worldwide.

But in 2012, club leaders voted him out and stripped him of his hunting awards over allegations that he used his title to commit adultery.

After Rudolph was expelled, he filed a defamation claim against club officers in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh and later in Casper, Wyo., where the vote to oust him was taken. Both courts dismissed Rudolph's claims against specific club officers, but the litigation in Pittsburgh is proceeding against the club.

In its California lawsuit, the club alleges that Rudolph, its one-time chief communications officer, was negligent and damaged its reputation. The lawsuit seeks unspecified civil damages.



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Lawrence Rudolph and his late wife Bianca Finizio Rudolph were accomplished hunters and environmental philanthropists.



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Chad Orozski of Greensburg prepares to release the rainbow trout he caught Friday in the rain at Twin Lakes Park.

Drawbacks to warmth

Allergy sufferers, drivers brace for springtime pollen, potholes

BY MATTHEW MEDSGER

The mild winter is over, and it's time for the next season.

For some, though, spring isn't the season that follows winter — it's allergy season.

About one in 10 people are bothered by seasonal allergies, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A winter like this year's, with multiple record-breaking warm days and less-than-average snowfall, may be good for those who hate the cold.

But for those who suffer from seasonal allergies, it's a double-edged sword.

Dr. Michael Palumbo, of Pittsburgh-based Allergy and Clinical Immunology Associates, said winter weather has a dramatic effect on the severity and length of the accompanying allergy season.

"In general, when we have a milder winter it leads to a longer allergy season in spring," he said.

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But, Palumbo said, it can lead to a milder one.

"We already saw appreciable pollen counts in February," Palumbo said. "This usually leads to a longer but more steady pollen season without as many really severe days."

Pollen.com, a website that provides localized pollen reports, forecasts very high levels of pollen in the region this weekend.

With tissues in hand and behind bloodshot eyes, Ahmed Ali, 28, of New Kensington said his allergies already have kicked up.

"I think I'm allergic to, like, everything in Pennsylvania," he said. "I swear, literally ev-

ery plant in this state is trying to kill me right now. I just wake up miserable."

Palumbo says cabin fever, the feeling of having been cooped up indoors for too long, can be tough on allergy sufferers.

"We can't wait to throw those windows open in the spring to allow the warm breezes in, but the pollen blows in on those breezes," he said.

Palumbo recommends not opening windows until after the early morning hours, when pollen is most prevalent.

There are steps parents can take to help protect their children.

spring allergies need to start taking their allergy medicines before pollen season starts and daily through the season," Palumbo said. "After they have been outside playing, they need to come in and wash their face and rinse their hair thoroughly."

Children with spring allergies should never go to sleep in the clothes that they wore outdoors," Palumbo said.

The worst part of spring

Just as allergies and spring follow winter, so too does another season — pothole season.

But according to Valerie Peterson, a PennDOT spokeswoman, the winter hasn't left behind quite as many potholes as it could have.

"We are continuing to fight potholes every day, but we would consider this to be a slightly milder pothole season compared to last year," she said.

SPRING • C9

Hunters had hand in rules adjustments

Semiautomatics approved for small game, furbearers

BY MATTHEW MEDSGER

Pennsylvanians will be allowed to use semiautomatic rifles to hunt small game and furbearers as the state becomes the last to end an outright ban on a class of firearms some sportsmen favor because it lets them take a faster follow-up shot.

The change approved last week by the Pennsylvania Game Commission will start with the 2017-18 hunting season and does not allow sportsmen to take deer, turkey and other big game with semiautomatic rifles. The agency said a majority of hunters it surveyed opposed allowing semiautomatic rifles for big game.

The survey of more than 2,000 randomly sampled hunters from across the state showed "clear support" for allowing the firearms to be used to hunt small game — such as wild ducks, squirrels and rabbits — and for furbearers. Furbearers are animals, including raccoons, foxes and skunks, that are trapped or valued for their fur.

Joe Mischak, owner of Mischak's Hunting Supplies in East Deer, called the change "a good thing." "If you are hunting something that moves, you want a semiautomatic," he said. "Pennsylvania is behind on a lot of things; it's about time they caught up on this."

JOE MISCHAK
OWNER OF MISCHAK'S HUNTING
SUPPLIES IN EAST DEER

Hunters who support semiautomatics say it allows them to respond quickly if they need to take additional shots to kill game. They argue that manual-action firearms could allow an injured animal or bird to escape and suffer. Critics worry about safety and whether quick-fire weapons are needed to hunt.

Semiautomatics are a class of firearms that utilize a cycle of mechanical operations to fire a round, eject its casing and feed a new round into the weapon's chamber with each pull of the trigger. Manual firearms require the user to operate the action to feed new rounds after each shot, leading to a slower rate of fire.

The game commission's changes were made after the state Legislature last year cleared the way for the agency to lift the ban on the use of semiautomatic rifles for hunting and Gov. Tom Wolf signed the bill into law.

The commission initially planned to allow semiautomatic rifles for hunting big game but pulled back after hearing from hunters.

The agency said 62 percent of hunters it surveyed did not support the use of semiautomatics during big game seasons. Of that 62 percent, 52 percent were strongly opposed.

"We listened to our hunters," President Commissioner Brian Hoover said.

CHANGES • C9

State officials push to save heating aid

Program Trump called to cut helps 345K Pennsylvanians

BY KEVIN ZWICK

State officials are asking Pennsylvania's congressional delegation to continue to fund a key assistance program after President Trump's call for its elimination.

Trump has proposed eliminating funding the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, commonly known as LIHEAP.

Commissioners from the state Public Utility Commission sent letters to the congressional delegation seeking support for the safety net program. Gov. Tom Wolf has sought support for the program and has extended the deadline to apply for assistance until Friday.

More than 11,000 households in Westmoreland County use LIHEAP. It ranks as the fourth-highest county in terms of households participating in LIHEAP behind Philadelphia, Allegheny and Luzerne counties.

State officials say weather and the local economy could account for the high number of applicants from Westmoreland County. Households receiving LIHEAP have incomes below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

The program helps 345,000 Pennsylvanians, including seniors, children and individuals with disabilities, heat their homes in the winter. It's available to homeowners and renters, and the grant goes di-

rectly to the utility company, according to PUC.

The LIHEAP program has enjoyed bipartisan support in Washington and from state officials since its inception in the early 1970s.

Additionally, PUC commissioners pressed for support for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). They say it has helped 1,500 low-income homes increase energy efficiency and safety. WAP gives priority to the elderly, those with a disability, families with children and high-energy users.

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EASTER CHEER

Jase Harris, 3, of Vandergrift and Ty Thomas, 4, of Plum play together Saturday during the Easter Egg Hunt at Union Presbyterian Church in Murrysville. The event included crafts, pizza and games.

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Donald J. Aston

YOUNGWOOD

Donald J. Aston, 76, of Youngwood, died Thursday, March 30, 2017. He was born May 21, 1940, in Greensburg, a son of the late James "Pro" and Virginia Hayden Aston. Don was retired from Sterling-Lebanon Packaging. He was a member of the Teamsters Local Union 30 of Jeannette. He enjoyed camping and spending precious time with his family. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, John and Arthur Aston. He is survived by his first love and wife of 60 years, Margaret A. Harbaugh Aston; eight children, Donald (ex-wife, Mary Jane) Aston Jr., of New Mexico, Denise Clark, Donna Barnhart, Margie Wiltrout, Larry (Chris) Aston, Bill (Tracy) Aston, Tim (Michele) Aston and Steve Aston, all of Greensburg; 18 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him. **Family and friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at BARNHART FUNERAL HOME, 505 East Pittsburgh St., Greensburg. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home. Interment will follow in Westmoreland County Memorial Park, Greensburg.** For online condolences, visit BarnhartFuneralHome.com.

Marsha A. (Wawrzeniak) Bazylak

NORTH VERSAILLES

Marsha Ann (Wawrzeniak) Bazylak, 74, of North Versailles, passed away Friday, March 31, 2017, surrounded by her family, after successfully winning the fight against lung cancer. She was born Sept. 7, 1942, in Glassport. She was preceded in death by her parents, Olga and Frank Wawrzeniak; stepfather, Stanley Wawrzeniak; sister, Francis Marie; and brother, Francis. A graduate of Montefiore Nursing School in



1963, Marsha was an operating room nurse for 42 years at McKeesport Hospital. She was a member of Corpus Christi Parish and a member of the East Allegheny AARP, where she served as president. In addition, she was an active member of the YMCA in Wilmerding. Marsha was known as the "official neighborhood nurse" and enjoyed traveling, polka music/dancing, spending time with her friends and watching her grandchildren in their activities. Marsha is survived by her husband of 54 years, Tom Bazylak; daughters, Sue (Bob) Svec and Patty Colorito; grandchildren, Tom, Heather, Bobby and Ashley Svec, and Ava and Dante Colorito; sister, Carol (Jim) Bradley; brother, Richard (Rose) Wawrzeniak; and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marsha's memory to the East Allegheny AARP c/o 1415 Greensburg Ave., North Versailles, PA 15137 or the Hillman Cancer Center, 5115 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Marsha's family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of the Hillman Cancer Center, UPMC Shadyside, UPMC Presbyterian and UPMC McKeesport (CCU and 3 Mansfield) for their excellent and compassionate care that she received while in their care. **Friends are welcome from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the GILBERT FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC., 1638 Lincoln Way, White Oak, 412-672-6322, Troy J. Gilbert, director. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, April 3, at Corpus Christi Parish, with the Rev. Steven M. Palsa officiating. Condolences may be made at gilbertfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.**

Jay N.R. Boyd

NORTH HUNTINGDON

Jay Neil Raymond Boyd, 46, of North Huntingdon, died Tuesday, March 28, 2017. He was the beloved father of Bryan Boyd; loving son of William (Linda) Boyd, and Karen Boyd; brother of Erica (Amanda) Boyd and Melissa (Chase) Kenderes. **Funeral services will be private. THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME INC., 7441 Washington St., Swissvale, is in charge of arrangements. www.niedfuneralhome.com.**

Ice cream shop owner was 'the idea man'

BY JACOB TIERNEY

When Thomas Loughran ran a Baskin-Robbins ice cream shop in Johnstown, his most reliable employees were his seven daughters — and sometimes their boyfriends.

His children remember him as a Renaissance man who dabbled in golf, theater, handball, cooking, tennis and more.

"My dad lived the best life," said his daughter Ann Cutrell. "He used to call himself the idea man. He'd get an idea, he'd run with it, and then when he was done he was done."

He wasn't a runner, but his friends were, which is why he helped found the Johnstown Marathon 42 years ago.

He preferred time with his family and his hobbies to work, but his career as an insurance adjuster and



Loughran

March 29, 2017. He was 84.

He was the son of John J. "Speedo" and Helen D. Loughran.

He met his wife, Patricia, in elementary school. They fell in love while she was a student at Seton Hill University and he was a basketball star at St. Vincent College.

"They have been married 60 years, and they were the model of a successful marriage," said their daughter Sharon Brown.

He was a Navy veteran who loved

ice cream shop proprietor supported his family and put his children through college.

Thomas H. Loughran of Ligonier, formerly of Swissvale and Johnstown, died Wednesday,

making friends.

"My dad had a large presence no matter where he went. He was someone who could never get enough attention," Brown said.

After his retirement, he would winter in Florida and invite his fellow snowbirds to celebrate his birthdays.

"He would throw his own birthday party and invite everyone in the complex to it, and make Coney Island hot dogs for them," his daughter Bernadette Cala said.

Mr. and Mrs. Loughran moved to Ligonier about 10 years ago and quickly became beloved members of the community, Cutrell said.

Mr. Loughran set aside time every Friday evening to call all 20 of his grandchildren, to regale them with his corny jokes, share advice and invite them out for games of golf.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia

A (Robinson) Loughran; daughters, Kathryn Cala, of Export, Ann (Dennis) Cutrell, of Ligonier, Bernadette (Michael) Cala, of Alexandria, Va., Mary Jo (Maxine Kane) Loughran, of Pittsburgh, Sharon (Edward) Brown, of Monongahela, Sheila (Edward) Burgard, of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Jenifer (Stuart) Selzer, of Charlotte, N.C.; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Funeral Home, 402 E. Church St., Ligonier. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Ligonier, with interment to follow at the St. Vincent Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to UNC Hospice.

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Regional deaths

An asterisk (*) after a name indicates that a full death notice appears in these pages. (F) after a residence denotes "formerly." Friends of the deceased are invited to sign the online guest book at www.TribLIVE.com.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Name, age	Residence	Funeral home
Aston, Donald J., 76*	Youngwood	Barnhart, Greensburg
Boyd, Jay N.R., 46*	North Huntingdon	Nied, Swissvale
Campi, Enrico P., 56	Greensburg	Kepple-Graft, Greensburg
Dent, Thomas J., 68*	Harrison City	Graziano, Jeannette
Fullem, Patricia L., 87*	Greensburg	Barnhart, Greensburg
Graham, Edward, 83*	Greensburg	Pantalone, Greensburg
Herold, Eva M., 95*	North Huntingdon	Snyder, Irwin
Hildenbrand, Nancy A., 86*		Shirley, North Huntingdon
Matta, Lorraine M., 83*	North Huntingdon	Shirley, North Huntingdon
Peer, Ronald C., 63*	Level Green	Dobrinick, Trafford

Petroy, Arlene J., 79*	South Greensburg	Bacha, Greensburg
Pieczynski, Alvin T., 80*	Trafford	Dobrinick, Trafford
Rossi, Dolores M., 85	Greensburg	Bacha, Greensburg
Washlack, Violet P., 90*	Smithton	Thompson-Marodi, Bentleyville

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Name, age	Residence	Funeral home
Bazylak, Marsha A., 74*	North Versailles	Gilbert, White Oak

INDIANA COUNTY

Name, age	Residence	Funeral home
Weinell, Grace E., 94	Blairsville	Shoemaker, Blairsville

Thomas J. Dent

HARRISON CITY

Thomas J. Dent, 68, of Harrison City, passed away Friday, March 31, 2017. He was born May 2, 1948, in Greensburg, a son of the late William A. Sr. and Helen R. Duckworth Dent. Prior to his retirement, Tom was a network engineer for Unisys Corp. in Bluebell. Tom enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid fisherman. He is survived by a daughter, Heather Tanyer, and husband, Vince, of Penn Township; grandchildren, Skye and Joseph Tanyer; brothers, William A. Dent Jr. and wife, Daneen, of Trafford, and Robert Dent, and wife, Joyce, of Jeannette; nieces, Christine Elias, and husband, Mike, Lisa Dent, and Brandi Binakovsky, and husband, Jeremy; nephews, Michael Dent, and wife, Jacqueline, and Robert Dent Jr.; and a godson, Jimmy Raby. **Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the JOHN V. GRAZIANO FUNERAL HOME INC., 228 North 2nd St., Jeannette. A blessing service will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel. A private interment will take place in Jeannette Catholic Cemetery, Hempfield Township.**

Patricia L. Fullem

GREENSBURG

Patricia L. Fullem, 87, of Greensburg, died Thursday, March 30, 2017. She was born Aug. 3, 1929, in Greensburg, a daughter of the late Charles and Ida Morgan Hamilton. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Clyde E. Fullem Jr.; and an infant sister, Shirley Selaine Hamilton. She is survived by two sons, Edward C. Fullem, of Greensburg, and Derrick W. Fullem, of New Stanton; two daughters, Cindy J. (Ray) Resavy, of Youngwood, and Lisa S. Dressler and fiancé, Randy Page, of Hunker; six grandchildren, Michael (Lindsey), Danielle (Todd), Nick, Austin, Brett and Lisa; four great-grandchildren, Selaine, Keegan, Ashlyn and Breanna; a brother, Charles (Joan) Hamilton, of Sun City West, Ariz.; her best friends, Dee Dee and Mary Jane; and her cat, "Kitty." **There will be no public visitation or service. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1100 Liberty Ave. Suite E 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. For online condolences, visit www.BarnhartFuneralHome.com.**

Edward Graham

GREENSBURG

Edward Graham, 83, of Greensburg, son of the late Eliza Jane Evans Graham and Lawrence Graham, passed away at his home, Kildonan Farm, Thursday, March 30, 2017. Ed was born March 26,



1934, in Winnipeg, Canada. His farming family moved to the town of Michigan, North Dakota, when he was a boy. He left North Dakota to serve in the Army in Korea. After earning an honorable discharge in 1953, he attended college, graduating from Cornell University with a degree in Business Economics. Edward Graham wanted to be remembered as a stockman, plantsman and salesman. His first career was as a salesman for Commerce Clearing House in the greater Pittsburgh region. His work included providing law firms and certified public accountants with up-to-date law, tax and accounting books. In his second career, Ed became a stockman. A lifelong connoisseur of sheep and cattle, he leased farmland in Torrance before purchasing the property in Greensburg, which he renamed Kildonan Farm after the area in Winnipeg where he was born. He raised Angus cattle and English Dorset sheep. He joined the Westmoreland Cattleman's Association and served as the Association's

secretary for 25 years. In the early 1990s, Ed began courting Holly O'Donnell, a Pittsburgh native living in Mt. Pleasant. They were married in 1993. The two honeymooned in the Chesapeake Bay area, a region to which they regularly returned for vacation and to visit the area's cattle farms. Ed was a student of business and politics who read history and biography — especially the history of World War II and Nazi Germany. An avid follower of current affairs and the stock market, he formed well-considered judgments of the world and held forth with friends and neighbors. But while opinionated, he was not one to force his opinions on others; he enjoyed a good debate as much as a good joke or story. Ed was a longtime member of St. Bartholomew Parish church. Ed was preceded in death by his brothers, Lawrence, William and George. He is survived by his wife, Holly; sister, Madeline Fryer; sister-in-law, Mary Grace O'Donnell; and a loving family. This includes his nieces and nephews, Jami Camburn (Eric), Dennis Fryer (Bing), Edward Fryer, Anne Graham (Steve Eglyhazi), Jennifer Graham, Kate Graham (Gordon Mayer), Tim Graham (Liz), Laura Verheaghe (Andy) and their children, Lorin and Neil Camburn, Sean and Connor Eglyhazi, Dennis, Caleb, and Elizabeth Fryer, Josephine, Warren and Luvia Fryer, Hannah, Sam and Joseph Graham, Max and Georgia Mayer, and Tibult, Holden and Zoe Verheaghe. **Relatives and friends are**

invited to celebrate the life of Ed from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the CLEMENT L. PANTALONE FUNERAL HOME INC., 409 W. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA 15601, 724-837-0020. Parting prayers will be held at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass to be celebrated in St. Bartholomew Church, 2538 US-119, Crabtree. Interment will follow at Calvary Hill Cemetery. Ed's family has entrusted his care to the Clement L. Pantalone Funeral Home Inc. 409 W. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, 724-837-0020. To share your memories and photos, offer your condolences, or for directions, please visit us at www.pantalone.com, Natale N. Pantalone, supervisor.

Eva M. (Smith) Herold

NORTH HUNTINGDON

Eva M. (Smith) Herold, 95, of North Huntingdon, passed away Saturday, April 1, 2017. She was born May 8, 1921, in Irwin, a daughter of the late Samuel L. and Alma M. (Frye) Smith. She was a longtime member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irwin and was a former member of the church choir. She worked as a personnel manager for more than 20 years at Telephone Answering Service in Pittsburgh. She was an avid knitter and collector of ceramics and was a great Pittsburgh Pirates fan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her

former husband, Edmund V. Herold; brothers, Louis "Buzz," Bill and John Smith; and sisters, Betty Zahratka, Jean Heydorn, Nancy Cognasse and Sandy Klaus. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela J. (John) Watson, of North Huntingdon; grandchildren, Gretchen (Richard) Ramage, of New Hampshire, Heidi (Michael) Dunn, of Adamsburg, Minda Watson, of Florida, and Ericka (Britt) Denham, of Utah; great-grandchildren, Ian, Giovanni, Connor, Ryan and ZeAnna; sisters, Laura Nicholas, of North Huntingdon, and Carol (Dennis) Tauber, of North Irwin; sister-in-law, Lynn Smith, of North Huntingdon; and numerous nieces and nephews. **Friends and family will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the WILLIAM SNYDER FUNERAL HOME INC., 521 Main St., Irwin, 724-863-1200. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Clifton J. Suehr officiating. Interment will follow at Penn Lincoln Memorial Park, North Huntingdon. The family would like to thank special friends, Julie McNamara, hospice nurses, Mary and Erica, and the staff of Hempfield Manor for their loving care. Memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army, Irwin Service Unit 551, 617 Main St., Irwin, PA 15642, Irwin, or the Westmoreland County Food Bank at www.westmorelandfoodbank.org. For online condolences, please visit www.snyderfuneral.com.**

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Nancy A. Hildenbrand

Nancy A. Hildenbrand, 86, passed away Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, at Shepherd of the Valley in Howland, Ohio, after a short illness. She was born Jan. 9, 1931, in Irwin, a daughter of the late William Albert and Eleanor (Barner) Rain. Nancy was a member of Howland United Methodist Church. She was a dedicated wife and mother to her children and embodied the values and spirit of a Proverbs 31 woman. She enjoyed quilting and was a member of the quilting guild in Trumbull County for many years. Nancy is survived by her daughters, Ellen A. Hildenbrand and Beth J. (Jose) Colon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Dean Hildenbrand; son, Michael S. Hildenbrand; and a daughter, Amy L. Hildenbrand. **A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017, in the funeral home chapel at the JAMES W. SHIRLEY FUNERAL HOME, 176 Clay Pike, North Huntingdon.** www.shirleyfuneralhome.com.

Arlene J. (Fiaschetti) Petroy

Arlene J. (Fiaschetti) Petroy, 79, of South Greensburg, died Thursday, March 30, 2017, at her home. She was born Sept. 12, 1937, in Greensburg, a daughter of the late Pietro and Primina (Tomei) Fiaschetti. She was a member of St. Bruno Roman Catholic Church, South Greensburg, the Columbia Ladies Lodge and past president of the Rosary Altar Society of the church. Arlene filled her life with love, laughter and food and surrounded herself with adoring family and countless friends. Knowing her was feeling her passion, excitement and joy for living. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers-in-law, Edward Nicola and Jack Petroy; her sisters-in-law, infant Vicky and Ginny (Petroy) Kloock and husband, Martin; and her mother and father-in-law, Mary and John Petroy. She is survived by her husband, Claude R. Petroy Sr.; their children, Claudia Narcisi and husband, Edward, of Irwin, Christine "Tina" Petroy, of South Greensburg, Cynthia P. Smith and husband, Troy, of Murrysville, Anthony R. Petroy, of Rolla, Mo., and Claude R. "Rick" Petroy Jr. and wife, Jamie, of Pittsburgh; eight-grandchildren, Aldo Narcisi, Alida Narcisi, Christian Petroy, Olivia Petroy, Faye Petroy, Romeo Petroy, Carmine Kinsey and Sabine Kinsey; two step-grandchildren, Zachary Smith and wife, Kaitlyn, and Dylan Smith; her sister, Elide Nicola, of Greensburg; her brother, Lawrence Fiaschetti and wife, Barbara, of South Greensburg; her brothers-in-law, Vincent Petroy and wife, Donna, of Indiana, and the Rev. Dominic Petroy, OSB, of St. Vincent Archabbey; her sister-in-law, Rhonda Petroy, of Greensburg; and several nieces and nephews. **Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the LEO M. BACHA FUNERAL HOME INC., 516 Stanton St., Greensburg. Prayers will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the funeral home, followed by a funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. Bruno Roman Catholic Church, South Greensburg. Private entombment will be in Greensburg Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum. The Rosary Altar Society of St. Bruno Roman Catholic Church will pray the rosary at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.** www.bachafh.com.



Violet P. Washlack

SMITHTON
FORMERLY OF BENTLEYVILLE
Violet Patricia Washlack, 90, of Smithton, formerly of Bentleyville, died peacefully Friday, March 31, 2017. She was born July 20, 1926, in Bentleyville, a daughter of Bennie and Nellie Vilkelinte Puskavich. Violet was employed in many positions, some of which included the Mon Valley Catholic High School and Uniontown Catering. Violet was a lifelong member of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Bentleyville, having been a founding member of the Women's Pierogi Fundraising Committee and former Ave Maria Parish Women's Guild. She was also a member of the Bentleyville Homemaker's and the Red Hatters. In her spare time, Violet enjoyed crocheting, baking and going to the casinos. Most of all, Violet thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family. Surviving are three children, Janet (Andy) Boris, of Smithton, with whom she resided, Marjorie (Stan) Filip, of Pittsburgh, Charles (Sharon) Washlack Jr., of Coal Center; eight grandchildren, Terri (Jim) Pajak, of Smithton, Dr. Paul Boris, of Smithton, Tammy (Kathy) Boris, of Shippensburg, Jeffrey and Darrin Filip, both of Pittsburgh, both of Pittsburgh, Tara (Geoff) Barbanell, of Los Angeles, Calif., Chas and Jared Washlack, both of Bentleyville; great-grandchildren, Leah Boris, of Smithton, and Jones Barbanell, of Los Angeles, Calif.; sister-in-law, Susan Procasky, of Berea, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly. Deceased is her husband, Charles; two sisters, Mildred Shoe and Nellie Seaman; and three brothers, Albert, Frank and Anthony Puskavich. **Friends are welcome from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 2017, at the THOMPSON-MARODI FUNERAL HOME INC., 809 Main St., Bentleyville, 724-239-2255, where a prayer service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2017, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1:30 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel, Bentleyville Campus (formerly Ave Maria), 126 Church St., Bentleyville, with the Rev. Ronald Cytoktor Jr., as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Luke Cemetery, Bentleyville. A reception will follow at St. Katharine Drexel Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 3810-9959. Visit www.thompson-marodi.com to leave a condolence message, order flowers and share photos.**



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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

William Coleman Jr.

William Coleman Jr., who helped draft the landmark 1954 legal case in which the Supreme Court ruled that segregation in public schools was illegal and who later became the country's second black Cabinet officer after President Gerald R. Ford named him Transportation secretary, died Friday at his home in Alexandria, Va. He was 96. The cause was complications from Alzheimer's disease, said a daughter, Lovida Hardin Coleman Jr. Throughout his long career, Coleman was often at the forefront of major public events, legal battles and significant social advances. In 1948, he became the first black American to serve as a law clerk to a Supreme Court justice, and within two years he was working alongside Thurgood Marshall of the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund on major desegregation cases. In the 1960s, Coleman was a staff lawyer for the Warren Commission, investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He defended young civil rights activists known as Freedom Riders and successfully argued a Supreme Court case that helped eliminate prohibitions against interracial marriage. A progressive Republican, Coleman was an adviser to every president, Republican and Democrat, from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George W. Bush. Coleman began working with Marshall on the Brown case in 1950, coordinating research efforts in 37 states. Ultimately, five cases — from Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia — collectively came to be known as Brown v. Board of Education. Coleman helped write the legal briefs, which formed the basis of Marshall's arguments before the Supreme Court in December 1952 and again a year later.

Her family confirmed her death and said the cause was complications from pneumonia. Four decades ago, Francine Hughes of Dansville, Mich., was a cause celebre, the subject of national news stories detailing the agony she had endured during her 13-year relationship with James "Mickey" Hughes and the desperate lengths to which she went to end it. The case became a textbook example of a condition experts dubbed "battered-woman syndrome." Feminists parsed Wilson's successful "temporary insanity" defense, debating whether the verdict represented a victory or a defeat for their cause. Some men expressed concern that her acquittal might invite violence among aggrieved women. Thousands saw the 1984 NBC-TV movie, based on a 1980 book by Faith McNulty, that starred Farrah Fawcett as Wilson in one of the actress's most acclaimed dramatic roles.

Julian Stanczak

Julian Stanczak, an artist known worldwide for his brightly colored, geometric Op art, has died. He was 88. Stanczak died March 25 at his home in the Cleveland suburb of Seven Hills, Ohio, said Diane Rosenstein, whose Los Angeles-based gallery represented Stanczak. She said he died after a brief illness.

The Polish-born artist's work is included in the collections of more than 80 museums. He became more widely known to the public through the 1965 Museum of Modern Art exhibit "The Responsive Eye." He'd had his first major solo exhibition of his "Optical Paintings" the year before. During World War II, Stanczak was sent to a concentration camp in Siberia. There, the right-handed Stanczak permanently lost the use of his right arm and had to become left-handed. After escaping from the camp, he joined the Polish army-in-exile in Persia (now Iran) and then deserted it. He later spent time in a refugee camp in Uganda. He began taking private art lessons there and learned to paint with his left hand. In 1950, he moved to Cleveland and found his artistic home.

Francine Hughes Wilson

Francine Hughes Wilson, who was found not guilty by reason of insanity after setting her abusive ex-husband on fire as he slept in 1977, a homicide dramatized in the TV movie "The Burning Bed" and that directed national attention toward domestic violence, died March 22 in Sheffield, Ala. She was 69.

—Wire reports

Lorraine M. (Auld) Matta

NORTH HUNTINGDON

Lorraine M. (Auld) Matta, 83, of North Huntingdon, passed away Friday, March 31, 2017, at Forbes Regional Hospital. She was born Nov. 12, 1933, in East Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late James and Margaret Auld. She was a member of St. Agnes Church, North Huntingdon, and a member of Christian Mothers. Prior to raising her family, Lorraine worked as a lab assistant at Westinghouse Research. She enjoyed playing cards, trips to the casino and doing her daily crossword puzzles. Lorraine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard Matta; son, Ronald Matta; and grandson, David Hill. She is survived by her sons, Richard Matta and his wife, Karen, of Potomac, Md., and Lawrence Matta and his wife, Stefanie, of Cypress, Texas; daughter, Lori Husok and her husband, Nicholas, of North Huntingdon; daughter-in-law, Judy Matta, of North Huntingdon; 11 grandchildren, Stephen Matta, Kevin Matta, Lauren (Matta) Zhang, Katy (Hill) Hwang, Brian Hill, Jonathan Krohe, Allison Matta, Christopher Cervi, Tori Matta, Michael Matta and Emily Matta; and five great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, brother and sisters-in-law and dear friends. **Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the JAMES W. SHIRLEY FUNERAL HOME, 176 Clay Pike, North Huntingdon. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Agnes Church, North Huntingdon. Interment will follow in Penn Lincoln Memorial Park.**



Alvin T. Pieczynski

TRAFFORD

Alvin T. "Al" Pieczynski, 80, of Trafford, passed away Friday, March 31, 2017, in Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville. Al was born Nov. 23, 1936, in PortVue, the son of the late Stephen and Bertha (Boczar) Pieczynski. Al was a retired senior research engineer for Westinghouse Electric. He was a member of St. Nicholas Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in Monroeville and a veteran of the Army Reserves. He loved the outdoors, fishing and camping. Al is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Anna (Jankovich) Pieczynski; his two sons, Alvin T. Pieczynski Jr. (June), of Oxford Mich., and David-Pieczynski (Beth), of Forsyth Ga.; his three grandchildren, Jordan, Ali and Heath Pieczynski; and his two sisters, Carole D'Ascenzo (Rocco), of Riverdale, Ga., and Maryann Dominik (Larry), of North Huntingdon. **Family and friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the JOHN M. DOBRINICK FUNERAL HOME INC., 702 7th St. (State Rt. 130), Trafford, (412-372-3111). Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Nicholas Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church, with the Very Rev. George Veselinovic officiating. Everyone please meet at the church. Interment will follow in the Grandview Cemetery, North Versailles. Pomen services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. www.dobrinickfhinc.com.**



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Ronald C. Peer

LEVEL GREEN

Ronald C. Peer, 63, of Level Green, passed away, Thursday March 30, 2017, in Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville. Ron was born July 23, 1953, in Pittsburgh, the son of the late Delores (Fabyonic) Peer. Ron was a finish carpenter by trade and was a member of the Carpenters Union. He worked for various companies in the area and was very proud of his work. Ron is survived by his children, Joshua N. "Moosk" Peer (Jamie) and Devin Peer; his grandchildren, Layla and Brody Peer; his sister, Renee Findley (John), of Trafford; his former wife, Karen Peer; his significant other, Melissa Geier, and the Diedrich family; his niece, Kaitlyn Findley; and great-nephew, Kaleb Findley; along with many aunts, uncles and cousins, nieces, in-laws, and his dog, Bella. **Family and friends will be received from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday in the JOHN M. DOBRINICK FUNERAL HOME INC., 702 7th St. (State Rt. 130), Trafford, 412-372-3111. A funeral liturgy will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, with Father David Nazimek officiating. There will be no visitation or funeral services Monday, April 3. Interment will follow in the Grandview Cemetery, North Versailles. www.dobrinickfhinc.com.**



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DECISIONS OF YOUR JUDGES

The following is a partial list of criminal cases handled by judges in the most recent term of Westmoreland County criminal court. Some of the cases involve first-time offenders being enrolled in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program. The ARD program does not require an admission of guilt, but participants are placed into the program for up to two years.

Judge Rita D. Hathaway

● D'El Mackey, 35, of Monessen pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Brandy Pierce, 36, of Charleroi, charged with theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property, was accepted into the ARD program for one year.

● Taryll Matthew Skaggs, 40, of Smithton pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to six to 23 months in jail.

● Whitney W. Stack, 28, of Wexford pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to two to 12 months in jail.

● Mark A. Schofield Jr., 22, of McKeesport pleaded guilty to manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver and was sentenced to 18 months to four years in jail.

● Lonzo Gardner, 59, of Monessen pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to 48 hours to six months in jail. His license was suspended for one year.

● Jason Michael Lowther, 35, of Monessen pleaded guilty to false reports and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● Ronald Conrad Jr., 28, of Carmichaels pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Reid Joseph Gadagno, 20, of Irwin pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to 72 hours to six months in jail. To a separate charge of resisting arrest/other law enforcement, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Nicole Renae Sachek, 29, of Washington pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Eric Daniel Arrigo, 33, of Belle Vernon pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year. To a separate charge of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year. To a separate charge of driving under the influence, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five days to six months in jail. To another charge of manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six to 23 months in jail. His license was suspended for one year.

● Stephen P. Greyschok, 47, of Monongahela pleaded guilty to retail theft and conspiracy and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● James D. Robertson Jr., 66, of Aliquippa pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to 10 days to 24 months in jail. His license was suspended for one year.

● Joshua Alan Hernley, 26, of Everson pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Jason Coy Holbrook, 47, of Belle Vernon pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Michael Jermaine Wortham Jr., 23, of Pittsburgh, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for one year.

● Douglas James Nagy, 19, of Dunedin, Fla., pleaded guilty to simple assault and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Adam Michael Hibbard, 23, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Julie M. Bowers, 53, of West Newton pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Stacy Lynn Greenawalt, 31, of Fredericktown pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Dennis Deliy, 66, of West Newton pleaded guilty to driving under the influence – second offense and was sentenced

to five days to six months in jail. His license was suspended for one year.

● Jacob Joseph Cramer, 26, of Belle Vernon pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● William Huweart, 30, of Monessen pleaded guilty to simple assault and disorderly conduct and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for two years with six months of electronic monitoring.

● Amanda Marie Rossi, 34, of Brownsville pleaded guilty to retail theft and criminal trespass and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Kelcie Rae Burkholder, 22, of Latrobe, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for six months.

● Dennis Jay Carini Jr., 32, of Belle Vernon, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for six months.

● Kailey Crouse, 24, of Monessen pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Kenneth A. Keener, 34, of Armburst pleaded guilty to fleeing or attempting to elude officer and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for five years with 18 months of electronic monitoring. To a separate charge of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Timothy Donald Reese, 50, of Alverton pleaded guilty to burglary, theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● Eric R. Armoros, 24, of Bentleyville pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Tynan Noakes, 23, of Brownsville pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Dale Eugene Bungard, 46, of Luxor, charged with theft by unlawful taking, was accepted into the ARD program for one year.

● Scott R. Painter, 66, of Smithton pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Von Shane Carlson, 50, of Scottdale pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for five years with 180 days of electronic monitoring. To a separate charge of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for six months. His license was suspended for 18 months.

● Jeremy Castrodad, 24, of Uniontown pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year. To a separate charge of driving under the influence, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 72 hours to six months in jail. His license was suspended for one year.

● Brian Leonard Ormsby, 27, of Smithton was sentenced to probation for five years for the charge of indecent assault person less than 13 years of age. To a separate charge of indecent assault person less than 13 years of age, he was sentenced to probation for five years.

● Unique Howell, 24, of Monessen, charged with simple assault, was accepted into the ARD program for one year.

● Julie Lynn Maynard, 31, of Washington pleaded guilty to retail theft, theft by de-

ception and receiving stolen property and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Brandon Charles Craft, 24, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to make repairs/sell/etc. offensive weapons and was sentenced to probation for one year. To a separate charge of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Robin Ford, 47, of Donora, charged with retail theft, was accepted into the ARD program for six months.

● Angela Clark, 43, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to probation for one year. To a separate charge of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year. To separate charges of manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for two years with six months of electronic monitoring.

● John Dale Askey, 46, of Alverton pleaded guilty to simple assault and was sentenced to 10 days to 23 months in jail.

● Jennifer Lynn Burgman, 40, of Belle Vernon, charged with statement under penalty, was accepted into the ARD program for one year. She was ordered not possess a firearm.

● Ricardo Perez-Perez, 36, of Mt. Pleasant pleaded guilty to driving under the influence – second offense and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for six months with 60 days of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for one year.

● Richard Griffith, 27, of Brownsville pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to 60 days to 23 months in jail. To a separate charge of defiant trespass actual communication, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Cydnee Robinson, 23, of Monessen, charged with criminal attempt, was accepted into the ARD program for two years.

● John F. Gourn, 42, of Donora pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Codey William Overly, 21, of Mt. Pleasant, charged with simple assault and recklessly endangering another person, was accepted into the ARD program for two years.

● Vernon Majors, 39, of Monessen pleaded guilty to resisting arrest/other law enforcement and possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to six to 23 months

in jail.

● Jair Deshawn Robinson, 24, of Arona was sentenced to four to 10 years in jail, for the charges of person not to possess use etc. firearm, firearms are to be carried without a license, manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

● Jeffrey L. Walters, 43, of Yukon pleaded guilty to driving under the influence – second offense and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for six months with 60 days of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for one year.

Judge Meagan Bilik-DeFazio

● Joseph Robert Taylor, 33, of Mt. Pleasant pleaded guilty to theft by deception and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Jesse James Simms, 25, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Eric Ryan Achhammer, 34, of Latrobe, charged with possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for six months.

● Deborah D. Deroche, 36, of Jacksonville, N.C., pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to 14 days to 23 months in jail.

● Kathryn Noriene Jepsen, 48, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance by person not registered and was sentenced to probation for one year. To a separate charge of use/possession of a drug paraphernalia, she also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Brooke Jeanette Pratt, 23, of Greensburg, charged with theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property and conspiracy, was accepted into the ARD program for one year.

● Nicki A. Ross, 47, of Penn pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Dennis Alan Pratt, 50, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to receives advance payment for services and fails to perform and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● Stanley Richard Ferry, 26, of Greensburg, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict

program for six months.

● Stanimira Curran, 25, of Apollo, charged with fraud obtaining food stamps/assistance, was accepted into the ARD program for two years. She was ordered to pay restitution of \$2,043.

● Daniel P. Spino, 52, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Quincy Santon Miller, 42, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to terroristic threats with intent to terrorize another and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Michael Eric Garland, 58, of Johnstown pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Rachel Michelle Roland, 19, of Hannastown, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for one year.

● Jonathan Garrett Bair, 21, of Export pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for six months with 60 days of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for 12 months.

● Dorris Stripling, 59, of Pittsburgh pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Crystal Jean Frye, 20, of New Alexandria, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for one year.

Judge John Driscoll

● Amanda Lynn Rusiewicz, 23, of Natrona Heights, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for six months.

● Gregory Robert Harris, 32, of New Kensington pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for five years with 12 months of electronic monitoring. To a separate charge of manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for two years with one year of electronic monitoring.

● Cory Fredrick Phillippi, 22, of Apollo pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to 72 hours to six months in jail. To a separate charge of possession of a controlled substance, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year. His license was suspended for 12 months.

● Carmella Schweiger, 54, of Tarentum, charged with retail theft and conspiracy, was accepted into the ARD program for two years.

● Teresa Lynn Durham, 58, of Vandergrift pleaded guilty to tampering with/fabricate physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to probation for 12 months.

● April May Frey, 32, of Aliquippa pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for 12 months.

● Jason Geary, 43, of Leechburg pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Candice Brooke Ansani, 35, of Lower Burrell pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to 48 hours to six months in jail. Her license was suspended for one year.

● Susan Lynn Haddick, 59, of Pittsburgh pleaded guilty to false identification to law enforcement officer and was sentenced to probation for 12 months.

● Michael P. Beer, 25, of Brackenridge pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● Dominic Canonic, 31, of Leechburg pleaded guilty to fleeing or attempting to elude officer and was sentenced to 63 days to 23 months in jail.

● John C. Rager, 58, of Graceton pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Elizabeth Ann King, 38, of Apollo, charged with statement under penalty, was accepted the ARD program for three months.

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Nadene Bruce

Noteworthy: Bruce was named Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer for the Westmoreland County 4-H program at its 2017



leader kickoff dinner. She was recognized for demonstrating exemplary service to 4-H while promoting volunteerism.

Age: 53

Residence: Washington Township

Family: Husband, Douglas; four children, Natalie Evans, 33; Stephanie Kennedy, 30; Tyler, 26; and Erin, 20; four grandchildren

Education: Associate degree in accounting

Background: A former 4-H member, Bruce has served as a 4-H leader for 34 years, carrying on the tradition of her parents and active longtime club leaders Jim and Emma Dunmire. Bruce is a project leader in the Beaver Run 4-H Club, helping young members learn skills in areas such as nutrition, babysitting, crocheting and first aid. She served on a regional 4-H Leaders Symposium Committee for more than a decade. She helps her father prepare the 4-H exhibition building for the annual Westmoreland Fair, where she is superintendent for special projects ranging from geology and forestry displays to robotics and LEGO creations.

In January 2000, she joined the Kiski Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity. She serves as treasurer of the nonprofit that builds or renovates affordable dwellings and puts woodworking abilities she gained through 4-H to use as a Habitat construction crew member. Making homemade jams is a favorite pursuit Bruce picked up through the 4-H program and has shared with younger family members.

Quote: "You see the growth of knowledge and skills of these children as they go through the years. I enjoy watching these kids grow into adults and learn things that will help them in their everyday lives."

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

The following marriage licenses have been obtained from the Westmoreland County Register of Wills Office:

Casey Michael Breckenridge and Amy Diana Palmer, both of Lower Burrell

Thomas Frank Rataic of Monroeville and Dana Lauren Marietti of Vandergrift

Michael Alfred Beddick and Donna Lee Bozich, both of Herminie

Robert Joseph Schulz and Devon Lynn Parks, both of New Kensington

Lance Edward Morgan and Merlyn Panoy Mulato, both of Delmont

Nathan Allen Kistler and Emily Catherine Cimino, both of Pittsburgh

Kevin Patrick Maier and Jessica Dawn Britton, both of New Kensington

Reginald Robert Little and Coleen Ann Howard, both of Irwin

Michael Wayne Creagan of McKeesport and Stacey Marie Bodnar of Trafford

Joseph Aladino Brudzka and Katelyn Deborah Karasack, both of Latrobe

James Steven Syput and Johanna Dawn Cogley, both of Lower Burrell

Austin Eugene Toy and Nichole Marie Leya, both of Hyde Park

Justin Anthony Oliva and Caitlyn Marie Hazenstab, both of Lower Burrell

Ryan Francis Clark and Tammy Lynn Crawford, both of Latrobe

Bradley John Baker and Amber Nicole Adkison, both of Latrobe

Gavin Scott Allen and Bethani Allens Lodovico, both of Pittsburgh

David James Barry and Victoria Ann Puzak, both of Apollo

Litigation 'really only at its beginning'

RUDOLPH • FROM C1

At issue is an allegation by the late John Whipple, a former club president, that Rudolph invited him to a "friendly" lunch at a Los Angeles restaurant on Feb. 20, 2013, secretly videotaped their conversation and posted it on YouTube.

In his unsuccessful effort for dismissal of the invasion-of-privacy complaints, Rudolph's attorneys did not deny he taped the conversation, which remains posted on the social media site as "Safari Club International SCI president tells the truth on video - Rudolph Exonerated!!"

His attorneys maintain the surreptitious recording "was not highly offensive because it took place in a public restaurant amongst adversaries in pending litigation."

"As Whipple freely discussed sensitive information about pending litigation between himself and Rudolph, Rudolph insists there was no deception, and thus his conduct cannot possibly rise to the level

of highly offensive," his attorneys argued before the court, according to documents.

The taping incident and more than five years of back-and-forth legal battles between Rudolph and the club drew a tongue-in-cheek ruling from the judicial panel in February.

"On appeal, Rudolph seeks to line up the perfect shot, arguing (the claims) must fail because there can be no objectively reasonable expectation of confidentiality in a conversation that occurs in a public place," the court wrote in its 33-page opinion.

"Rudolph's marksmanship, apparently on target in the tundra, here is wide of the mark," Judge Richard Seeborg, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California, wrote in a decision affirming prior rulings that the damage lawsuit can move forward.

Attorneys involved in the case — Joseph J. Nardulli, of Irvine, Calif., who represents John Whipple's widow, Joan, and Kenneth M. Argentieri

of Duane Morris LLP in Pittsburgh — said the plaintiffs and Rudolph will continue pursuing the issues as they have for nearly four years.

As part of its recent ruling, the court said that despite Whipple's death in 2014, his widow can continue his damage claim.

"Cases sometimes can take on a life of their own," Nardulli told the Tribune-Review. "In this particular case, there is very good counsel on both sides making compelling arguments, and I feel it will continue to be that way.

"We do see it as a very serious matter, and it will continue to be vigorously pursued," Nardulli said. He declined to discuss specifics of the case.

Argentieri said the California litigation is "really only at its beginning."

"This decision was only that the case can move forward on the three remaining claims. Dr. Rudolph to this point has been successful getting four of the original seven claims dismissed and defeating a request

for a preliminary injunction (to have the YouTube videos removed)," Argentieri said.

Argentieri said Rudolph is "very hopeful once the case proceeds to trial that the judge will find the claims that remain without merit."

Both Rudolph and his late wife, Bianca Finizio Rudolph, were accomplished hunters and environmental philanthropists who donated generously to Safari Club-related charities since they joined in the 1980s. Bianca was the former president of the Pittsburgh chapter.

Bianca died Oct. 11 during a safari in Zambia.

An article in the Zambia Daily Mail detailed the accidental shooting death.

"A 57-year-old American tourist has died in the Kafue National Park in Mumbwa after she accidentally shot herself in the chest with a shotgun.

"Central Province commissioner of police Lombe Kamukoshi said in an interview that the incident happened (Oct. 11) around 07:00 hours. ... Kamukoshi said Bianca Rudolph

shot herself as she was packing her property.

"Officers rushed to the scene after a report of unnatural death was made that an American woman accidentally shot herself," he said.

Contacted by the Tribune-Review, Finizio Rudolph's relatives in the South Hills referred inquiries about her death to her husband, who did not respond to repeated phone messages.

"I've tried to respect Dr. Rudolph's privacy in that, but I can only imagine the personal devastation he has been through," Argentieri said. He declined further comment.

The Pittsburgh chapter recently recognized Finizio Rudolph's conservation work with the club in its quarterly newsletter, Crosshairs, with a photograph asking members to remember her work as chapter leader.

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DECISIONS OF YOUR JUDGES

The following is a partial list of criminal cases handled by judges in the most recent term of Westmoreland County criminal court. Some of the cases involve first-time offenders being enrolled in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program. The ARD program does not require an admission of guilt, but participants are placed into the program for up to two years.

Judge Christopher A. Feliciani

● Amanda Leigh Taylor, 23, of Zelenople pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Kayla Lynn Brutout, 25, of North Huntington pleaded guilty to driving under the influence — second offense and was sentenced to 30 days to six months in jail. Her license was suspended for one year. To a separate charge of resisting arrest/other law enforcement, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Bryan William Boyd, 31, of North Huntington pleaded guilty to manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver and was sentenced to 30 days to 23 months in jail. To a separate charge of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Rebecca Angelique Vokes, 24, of Rochester pleaded guilty to retail theft, receiving stolen property and conspiracy and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● Daniel Edward Moffa, 51, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Christopher D. Yoest, 41, of Etna pleaded guilty to driving under the influence — second offense and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for six months with 40 days of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for one year.

● Donald Lee Painter, 32, of Penn pleaded guilty to forgery and access device issued to another who did not authorize use and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● John R. Voron, 56, of Cowansville pleaded guilty to terroristic threats with intent to terrorize another and was sentenced to time served to 23 months in jail. To a separate charge of harassment, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● George E. Finny, 29,

of Manor pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Margaret Ann Owens, 59, of Irwin pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Devin Raymone Naylor, 24, of Pitcairn pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Richard Lee Welsh, 24, of Trafford pleaded guilty to theft by deception and was sentenced to probation for one year. To separate charges of robbery, conspiracy, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine to 23 months in jail.

● Cody Dale Brown, 20, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to corruption of minors and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Gregg William Wilson, 57, of Herminie pleaded guilty to driving under the influence — third offense and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for two years with 120 days of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for one year.

● Hollie Shadd, 31, of Herminie pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Crystal Elizabeth Kemper, 27, of Jeannette, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for six months.

● Eugene Dwight Ferri, 34, of Pittsburgh pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to probation for one year. To a separate charge of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Joshua James Lowans, 21, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Jason A. Williams, 44, of Export pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of motor/other vehicles and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● James M. Server, 45, of New Alexandria pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Dustin C. Good, 37, of Irwin, charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, was accepted into the probation without verdict program for

one year.

● Thomas Jake Lewis, 23, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to criminal trespass and was sentenced to probation for three years. To a separate charge of criminal mischief, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Samantha Chew, 32, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to 48 hours to six months in jail. To separate charges of recklessly endangering another person and accident involving death/injury, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year. Her license was suspended for one year.

● Vernon Ramon Paul Dowski, 61, of Pittsburgh pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Raymond D. Postlethwait Jr., 36, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to theft by deception and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Bishop Crystaloski, 20, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Jennifer G. Lowery, 31, of Jeannette, charged with theft by deception, was accepted into the ARD program for one year.

● Angela Kay Sampson, 31, of Mt. Pleasant pleaded guilty to terroristic threats with intent to terrorize another and was sentenced to five days to 23 months in jail.

● Aquala Shalan Deloach, 29, of Pittsburgh pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Jolene Sue Crowell, 41, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to theft by deception and criminal attempt and was sentenced to probation for two years. To separate charges of retail theft and receiving stolen property, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● Douglas Rhome, 31, of Mt. Pleasant pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for two years with 90 days of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for one year.

● Joseph R. Good, 31, of Westmoreland City pleaded guilty to flight to avoid apprehension/trial/punishment and was sentenced to time served to 23 months in jail. To a separate charge of resisting arrest/other law enforcement, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Joshua Vincent Piccar, 25, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to retail theft and was sentenced to time served to 23 months in jail. To separate charges of false identification to law enforcement officer and use/possession of drug paraphernalia, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Jeremy Ryan Bogle, 27, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to 72 hours to six months in jail. To separate charges of retail theft and conspiracy, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to time served to

23 months in jail. His license was suspended for one year.

● Kaleb Watt, 25, of Leechburg pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of children and was sentenced to probation for seven years.

● Kashawn Goldsmith, 21, of Arnold pleaded guilty to criminal trespass and was sentenced to nine to 23 ½ months in jail. To a separate charge of simple assault, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine to 23 ½ months in jail.

● Justin David Colamari, 26, of Murrysville pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for six months.

● Brea Bernardi, 33, of Derry pleaded guilty to driving under the influence — third offense and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for two years with 40 days of electronic monitoring. Her license was suspended for one year.

● Chad Eliard Foster, 23, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver; possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with/fabricate physical evidence and was sentenced to 11 ½ to 23 months in jail. To a separate charge of receiving stolen property, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation for five years.

● Ozzy James Bowland, 33, of Jeannette pleaded guilty to failure to verify address/be photographed and was sentenced to 24 to 48 months in jail.

● Tammie Lee Horst, 44, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to failure to register with the Pennsylvania State Police and was sentenced to 24 to 48 months in jail.

● Tina L. Albertson, 48, of Claridge pleaded guilty to use/possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● David Ray Weaver Jr., 38, of Greensburg pleaded guilty to driving under the influence — second offense and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for six months with 60 days of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for one year.

● Thomas William Jensen, 41, of North Charleroi pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to intermediate punishment for five years with five months of electronic monitoring. His license was suspended for 18 months.

● Scott Gettins, 40, of North Huntington pleaded guilty to possess weapon on school property and was sentenced to probation for two years.

● Phelene Charles, 35, of Philadelphia pleaded guilty to identity theft and was sentenced to probation for one year.

● Lael Brown, 34, of Monessen was sentenced to 21 months to seven years in jail for the charges of theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property and conspiracy. To separate charges of burglary, theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four to 20 years in jail. He was ordered to pay restitution of \$26,711.

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U.S. stocks may hinge on Trump tax plan

Health bill's failure reduces investor expectations, whets appetite for overseas equities

REUTERS

NEW YORK — Wall Street has tempered its expectations for sweeping tax cuts in the wake of President Trump's stinging health care defeat, a move that could push investors to embrace cheaper global stocks after the heady rally of recent months.

The White House turned its attention to an overhaul of the tax code after Republicans were forced last month to pull legislation that would have begun dismantling the Obama administration's 2010 health care law.

Trump made tax cuts, including a lowering of the rates paid by corporations, a pillar of his 2016 presidential campaign. His Nov. 8 victory whetted the appetite of business and investors who saw passage of a tax bill as a virtual slam dunk.

But the Republican infighting that doomed the health care bill in the House of Representatives and the evaporation of the savings that it was seen generating have made the endeavor more problematic.

"Now it appears some of the initiatives in the tax bill will have to be scaled back or even eliminated," said Robert Willens, an independent tax analyst. "It clearly has to be less ambitious."

Others are even less optimistic. "Getting corporate tax relief done in 2017 has gone from a decent chance to remote," said Michael Purves, chief global strategist at Weeden & Co. "That's a huge contributor to potential earnings."

Economists at investment bank Goldman Sachs see "some downside risk" to their original expectation for a tax cut of about \$1.75 trillion over 10 years, though they still see a deal passing.

Trump has said he wants to cut corporate taxes from 35 percent to a range of 15 to 20 percent.

A watered-down version of his tax goals could rattle the concern among money managers that equities' valuations are stretched.

Analysts expect S&P 500 profit growth of 11 percent this year, according to Thomson Reuters data — with many analysts not yet adding a tax cut into that estimate — a big increase over 1.4 percent growth in 2016.

"What (the health care bill's failure) does in my mind is further emphasize the case for international and emerging market equities," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank.

On a forward price-to-earnings basis, the U.S. market is more expensive than it has been in years when compared with the United Kingdom, Europe and emerging markets. Against Japan, it is at its most expensive in at least six months.

Investors in U.S. stocks are paying almost \$18 for every dollar expected in earnings over the next 12 months, compared with just above \$14 for stocks on the London, Tokyo and European exchanges, and near \$12 for those on emerging market exchanges.

More upside is seen in European markets this year. Reuters polls recently predicted a gain of less than 3 percent in U.S. stocks between now and the end of the year, versus a rise of 5 to 6 percent for the STOXX 600 and Euro STOXX 50.

"Making an argument for Europe over the U.S. is very easy at this point," said Matt Burdett, a portfolio manager at Thornburg Investment Management, which has \$49 billion in assets under management.

Dave Wright, a co-portfolio manager of the Sierra Strategic Income fund, which manages \$2.3 billion in assets, said the U.S. market looks "substantially overvalued."

Reflecting the growing appetite U.S. investors have for overseas assets, U.S.-based European stock funds attracted \$636 million during the week ending March 22, the largest inflows since December 2015, according to Lipper data. The four-week moving average of inflows for these funds totaled \$328 million in the latest week, the highest amount since January 2016. For the same period, U.S.-based equity funds posted net cash withdrawals of more than \$1 billion, Lipper data showed.

Still, investors are unlikely to bail out of equities based on the fate of the Trump tax plan alone.

"Whether or not they hit 20 percent corporate tax rate or 25 percent is immaterial when you look at the big picture," said Jason Ware, chief investment officer at Albion Financial Group.



PHOTOS: AP

An Amazon worker loads groceries into a customer's car at an AmazonFresh Pickup location in Seattle. The grocery pickup service, currently open only to Amazon employees, eventually will be available to its Prime subscribers.

GROCERIES ON THE GO

Amazon to test food pickup locations in Seattle

SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE — Amazon.com's latest experiment is a clear indication of where it's seeking a big chunk of its future bread and butter: the massive world of grocery retail.

Last week, the e-commerce giant unveiled two grocery pickup spots in Seattle under the AmazonFresh brand.

That's the same outfit that launched a decade ago to deliver groceries to customers' doorsteps in Seattle. It has since expanded to more than 20 metropolitan areas, from Los Angeles to London, but has failed to make a major dent against established supermarket chains, including archrival Wal-Mart.

Groceries — a \$600 billion U.S. market — are a critical nut for Amazon to crack if it's to unseat Wal-Mart as the world's largest retailer. Analysts with Cowen & Co. called the American grocery sector Amazon's "biggest potential source of revenue upside."

Dubbed AmazonFresh Pickup, the locations are designed for shoppers who make their purchases online and then select a time to pick them up. An Amazon employee at the pickup site will bring the bags to the shopper's car.

The locations have been the target of speculation for months. Tech news site GeekWire first spotted construction at a location in August, but Amazon, even as it worked on the facilities, remained mum on their purpose.

Amazon says that, for now, the locations are in "beta" mode — that is, available to Amazon employees participating in a test program.



But when they open to the general public, they'll be exclusively for members of Amazon's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program. The company declined to specify when that would happen.

Unlike the AmazonFresh delivery service, which costs \$14.99 a month, use of the pickup locations is free, with no minimum order. Orders can be picked up two hours after purchase.

AmazonFresh members, however, will have the special perk of being able to pick up their purchases in 15 minutes.

Amazon is not the first to come up with so-called "click and collect" grocery shopping. Supermarket chains from Texas' H-E-B to Kroger and Wal-Mart offer the service. Yet Amazon may have an edge over its competitors because of the popularity of its smartphone app — about 30 million Americans use it on a monthly basis, says Cooper Smith, an analyst at L2, a business intelligence consultancy.

"Clearly, this is a mobile play," Smith said, targeted to "younger consumers, high-net-worth consumers."

"I wouldn't be surprised if five years from now you have Amazon stores along the major metropolitan areas along the coasts."

The AmazonFresh Pickup facilities are part of what seems to be a multipronged approach to unraveling the mystery of profitably selling groceries in the digital age. That effort is beset by difficult logistics and by shoppers' reluctance to buy certain foods,

such as produce and meats, sight unseen.

Brick-and-mortar stores play a big role in this retail re-imagining. One prominent component is the Amazon Go store, a pilot convenience store that opened in December in one of the company's downtown Seattle high-rises. The 1,800-square-foot store has technology similar to that used in self-driving cars; shoppers can walk in, pick up a product from the shelf and walk out the door without dealing with a cashier; the item is automatically charged to their account.

Groceries are also part of a wider push by Amazon into the physical world, a campaign in which Seattle serves as a staging ground. In 2015, the company opened its first brick-and-mortar bookstore in the city. Recently, it announced what will be its 10th bookstore at another Seattle location. The New York Times reported that Amazon is also pondering brick-and-mortar emporia for appliances and furniture.

Colder states top list of retirement destinations

N.H. ranked No. 1 by those planning post-career move

USA TODAY

Go north, retirees. Despite its harsh winter, New Hampshire is the best place to retire, according to personal finance site Bankrate.com.

Colorado, Maine, Iowa and Minnesota round out its top five retirement destinations.

The chosen states offer the best options in the financial and lifestyle categories that matter to retirees. From most to least important, the categories were: cost of living, health care quality, crime, cultural vitality, weather, taxes, senior citizens' well-being and the

prevalence of other seniors.

New Hampshire ranked in the top five in three of the categories — well-being (second-best), crime (third-lowest) and health care quality (fourth-best) — and generally performed well in other areas, except weather.

Nonretired U.S. adults were surveyed nationally for the report, Bankrate says.

"What people think they want in retirement may not end up being what serves them best over the long run," Bankrate.com analyst Claes Bell said. "It's about a lot more than sunny skies, beaches and golf courses. As you get older, practical considerations like health care, taxes and proximity to family and friends become much more important."

Daydreaming about packing up and heading to new



AP

The Connecticut River flows through Pittsburg, N.H. The state was named the best place to retire.

and strange destinations at retirement is still common even among young workers. About half of non-retired U.S. adults would consider moving to a different city or state when they retire, the study said. More than

half (58 percent) of millennials expressed their desire to move, while 46 percent of Gen Xers said the same.

But people's desire to leave their professional and familial ties to explore new surroundings wanes as

they get closer to retirement age, the study found. Only 37 percent of Baby Boomers and 12 percent of the Silent Generation (1925-45) said they'd move to a new city after retirement.

Warm southern states such as Arizona, Florida and Nevada are still popular destinations. But they didn't fare as well as the colder states cited in the report in several important categories.

Florida ranked 17th among the states, failing to crack the top 10 in any of the categories except for the prevalence of other seniors.

Nevada was among the worst states to retire, ranking 44th. It has the nation's worst health care quality and the fourth-highest crime rate, which outweighed its favorable weather and low taxes, the report said.

NYSE

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Nasdaq

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Commodities

Table with columns: 52-Week High, 52-Week Low, Last, Chg, Wk Chg, YTD %Chg. Lists various commodities like Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Silver, etc.

Stock market indexes

Table with columns: 52-Week High, 52-Week Low, Domestic, Foreign, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD %Chg. Lists major stock market indexes like Dow Jones, S&P 500, etc.

Biggest gainers Biggest losers

Table showing top gainers and losers in the NYSE market.

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Table showing top gainers and losers in the Nasdaq market.

Foreign Exchange

Table showing foreign exchange rates for various currencies like US \$ In Currency, Canadian Dollar, etc.

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New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices for Friday, March 31, 2017

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NYSE volume highlights

Closing prices for Friday, March 31, 2017

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Historical comparisons

Closing prices for Friday, March 31, 2017

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AGNC Inv	19.89	+34	Autobots	102.39	-99	GenAI	12.69	-89	ElecArts	89.52	+17	GenAI	12.69	-89	JackHnry	93.10	-23	MicroSoft	62.86	-88	PacRimPh	45.60	+110	SandThea	50.20	+110	Tivo Co	18.75	+70	Viasat	13.03	+07			
AMAG Ph	22.55	+55	AVO Ph	59	-08	Geranon	58.85	-107	EFIL	48.83	+2.00	ElevenBio	2.20	+19	GrifosPAs	18.88	+83	Microvsn	2.49	-04	Sanima	4.20	+30	SareptaT	29.60	-33	TonixP rs	4.67	+68	Viacom	23.05	+07			
AMC Net	58.68	-00	Avexis n	76.03	+89	Cerulean h	.81	+09	Emvoro	9.00	+40	EnantaPh	30.80	+40	GroupAon	3.93	-06	Middeby	136.45	+12	PanASys	17.52	+04	ScholarSt	20.65	+90	TowerSem	23.05	+07	View	13.03	+07			
AMN Ph	49.51	+52	AviDtech	4.66	+03	CerusCo	4.45	+35	Enclor	9.00	+40	GaPacn	43.18	+03	GenS	5.12	+17	Middleby	136.45	+12	PanASys	17.52	+04	ScholarSt	20.65	+90	TowerSem	23.05	+07	View	13.03	+07			
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Repeated thaws foster potholes

SPRING • FROM C1

Potholes form when water seeps into asphalt cracks and freezes in the soil below. That loosens and lifts the asphalt. When the water thaws, a void is left under the road surface. When a car passes over the road, it breaks up and forms a pothole.

Amy Clark, 47, of Harrison, Allegheny County, said negotiating potholes is part of driving in Pennsylvania.

"Sometimes it makes you

look like a drunk driver, swerving around all these holes in the road; but you have to," she said.

Henry Fitz, Westmoreland County engineer, said even in mild winters, a cycle of freezing and thawing can still wreak havoc on roads.

Fitz said the mild winter caused a number of freeze-thaw cycles — perfect for creating potholes. Still, he said, "As far as the county roads go, we made out pretty well

this winter."

The mild winter was especially welcomed by towns like New Kensington, which depends in part on funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant program to repair roads. That program is scheduled for funding cuts in President Trump's proposed federal budget.

City Clerk Dennis Scarpiniti said those cuts could have a "dramatic effect" on road resurfacing projects.

Peterson said the best way to get through pothole season is to report bad state road conditions to PennDOT.

"Motorists are an extension of our eyes and ears," she said.

Municipal or county road repair needs should be forwarded to the appropriate roads department.

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SUBMITTED

Claire Miedel, Benjamine Tinkey, Eva Prestia and Emma Huber were essay contest winners.

ON THE MOVE

The Braddock Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored the 2017 winners of the American History Essay Contest. The essay title was "Celebrating a Century: America's National Parks." The winning students were all from Verna Montessori School in Mt. Pleasant.

Fifth-grader **Claire Miedel** wrote about her trip to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; sixth-grader **Benjamine Tinkey** told of his adventures while camping in Lake Clark National Park in Alaska; seventh-grader **Eva Prestia** described the plant and animal life at Yellowstone Park; and eighth-grader **Emma Huber** wrote about her trip to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After reading their essays at the March meeting, the students were awarded certificates and medals by American history chairwoman **Nancy Wood**.

Lauren King of Greensburg and **Eva Schall** of Apollo have been accepted to Delaware Valley University.

Rebekah R. Musho of Latrobe, a graduate of St. Vincent College who earned a bachelor of science degree with highest honors in corporate finance and accounting with a minor in economics in May 2016, was among the top 15 scorers whose combined scores on all four sections of the Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Exam were the highest of all Pennsylvania exam takers last year, according to an announcement by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).

She was the 2012 valedictorian of Ligonier Valley High School and is the daughter of Darryl and Janet Musho. She

Restrictions remain on semiautomatics

CHANGES • FROM C1

Hunters using semiautomatic firearms during small game season will be limited to loads .22-caliber and smaller, but those hunting woodchuck or furbearers will be able to use semiautomatics of any caliber.

This means that the AR-15, much in the news and according to the NRA currently the most popular rifle in the country, will be legal to carry for hunting woodchucks and furbearers.

Season and bag limits declared

The Board of Game Commissioners approved the season lengths and bag limits for the 2017-2018 hunting season.

Hunting season is scheduled to begin July 1, with licenses

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GAME COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

available for purchase in mid-June. After purchasing a general hunting license, hunters will be eligible to apply for antlerless deer licenses, sometimes called doe tags, based on an as-yet unannounced staggered timeline.

That timeline will be detailed in the 2017-18 issue of Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Digest, which will be available online in the near future, game commission officials said.

The board has allocated 804,000 antlerless deer licenses to be split among the state's 23

Wildlife Management Units, an increase of 56,000 over last year's hunting season.

Wildlife Management Unit 2B, which covers most of Allegheny County and part of Westmoreland County, will receive 60,000, the most license allocations in the state. Unit 2D, which covers the rest of the Alle-Kiski Valley, will receive 55,000.

Big year for bucks

The numbers for last year's deer harvest show a banner year for Pennsylvania hunters.

Hunters harvested about 333,000 deer in the 2016-2017 season, an increase of 6 percent over the 2015-2016 harvest of about 316,000.

About 150,000 of the harvested deer were bucks, or male deer, up 9 percent from the previous season, and the largest harvest of bucks since 2002.

"This has been quite a year for Pennsylvania deer hunting," game commission Executive Director R. Matthew Hough said.

"Not only was there an increased deer harvest and a significantly higher buck harvest, I saw hundreds of photos from hunters who took their buck-of-a-lifetime this past season," he said.

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BRIEFLY SPEAKING

Classes/programs

● Basic computer classes offered by Senior Computer Associates are planned for April in Latrobe Center for Active Adults, 15 Ave. C. iPhone starts Monday, iPad class starts Wednesday. Sessions meet from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Fee: \$20. Information: 724-879-4461.

● California University of Pennsylvania alumna Rontez Miles, a safety for the New York Jets, will be a guest speaker at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Cal U's Keystone Hall, Room 205, 250 University Drive. The talk is free and open to the public.

● "Everything But the Kitchen Sink" is the theme of an art class for children, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday in Westmoreland Museum of American Art, 221 N. Main St., Greensburg. Cost: \$20, or \$15 for museum members. Registration: 724-837-1500 ext. 110 or education@the-westmoreland.org.

● Norwin Public Library, 100 Caruthers Lane, North Huntingdon will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 10 followed by presenter, Andy Blenko, who will deliver his presentation of "In Search of Irwin Train Station." Reservations: 724-863-4700, ext. 6.

● The 2017 Westmoreland County Camp Cadet program is scheduled for July 16-21 at University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Program is open to ages 12-15 who reside in the Pennsylvania State Police Troop A area of Westmoreland County. Southmoreland School District students may apply. Applications due by May 8 at westmorelandcampcadet.org. Information: 724-832-3288.

● Adams Memorial Library, 1112 Ligonier St., Latrobe, will present the following programs:

— 6 p.m. Thursday, adult craft, create decorative string

CLUB NEWS

Thursday

● Hemphfield Garden Club, 11 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 100 Lincoln St., Youngwood.

● North Huntingdon AARP No. 3221, board members will meet at 10:30 a.m., followed by social hour and refreshments at noon; Mack Hall at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Leger Road, North Huntingdon; program: Mark Dalbow will talk and answer questions about insurance.

● Greater Greensburg Civil War Round Table, doors open at 6:30 p.m., talk begins at 7 p.m., Westmoreland Bar Association, North Main Street; speaker: Ken Williams on the Battle of Cedar Mountain; refreshments will be served; information: 724-836-1099.

Friday

● Business Women Connect, 1:30-3 p.m., Susanna's Church, 200 Stotler Road, Penn Hills. Reservations by Wednesday 724-493-9695 or bwc-pittsburgh.com.

Saturday

● Braddock Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, noon, Chapter House, Church Street, Mt. Pleasant; officer and committee reports will be discussed.

● Tenebrae concert hosted

by Westmoreland Choral Society will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, 300 S. Main St. Tickets: \$15 and can be purchased at westmorelandchoralsociety.com. Information: 724-610-1441.

● St. Vincent College Concert Series will feature mezzo-soprano Chrystal E. Williams at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Robert S. Carey Performing Arts Center, 300 Fraser-Purchase Road, Unity. Cost: \$25. Tickets: 724-805-2565 or concertseries.stvincent.edu.

● Meet Brig. Gen. USAF (Ret.) Charles M. Duke Jr., Apollo 16 lunar module pilot, 7 p.m. April 13 in Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Ramada Drive, Hempfield. Advance ticket purchase required by Friday. Cost: \$28 includes program and dinner. Tickets: 724-689-3305 or 724-836-2975.

● Annual Night of Distinction program is planned 5-9 p.m. April 22 in Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley, off Route 711 south of Ligonier. Cost: \$95. Reservations required by April 14 at 814-472-3920.

● Photography show by Maureen Elizabeth and hosted by Latrobe Art Center is planned 6-8 p.m. Thursday with an opening reception in the center; 819 Ligonier St.

Church events

● Easter egg hunt is planned 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday at Latrobe United Methodist Church, 440 Main St. Pictures with the Easter bunny, prizes and bounce house will be featured. Information: 724-537-8141.

● Trash and treasure sale is planned 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

eggs. Cost: \$5, which includes 2 eggs.

— 6 p.m. April 19, foreign film night.

Reregistration: 724-539-1972.

● St. Vincent Gallery will present an exhibition featuring the work of four senior art majors April 6-30 with opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the gallery, 300 Fraser-Purchase Road, Unity. Regular gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

Fundraisers

● A handbag blowout sale is planned 7 a.m.-4 p.m. April 6-7 in Westmoreland Hospital, 532 W. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg. Designer handbags, wallets, tote bags, briefcases and luggage will be featured. Proceeds benefit auxiliary projects in support of Excelsa Health.

● Pistols and purse bash is planned 6-10 p.m. Saturday in Youngwood Fire Hall, 104 S. Second St., Youngwood. Tickets: \$30. Must be 21. Free food, refreshments and beer.

Benefits Westmoreland Community Action. Tickets: 724-834-1260 ext. 153 or jkemerer@westmorelandca.org or westmorelandca.org.

Recycling

● Electronic and household hazardous waste will be collected by Penn Township 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday in Penn Township Municipal Complex, 2001 Municipal Court. Pre-registration is required at 1-866-815-0016 or register online at ECSR.NET.

Special event

● Unity Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine, 11 a.m. Saturday at the township municipal building, 156 Beatty County Road. Children age 10 or younger are invited to bring their baskets. Pre-registration is required: 724-539-2546.

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Saturday in Trinity United Church of Christ, 139 N. Main St., Greensburg.

● These bingos are planned:

— 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, St. Barbara Church social hall, 111 Raymaley Road, Harrison City. Doors open at 5 p.m.; kitchen will be open. Admission: \$27. Information: 724-744-7474 or 724-744-4584.

● 7:40 p.m. Friday, St. Bartholomew Church in Marian Hall, Route 119, Crabtree. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission: \$35. Food and snacks available. Information: 724-834-0709 or 724-837-0197.

● These meals will be served:

— 3-6 p.m., Saturday, meatloaf dinner and bake sale, Arona United Methodist Church, Main Street. Cost: \$7.50 or \$4 for children 12 and under.

— 4-7 p.m. Saturday, all-you-can-eat turkey dinner, Community Church of Hecla, 537 Hecla Road, Southwest. Cost: \$10, or \$5 for ages 4-10.

Information: 724-396-8065 or 724-244-2586

— 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., April 9, spaghetti dinner, Seven Dolores Church, 102 Center St., Yukon, hosted by the Youth Ministry. Cost: \$7. Basket raffle and 50/50 will be available. Information: 724-722-3141.

— 8-11:30 a.m. April 9, French toast and ham breakfast, St. John the Evangelist Church, 306 St. John Drive, Latrobe. Cost: \$6, \$4 for children under 12. Scrambled eggs will be available.

● Pierogies will be sold 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1015 Gaskill Ave., Jeannette. Cost: \$7.50 per dozen, available fresh or frozen.

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Conquer deadline stress

With a bit of work, you can tame the fear and build skills needed to advance your career

By Mary Connors
CTW FEATURES

Do work deadlines turn you into a hot mess? You have a lot of stressed-out company.

In a survey by CareerCast, a job search portal, 30 percent of respondents said deadlines are the biggest source of their workplace stress.

Deadline trauma is more common than stress involved with being responsible for the lives of others, the second most common job-driven stressor cited by 17 percent of the respondents, presumably those in healthcare professions.

Quick fixes for deadline anxieties, such as asking your boss for more time or more help, could be stressful themselves. Besides, "There isn't much you can do about reducing stress if you are on the front lines and responsible for the lives of others aside from changing careers," said Kyle Kensing, an editor for CareerCast.

In fact, a startling 59 percent of the survey respondents said they would leave their profession for one that's less stressful if they could.

Not ready to leave your job for more serene pastures? Make learning how to deal with deadlines a top priority, for your own well-being — stress can undermine your health — and to more effectively advance in your career.

Learn to identify and counter procrastinating thoughts

When faced with a deadline, do you procrastinate? Your genes account for about half the problem. Procrastination and impulsive behavior are genetically linked traits that overlap with our ability to manage goals, researchers have discovered.



Some people just procrastinate more than others and they are more likely to make rash decisions and act without thinking, said Daniel Gustavson, PhD., University of California-San Diego.

"The fact is, procrastinators have trouble regulating emotions and may be swayed by irrational thoughts that pop up in the moment," Gustavson said. Getting distracted and losing track of work — perhaps blowing deadlines — becomes an ingrained habit.

His advice: learn to be more mindful. Following simple techniques to counter negative thoughts, a technique rooted in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and often used to treat clinical depression and anxiety, can help a procrastinator get out of the ditch, too, Gustavson said.

Just start it!

When you find you feel as though you want to procrastinate, take it as a mental cue to drop everything and put in 10 minutes on

the deadline work.

"Most of the time, once a project is started, it's never as bad as we think it is," said Timothy Pynchyl, associate professor of psychology at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, and author of "Solving the Procrastination Puzzle."

You might sail past 10 minutes and soon find the project satisfyingly under way.

"Completing a small portion of a project generates positive emotions that fuel motivation and kick start us to keep going," Pynchyl said.

Commit and make yourself accountable for taking action

Setting a goal such as, "I'm going to work on that project later today," is too vague. When is later? "Many of us have intentions, but they're very weak," Pynchyl said.

To strengthen your intentions, vow to take certain concrete steps based on specific cues in your life: "In situation X, I will do

behavior Y, to achieve sub-goal Z."

"Write that down and own it," Pynchyl said. "Research shows that people who make implementation intentions follow through on their intentions."

Manage distractions.

Once you get started, try to limit distractions. Find a place where you work best — a quiet office or a bustling coffee shop, music in the background or library-quiet. "Think carefully about how to set up your environment to succeed," Pynchyl said. "It's easy to get distracted if it's something you don't want to do."

Tackle important, creative tasks in the morning.

When you are fresh and rested, it is easier to command the willpower and self-control it takes to tackle and keep focused on an imposing task. "Willpower is a muscle," Pynchyl said. "We have a limited supply and it runs out."

Take steps to motivate yourself, visualizing specific reasons you will benefit when a project is done, say, and to avoid interruption — no Facebook until lunchtime, for example.

Never multitask.

Be kind to yourself. "When you multitask you are not actually focusing. You are not living life to the fullest," Pynchyl said.

Write it all down.

Productivity expert David Allen, author of the bestselling "Getting Things Done," advocates moving all projects out of your mind and recording them externally, breaking them down into actionable items.

The mind's "reminder system" isn't efficient enough to deliver the complex series of next steps and deadlines required to keep a project moving forward on track, Allen said.

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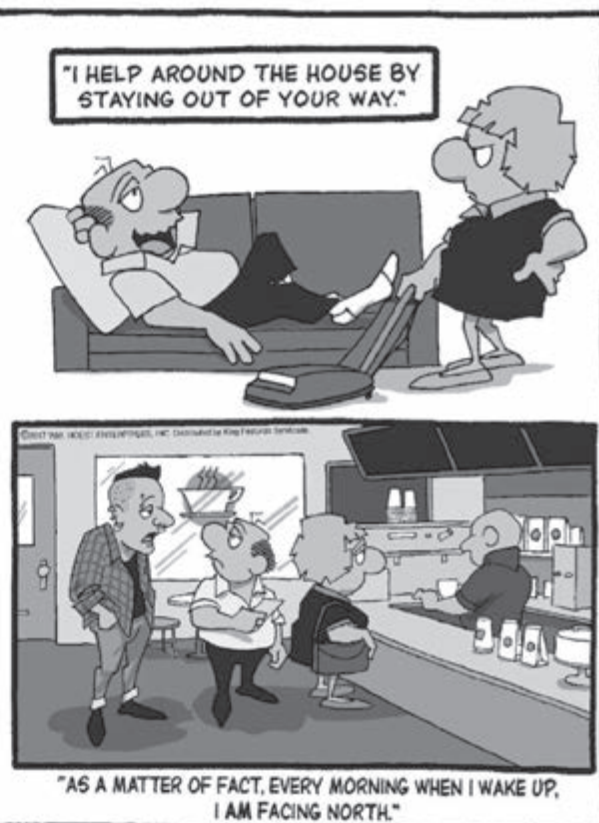
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2017 Dodge Challenger

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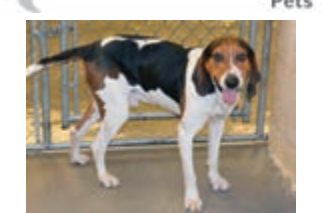
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WHEN REGULAR PEOPLE TURN ODD



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Brittney and Neil Jones pose their son Tyler, and a selection of animal oddities, including a sheep heart, eye and brain, a ball python, vine snake, squid and Asian forest scorpion.

EMBRACING ODDITIES

Mz. Jones' Curiosities offers up the unusual

BY SHIRLEY McMARLIN

It's not your average love story: girl obsessed with natural oddities and funeral rites meets boy who's worked as a funeral director. They marry, have a baby and start a business selling preserved animals and animal parts incorporated into jewelry and other decorative items.

"I tell people all the time, I'm a weirdo and I embrace it. It's what I am, it's what I do, and I love it," says Brittney Jones of Bovard, who runs Mz. Jones' Curiosities with her husband, Neil Jones.

Check out mzjonescurios.com and you'll find seahorse lockets, snakeskin earrings and pendants, butterfly jars, whole animals or just their organs in globes and jars. For the first-time shopper, there's a \$35 "Oddities Starter Box."

"It's not that we have a love of the macabre, necessarily, just an appreciation," Neil says. "We're such a death-averse culture, but my background is in knowing that death is coming and knowing that it's just a part of life.

"Doing this is not scary, it's not gory — we appreciate these animals, we love animals. When they're done using their physical bodies, we'll take them and display them, as an appreciation of the life the animal had."

The couple pondered starting a business about a year ago, after son Tyler was born. Brittney's long commute to a Pittsburgh banking job seemed less tenable with the baby at home.

The idea of combining her love of collecting and his mortuary science skills grew out of a couple of gifts Brittney received. About 10 years ago, a friend gave her a fetal pig in a jar and her first Mother's Day gift from Neil was a bat preserved in a shadow box.

"I couldn't believe he spent \$200 on a Mother's Day gift, even though it was my first Mother's Day," Brittney says. "It was special, but that's a lot of money to spend.

"I decided to do some research, because I wanted to make stuff for myself and stuff for other people, and I thought we could do it for half the price."

Neil was enthusiastic about Brittney's plan, but keeps his job with UPS while they grow the business.

"He has the preservation training and I am just one of those weirdos who has studied all things dead and creepy since I knew those things existed," Brittney explains on their website. "I could stay home and take care of the baby and still make a living for myself. So we did it."

They now sell bats for \$100.

The couple quickly point out that their specimens are ethically sourced.

"We don't kill animals and we don't want anyone to kill for us," Neil says. "There's only one thing that we ever killed to sell, and those were the hornets that built a nest outside of our front door. I wasn't going to let them sting my little boy.

"We went on vacation with the family to New Jersey and I'm walking along the shore, and I picked up one shell that was absolutely gorgeous and flipped it over. A little hermit crab popped out of it and I was like, 'Oh, I really wanted that, but you use it now. I can wait for it.'"

Many items come from biological supply companies, like organs slated for dissection in science classes or owl pellets from which tiny rodent bones are recovered. Breeders supply snakes that have been euthanized because of health issues.

The couple find other things and increasingly are offered items by collectors who have seen their work.

They sell mostly online through their website and Facebook. They also set up at mall shows and venues like Horror Realm and the upcoming Steel City Con, April 7 to 9 at the Monroeville Convention Center. June will find them at Sci-Fi Valley Con in Altoona and, in



A bone wind chime hangs outside of the home of Brittney and Neil Jones. Animals are ethically sourced for their oddities business, Mz. Jones' Curiosities.

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NEIL JONES • MZ. JONES CURIOSITIES

PET'S BEST FRIEND

Canine medics on front lines offer aid to 4-legged patients

BY MARY PICKELS

Bill Sirianni has responded to numerous incidents in his 10 years as an EMT, using his training to help people who have suffered medical emergencies or been injured in accidents or fires.

On occasion, he finds himself helping four-footed patients as well.

Sirianni is on staff with Mt. Pleasant EMS. He also is a canine medic.

An animal lover who once owned a black Labrador from a puppy to age 17, he hopes to soon adopt a German shepherd.

"If I get one, I want to put it through training to be a search and rescue dog," he says.

Sirianni, 29, completed a canine medic course at Westmoreland County Community College several years ago.

His primary inspiration at the time, he says, was to be able to assist if the borough police department's K-9 officer ever was injured.

"But as I took the class, I thought that this could be used for (any animal)," Sirianni says.

MEDICS • E3



TRIBUNE-REVIEW FILE

A pet oxygen mask can be a lifesaver in the event of a house fire.

At this exhibit, it's hip to be square

BY KURT SHAW

Titled with the phonetic spelling for cube, "Kyoob," the exhibition currently filling Society for Contemporary Craft's Satellite Gallery in the lobby of the Steel Plaza T-Station at One Mellon Center, Pittsburgh, features craft works that start with that basic form in mind, but go somewhere completely off the grid.

The exhibit was originally featured in The Annex Gallery at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. And, as in that exhibit, here it features over 20 original works represented by 17 artists from across the nation, Canada, Australia and the Netherlands.

The mediums used are as varied as the artists, and ranges from solid forms in sterling silver and steel to malleable works in leather and wool.

For example, wanting to construct a perfect cube form in two contrasting ways, Dallae Kang of Northborough, Mass., created two silver rings, "Solid Cube" and "Hollow Cube" with the former by filling up the inside of it, and the latter by outlining the outside of it. "That's how "Solid Cube" and "Hollow Cube" were created," she says.

EXHIBIT • E5



'Kyoob'

When: Through May 27. Open daily 6 a.m.-midnight
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Where: Society for Contemporary Craft's Satellite Gallery, 500 Grant St. in the lobby of the Steel Plaza T-Station at One Mellon Center, Pittsburgh
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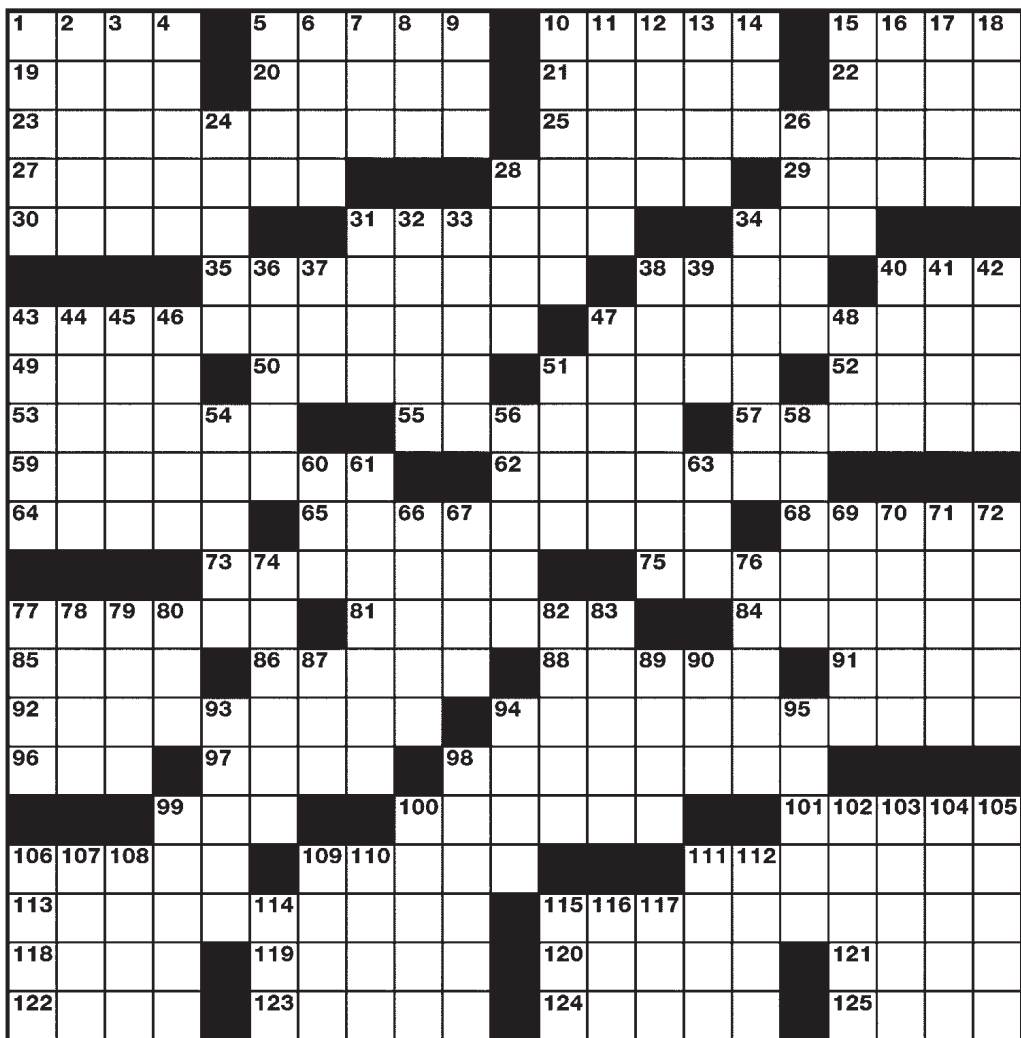
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BRIDGE

By FRANK STEWART
Tribune Content Agency

"Willie was a chemist, but Willie is no more."

What Willie thought was H2O was H2SO4." — graffiti

Bridge is a game of errors — and of keeping the number you make to the minimum. Players miscalculate all the time. Today's deal arose in a team match, and both Souths landed at four spades after opening one spade. When North raised, South could bid game without telling the defenders about his second long suit. West led the jack of diamonds, winning, and a second diamond.

At one table, declarer ruffed and miscalculated by drawing trumps and leading the king of hearts. West considered playing low, but he counted only nine tricks for South even if dummy won four heart tricks. So West took his ace and led another diamond, and South had to ruff with his last trump. He ran the hearts, but West won the last two tricks with the ace of clubs and a diamond. Down one.

At the second table, declarer fared better: He led the king of hearts at Trick Three. If West had played low, South would have drawn trumps and forced out the ace of clubs, winning five trumps, four clubs and a heart. So West took the ace of hearts and led another diamond.

South ruffed and still didn't draw trumps. He led a club next.

West had no winning defense. If he played low, dummy's king would win, and South would draw trumps and run the hearts for 10 tricks. If West took his ace of clubs and led a fourth diamond (no other lead would be better), South could ruff in dummy, preserving the trumps in his hand to draw trumps.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 7 6 3
♥ Q 10 9 8 3
♦ K 6 5
♣ K 7

WEST
♠ 9 8 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ A 4 2

EAST
♠ 5 4
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A Q 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10
♥ K J
♦ 4
♣ Q J 10 9 5

South 1 ♠
West Pass
North 2 ♠
East Pass

Opening lead — ♦ J

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HOROSCOPES

By JERALDINE SAUNDERS

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Drive and determination are divine. Focus on achieving business and financial security rather than pursuing romance in the week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Teamwork expedites timely tasks. In the week ahead you can spread business know-how in a friendly, helpful way that earns priceless appreciation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your faith in a better future will be rewarded this week. You may be surrounded by negativity or doubts may briefly undermine your confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The majority rules. When you are part of a group your individual opinions may not count for much when what is good for the largest part of the group is at stake.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may easily be distracted by fantasies and fancies in the week to come. Steer clear of new romantic entanglements in the next several days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use business strategies to upgrade your bank account. You can make more money this week by working with what you have than with what you don't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on achieving financial freedom. You don't consider yourself a professional adviser, but someone might knock on your door and ask for advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can be gracious when you have a guru. Hook up with helpful people who demonstrate a talent for success in the week to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Detachment from your personal desires may be the answer. You may be too wrapped up in what you think should be done to consider other viewpoints.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can become lost in a fog of wishful thinking in the week ahead. Don't begin home remodeling projects unless you have a plan.

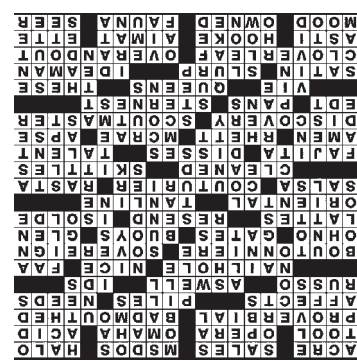
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Value cooperation and consideration. There is a tendency to be too competitive and aggressive as this week unfolds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Think things through thoroughly. The snap decisions you make now could cause regret later.

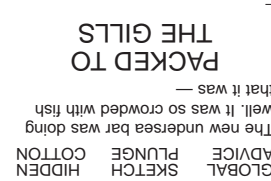
IF APRIL 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The next four to six weeks might be an ideal time to earn while you learn. A lucky streak might answer your fervent prayers. Exercise your mind as well as your body and you can make long lasting improvements in both your health and your career prospects.

Jeraldine Saunders is a Tribune Content Agency writer.

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



ANSWERS TO TODAY'S JUMBLE



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Today is Sunday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2017. There are 273 days left in the year.

Highlights in history

In 1792: Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1800: Ludwig van Beethoven premiered his Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21, in Vienna.

In 1865: Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

In 1917: President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1932: aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in The Bronx, New York, where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found dead the following month.)

In 1942: Glenn Miller and his Orchestra recorded "American Patrol" at the RCA Victor studios in Hollywood.

In 1956: The soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1968: The science-fiction film "2001: A Space Odyssey," produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

In 1974: French President Georges Pompidou, 62, died in Paris.

In 1982: several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986: four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and grandmother, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

In 1992: mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life, and died in prison.

In 2005: Pope John Paul II died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

Ten years ago: In its first case on climate change, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency, ruled 5-4 that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases were air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. Florida won its second consecutive college basketball championship, beating Ohio State 84-75.

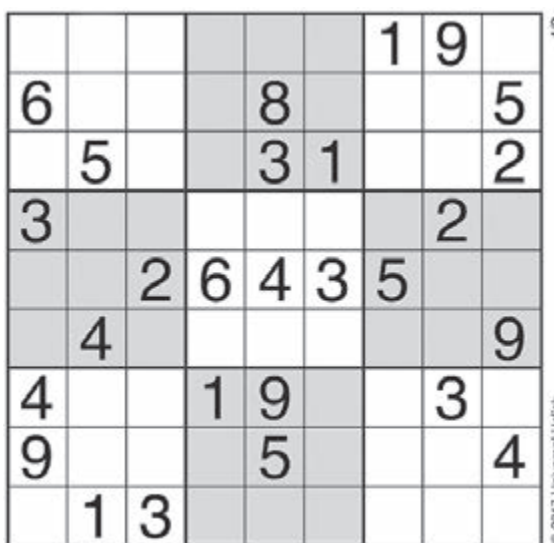
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S CRYPTOQUIP

MY FATHER'S FATHER SPENDS PRACTICALLY ALL HIS TIME IN THAT SHOPPING CENTER. HE'S THE GRANDDADDY OF THE MALL.

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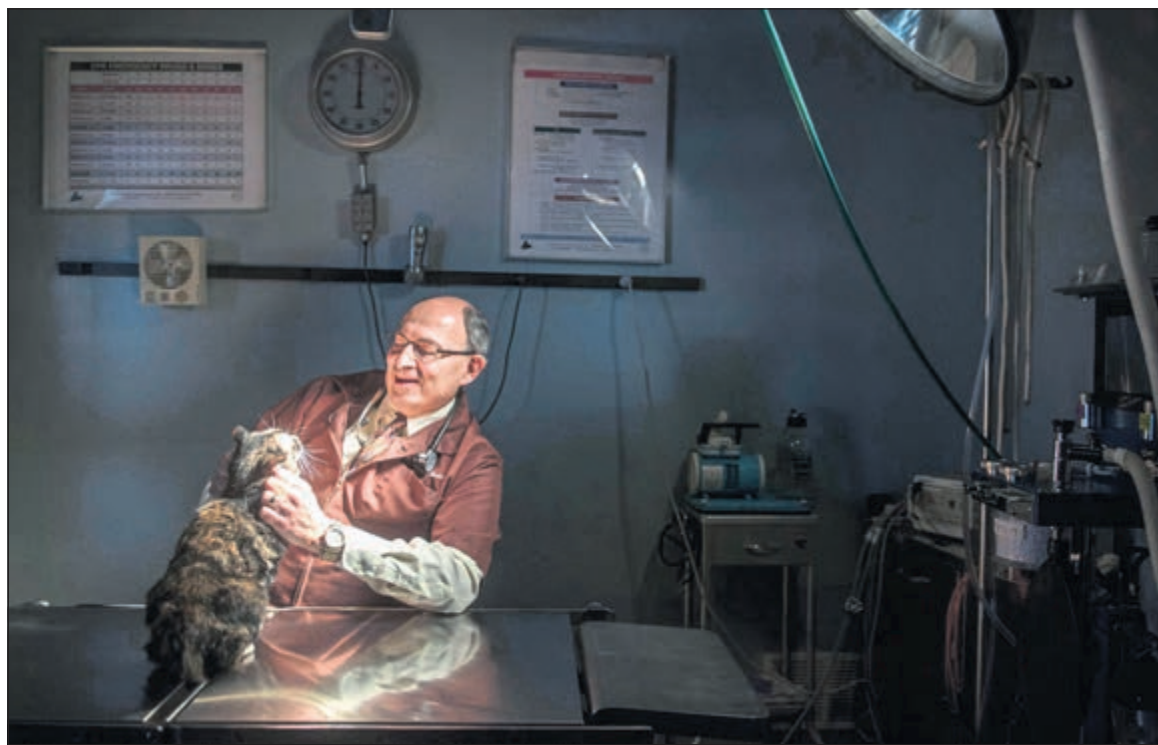
Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: Love is what happens to men and women who don't know each other — Somerset Maugham

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals D



Dr. Harvey Bendix teaches the canine medic class at Westmoreland County Community College. He is shown in his Norwin Veterinary Hospital with Ebby.

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INSIDE WESTMORELAND ARTS

Despite the challenges of technology, Weir and her books survive

BY SHIRLEY MCMARLIN

Patty Weir has seen other used book stores come and go in the 29 years she's owned Patty Weir's Paperbacks in Greensburg. It's always been a tough business, she says, made tougher by the advent of the Internet and e-readers.

Still, the Hempfield resident says, "This is my life, and I don't want to give it up." Her goal is to celebrate 30 years at her South Main Street location on Jan. 2, 2018. Then, she says, "Whatever's meant to be will be."



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Patty Weir has owned Patty Weir's Paperbacks in Greensburg for 29 years.

Question: Who's buying books nowadays?

Answer: I'd say it's 50/50 men and women. The older people don't want to hear about that Kindle, they want a book. Working people in middle age seem like they're the ones who don't have time for a book — a Kindle is just easier for them and their lifestyle. But we're starting to get back a lot of people who are finding out that, staring at that bright screen, their eyes are bothering them, so they're switching back to books.

That's a good sign that books are not going to die out. A Kindle is great for what it is, but it's absolutely hurt the book business.

Q: What are your customers reading?

A: People ask what's most popular, but there isn't really any one thing. Everybody has their own thing they love to read — mystery, fiction, every category. We've always carried every genre because everybody has their special thing they like.

For romance, Nora Roberts has always been a big one. Danielle Steele was big when I opened, but her books have died off. Back when I started, it was the (historical) romances, now it's the paranormal stuff — the vampires and such.

The Pattersons, the Grishams, are always big. Kids' books and young adult books still go well, too. That (market) has actually gotten stronger.

Q: How did you get started in the business?

A: I was living in Florida with my husband (in the early 1980s) to take care of his family and a restaurant. I always read and my daughter always read, so we'd go to all the used book stores down there. We fell in love with one and we'd go there every time we had a day off.

It was that family bookstore that got me hooked on all of this, and when we moved back up here, the owner of that store guided me. A friend of mine owned this building at the time and he said, "Patty, why don't you just rent a couple of rooms and try it." This was Eddie's Barber Shop, which everybody in town knew.

I told my husband I'd give it six months. We started out with two rooms, and I kept adding rooms and eventually bought the building. When Eddie retired, I took over the whole downstairs.

Q: So you learned as you went?

A: I learned a lot over the years. I learned what not to take in. We tried textbooks one time, but that was a big, horrible mistake. We tried music CDs, but that didn't pan out either.

A lot of things I used to take, like reference books, now people just get that online. I used to sell cookbooks like crazy; I hardly take them in anymore. Pinterest and things like that took over.

Q: How did you build up your original inventory?

A: I went to sales. I put an ad in the paper for books, and people just started bringing them in. Word of mouth helped. The people kept bringing books in, and we kept growing and growing.

Q: I notice that your store doesn't have that old-book smell.

A: I've gone into used book stores and walked right back out, because I didn't want to touch anything or they had that musty smell. I try to be careful what I take in.

I won't buy a book if it's not in good condition. I won't take any books that have gotten wet, any books that have been in basements. I sell books that I would want to buy.

Q: With wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling books, how do you track what you have?

A: I keep it alphabetical and in categories. I don't have anything on a computer — the program for that was ridiculous, so I do it the old-fashioned way: you call me up and ask for a book, and I go back there and look on the shelf. I pretty much know what I have and what I don't have.

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Medics on front lines to aid 4-legged patients

MEDICS • FROM E1

Dr. Harvey R. Bendix, operator of Norwin Veterinary Hospital, has taught a canine medic course at WCCC for several years.

The four-hour class covers basic first aid, including CPR techniques, IV insertion and treatment of poisoning. Bendix sometimes travels to area communities to teach groups of first responders. He estimates hundreds of people have completed the class in recent years.

"It was originally designed to teach K-9 handlers. We decided to expand to first responders," Bendix says. A medical background is helpful, but not necessary, he says.

"It's not a course for someone who says, 'I love animals.' ... You have to be able to see medical trauma," Bendix says.

Sirianni says his encounters with injured animals have been few, with outcomes ranging from good to devastating.

A pit bull puppy injured in an October accident in Bullskin did not survive, despite numerous attempts to help. The dog was traveling with the driver of a tractor-trailer that crashed. It suffered severe injuries.

A quick physical exam determined the dog was going into shock, Sirianni says. He and fellow EMT and canine medic Jacob Keck tried to help the dog, who was transported to Mt. Pleasant Animal Hospital and then taken by ambulance to AVETS in Monroeville, where

she died. Sirianni says he performed CPR on the dog and brought her back twice in the ambulance, as Keck drove.

"I was doing chest compressions and I had an oxygen mask on her. ... She was a cute little thing," he says.

First responders are aware, Sirianni says, that many people consider their pets members of their families. Rescue workers also have to prepare for an injured or scared animal to bite or scratch out of fear.

"In that case, the dog was hurt so badly it wasn't trying to bite anybody," Sirianni says.

Keck, 18, says he took the course in an effort to enhance his EMS knowledge.

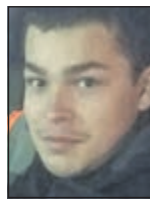
"That was the first time I've been on scene with an animal so badly injured," he says.

A volunteer firefighter, Keck recently participated in an effort to release a horse trapped in mud for several hours. Ultimately, a County Animal Response Team, often summoned to help injured or trapped farm animals, was able to assist the horse.

The incident gave Keck the opportunity to practice animal rescue skills, he says.



Sirianni



Keck

Equipment used to assist injured animals is similar to that used for humans, Keck says, but often is smaller in size, comparable to what might be used for infants and children.

Also similar to children, animals must rely on those assisting them to determine their injuries.

"They can't advocate what their problem is. You can't ask them, 'What's wrong?'" Keck says.

Bendix's students practice lifesaving skills on an animal mannequin, including mouth-to-snout resuscitation, splinting of broken limbs and induced vomiting.

First responders learn to stock their ambulances or personal vehicles with supplies to immediately begin assisting animals.

According to the American Animal Hospital Association, one in four more pets would survive if it received even one first-aid technique before getting emergency vet care.

Becky Lauffer, WCCC coordinator of emergency medical services and health care, continuing education, says students do not receive certification beyond the attendance certificate Bendix provides.

The Department of Health, oversight body for EMTs and paramedics, does not issue continuing education credits for the class as it applies specifically to animal care, she says.

Numerous area police officers, firefighters and veterinary technicians, EMTs, along with pet owners, groomers and animal day

care operators, have completed canine medic training in recent years.

Mark Griffin, 71, of Penn Run, Indiana County, a retired Pennsylvania State Police detective from the Greensburg barracks, took Bendix's course after he began volunteering with the Indiana County Humane Society.

Although he'd never owned pets — he has since adopted cats and dogs — Griffin wanted to do something to give back, and found himself walking pit bulls.

"I learned what sweet dogs they were. I saw a notice in the newspaper (for the canine medic class). I thought, since I'm walking the dogs, I should take this course in case something happens," he says.

Griffin says he often recommends the course, and believes it would be beneficial to police officers working patrol.

"I was so impressed with how knowledgeable and how thorough (Bendix) was," he says.

"The course highlights a wide variety of emergency situations a first responder may encounter. ... There are things they can do in the field that may improve an animal's chance of survival," Bendix says.

"In some cases, you are not able to bring them back. But you are always rewarded when it works," he says.

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Standing up to thinly veiled racism in the workplace

Dear Carolyn: I am a middle-aged white female who works in a retail setting with colleagues whose skin tones are every color imaginable. I respect my coworkers and they respect me.

Our company generally does whatever makes the customer happy. But this is the South, and because I am white, other white people think I am a safe place for their coded racist remarks. Yesterday, a customer remarked to me that she had to move to a city up north because, "when you have a very pale, blond, blue-eyed daughter, you have to get her out of [our diversely populated city], if you know what I mean."

It caught me completely off-guard, and she breezed away before I could process what she said. I stood there with my mouth hanging open and just let it happen. I looked at the face of the young girl I was working with, who has brown skin, and I was ashamed I didn't defend her.

I need my job, but this has to stop. I want to make a stand, but how can I confront covert racism on the company dime?

— Not at Liberty to Speak
I can't wait for the day when emboldened racists realize their moment is over and they need to slither back under their rocks. (This is hardly about just the South.)

Until then, I suggest you have some employment-friendly responses handy. "I beg your pardon?" for example, is deceptively powerful. Feigned ignorance is a well-known expression of disgust — code for code — plus, forcing someone to repeat their ugly words is encouragement to rethink them.

A blank, "I'm afraid I don't know what you mean," would have worked here as well. Preparation is key, since being gobsmacked renders this whole discussion moot.



CAROLYN HAX

If you're not to the point of quitting (but feeling out other jobs, I hope), your preparation can and should include consulting your supervisor. "Whatever makes the customer happy" does not translate simplistically into "Ignore customers' racist remarks." For one thing, another customer could easily witness an employee's non-response to such a remark and choose to shop elsewhere.

And, a company will struggle to serve customers if its staff has poor morale and high turnover — a reasonable risk if such dehumanizing exchanges are or become common, and if you're instructed to look the other way.

Dear Carolyn: Here's the other side of the story about the wife [in a recent column], whose husband keeps pressuring her to change her hair color:

Wife keeps insisting that husband get a haircut. He refuses, or does so only grudgingly. His hair grows long and unruly and unattractive to wife. Husband thinks wife is "controlling," while wife feels resentful because husband doesn't care enough about her to practice normal grooming.

— Anonymous

This isn't "the other side." You have only one thing you don't find attractive, and hair-color guy has only one thing he does. That means there's much less of a power grab in what you're asking. Plus, your question is about grooming — meaning, presumably, your husband is

free to wear his hair any way he wants, and you're merely requesting neatness.

Partners owe each other an effort to be attractive, yes — but they also owe each other an effort to see the beauty in each other's results. And pushing someone beyond their sense of self is not loving, respectful or appropriate.

Obviously the standards are highly individual — one person's minimum on fitness, hair care and mirror time could be another's vain excess. To know what's fair to ask, you have to know and respect the person you chose. Your husband's stubbornness could be pushback against yours.

Going outside these broad limits is often, and often rightly, seen as hostile. Refusing basic fitness or self-care, refusing to say anything kind about a partner's appearance, refusing to back off on weight or facial hair or whatever else — all can erode a couple's fundamental trust.

That's likely where things have gone wrong here. You think he's negating you, he thinks you're negating him, and you've both retreated in anger.

Since I'm not advising him, I can only suggest that you make the conciliatory gesture. Tell him you love [this], [this] and [this] about him. Say you're absolutely fine with it if he does [this], [that] or [the other thing] with his hair. Say you respect completely that these are his choices to make and apologize for putting him on the defensive.

Admit that [ONE thing that bothers you most] is merely a pet peeve — just as [his peeve about you] is something he gets stuck on that you accommodate. There rarely isn't one.

Say you're asking him one

final time to consider this single gesture for you, and then dropping it either way.

Then drop it either way. If he refuses even at this point, then he accepts the consequence of choosing to repel his wife. Much ado about hair, yes, but the approach applies to hair and just about anything else. Good luck.

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SUNDAY EVENING

MOVIES TALK NEWS KIDS SPORTS

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CBS	(2) Weekend KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) KDKA-TV News (N) (7) CBS Weekend News (N)	60 Minutes (N)		52nd Academy of Country Music Awards Honoring achievement in country music. (N) (Live)						(2) News at Eleven (7) News (10) News	(2) Cochran Sports (7) Person-Interest (10) Broke Girl	(2) (12:05) Joel Osteen (10) (12:05) Person of Interest "Panopticon"	(2) (35) David Jeremiah (7) Paid Program	(2) (05) The Insider (7) Paid Program	(2) (35) Extra (N) (7) Paid Program	(7) Paid Program (10) (05) Paid Program	(2) Religious Special (7) Paid Program (10) Two and Half Men	
ABC	(4) World News (23) Kaledo-scope	(4) Action News 4 (23) ABC News	America's Funniest Home Videos A rubber snake frightens a kitten.	Once Upon a Time "A Wondrous Place" Jasmine befriends Ariel. (N)	Time After Time "Caught up in Circles" Investigating Project Utopia. (N)	American Crime "Season Three: Episode Four" Luis learns about the fate of his son. (N)	(4) Action News 4 (23) News	(4) Action News 4 (23) Celebrity	(4) Soledad O'Brien (23) Blue Blood	(4) Rizzoli & Isles "If You Can't Stand the Heat"	(23) (05) Elementary A beeper is killed.	(4) Rizzoli & Isles "Burden of Proof"	(23) The Outdoorsman With Buck McNeely (E1)	(4) ABC World News Now (23) (35) Paid Program					
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News 9 at Six (11) Channel 11	NBC Nightly News With Lester Holt (N)	Little Big Shots "The Princess and the Hot Dog" A 4-year-old YouTube singing sensation.	Little Big Shots "Tugging on the Harp Strings" Kung fu expert; singer and harpist. (N)	Chicago Justice "Double Helix" A pregnant woman is murdered. (N) (DVS)	Shades of Blue "Sweet Caroline" The mafia frames Harlee for murder. (N)	(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Channel 11 News at	(6) The Big Bang Theory (9) Sports Sunday (11) (35) The Final Word	(6) Big Bang Theory (9) ROH Wrestling (11) ThisMinute	(6) The Big Bang Theory Actress rides same train. (11) Flipping This-Minute	(6) The Right Side (9) Whacked Out (11) Forensic	(6) Judge Judy (9) ComedyTV (11) Forensic Files	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (11) Just for Laughs Gags	(9) Friends (Part 1 of 2) (11) Just for Laughs Gags					
FOX	(8) Juice Cleanse (53) At Close	(8) Paid Program Paid programming.	Bob's Burgers "Bob Actually"	Bob's Burgers "Eggs for Days" (N)	The Simpsons "Caper Chase" (N)	Making History "The Touchables" (N)	Family Guy "American Gigolo"	The Last Man on Earth (N)	(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) Mike & Molly "Cops on the Rocks"	(8) The Middle (53) The Big Bang Theory	(8) Mike & Molly (53) The Big Bang Theory	(8) Mike & Molly (53) Paid Program	(8) How I Met Your Mother (53) Flipping Nightmares	(8) How I Met Your Mother (53) Family Guy	(8) Rules of Engagement (53) Family Guy	(8) Rules of Engagement (53) Paid Program		
WBQED	Carpenters: Close to You	Simon and Garfunkel: The Concert in Central Park Duo's 1981 reunion.	Call the Midwife (Season Premiere) (N) (PA)	Home Fires on Masterpiece	Wolf Hall on Masterpiece Thomas Cromwell's rise. (Part 1 of 6)	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Forever Painless With Miranda Edmonde-White	Ed Slott's Retirement	
WINP	White Collar	White Collar "Live Feed"	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar	White Collar
WPWC	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Major Crimes A man wants to withdraw his confession.	*** The Doors (1991) Val Kilmer. Jim Morrison forms a band and	10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	CSI: Miami Recalling the team's formation.	Mr. Box Office	The First Family	Psych "The Break-Up"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"	Psych "Pilot"
WPNT	TMZ (N)	TMZ (N)	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Marketplace	Seinfeld	Whacked	Ring of Honor Wrestling	LifeLock	Paid Prog.	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News	Channel 11 News
WPCB	Love Worth	David Jeremiah	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.	Colombo Actress stages husband's suicide.
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AMC	(5:46) The Walking Dead	(6:52) The Walking Dead	(7:58) The Walking Dead	(8:54) The Walking Dead	(9:50) The Walking Dead	(10:46) The Walking Dead	(11:42) The Walking Dead	(12:38) The Walking Dead	(1:34) The Walking Dead	(2:30) The Walking Dead	(3:26) The Walking Dead	(4:22) The Walking Dead	(5:18) The Walking Dead	(6:14) The Walking Dead	(7:10) The Walking Dead	(8:06) The Walking Dead	(9:02) The Walking Dead	(9:58) The Walking Dead	(10:54) The Walking Dead
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BBC	(4:30) *** The Patriot (2000, War)	Mel Gibson.	Top Gear Chris Harris crosses the peninsula. (N)	*** The Patriot (2000, War) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson.	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth
BET	(3:25) Takers	(3:35) Brotherly Love (2015, Drama)	Keke Palmer, Cory Hardrict.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.
BRAVO	Home Alone	*** The Parent Trap (1998, Children's)	Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid.	*** Home Alone (1990) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's	Steve Austin's
COM	Harold & Kumar Go	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
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DISNEY	K.C. Under.	Tangled.	Stuck	Cali Style	K.C. Under.	Bizaardvark	*** Princess Protection Program	K.C. Under.	Bizaardvark	Cali Style	Girl Meets	Best Friends	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie
E!	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians	The Kardashians
ESPN	2017 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Final: Teams TBA. (N)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)
ESPN2	MLB Baseball	Baseball: Sunday Night Countdown	Update	MLS Soccer: Revolution at Timbers	SportCtr	30/30 Shorts	ESPN FC (N)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	ESPN FC (N)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	ESPN FC (N)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	ESPN FC (N)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	ESPN FC (N)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	ESPN FC (N)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	ESPN FC (N)
EWTN	Saints	Vaticano	World Over Live	Sunday Night Prime (N)	Catholicism	Holy Rosary	Franciscan Univ. Presents	Decision	Battle Ready	Sunday Mass	Litany Heart	*** The Seventh Chamber (1995)	Sunday Mass	Litany Heart	*** The Seventh Chamber (1995)	Sunday Mass	Litany Heart	*** The Seventh Chamber (1995)	Sunday Mass
FOOD	Spring Baking	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Spring Baking	Cake Wars	Cake Wars "Space Jam"	(9:55) *** The Switch (2010) Jennifer Aniston.	Joel Osteen	Dr. Jeremiah	Robison	Paid Prog.	Facelift	SEXY at 50!	Joel Osteen	Dr. Jeremiah	Robison	Paid Prog.	Facelift	SEXY at 50!
FREEM	What to Expect When You're Expecting	(2:20) *** The Proposal (2009) Sandra Bullock.	*** Guardians of the Galaxy (2014) Chris Pratt.	Feud: Bette and Joan (N)	(04) Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan	(14) Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan	(14) Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan	(14) Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan	(14) Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan	(14) Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan	(14) Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan	Feud: Bette and Joan
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GOLF	(5:00) LPGA Tour Golf ANA Inspiration Major Championship, Final Round. (N) (Live)	Golf Central (N) (Live)	Drive, Chip & Putt	LPGA Golf	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud
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HALL	(5:00) The Wedding March	Love at First Bark (2017, Romance)	Jana Kramer.	When Calls the Heart (N)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean	Caribbean
HIST	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone (N)	(03) Swamp People	Forged in Fire	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	(04) Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone	Sniper: Into the Kill Zone
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LIFE	Fatal Defense (2017) Ashley Scott, David Cade.	Deadly Lessons (2017) Christie Ann Burson.	*** The Blind Side (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw.	(15) NHL Overtime (N)	NHL Sunday Sports	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)
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NBCS	Superboats	NHL Live (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at New York Rangers. (Live)	(15) NHL Overtime (N)	NHL Sunday Sports	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)	Match of the Day	Premier League Match of the Week (N)
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OXY	Three Days to Live (N)	Snapped "Patricia Olsen"	Snapped	Three Days to Live	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped
PCN	PCN Tours	PA Books	On Issues	On Issues	PCN Evng	On Issues	PCN Evng	On Issues	PCN Evng	On Issues	PCN Evng	On Issues	PCN Evng	On Issues	PCN Evng	On Issues	PCN Evng	On Issues	PCN Evng
PCNC	News	PCNC News	Business	PCNC 8PM	PCNC 9PM	PCNC	Best of NightTalk	Paid Prog.	PCNC 11	Paid Prog.	Joint Relief	The Final	OJC	PCNC 2AM	PCNC	PCNC	PCNC	PCNC	PCNC
ROOT	NHL Hockey: Hurricanes at Penguins	In the Room	Focused	Bensinger	Poker Night	Heartland Poker Tour	Bar Rescue (N)	Bar Rescue	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.	Bar Rescue	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.	Bar Rescue	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.	Bar Rescue	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.	Bar Rescue	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.	Bar Rescue	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.
SPIKE	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue
SYFY	*** The Matrix Reloaded (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.	*** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.
TBS	(5:00) * Tammy (2014)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
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Mz. Jones' offers up the unusual

ODDITIES • FROM E1

June and October, they'll be at Oddmall: Emporium of the Weird in Akron, Ohio.

When they started, Brittney says she expected that most buyers would be "teenagers that were into the Goth scene and morbid things, but surprisingly, we don't really have many customers like that."

"We were just at Horror Realm, and we thought, these are our target demographic people; and then for whatever reason, we didn't do as well as we hoped," Neil says. "So we said, OK, apparently these aren't our target demographic people."

But women are. The couple was surprised to find that men tend to be more squeamish than women when coming upon, say, a sheep's brain in a globe.

They admit that some people disapprove of what they do.

At one show, Brittney says, a woman stopped by their table and offered to pray for them. People make comments on social media.

"We do giveaways every couple of months on our Facebook page, just to keep people engaged and to keep things moving," she says. "One man won a little pair of pinky rats in a jar, and there were a lot of comments — this is disgusting, this is unethical, this is gross. That hurts me, because they don't know our story. We don't kill anything and we don't want things to die, but it happens."

Controversy aside, there's enough interest in oddities to keep Brittney busy in their basement workshop, where she works around Tyler's schedule.

The business has grown to the point that they are getting referrals from previous customers and are branching out into custom creations. On the workbench now are pieces that will go into an engagement ring.

"We connected with this guy and his girlfriend at a show we did last October," Brittney says. "He messaged me and said, 'It's time for me to get engaged, and I'd love for you to make the ring.' It's a bat skull, the tiniest little thing, on top of a bed of amethyst chips, because that's one of her favorite stones, and it'll have a glass dome over the top to protect it."

What kind of woman wears a bat skull engagement ring?

"A very special woman," Neil says. "She absolutely loves bats," Brittney adds.



Grey and Gold Terrain, 2015, Leather, 18K gold by Brooke Marks Swanson



Contribution, 2016, goat horn, sheep's wool, silver by Andrea White

At this exhibit, it's hip to be square

EXHIBIT • FROM E1

"I like geometric forms, especially sphere and cube," Kang says. "To me they are perfect in terms of balance and harmony. Balance and harmony are two important values I live by as an artist. A sphere looks same no matter how you look at it. A cube is consisted of six same/equal squares. A square is, to me, also a perfect geometric shape having same length width, and angle. So, I find a cube more intriguing because it's made up with perfect shapes."

Conversely, Kathleen Janvier of Irving, Texas presents smashed versions of the form with "Squashed" and "Ajar." Here electroformed copper cubes have been created and deconstructed in a successful attempt to create what Janvier describes as "imitations of strength inevitably betrayed."

Then there is the work of Brooke Marks-Swanson of South Bend, Indiana. Her hand-crocheted leather brooch "Grey and Gold Terrain" is the furthest from the cube form, yet still alludes to it.

"I hand knit and weave leather into cube forms, along with small precious elements of recycled high karat gold," explains the artist. "There is a softness and tactile quality of the leather form due to my unique knitting fabrication of the material."



Hollow Cube, 2016, silver, 22K bi-metal by Dallae Kang

Marks-Swanson says her work is and has been about a sense of place and her love for the Midwestern landscape. "Something I developed a deep connection to while in graduate school at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana," she says.

Marks-Swanson is quick to point out that she did not make this brooch specifically for Kyoob. "It fit the description in the call for entry quite nicely," she says. But rather, "it describes how man continues to work tirelessly to groom and control land, land that emerges in tidy divisions — a vista of geometry amidst the wild."

Though most of the pieces



Ajar, 2016, electroformed copper, steel by Kathleen Janvier

on display are by professional artists, there are a few student works, which are real stand-outs.

Andrea White of Chippewa Falls, Wisc., is currently a student at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisc., pursuing her BFA in metals and contemporary art jewelry.

In making her piece "Contribution," White says she was thinking about building blocks. "I wanted to make a building block that represented my Midwestern take on the types of materials that are helpful,

not hurtful, to the climate crisis that we are facing," she says.

The sides of White's building block are made from goat horn from a friend's farm where goats are milked for organic goat cheese. The inside is filled with sheep's wool from Washington state. White says the sterling silver structure that contains it all "elevates their (the goats) status."

Also an undergraduate student of metals and contemporary art jewelry at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Claire Kayser's piece "Waking Up with Silver 12/613" commands attention for its unusual combination of materials — a brass and silver box from which falls a silver-grey synthetic hair extension.

"My current work focuses on examining the substantial influence that media provides as societal pressure," Kayser says. "This type of pressure gravitates towards obsessively defining beauty, by means of evaluating self-image, individuality, and value."

In essence, Kayser is using the cube form as a metaphor for society's pressures to "fit in."

And as for the use of the silver hair extension, well, Kayser says it directly relates to her sister changing her hair color to a silver-grey, "simply to keep up with the most recent trend."

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Visit Charleston in the spring

Festival, food scene in full bloom

BY LORI RACKL

You might have heard, oh, I don't know, one or two thousand times, that Charleston, S.C., has got it going on.

This historic port city has embedded itself at the top of many a "best" list for good reason. Its food, architecture, culture and charm make it an ideal getaway, especially in the spring.

Here's where to stay and play:

Spoleto Festival USA

Culture vultures have been flocking to this state-side spin on the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, since 1977. For 17 days in late spring, a dozen of Charleston's theaters, churches and outdoor spaces host operas, plays, dance productions and concerts at the popular performing arts festival. Highlights of this year's installment include a lavish production of Tchaikovsky's opera "Eugene Onegin" in the recently renovated Charleston Gaillard Center, jazz concerts by Grammy and Tony award-winner Dee Dee Bridgewater, and Druid theater company's rendition of "Waiting for Godot." The shindig — featuring more than 160 ticketed events — is May 26 to June 11. Hotel and ticket packages are available at gospoleto.com.

Details: 843-579-3100 or spoletousa.org

The Dewberry

This former federal office building went from eyesore to eye-catching, thanks to deep-pocketed developer John Dewberry, who spared no expense in transforming the boxy, seven-story structure into a luxury hotel that debuted last year. A bastion of midcentury modern design, the 155-room Dewberry Charleston (think "Mad Men") is a disrupter in a hotel scene traditionally dominated by an antebellum aesthetic (think "Gone With the Wind"). Vintage furniture, bedding imported from Ireland and enough marble to build a mini Taj Mahal give the place a rich feel, but the vibe is decid-



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The succulent beef brisket at Lewis Barbecue is cooked in John Lewis' custom-made smokers.

edly unstuffy. The ground floor's sprawling Living Room is a welcoming spot to camp out with your laptop and a cup of coffee, or side up to the brass bar for a handcrafted cocktail likely made by a mixologist with a formidable beard. The property sits across the street from Marion Square, home to the popular Charleston Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays as of April 8 (charlestonfarmersmarket.com). Overnight rates start at \$299. The hotel is at 334 Meeting St.

Details: 843-558-8000 or thedewberrycharleston.com

Surf

Don't be surprised to find clusters of people swarming around the outside of oyster bar 167 Raw. They're waiting for a table or counter space to open up at this bijou Nantucket Island import that doesn't take reservations and is "as big as a minute," as one local put it. An ever-changing selection of expertly shucked bivalves and ceviche draws the hungry masses, who also pack the place for the equally tasty tacos, ahi poke and sandwiches. Closed Sundays. 289 E. Bay St.

Details: 843-579-4997 or 167raw.com/charleston

And turf

Pork may be king in

South Carolina, but Texas pitmaster John Lewis gives beef the royal treatment at his bold entry into the city's barbecue scene. After making a name for himself in Austin, he built his own smokers out of propane tanks and drove them to his new home in Charleston last year to open Lewis Barbecue in the up-and-coming Half Mile North 'hood. Ask a manager for a tour of the smokehouse before settling in at a picnic table under a shady oak tree with your cafeteria tray full of decadent beef brisket, Texas hot guts sausage and green chile corn pudding. Closed Mondays. 464 N. Nassau St.

Details: 843-805-9500 or lewisbarbecue.com

The Restoration

With 54 spacious suites spread across five buildings, The Restoration feels more like a collection of pied-a-terre than a downtown hotel. The intimate vibe extends to the common areas, where guests gather in the library for pre-dinner noshing during the complimentary wine-and-cheese hour nightly 5 to 6 p.m. A couple of hours later, help yourself to fresh-baked cookies and port. Continental breakfast gets delivered each morning to the rooms, all of which have kitchenettes — not that you should be cooking

when surrounded by this many great restaurants. The decor skews rustic-chic with splashes of indigo, a nod to what was once one of the state's biggest cash crops. The rooftop pool makes a relaxing spot for guests to survey The Holy City's collection of church steeples — a view that also can be had by anyone who heads to the upstairs restaurant and bar. Overnight rates start at \$299. 75 Wentworth St.

Details: 877-221-7202 or therestorationhotel.com

Kayak

The Lowcountry has no shortage of wildlife in and around its waters. The best way to take it all in is from the vantage point of a kayak. "Charleston's natural wonders are often overlooked; there's a lot more to this place than food and hospitality," said Chris Crowley, owner of Coastal Expeditions. The company runs a slew of kayak tours out of Shem Creek on the other side of the iconic Ravenel Bridge in Mount Pleasant. Usually about three hours long, the excursions are led by knowledgeable guides eager to explain the area's ecosystem while shepherding paddlers past the creek's working shrimp trawlers to various points of interest. Some tours are tailored to bird nerds, while others explore Charleston Harbor at sunset or stop at an island to scout for ancient shark teeth and fossils. On our mellow paddle, we spotted a bald eagle, egrets, a great blue heron and — best of all — Atlantic bottlenose dolphins a stone's throw from our boats. Tours typically cost about \$65. No experience necessary. 514 Mill St., Mount Pleasant

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Also worth noting

- The 70th annual Festival of Houses & Gardens is your key to the private residences and green spaces of some of Charleston's swankiest historic digs. March 16 to April 22. historiccharleston.org/festival
- Creative works that tell Charleston's story are showcased in the bigger and better Gibbes Museum of Art, which reopened last year after an 18-month renovation. gibbesmuseum.org

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Daved Diggs (left) and Lin-Manuel Miranda of "Hamilton" performing at the 2016 Tony Awards. AP

Want your shot at 'Hamilton'?

TRIBUNE-REVIEW

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust announced March 20 that renewing season ticket holders will have first access to buy tickets to see the smash hit Broadway musical "Hamilton," when it comes to Pittsburgh during the 2018-19 season. We posed a few follow-up questions to the Trust to help you prepare for when "Hamilton" performance dates and times are announced.

Question: What is meant by "will have first access to Hamilton?"

Answer: At this time, the only way to guarantee seats to "Hamilton," which is scheduled to be part of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh 2018-2019 season, is to subscribe to the 2017-18 PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh season.

Q: Is it guaranteed that a renewing 2017-18 PNC Broadway season ticket holder will be able to purchase tickets to "Hamilton?"

A: 2017-18 PNC Broadway subscribers are guaranteed the same number of seats that they have ordered in their 2017-18 subscription package to "Hamilton" when it comes to Pittsburgh during the 2018-19 season.

Q: Will there be a limit on the number of tickets each season ticket holder may purchase to see "Hamilton?"

A: At this time it has not been determined if subscribers will be able to order additional tickets to "Hamilton."

Q: When will the date of the "Hamilton" shows and the ticket prices likely be announced?

A: Spring 2018.

Q: How will people be notified that they can purchase "Hamilton" tickets?

A: The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust will notify existing subscribers through direct mail and email. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust also will send announcement information to the media and send information directly to patrons through our email list and social media channels, which are free to join at trustarts.org.

Q: How much does it cost to renew a PNC Broadway season ticket?

A: Current season ticket packages range from \$175 to

\$630 per subscription seat, which includes tickets to seven performances. Package prices vary from season to season based upon the shows included on the season. 2018-2019 season pricing will be published in spring 2018.

Q: What are the surcharges and fees that people should be aware of that would be applied to purchasing a season ticket series? To the "Hamilton" ticket?

A: There is a \$10 handling fee when ordering season tickets to the 2017-18. Fees for 2018-19 season events have not yet been determined.

Q: Is there a deadline to purchase season tickets for the 2017-18 season?

A: Current season ticket holders have until May 15, 2017, to secure their seats for the 2017-18 season. Orders received after this renewal deadline will be offered best available seating on a first come-first served basis. Anyone can order season tickets now through the first event of the (2017-18) PNC Broadway season, which is "School of Rock" on Oct. 17, 2017, to be a full season ticket holder and become eligible for guaranteed seat renewal into the 2018-19 season that includes "Hamilton." Season tickets are subject to availability.

Q: Why is "Hamilton" not included in the normal package of shows that comes with a season ticket?

A: "Hamilton" may be a part of the 2018-19 season ticket package or may be a Broadway special, which will be available as an optional added event. Details will be provided with the 2018-19 PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh season announcement in spring 2018.

Q: How can you guarantee your tickets are real?

A: Official ticket sources for Pittsburgh Cultural Trust events include: trustarts.org; our subscription phone line, 412-456-1390; our box office phone line, 412-456-4800; our group sales line, 412-471-6930, and the box office at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave. (Downtown). Tickets purchased from other sources, including unauthorized resale websites, may not be legitimate. For more information about official ticket sources, visit: trustarts.org/be-safe



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Tasty crust topped with new flavor combinations

BY SALLY QUINN

Is there really a difference between flatbread pizza and regular pizza?

Flatbread tends to be a thinner crust that's formed in a more rectangular form and is topped with a more inspired choice of toppings. You are more likely to find them on the menu in gastropubs.

But pizza can be ordered in thin crust. Even your neighborhood pizza shops lists specialty gourmet pizzas with their own ingenious combinations.

Flatbread pizza can also be found with crusts that go beyond yeast-raised dough. They can be made with naan, an Indian flatbread, or pita, for example.

Of course, we can also argue that wonderful pizza can be made on French bread or English muffins.

But does it really matter?

Pizza — flatbread, deep dish, thin crust, stuffed crust — is loved by all. The only argument might be what kind of sauce, topping and cheese to add for the perfect finish.

Try your hand making these flatbread pizzas with delicious options in a wide range of flavors.

Sally Quinn is a Tribune-Review contributing writer.

Flatbread Pizza Crust

This recipe comes from Fleischman's Yeast.

While a pizza stone is preferred for making flat bread, you can also use a heavy baking sheet. Preheat the baking sheet in a 500-degree oven for 10 minutes. Transfer rolled flat bread to hot baking sheet using the directions above for transferring the dough to a pizza stone.

1 to 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup cake flour
1 envelope Fleischmann's Pizza Crust Yeast OR Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup very warm water, 120-130 degrees (If you don't have a thermometer, water should feel very warm to the touch.)
Cornmeal
Toppings

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Place pizza stone on lowest rack in oven during preheating.

Combine 1 cup all-purpose flour, cake flour, undissolved yeast, sugar and salt in a bowl. Add water and mix until well blended, about 1 minute. Add additional flour, if needed, to form a soft dough.

Knead on a floured surface, adding additional flour if necessary, until smooth and elastic, about 4 minutes. (To knead the dough, add just enough flour to the dough and your hands to keep the dough from sticking. Flatten dough and fold it toward you. Using the heels of your hands, push the dough away with a rolling motion. Rotate dough a quarter turn and repeat the "fold, push and turn" steps. Keep



Try your hand at making flatbread pizza dough from scratch.

kneading the dough until it is smooth and elastic. Use a little more flour if dough becomes too sticky, always working the flour into the ball of the dough.)

Divide dough into 8 equal size portions. Cover dough while working with individual portions. (If not using Pizza Yeast, allow dough to rest for 10 minutes.)

Roll 1 portion of dough on floured surface into a 12-inch-by-4-inch rectangle. The dough should be extremely thin at this point.

Place flat bread on a well-floured or cornmeal-dusted pizza peel, flat baking sheet or the back side of a jelly roll pan. Parchment paper (not waxed paper) also works. Make sure the flatbread moves freely.

Add desired toppings to the flatbread.

To bake, slide the flatbread off the pizza peel or baking sheet onto the preheated stone that is still in the oven. Use a long-handled spatula to help transfer the bread if needed. Bake 3 to 5 minutes or until flat bread is lightly browned.

When the flatbread is done, remove it from the oven with a pizza peel. You can also use a spatula or tongs to gently transfer the flat bread to a cutting board, pizza pan or cookie sheet for serving.

Repeat with remaining dough portions. Any unused dough can be stored in the freezer until later use; wrap each portion individually in plastic wrap. Store up to 2 weeks in freezer. Thaw at room temperature about 20 minutes or in refrigerator about 1 hour.

Allow the oven to cool before removing the pizza stone and follow the manufacturer's directions for cleaning.

Makes 8 flatbreads

Topping ideas

Once you decide on the crust — your own homemade dough; purchased flatbread crust, such as naan or pita; or purchased dough — your flatbread pizza can be topped to order.

Here are ways to experience the best ingredients in terrific flavor combinations. Adjust and experiment

to find your favorite.

Sausage and Peppers: Brown sweet or hot sausage and drain of fat. Spread crust with pizza sauce and top with sausage and a mix of pickled sweet and hot peppers. Sprinkle with grated mozzarella and Monterey Jack cheese. Bake.

Black and Blue: Caramelize thin-sliced onion in olive oil. Brush crust with olive oil. Top with onions and thin slices of ripe pears. Sprinkle with blue cheese and drizzle with balsamic vinegar and bake.

Tex-Mex: Cook ground meat with taco seasoning and spread on crust. Top with sliced bell peppers and onions and tomatoes. Sprinkle with grated cheddar cheese and bake. Before serving, top with salsa and sour cream.

Camembert, Date and Pancetta: Cook pancetta or thick bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat for about 3 minutes. Add thinly sliced shallots and cook about 5 minutes longer or until caramelized. Drain on paper towels. Top flatbread with pancetta-shallots mixture, dot with pitted dates and thin wedges of Camembert cheese. Sprinkle with sliced almonds and bake.

Grilled Cheese and Tomato: Spread dough with pizza sauce and top with cheddar cheese.

Parmesan Rosemary: Mince garlic and add to olive oil in a small bowl. Brush dough with olive oil. Top with fresh chopped rosemary and freshly grated parmesan cheese.

BLT: Cook bacon and break into bite-size pieces. Spread dough with pizza sauce, top with halved cherry tomatoes, bacon and blue cheese crumbles. Bake. Serve with Romaine salad on the side.

Pulled Pork: Spread dough with barbecue sauce, top with shredded pulled pork, thinly sliced green onions and grated fontina cheese. Bake. Serve with a side of cole slaw.

Porky Pineapple: Cook bacon and drain on paper towels. Spread dough with onion marmalade, top with well-drained pineapple slices, green onions and sliced Camembert cheese. Bake. Top with toasted flaked sweetened coconut before serving.

Sow seeds or buy from the nursery, that is the question

New vegetable gardeners are often confused about whether it's best to start their veggie plants from seed or buy transplants from a nursery. And, to make it even more confusing, what works best for one gardener may not work the same way for another.

To clarify this challenging issue for folks who are fairly new to gardening, I'd like to offer some useful tips to help you decide which is the best method for starting the plants in your vegetable patch.

Tip 1: Seed catalogs are a wealth of information. Start your decision-making process by reading the seed catalog description of each particular crop you plan to grow (even if you don't end up buying the seeds from the catalog).

Most seed companies include growing advice for each of the crops they sell seeds for. In that information, you'll often find suggestions on how to get the plants started. The growing information for any given crop might say something like, "sow seeds indoors under grow lights four to six weeks before transplanting outdoors" or "sow seeds directly into the garden after the danger of frost has passed." Statements like these indicate the best method for establishing that particular plant in the garden.

If the catalog says the seeds can be sown directly into the garden, you can do just that, unless of course, there's a geographical exception listed. For example, broccoli can be started from seed sown directly into the garden in some climates, but here in Pennsylvania, sowing the plants from seed may mean the weather will get too warm before you can harvest this cool-season crop, causing the plants to prematurely flower and limiting your yields.

But, if a catalog description notes that seeds should be started indoors under grow lights and you don't have the ability to do so, then that's typically a good plant to purchase as a transplant from your local nursery.

Tip 2: Timing is everything. Whether a particular vegetable is best grown from seed or transplant also has a lot to do with the timing of its maturation. For vegetables that require a long growing season and are sensitive to frost, starting the plants by directly sowing the seeds into the garden is a bad idea. There won't be enough time for the plants to mature between the last frost of spring and the first frost of fall.

For example, sowing seeds of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants directly into the garden is not a very efficient way to grow these crops. Because these warm-season veggies are frost sensitive, you'd have to wait to sow the seeds into the garden until the middle of May, and by the time the plants are mature enough to produce fruit, the threat of fall frost is on your doorstep. That's why these plants are best planted into the garden as four to six-week-old transplants, either started indoors under lights or purchased at a garden center.

There are a handful of crops that are "on the fence" when it comes to this timing issue. For example, melons, pumpkins and winter squash are easily started by sowing seeds directly into the garden in the spring, after the danger of frost has passed. But, many varieties of these crops have a long growing season, meaning they may not mature before cold weather returns in the



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autumn. Which means that if you want to grow these crops by seeding them directly into the garden, you have to be sure to choose a variety with a fast maturation (less than 90-100 days) so the plants have plenty of time to produce fruits before the end of the growing season arrives.

To overcome this, many garden centers start melon, pumpkin, and winter squash seeds in their greenhouses and sell the transplants to consumers. These crops typically don't like to be moved once they've started growing, so they don't always do well when grown from these transplants. But, planting these plants into the garden instead of seeds, can help you get a jump on the growing season. **Tip 3: Try it both ways and be flexible.** Sometimes you just have to be willing to experiment to see which technique is best for each particular crop.

In my own garden, I often grow the same crop from seed and from transplants. For example, every spring I sow several rows of lettuce seeds directly into my garden in late March. But, I also go to my local garden center and buy two four-packs of lettuce transplants to plant into my garden. The transplants mature faster, giving me an early crop of lettuce; the plants I grew from seed will then mature a few weeks later, giving me a second harvest.

Cucumbers are another crop that I often grow both from seeds and transplants. Again, this allows me to extend the harvest and grow several different varieties in my garden each year. The same goes for beets, kale and Swiss chard; sometimes I grow these crops from seed and sometimes I purchase nursery-grown transplants. And some years, I do both!

The plants I always plant into the garden as transplants are tomatoes, eggplants, tomatillos, peppers, basil, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and kohlrabi.

But on the flip side, there are several crops that I always grow from seed sown directly into the garden. On this list is summer squash, radish, beans, peas, carrots, greens, corn, cucumbers, parsnips, spinach, and turnips.

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The Cubano sandwich gets a makeover

BY CASEY BARBER

The Cubano — a traditional pressed sandwich layered with two (!) kinds of pork and gooey cheese, balanced by tangy pickles and mustard — gets a quick-and-easy makeover with this big-batch version. Soft, squishy potato rolls replace the traditional crusty rolls for when you don't want to be panini-ing sandwiches to order. Instead, by using a heavy sheet pan to press the sandwiches into crispy, melty form, you can make a dozen at a time without breaking a sweat.

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Cubano Sheet Pan Sliders

3 tablespoons yellow mustard
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
12 dinner roll-sized potato buns (like Martin's), sliced in half
12 slices deli ham (about 1/2 pound)
1/2 pound sliced roasted pork shoulder, or un-sauced pulled pork
24 round dill pickle slices
12 slices deli Swiss cheese (about 1/2 pound)
Oil for brushing the rolls

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a 9-inch-by-13-inch rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Stir the mustard and mayonnaise together in a bowl, then open each roll and spread the mustard mixture on both sides. Line the rolls up on the prepared baking sheet and fill each one with ham, roast pork, pickles, and cheese. Fold the slices of meat and cheese over on each other a few times as needed to make them fit loosely within the bounds of each roll.

Close each roll and lightly brush the tops with vegetable oil.

Place a second sheet of

parchment paper on the sliders, then top with a large, heavy baking sheet or a double-burner griddle so that the sandwiches are pressed down. Place in the oven and bake for 10 minutes, until the cheese is completely melted and the sandwiches are toasty. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Recipe notes: The sandwiches can be assembled up to 4 hours in advance. Cover the sheet pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to bake on site. Or press and bake the sandwiches, then reheat in a 300-degree oven if desired.

Makes 12 sliders

A braised brisket recipe that's perfect for any dinner party

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Let's get this out of the way early: you don't need a Passover brisket recipe, because you will never make one that is better than your grandmother's, and you wouldn't even try.

But maybe you're hosting dinner for friends that happens to look a little like a Seder, and you want a great recipe that will never ever live up to that other brisket you love unconditionally (wink wink). Luckily, this recipe for Red Wine Braised Brisket is perfect for any dinner party, or weeknight, for that matter.

Brisket comes from the breast of a cow, and is usually sold in one large piece or broken down into two smaller cuts, the flat and the point. It's notoriously tough and you've likely had a piece that is bone-dry and bland. But done right, the thing that can make a brisket undesirable is really what makes it so good.

Brisket falls into a category of meats that shine when cooked low and slow. That can include smoking at low temperatures, a leisurely oven-roast, or a long and flavorful braise. Braising is a great choice because the cooking liquid imparts flavor into an otherwise bland cut of meat.

The red wine in our marinade, which eventually becomes your braising liquid, works not just to flavor the brisket and sauce, but also to tenderize. The acidity in wine breaks down proteins, so make sure to give it enough time to really do its work.

After braising, the brisket is rubbed in persillade, which is a very fancy word to describe a very simple thing. A mixture of chopped parsley, garlic, oil and other seasonings, persillade can be used to season or garnish almost any dish. It is often combined with bread crumbs (or matzah, in this case) and used as a crunchy, colorful coating for meat and fish.

By now, you're probably starving, and we haven't



Red Wine Braised Brisket

even told you the best thing about this recipe. Not only is it delicious and amazing, but like most braises, this brisket is going to taste even better if you make it ahead of time.

That means that on the day of your dinner, all you have to do is gently reheat it, cover with the persillade (which you can also make ahead), and give it a quick bake to warm through. That's basically 10 minutes of work, leaving you plenty of time to explain yourself to your grandmother.

Red Wine Braised Brisket

Servings: 10
Start to finish: 11 hours
15 minutes (Active time: 45 minutes)

The key to the brisket is the marinade, and a handy way to marinate it is to place the meat in a large zippered plastic bag. Pour in

the marinade, and seal the bag. Turn the bag a few times to thoroughly coat the meat.

- 3 to 4 pounds beef brisket, fat trimmed
- 2 cups dry red wine
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns, cracked
- 1 teaspoon thyme leaves
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 3 cups low-sodium beef stock
- Persillade (recipe follows)
- Roasted Cipollini Onions (recipe follows)

Place brisket in a sealable plastic bag or in a large shallow baking dish. In another bowl, combine wine, garlic, onion, carrots, celery, peppercorns, and thyme. Pour mixture over brisket, cover (or seal). Turn the bag a few times or stir the mixture to thoroughly coat the meat. Marinate in the refrigerator

for at least 8 hours.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Remove the brisket from the marinade and pat dry with a paper towel. Reserve about half of the marinade. Pat beef dry.

In a large heavy-bottomed saucepan or Dutch oven, heat the oil over high heat until wisps of smoke appear. Place dry brisket in pan and sear on all sides until golden brown, then transfer to a plate.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and pour off the fat. Add the tomato paste and cook until the color deepens and appears rusty, about 4 minutes. Add the reserved marinade and use a wooden spoon to scrape any brown bits from the bottom of the pan.

Return the brisket to the pan and add stock (you may not need all of the stock. The braising liquid should come about 1/3 of the way up the brisket).

Bring to a simmer, cover,

and place in preheated oven. Braise until meat is tender, about 1 1/2 hours. (Test meat for doneness by piercing with a roasting fork. If fork enters meat without resistance and brisket easily slides off, the meat is done.) Transfer the brisket to a foil-lined baking sheet and set aside.

Skim any fat from the cooking liquid. Carefully transfer the braising liquid to a blender and process until smooth. If remaining sauce is too thick, add additional stock; if it is too thin, simmer over medium heat until it has reduced. Season with salt and pepper, to taste and set aside.

Sprinkle the persillade over the cooked brisket and gently pat down to adhere. Return to the oven and bake until the persillade is lightly golden brown, about 10 minutes.

Slice the brisket into thin slices and serve with the sauce and roasted vegetables.

Persillade

- Servings: 10
- 2 cups matzo meal
- 1 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup olive oil

In a bowl, combine the matzo meal, parsley, garlic, and oil. Toss to combine and set aside until needed.

Roasted Cipollini Onions

- Servings: 10
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 10 garlic cloves
- 1 pound Cipollini onions, peeled
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped thyme

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

In a large bowl, combine the oil, garlic, onions, salt, and pepper, and toss to coat. Spread on into a baking dish or roasting pan and cover with foil.

Cook until the onions begin to soften, about 10 minutes. Remove the foil, stir the onions, and return to the oven.

Roast until the onions are translucent, very tender, and lightly browned around the edges, about 30 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving of brisket: 332 calories; 175 calories from fat; 19 g fat (6 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 72 mg cholesterol; 173 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 28 g protein.

Nutrition information per serving of persillade: 190 calories; 98 calories from fat; 11 g fat (1 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 0 mg cholesterol; 6 mg sodium; 22 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 3 g protein.

Nutrition information per serving of the onions: 48 calories; 24 calories from fat; 3 g fat (0 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 0 mg cholesterol; 193 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 1 g protein.

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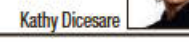


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PLUM BORO \$149,900 547 Catskill Drive New listing, 3BR & 2BA, 3B0, O/Blook, Rainier, Catskill. Catherine Blair 724.327.8123	SCOTSDALE \$155,500 Eleanor Avenue Brick 2 story home sits on double lot. Open 1st fl with gleaming HW fls in the LR, DR, stairs & 2nd fl landing. RT18, Newman, Eleanor, Cathy Blitzer 724.864.2121	WILKINS TWP \$213,831 3525 Ridgewood Drive Stunning brick southern Colonial complete with white pillars, exterior photo grounds with stone walkways & a serene covered patio. 378 Business District, L/Ford, McCrady, RR160, Cathy Blitzer 724.864.2121	Find out if real estate sales is right for you. Visit us online at ThePlaceToBeCB.com	

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MCKESPORT \$89,900 Lg family house with lg rooms. Old world charm that is move-in ready. Lg foyer that leads into LR. Lg DR. Irene Hill 724.864.2121	MONESSEN \$39,500 Home wanted with appliance coverage. Very spacious home with multiple places to entertain. Renee Maldonado 724.864.2121	SCOTSDALE \$70,000 Charming 2 story 2BR & an upstairs den or nursery. Located in very quiet area of historic Scottdale. Lg LR. Jackie Rabenstein 724.864.2121	SCOTSDALE \$44,900 Located in Scottdale's Historic District. Very lg property contains 4 separate apartments & a former D's office. Jackie Rabenstein 724.864.2121	YOUNGWOOD \$88,900 Loads of potential for investor! Many recent improvements have been made. Great opportunity. Michael Mercea 724.864.2121

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#1255027. Not in town. Seller wishes offer and is willing to do all to gain a sale. Two or three bedroom. One bedroom on first floor. Modern updated spacious kitchen and of sun room off of kitchen. Updated wiring. Super location.

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PITTSBURGH 2ND WARD

- James Wilson to Daniel Grealish at 320 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Unit 10K for \$280,000.
- GT Equity Partn. LLC to Janine Calabro at 320 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Unit 17N for \$247,400.
- Lisa Hortensia Gonzales Park to Cynthia Sutura and Angelo Sutura Jr. at 320 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Unit 4M for \$240,000.
- Kenneth Davis to Lisa and Joseph Mollica at 128 Craig St. N Unit 310 for \$128,000.
- Amera Andrawes trustee to Min Chen at 3618 Frazier St. for \$200,000.
- Mebdi Asheghi to Shiqi and Wenyi Li at 3247 Kennett Square for \$165,000.
- Zdravco Dave Stocic trustee to RGB Blue LLC at 259 Semple St. for \$375,000.

7TH WARD

- David Murch et al. to K Sundaram at 5825 Fifth Ave. Unit 111A for \$235,000.
- Olga Tereshko Serven Schreiber to Joseph and Jean Mientus at 5523 Ellsworth Ave. for \$128,500.
- Marla Petersen to Joseph Reynolds at 8 Clarendon Place for \$192,100.
- Taii Streams Tomb to Zhao Lang at 21 Hemingway St. for \$343,000.
- Barr Property Development Inc. to Zachary Smith at 86 44th St. for \$435,000.
- William Winczer to Partrick Palmer at 173D 45th St. for \$210,000.
- John McCauley to Kayleigh Lipke at 169 Almond Way for \$134,000.
- Kevin McLean to Lacey Walters at 4030 Willow St. for \$182,500.

10TH WARD

- Velma Fayforvich et al. to Kurt Dittmer at 926 53rd St. for \$148,250.
- Agnes Wong et al. to Patrick Funk at 4817 Kincaid St. for \$130,000.
- Steel Town Properties M2 LLC to Joseph Cameron at Wickliff St. for \$298,900.

11TH WARD

- Lindel Hodge to Ehan Properties LLC at 609 N. St. Clair St. for \$125,000.
- Barbara Doolittle to Cartus Financial Corp. at 1160 Portland St. and Bryant St. for \$499,900.
- Cartus Financial Corp. to Benjamin Dratch and Kerra Doyle at 1160 Portland St. and Bryant St. for \$499,900.

14TH WARD

- Edward Bernstein to Mark and Tonio Renee Anderson at 5100 First Ave. 409 for \$210,000.
- AMA Real Estate Enterprises 2 LLC to James Taylor at 1309 Beechwood Blvd. for \$1,250,000.
- Pascal Ripoché to Chunsheng Zhou at 5552 Darlington Road for \$410,000.
- Hugh Nicholas Jr. to Emily Rybinski Benish and Neil Benish at 7549 Graymore Road for \$370,000.
- Maureen Langford to Stephanie and Jonathan Laurenza at 101 Homestead St. for \$183,900.
- Regina Ketter to Edward and Kara Mackinson Peters at 230 Homestead St. for \$131,500.
- United Synagogues Pennsylvania Inc. to Pittsburgh Modern Restorations LLC at 2348 Pittcock St. for \$125,000.
- Ambert Barnato et al. to Lee and Susan Segal at 7527 Rosemary Road for \$560,000.
- Cartus Corp. LLC to Steven Rockwell at 5810 Wilkins Ave. for \$570,000.

15TH WARD

- Susan Barnhorst et al. to Jonathan Livingston and Yi Gao at 523 Bigelow St. for \$198,500.
- Kalamare LLC to Kalal Holdings LLC at 2026 E. Carson St. for \$1,600,000.
- LRK Investment 1 LLC to PVG Real Estate LLC at 80 S. 15th St. for \$163,000.
- Carlton Hartman to MW Park Enterprises LLC at 243 Augusta St. 4 for \$280,000.
- Elise Pringle to Thomas Lewis III at 517 Cleemsha Ave. for \$128,000.
- Melanie Miller Sweeney to Stefanie Stitely at 154 Gaskell St. for \$164,900.
- Sergei Azarkhin to Alessandra Calhoun at 902 Gladys Ave. for \$129,000.
- Steven Kohman to Mickey Grabner at 153 LaBelle St. for \$229,500.

• Elizabeth Maas to Cody and Laura Swedler at 2903 Pioneer Ave. for \$152,500.

20TH WARD

- Michael Battaglia to Pittsburgh Chartiers FDS 715092 LLC at 1205 Chartiers Ave. for \$241,750.
- David Mazza to Christopher Stone at 2505 Winchester Drive for \$185,000.
- Coralie Kartesz to Nicholas and Katie Seftas at 1421 Pennsylvania Ave. for \$169,500.
- Jonathan Terry to Sean Patrick Conley and Emily Elizabeth Cole at 1226 Buena Vista St. for \$230,000.
- Anna Rosenstein to William Affif and Anna Horner at 607 N. Taylor Ave. for \$244,698.

26TH WARD

- Barbara Kolling estate et al. to Benjamin Brewer and Sarah Fishbein at 107 Richey Ave. for \$128,000.
- Estate of Nancy Isenberg to David Friem at 1806 Termon Ave. for \$163,000.
- Allen Dufala to Kirby and Daniell Walker at 1002 Sewickley Heights Drive for \$212,000.
- Adam Haas to Richard and Katherine Holzworth at 221 Third St. for \$334,000.
- Mary Ann Hirsch to Julianne Hirsch at 657-659 Maryland Ave. for \$134,000.
- Richard Czapko to Peter and Patricia Smith at 701 Means Ave. for \$129,000.
- RHO Enterprises LLC to Jackie Mitlo at 2110 Brady Place for \$195,100.
- Eric Langkamp to Ellen Feeney at 1280 Cairn Drive for \$217,000.
- Cartus Financial Corp. to Charles Stewart and Bridg Hartnett at 1008 Delfield Drive for \$195,000.
- Gertrude Scott to Harshit Seth at 1203 Lenox Drive for \$133,000.
- Mary Ellen Staab to Jason Smith at 4775 Prescott Drive for \$190,000.
- Jiyun Kim to Amanda Cavill and Christopher Hetrick at 1179 Snee Drive for \$278,000.
- James Nath to Christian Avila at 3343 Sylvan Road for \$174,100.

CASTLE SHANNON

- Nancy Ellen Hopkins to Ann and Neil Press at 916 Lindenwood Drive for \$162,000.
- Nicholas Lucking to Michelle and Vincent Rodgers at 1054 Thornwood Drive for \$125,000.

CORAPOLIS

- Kevin Lyons to Cory Peterson at 1815 Montour St. for \$161,000.
- Thomas Stacy Jr. to Debra and David Lagamba at 302 Maxwell St. for \$249,900.

DORMONT

- Kenneth York to Christopher and Marcia Buttlar at 2835 Broadway Ave. for \$134,900.
- Harry James to KRP Development L.P. at 1545 Grandin Ave. for \$125,000.
- Alice Marquardt to Mark Van Reenen at 218 Oakway Ave. for \$135,000.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

- Ralph Stahley to Trailside Treasures LLC at 1908 Donner St. for \$162,000.
- Bardan Partn. to BKG Warehouse LLC at 901 Hayden Blvd. for \$200,000.
- MRL Assoc. LLC to Martin Lazzaro estate of at 10 Walnut St. Unit 6 for \$162,000.

FOREST HILLS

- Suzanne Cibotti to Allen Perry at 604 Cascade Road for \$139,000.
- Wallace Smith Jr. to Patricia Smith at 200 Millview Drive for \$448,000.

FRANKLIN PARK

- David Paulson to Jake and Kelly Johnson at 1532 Brimfield Drive for \$575,000.
- Michelle Imhoff Koval to Peter Geist and Alissa Adams at 2521 Country Side Lane for \$325,000.
- Lawrence Larkin to Klatkun and Sha Luangkesorn at 2468 Dogwood Drive for \$330,000.
- Curt Conry to Julie Brennan and Justin Papiacki at 1630 Norman Drive for \$355,000.
- Richard DiPippa to Laura Colditz et al. and Walter Anthony at 56 School St. for \$239,900.
- Estate of Carol English Lopata to Caitlin Unger and Patrick Joseph Lucas at 105 Susan Drive for \$155,000.
- Martin Louis Miller to Mary Joyce Lykens trustee at 3208 Warwick Court for \$237,000.

MT. LEBANON

- Anthony Sanchez to Jessica

at 3139 Cheltenham Court for \$129,900.

INDIANA

- Rick Weber to Kayla and Bichri Lee at 7210 Front River Road for \$310,000.
- Patricia McLaughlin to Robert and Elizabeth Matthews at 7111 Viviana St. for \$263,000.
- Robin Beers to Susan Kusich at 2211 Hawthorne Drive for \$130,000.
- Stephen Mendenhall to SIRVA Relocation Properties LLC at 111 Lilac Court for \$278,100.
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- NVR Inc. to Brian Lorson and Patricia Phillip at 342 Greene Drive for \$341,620.
- Maronda Homes Inc. to Glenn Labosco at 401 Lexie Way for \$351,900.

KENNEDY

- Brian Streltick to Rebecca Jean Meeber and Zachary Lederman at 90 Castle View Drive for \$167,000.
- Eleanor Wagner to Victoria Rasbach at 4032 Crabapple Drive for \$182,000.

LIBERTY

- Patricia DiMarco trustee to Robert Gasser at 2726 Washington Blvd. for \$141,000.
- NVR Inc. to John and Jillian Jochum at 416 Fairmont Drive for \$293,795.
- Celtic Capital LLC to Ian and Megan Wild at Northgate Drive for \$221,540.
- RT Partn. L.P. to Brennan Builders Inc. at 170 Seneca Place for \$160,000.

OAKMONT

- Delwood Homes Inc. to Joseph Gentle and Leslie Fitchwell at 226 Third St. for \$411,725.
- Brooks & Blair Waterfront Properties L.P. to Donald Shirey and Pamela Michalek Shirey at 28 Allegheny Ave. for \$374,343.

OHIO

- TOA Sewickley Ridge L.P. to Marilyn Holdren at 104 American Way for \$330,145.
- Radu Pomirleanu to Jeffrey Barnyak and Mary O'Donovan at 120 Rippling Brook Drive for \$332,500.
- Rajni Anand to Aaron Donald and Jaelyn Blakey at 234 Wedgewood Drive for \$440,000.

OSBORNE

- Sarah Jezo to Matthew Holloway and Sheila Fretwell at 1501 Beaver Road for \$153,000.

Kaulakis and Daniel Smilowitz at 214 Dell Ave. for \$248,500.

SHALER

- Kevin Tatar to Quinten and Flor De Abril Cameron at 214 Amherst Road for \$210,000.
- Estate of James Werth to Patrick and Pamela Gauntner at 2622 Clare St. for \$174,000.
- Estate of Mildred Jacob to Ralph and Kaci Galford at 2423 Clearview Drive for \$149,900.
- Matthew Thompson to Janae Christine Brookhart and Adam Wiktorzewski at 200 E. Pennview Ave. for \$142,000.
- Pinnacle Holdings LLC to Nicholas Doney at 135 Lily Drive for \$178,000.
- Estate of Nancy Goldstein to Joseph Glackin at 1820 Shaler Drive for \$135,000.
- Estate of Elizabeth Dague to Dennis and Carrie Lane at 1305 Sharpburg Road for \$156,000.

SOUTH FAYETTE

- Tram Homes South LLC to Riley Dilworth and Rachel Christian Monson at 4122 Battle Ridge Road for \$224,900.
- NVR Inc. to Michael and Jennifer Ludwig at 4528 Walnut Ridge Circle for \$445,060.

O'HARA

- Francesco Vescio to Francis Kress at 19 Locust Drive for \$160,000.

UPPER ST. CLAIR

- Matthew Minerl to Angeleno Swank & Barnick 2007 Revocable at 203 Englewood Drive for \$199,000.
- Carrie Lynn Allman to Richard and Krista Lang at 2632 Lindenwood Drive for \$255,500.
- Estate of Jerome Boring to Melissa and Richard Filek at 349 Myrna Drive for \$210,000.

• Anthony Dipaolo to Michael Ludwig at 480 Sprout Ave. for \$133,000.

HARMONY

- Estate of Paul Lewis to Richard Rinehart at 969 Beverly Ave. for \$185,000.
- Daniel Steinmeyer to Conan Shaw at 607 E. Village Green Blvd. for \$230,000.
- Fulton Development Co. L.P. to NVR Inc. at 102 Hollyberry Court for \$125,232.
- Robert Machin to Elaine Necopolous at 2042 Jamestown Court for \$235,000.
- Cheryl Anne Haas to Jonathan and Deana Dobosh at 5006 Northfields Drive for \$415,000.
- Camp Trees Partn. L.P. to Joshua and Stephanie Trembulak at 256 Tamarack Drive for \$5,506,555.
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- Li Tzu Tsao to Chang Chen at 312 Village Drive for \$340,000.

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CARROLL

- Maurice Lyons to Allen and Rosemary Lossar at 170 Valley Ave. for \$177,000.
- Mark Rehak to William Menarcheck III and Misty Lee Menarcheck at 25 Ridgewood Drive for \$385,000.
- Maronda Homes Inc. to Derrick Lee Petix and Breann Brumley at 312 Everest Circle for \$281,947.
- George Dewey Black to Josephine Posch at 145 Fair Meadow Drive for \$226,000.
- Joshua Gregg to Jamie and Joseph Leppert at 1465 Henderson Ave. for \$204,900.
- Chad Boyles to Juan Carlos Zurita and Sarah Grudevich at 411 Summit Court for \$285,500.

DONEGAL

- Donald Poland to Brandon Kolenace and Kacey Milvet at 771 Dry Ridge Road for \$243,000.
- Kim Carter to Jessica Wood and Luis Boy Arrecis at 440 E. Beau St. for \$230,000.

FINLEYVILLE

- Daniel Mulken to Finleyville Borough at 3753 First Ave. for \$151,200.
- Marcie Westwood to Georgianne and John Concannon at 1535 Miller Run Road for \$380,000.
- Ronald Dami to Thomas Glemba Jr. and Deja Glemba at 106 Sycamore Lane for \$329,500.
- Bety Jane Baumgartner to Cameron Kubiak and Hannah Dullab at 190 Thorne Road for \$136,000.
- Helen M DuCarne Real Estate Protection T to Peter Zavage III and Cassandra Lin Garcia at 200 Clutter St. for \$158,000.
- Andrew Manganas to Andreas Manganas at 110 Coachside Drive for \$140,000.
- Zaaron Allen to Nicholas Lee Barr and Kayla Marie Henry at 123 Coahside Drive for \$165,000.
- Estate of Mercedes Walsley to James and Diane McCauley at 167 Sharn Drive for \$165,000.
- Richard Fulmer to Steven Anderson and Julie Ehrman at 111 W. Rockenstein Ave. for \$146,500.
- Brennan Builders Inc. to Susan and Edward Marlier at 372 Saddlebrook Road Unit 22A for \$324,960.
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BEAVER COUNTY

- Judith Roberts to Lori and Jeffrey Derbaum at 1094 Turnpike St. for \$130,000.
- Marci Cole to Kara Nuzzo at 210 Edgewood Drive for \$169,500.
- Kara Nuzzo to Brandon and Kara Michele at 2600 Tuscarawas Road for \$146,500.
- Charles Fettingler to Erin and James Tompkins at 110 Heathcliffe Road for \$324,900.
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CHIPPewa

- Eric Richardson to Dennis Walton at 102 Waterslide Drive for \$273,000.
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LANCASTER

- Jonathan Dillon to James and Thong Champathong Martin at 211 High Acres Road for \$340,000.
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- King at Buckeye Tram Road for \$175,000.
- Perry Calisti to Jenelle Calisti at 6012 Calisti Drive for \$135,000.
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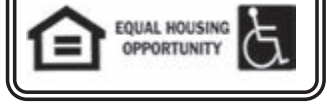
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★ Exceptional home with 1st floor Master & laundry beautiful kitchen with granite countertops and finished lower level \$200,000 Sandra Liprando 724-832-2300

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MURRYSVILLE 3129 TREELINE DRIVE
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MURRYSVILLE 4106 TARTAN COURT
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NORTH HUNTINGDON 2000 HAFLINGER
★ M Utterly exciting one-year-old 4BR/2+BA two-story. Striking highlights in this distinctive residence include fireplace and garage. A bright roomy home providing space for all. Anticipate the best! \$280,000 Tom Sullivan 724-863-3300

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★ M Reward yourself with the values of this 3BR/2+BA two-story. Lovely flourishes include garage and jewel of a pool. Cozy fireplace. An unusually nice haven for a comfortable lifestyle. \$259,900 Donna Hornicak 724-863-3300

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NORTH HUNTINGDON 12390 HEROLD DRIVE
H M Feel right at home in this welcoming 2BR/2BA home. Attractive residence with a wealth of comforts. Surprisingly affordable! \$169,900 Donna Hornicak 724-863-3300

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UNITY TWP 132 LENTZ RD.
H MBG HSA Fabulous quality w/gorgeous finishes and 11th hole location 4BR on Glenary links w/stunning views pool party room (or guest suite) On 1.37 acres \$469,000 Nancy Peffer 724-832-2300

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UNITY TWP 1007 DERKONT DRIVE
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YOUNGWOOD 221 S Fourth Cozy, charming well maintained 2 bedroom ranch. Nice sized rooms. Tastefully updated kitchen. 1st floor laundry, 1 car garage. Sandra Brown 724-929-7228 MLS#1259126 **\$26,000**



MONESSEN 19 Court Avenue Super nice brick ranch, spacious rooms, updated EIK w/ appliances, huge lower level, plenty of storage, integral garage, 1 car garage. Pamela Drake 724-929-7228 MLS#1261600 **\$85,000**



HEMPFIELD 103 Thistle Drive Move in ready! 2 BR Condo in Meadowlone Village. DIR: Rt 119S, R Bovard-Luxor Rd, R Meadowlone Village, L Thistle to unit on L Marilyn Davis/Linda Diss 724-838-3660 x640 MLS#1269676 **\$107,500**



MONONGAHELA 601 Brady Well built 2 bd brick ranch, cozy side porch, large game room, nice sized work shop. Great location Mary Smereczniak 724-929-7228 MLS#1263777 **\$108,000**



LEVEL GREEN 115 Oak Drive Charming 3BR brk ranch, crmrt, flexible flr pl, lrg EIK & new firing & corian cntnrtop, int gar, updated bath. DIR: Trafford/Murrysville Rd to Cherry L Oak Rosemaria Stashko 724-327-0444 MLS#1268110 **\$119,900**



SCOTTDALE 2094 Loucks Road 3BR's w/ possibility of a 4th BR! Brand new carpet, updated kit & BA, level yard w/rear deck. DIR: Rt 119S exit 819 S turn L, R Chestnut, R Pgh, L Loucks on R. Sgambati/Roskov 724-838-3660 x650 MLS#1246321 **\$129,900**



GREENSBURG 611 N Main Street Move in ready! Charming 3 BR Brick Cape Cod, formal LR w/gas FP. Must see DIR: on Main, R Kenneth, L Hudock, cross over Delmont St to 611 N. Main in rear on L Davis/Sandin-Breagle 724-838-3660 x640 MLS#1249464 **\$129,900**



HEMPFIELD 102 Kocovar Lane Charming 2 BR Ranch! LR w/FP, lg EIK, FR, mud room, detached garage, storage shed. DIR: Rt30 to W.Newton ex, L onto 136, pass School, bear L @ Y house on corner Susan Rodgers 724-838-3660 x658 MLS#1269177 **\$130,000**

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SCOTTDALE 110 Loucks Ave 3BR, 1.5BA 2 sty brick! 1st flr laundry, fenced yard w/ pond, pergola covered deck. DIR: Rt119S, Scottdale ex on R, Rt 819, cross tracks, R Chestnut, L Loucks/Wetzel-Felica/Estochin 724-838-3660 x613 MLS#1260088 **\$134,900**



HEMPFIELD 114 Underwood Avenue 3BR Ranch, open kit/DR, nice back yd, mostly fenced, encl side porch, part fr bsmt. DIR: Rt130 towards Jrt, R Weber, L Plnt Valley, R Woodlawn, R Underwood, Ludwick/Barricklow 724-838-3660 x648 MLS#1257228 **\$149,900**



EXPORT 5939 Claridge Export Rd. Gr 3BR ranch in Penn-Traf sch dist, newer wind, roof, furn, C/A, updated BA. DIR: RT22E to Harrison City Rd L Claridge thru flashing lite to Claridge Export Rd Stacie Williams 724-327-0444 MLS#1268900 **\$154,900**



PENN TWP 1129 Altman Rd. Charming 4 BR ranch on approx. 1 acre, conv loc, huge cvd rear deck & fr porch. DIR: RT66 to RT66 Grill R Ridge cross RT993 L Altman or RT130 past CC to Altman Laura Graves 724-327-0444 MLS#1269625 **\$159,900**



HEMPFIELD 910 Towne Square Drive 3 BR, 2 full BAs, gorgeous brick 2nd flr, new windows, roof, flooring, kit, BAs, det 2 car gar, level lot. Must see! DIR: Rt 30 to Mt Plamt ex to Towne Square. Church/Lipscomb 724-838-3660 x653 MLS#1251936 **\$169,900**



PENN TWP. 15 Brooklane Drive Loc in Penn Twp, beaut well-main S/E w/3BR, 2BA. Landsc lev yd, low-main rear deck, famr w/PL. DIR: RT130E L on RT993 Bushy Run 1st L on Saxony L Brooklane Renee Frye 724-327-0444 MLS#1269735 **\$184,000**



NORTH HUNTINGDON 14121 Lexington Place Immac brk 2sty on a cul-de-sac in Lexington PL Newer kit & furn. Walk to elem sch, Pvd dr & many updates. Home war. DIR: RT30W L on Carpenter La LLexington Pl Courtney Anderson 724-327-0444 MLS#1262189 **\$209,900**



LIGONIER TWP 104 Bluebird Lane REDUCED! 3BR/2BA Ranch. Updated BAs. HW flrs LR & DR that leads to patio. Huge fin bsmt 2/ KIT-wetbar. 1.3 acre. R30to711N. T/R Clifford Woods, T/R Bluebird. Kramer/McGregor 724-238-7600 MLS#123366 **\$215,000**



HEMPFIELD TWP. 107 Gleneagle Drive Well-main 3BR by old patio hm. Lrg mstr w/ shower BA, EIK, newer appliances included. DIR: RT30 to RT195S to Youngwood L Depot St L Mechling R Gleneagle Donna Muller 724-327-0444 MLS#1268701 **\$250,000**



MURRYSVILLE 4876 Sardis Road Cute & cozy 1.5 sty on 3.4 ac. 3 spacious BRs, 2 full baths. Open fr plan w/gr rm & kit. DIR: RT22 to Sardis Rd-follw Sardis past Mun/Lib bldg, to hm on L Margaret Carter 724-327-0444 MLS#1258624 **\$259,900**



PENN TWP. 3 Sarah Court Gorgeous well-cared for 4BR 2sty on cul-de-sac in Penntowne Plantation. Long fr porch, fin GR, spacious bedrms, many extras. DIR: RT30 L Long R Seanor L Sarah Elizabeth Bires 724-327-0444 MLS#1268632 **\$318,900**



RECTOR 113 Azalea Lane 3BR 2.5BA Cape. So many updates! MainFlr MBRsuite. WB/PL, screened porch. Gr! Rt 381 So. Left on Jacob Miller Rd, left on Azalea Ln (no street sign). Home on L Kohler/McGregor 724-238-7600 MLS#1268416 **\$325,000**



UNITY TWP 1506 Woodview Drive 4BR, 2 full & 2 half BA, HW flrs, 1st flr FR & laundry, fin LL, beautifully landscaped. DIR:Rt30 to Donohoe, R Sullenberger, R Clearview, L Maywood, R Woodview Nsair/Ludwick 724-838-3660 x652/648 MLS#1244566 **\$329,000**



UNITY TWP 1609 Keats Drive 4 BR, 3 full BA Ranch, granite kit, 1st flr laundry & den, LL GR, 2 BR's, exercise rm & storage on cul-de-sac. DIR: Rt30E to R White Sch, R Sawmill, R Keats. Ludwick/Shick 724-838-3660 x648 MLS#1264855 **\$389,500**



HEMPFIELD 414 Southfield Drive Beautiful & spacious 4 BR in Northpointe! Fully equipped EIK w/island lg rooms, much more! DIR: Rt191N, L Old Forbes, L into Northpointe, L Southfield. Marilyn Davis 724-838-3660 x640 MLS#1260978 **\$389,900**



RUFFS DALE 194 Race Track Road Loc Ruffs Dale this ranch has 3BRs 2.5BA & is situated on 1075 lev ac. DIR: RT31 R on Race Track. Fr 70W exit 57A (Hunker) to RT3088 R Thomp Holl L Race Track Bill Livengood 724-327-0444 MLS#1261843 **\$427,500**



PENN TWP. 3010 Park View Ct Cst hi-end 3BR condo w/2BA & 2PR, ext crnr lot. 3 fin levels, 2-car gar, 14x11 dk. DIR: RT22 L Murrysville Rd L Pleasant Vall L RT130 L Stonegate to Park View. Mirabile/Perry 724-327-0444 MLS#1258322 **\$489,000**



MURRYSVILLE 1020 Hunt Club Court Amazing 4 BR, 3 full & 3 half BAs, 1st flr Mstr, den & laundry, 2 theatres, outdoor kit, inground pool, 3 car gar. DIR: Rt22 towards Delmont, L Hunt Club on R. Scott Ludwick 724-838-3660 x648 MLS#1266280 **\$1,000,000**

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SUPER DEAL! BEST DEAL IN TOWN! 2BR condo on 1st flr w/1 car gar, galley kit w/all appliances, 1 car gar. Tony & Anthony Rocco 724-838-3660 x706 MLS#1259040 **\$75,000**

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LUXURY HOMES

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UNITY TOWNSHIP
Craftsman Style brick Ranch, 4 bedroom, 3+ bath, all upgraded finishes, open floor plan for todays lifestyle, secluded Master. Call Aimee Churchel for more information at 724-838-3660 x653 MLS#1263367 **\$459,900**

NEW LISTINGS

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PRICE REDUCTIONS

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Raised ranch on country 1.1 acres, 3BR brick & alum w/fg, brkst bar, GR, deck, all appliances. Home Warranty! Heeney/Redding 724-838-3660 MLS#1257086 **\$159,900**

HEMPFIELD
Large neutral décor 3 BR Condo w/desirable 1st flr Mstr ste, 2 full & 2 half BAs, fin LL w/ bar, 2 car garage. Marilyn Davis 724-838-3660 x640 MLS#1254296 **\$210,000**

JEANNETTE
Super nice starter in excellent condition! 2 BR, 2 sty, vinyl, newer roof & HW tank, nice kit w/bkfst bar, GR, cov front porch. Tony & Anthony Rocco 724-838-3660 x706 MLS#1241577 **\$38,500**

NORTH VERSAILLES
Cute & cozy! Small 2 BR vinyl Ranch on level fenced lot w/full bsmt, integral grg, lg shed, lg covered porch, nice neighborhood! Patrick Heeney/Debbie Redding 724-838-3660 633/672 MLS#1241685 **\$62,900**

YOUNGWOOD
Complete remodel w/many special historic details, 3-4 BR, 1.5 BAs, new maple kit w/ SS appl, pantry, covered patio, great yard. Mary-Jean Meisner 724-838-3660 x619 MLS#1255861 **\$159,900**

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HIDDEN VALLEY RESORT Spacious, end unit townhouse. 4BR w/loft, entry/ski rm, open floor plan, massive stone FP, fully equipped kit & more! Furnished! Erin Mikolich 724-593-6195 x714 MLS#1260787 **\$215,000**

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HIDDEN VALLEY RESORT 3 levels of living space, slope side access & lake views! 5BR, 3.5BA home w/rear kit, newer flooring, huge wrap around deck & more! Abe or "Wags" Wagner 724-593-6195 x719 MLS#1252056 **\$325,000**

DONEGAL 3BR, 2.5BA w/new flooring, stainless appliances, covered deck, new sliding, roof, skylights & windows, 2 car gar & storage barn. Abe or "Wags" Wagner 724-593-6195 x719 MLS#1240349 **\$425,000**

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KEVIN GORMAN

Pirates' stars must bounce back with vengeance

To explain how the Pirates dropped 20 games in one season, from 98 wins in 2015 to 78 last year, requires the expertise of a baseball man.

Don't look at me.

No, we're talking about someone who is invested in changing the culture of baseball in Pittsburgh, someone who has promised to field a team that can "contend for championships."

Or, you know, just make the playoffs as a wild card.

After two decades of losing baseball, we lowered our standards enough to believe Pirates owner Bob Nutting wants to be a winner — even if he doesn't want to, you know, pay for one.

But Nutting, who watched the Pirates qualify for the National League playoffs three consecutive seasons from 2013-15, has an interesting take on the 2016 Buccos:

"We ended up with the season we did because the team and organization underperformed the level of talent that we had," Nutting said. "I don't think it was nearly so much that we didn't have sufficient talent to make the run. We had some very good players who did not perform up to the expectations that we had. I really think it's far more execution than what we had put together."

So, it's not that the Pirates were pitching poorly, relying too heavily on rookies in the starting rotation. It's not that they let go of two former first-round picks and franchise building blocks in Neil Walker and Pedro Alvarez, whose replacements failed to match their production.

It's that the very good players didn't do their part, a suggestion that the struggles fell squarely on the shoulders of former All-Stars like Andrew McCutchen, Gerrit Cole and Josh Harrison.

And you know what? Nutting is right.

Of course, it's all of those things and much, much more. The Pirates were flawed, especially in comparison to the World Series champion Chicago Cubs.

But if the Pirates want to return to winning ways, if they want to compete for the NL Central Division title and a spot in the playoffs, it's going to require better performances.

McCutchen and Cole are the other former first-rounders expected to be the cornerstone players for the Pirates. Their dropoffs last season hurt tremendously, so bounce-back years are necessary.

McCutchen's batting average slipped from .317 in his MVP season to .256 last year; his strikeouts increased by 42 and his stolen bases decreased by 21.

After being shopped in the offseason, McCutchen is

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Q&A WITH PIRATES GM NEAL HUNTINGTON



Pirates general manager Neal Huntington smiles as he watches batting practice at George Steinbrenner Field before a game against the Yankees on March 5.

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HOPE & CHANGE

10 YEARS LATER, HUNTINGTON'S MESSAGE REMAINS THE SAME

BY ROB BIERTEMPFEL

Around the time "hope and change" was becoming a hip political slogan, Neal Huntington brought those words into the lexicon of the Pirates' front office.

"We will systematically work to change the culture of this organization and to return it to a consistent winner for the city of Pittsburgh," Huntington said after being hired as general manager Sept. 25, 2007.

As Huntington begins his 10th season, his message remains the same.

There was a melancholia that shrouded the franchise for two decades — epitomized by the "Welcome to hell" greeting a veteran Pirate once gave to a guy who had just been traded to the team. That sour mood was snapped by three straight winning seasons from 2013-15.

Under Huntington, the Pirates have invested heavily in player development and have been at the leading edge of analytics. The restocked farm system has been ranked the best in the game. Several of Huntington's lieutenants have been recruited for prominent roles with other clubs.

Yet, the 2013 wild-card win over the Cincinnati Reds is the Pirates' only significant postseason victory of the Huntington era. There remains work to be done.

At the outset of the 2017 season, Huntington looked back on his time with the Pirates during a one-on-one with Tribune-Review beat writer Rob Biertempfel.

Trib: When you started this job, how much of your plan for how to build and run the club was already in place? And how much has it morphed over the years?



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Pirates general manager Neal Huntington talks with Josh Bell before a spring training game March 15 at LECOM Park in Bradenton, Fla.

Huntington: A lot of it was conceptualized before we came in the door. After talking with Bob (Nutting) and Frank (Coonelly), we bought into the concept of let's see what the 2008 club could do. They'd done a nice job (in 2007) and appeared to be ready to take the next step forward. There were some established position players, although most of them were approaching free agency. There wasn't much in the farm system other than (Andrew) McCutchen, (Neil) Walker and Brad Lincoln. We knew we were going to have to invest heavily in the draft and in the international market. We knew there needed to be some changeover in personnel and some changes in systems and structures.

Unfortunately, 2008 did not go well. We were below .500 at the trade deadline, so we made the decision to move those veteran players who were nearing free agency and go full force into talent-accumulation mode.

So much of that first year was about discovering what was good and who was good and who could be part of the future on and off the field. The next phase was talent accumulation, then talent development, then major league team maturation, then "Let's push this thing forward and figure out a way to win a World Series." So a lot (of the plan) was in place early. We've evaluated and evolved over time, for sure. But conceptually, a lot of it was in place as we walked in the door. Maybe that's part of the reason why Bob and Frank offered me the position.

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BASEBALL '17 CATCHING THE CUBS

CLOSING THE GAP

PIRATES HAVE SEVERAL AREAS TO IMPROVE IN PURSUIT OF CUBS, NL CENTRAL

BY ROB BIERTEMPFEL

Last season, the Pirates did not finish merely a few games out of first place in the NL Central standings. They were buried. The chasm between the Pirates and first-place Chicago Cubs was 30½ games. It was the Pirates' biggest division deficit since 2010, when the team amassed 105 losses and finished 34 games behind Cincinnati Reds.

The Pirates were eliminated from the NL Central race Sept. 11. Sixteen days later, they were knocked out of the hunt for a wild-card berth.

The second NL wild-card spot went to the San Francisco Giants, who wound up 8½ games ahead of the Pirates.

"Everybody was trying to give everything they had. We just didn't have enough," manager Clint Hurdle said. "Sometimes, the reality of just not being good enough can really infuse you for what you need to do better."

So what should the Pirates do better in 2017 to make up ground in the NL Central standings and NL wild-card chase?

START STRONG, FINISH STRONGER

During spring training last year, the players and coaches kept stressing the importance of piling up early-season victories. In 2015, the Pirates won only 17 of their first 35 games.

When they finished two games out of first place in the division, the Pirates looked back wistfully at those 18 losses that slipped away in April and May.

The Pirates began last season with 22 games against NL Central teams and 13 against non-contenders Detroit, San Diego, Arizona and Colorado. They squandered the opportunity by going 18-17.

Worse yet, the Pirates staggered to the finish line, going 11-24. In that stretch, they were swept at home by Miami, absorbed three losses against the Cubs to trigger an eight-game losing streak and were swept by the Cardinals in the season's final weekend.

"You need to be peaking at the end of the season," pitcher Chad Kuhl said. "That stretch in August and September is when you need to be playing your best ball."

Also, it would help if the Pirates were better able to beat teams they should beat. They went 20-18 against the Reds and Brewers last season, which was only a modest improvement on their 17-21 mark vs. those bottom-feeders in 2015.

"It's good to get off to a hot start," Kuhl said. "But it's also important to be consistent and play good baseball the entire year."

MAKE MORE PLAYS

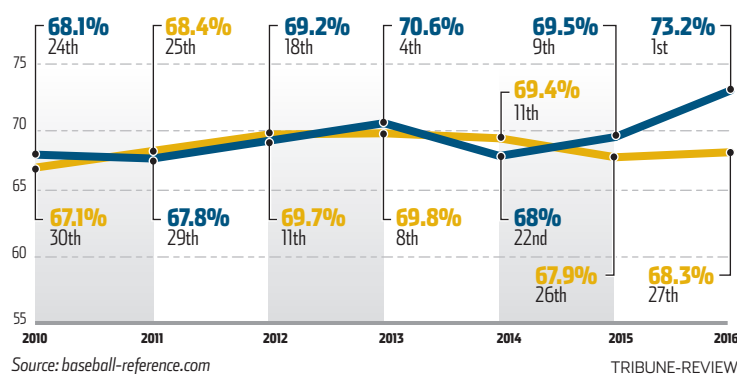
The Pirates ranked 27th in the majors in defensive efficiency, converting 68.3 percent of balls in play into outs.

The Cubs were first with a sparkling 73.2 percent rate — the best mark in the majors since the White Sox had a 72.8 rate in 1991.

The Pirates made 111 errors (third most in majors) and

Pirates defensive efficiency

Being at the forefront of utilizing defensive shifts helped the Pirates boost their defensive efficiency rate four years ago. However, they've taken big step backward the past two seasons.



Source: baseball-reference.com

allowed 4.68 runs per game (the ninth-highest average).

"We know we need to improve on defense," Hurdle said. "We're trying to play fast but not hurry, and that's carrying over into our game. They're gifted athletes. Sometimes when they make it look easy, it's not."

Being at the forefront of utilizing defensive shifts helped the Pirates boost their defensive efficiency rate four years ago. However, they've taken big step backward the past two seasons.

"When we shift, it creates holes. It's going to happen," shortstop Jordy Mercer said. "If we can all move as a unit and all play our part, the percentages are going to be there. The biggest thing is buying into it — and it's hard to buy into it, trust me — and believe in it."

During spring training, the Pirates did more drills using the shift than they had the past few years. There also might be some different usages of the shift during the season under new coach Joey Cora than there was under coach Nick Leyva.

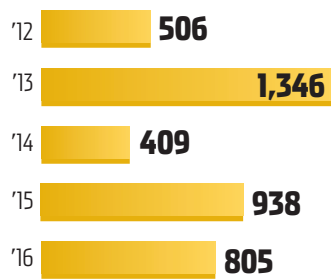
"We're still going to shift, but I don't know if we'll be as crazy about it as we've been the past few years," Mercer said.

STAY HEALTHY

According to research by Stan Conte, the former head

Pirates days spent on the disabled list

In terms of total days lost, the Pirates rank slightly better than the MLB average of the past three seasons. Last year, they racked up 805 total days on the DL, the seventh-lowest total in the majors.



Source: Hardballtimes.com

of the Los Angeles Dodgers medical department, MLB set records last season for total placements on the disabled list (561), days lost on the DL (31,662) and dollars lost to DL stints (more than \$670 million).

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However, the impact of injuries is not felt solely in the number of days missed.

Losing a slugger for 15 days would be a tougher blow for a team than being without a

long reliever for two months. Timing matters, too. A cluster of injuries, even for a few days, can be devastating.

Twenty-five percent of all trips to the DL in the majors last year were made by right-handed starting pitchers.

The Pirates were bit by that bug in a bad way as Gerrit Cole and Jameson Taillon missed time. Injuries wrecked Cole's season, but Taillon was not slowed by his DL stint and still put together a solid year.

Cole (elbow), Chris Stewart (knee surgery), Elias Diaz (infected leg), A.J. Schugel (shoulder), Josh Harrison (groin strain) and Starling Marte (lower back tightness) ended the season on the DL. Also, Neftali Feliz didn't pitch after Sept. 3 (although he never was placed on the DL) because of an arm injury that the team never explained.

ATTACK BULLPENS

Compared to the 2015 season, the Pirates last year produced fewer comeback wins (32 to 43), walkoff wins (11 to 4) and wins in their final at-bat (20 to 13).

They were 6-69 when trailing after six innings, compared to 7-50 in 2015. One reason is most of the regular position players had down years against relief pitchers.

Relievers held National League batters to a .246 average and a .717 OPS last season.

The Pirates hit .244 with a .712 OPS against relief pitchers.

The role of bullpens has taken on even greater importance the past few seasons, with managers dispatching waves of hard-throwing relievers to blow away batters in short-burst outings.

The mark of an elite hitter is the ability to succeed against relievers, when the batter usually loses the platoon advantage and faces sharper, fresher arms.

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Performance against relief pitcher

FRANCISCO CERVELLI

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2016	BA	OPS
	.274	.684

JOSH HARRISON

CAREER	BA	OPS
	.286	.732
2016	BA	OPS
	.253	.625

JOHN JASO

CAREER	BA	OPS
	.256	.716
2016	BA	OPS
	.237	.703

STARLING MARTE

CAREER	BA	OPS
	.292	.801
2016	BA	OPS
	.272	.793

ANDREW MCCUTCHEEN

CAREER	BA	OPS
	.283	.861
2016	BA	OPS
	.264	.777

JORDY MERCER

CAREER	BA	OPS
	.247	.663
2016	BA	OPS
	.260	.718

GREGORY POLANCO

CAREER	BA	OPS
	.237	.683
2016	BA	OPS
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BASEBALL '17 WRITER'S POLL



BURNING QUESTIONS

NATIONAL WRITERS AND NL BEAT REPORTERS TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE KEY ISSUES IN NL CENTRAL

BY ROB BIERTEMPFEL

The Chicago Cubs are going to repeat as NL Central champs this year. The St. Louis Cardinals and (to a lesser degree) the Pirates made some moves this past winter to shore up their rosters, but I don't believe either club did enough to fully close the gap. The stuck-in-neutral Milwaukee Brewers and rebuilding Cincinnati Reds are a few seasons away from contending.

So, when the boss asked me to forecast the NL Central standings at the end of 2017, it was easy to say:



Which NL Central teams will make the playoffs? Just the Cubs. (The rest of my predicted postseason picks have a familiar ring to them: the Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants, Washington Nationals and New York Mets.)

Who is the best overall position player in the NL Central? Starling Marte could be, if he ever puts a full season together. Until that breakthrough happens, the crown belongs to Kris Bryant of the Cubs. What's scary is, Bryant is still just 25 and hasn't even played 400 games in the majors yet. He'll keep putting up eye-popping numbers for years.

The best pitcher in NL Central is Gerrit Cole ... when he's healthy. The Pirates right-hander was good but a little dinged up in 2014, dominated in '15, then lurched through an injury-marred '16. If that pattern holds, he'll re-establish himself as an ace this summer.

The most exciting player in the NL Central (in other words, the guy I'd pay to watch play) is Javier Baez. The Cubs second baseman caught everyone's attention last October with a cluster of stunning performances in the NLCS. He is bit of a swashbuckler on the basepaths, has good power (although he needs to cut down on his whiffs) and is a stellar defender.

Will Pirates outfielder Andrew McCutchen bounce back from his career-worst season? McCutchen's numbers will be better than last year, when he batted .256 with a .766 OPS and a minus-2.6 defensive WAR. Moving to right field should boost his defensive numbers. The motivation of showing the front office it's making a mistake by trying to trade him could help McCutchen rediscover his swing.

But don't take just my word on all this. Here's how other baseball insiders — veteran national reporters and beat writers from around the NL Central — see the division breaking down this season:

Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs, 2. Cardinals, 3. Reds, 4. Pirates, 5. Brewers

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs

Best position player

Bryant. The defending MVP is so lethal at the plate, and he plays two defensive positions really well, too.

Best pitcher

Cubs right-hander Jake Arrieta

I'd pay to watch

With his speed, you never know what the Reds' Billy Hamilton might do on the bases — and there's a chance it will be something you've never seen before. Defensively, he is able to chase down almost anything and make some amazing catches.

McCutchen comeback

Yes, especially if he's less worn out because he no longer plays in center field.



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Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs, 2. Cardinals, 3. Pirates, 4. Brewers, 5. Reds

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs

Best position player

It's hard to go against the reigning National League MVP, so give it to Bryant, not just for his bat but his versatility in the field. There are better hitters in the division (barely), better fielders and more versatile players, but nobody comes close when combining the three.

Best pitcher

I find it hard to pick against Arrieta, who can be so dominant. But I wouldn't be surprised if Cardinals righty Carlos Martinez is the answer at the end of the season.

I'd pay to watch

I think the most exciting play in baseball is the triple. I crave that moment when you see a guy round second at full speed and decide if he's going to third or not. With Hamilton, you get that will he/won't he on what is a sure single for others, and he'll turn it into a double — or you start wondering about an inside-the-park homer off the bat. Last year, he scored from second on a passed ball. That's excitement for me.

McCutchen comeback

That's in the eye of the beholder. I don't know that he'll be an MVP candidate again, but I think he's too good of a player to not come back to some extent. I hope he does, for the sake of baseball fans.

BUSTER OLNEY
ESPN



JOE FARAONI | ESPN

Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs (by a wide margin), 2. Cardinals, 3. Pirates, 4. Reds, 5. Brewers

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs and Cardinals. I think the Pirates will contend for a spot, but they need a few things to fall their way — 30 starts (at least) by Cole, 130-plus games from Jung Ho Kang, and a return to form by Andrew McCutchen.

Best position player

Bryant is a monster who will continue to benefit from lineup protection in front of him (Schwarber) and behind him (Rizzo and Ben Zobrist).

Best pitcher

Lester, although the challenge will be different for him this year because he'll be working without catcher David Ross.

I'd pay to watch

I know he's not a dynamic offensive player, but I've always loved watching Reds outfielder Billy Hamilton because of his incredible baserunning arrogance. Rickey Henderson was the last player I've seen with that much confidence and baserunning aptitude. I just hope he builds off his second half last season and generates a .320 or better on-base percentage.

McCutchen comeback

Yes, I think so. It never looked like he was an aging hitter who was overmatched, which is something you see in declining players. It just looked like he was anxious and his timing was off.

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Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs, 2. Cardinals, 3. Pirates, 4. Brewers, 5. Reds

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs

Best position player

A lot of people would say Bryant, but I think Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo is a wizard in the field as well as the best clutch hitter on the team.

Best pitcher

Cubs left-hander Jon Lester. This is close because Jake Arrieta and Kyle Hendricks are right there with him.

I'd pay to watch

I almost said Reds first baseman Joey Votto because when he gets on one of his offensive rolls, he's just a machine out there. But Baez has so much flair and talent, and he can do things offensively and defensively that other players can't do.

McCutchen comeback

I think he will bounce back because he's still at an age where he should be in his prime, and now he won't have to worry about covering the cavernous center field in PNC Park. I always thought he had to be hurt last year because he didn't look like himself.

Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs, 2. Cardinals, 3. Pirates, 4. Brewers, 5. Reds

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs

Best position player

Bryant

Best pitcher

Lester

I'd pay to watch

Marte

McCutchen comeback

Yes



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Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs, 2. Cards, 3. Pirates, 4. Brewers, 5. Reds

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs and Cardinals

Best position player

Bryant

Best pitcher

Lester

I'd pay to watch

For me, it's still McCutchen.

McCutchen comeback

Cutch will bounce back to the form he showed over his final 50 games last season. He has figured out what was wrong with his swing, and he's healthy.

Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs, 2. Cardinals, 3. Pirates, 4. Brewers, 5. Reds

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs and Cardinals

Best position player

Bryant. The power is a given. He also gets on base at close to a .400 clip, and he's made himself into a solid defensive third baseman. One of Bryant's best attributes, for me, is his willingness to bounce around the field and play wherever manager Joe Maddon needs him on a given day. He's a star player with a selfless team ethic. That takes him to a different level.

Best pitcher

A lot of guys could be in this conversation, but I think you have to go with Lester because of his track record of durability and big-game performance.

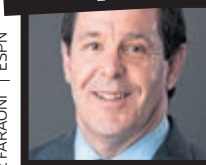
I'd pay to watch

Kyle Schwarber. This might seem a little nutty, but I've always had a fondness for stocky, nonathletic-looking guys who rake — going back to John Kruk and Matt Stairs. Schwarber's injury comeback in October showed what a special hitter he is. He's an adventure in the field, but that unpredictability only contributes to his entertainment value.

McCutchen comeback

Yes. Maybe he's lost a step at age 30, but he logged an .810 OPS in August followed up by an .886 OPS in September. Great players respond after down years, and I'm sure McCutchen is super motivated after all the criticism and the offseason trade rumors. The more he hears how much he's "slipped," the more dangerous he becomes.

JAYSON STARK
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Predicted order of finish

1. Cubs, 2. Cardinals, 3. Pirates, 4. Reds, 5. Brewers

Playoff team(s) from NL Central

Cubs

Best position player

What can't Bryant do? Where can't he play? What award can't he win?

Best pitcher

I still think Cole, if healthy, has a Cy Young run in him.

I'd pay to watch

When Schwarber arrives at home plate, I stop whatever I'm doing to watch. That's telling me something.

McCutchen comeback

Yes. There is almost no precedent for a player this young to be in serious decline after being as good as McCutchen. I also expect him to be incredibly motivated. So 2+2 = Great

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NL WEST OUTLOOK



The Dodgers are coming off their fourth consecutive NL West title and a trip to the NL Championship Series, so they appear to be the biggest threat to the Cubs' dominance. Having won the NL Rookie of the Year award, SS Corey Seager expects to be ready for opening day after being sidelined for most of March with a strained oblique. The Dodgers succeeded in keeping much of the roster intact, including re-signing RH closer Kenley Jansen, 3B Justin Turner and LH Rich Hill. The outfield will be a platoon situation involving right-handed hitters Yasiel Puig, Trayce Thompson and Scott Van Slyke and left-handed hitters Andre Ethier, Kike Hernandez, Joc Pederson and Andrew Toles. When healthy, the rotation is strong, but several pitchers — including ace Clayton Kershaw — are coming off injuries.



The Giants' run of even-year championships ended last season with the bullpen meltdown against Chicago. But this squad has all the ingredients to contend again. LH Madison Bumgarner and RH Johnny Cueto provide one of the best 1-2 punches at the top of any rotation in the majors, and a full season from LH Matt Moore after he was acquired at the trade deadline last year from Tampa Bay makes San Francisco tougher. The lineup is deep, led by C Buster Posey and SS Brandon Crawford and key contributors like RF Hunter Pence and 1B Brandon Belt. New closer Mark Melancon has 98 saves the past two seasons in Pittsburgh and Washington to lead the majors.



Heading into spring training, the Rockies were a trendy pick to make a run at their first playoff berth since 2009. They signed manager Bud Black to a three-year deal to take over for Walt Weiss. They brought in former shortstop and outfielder Ian Desmond to learn first base and bulked up their shaky bullpen with RH Greg Holland and LH Mike Dunn. They already had one of the most formidable lineups in the league with 3B Nolan Arenado, RF Carlos Gonzalez, SS Trevor Story, CF Charlie Blackmon and 2B DJ LeMahieu. But this spring they've been hit hard by injuries. Desmond had surgery on his broken left hand and will miss several weeks. LH Chris Rusin has an oblique injury, outfielder David Dahl is dealing with injured ribs and catcher Tom Murphy could miss a month with a hairline fracture in his right forearm.



The Diamondbacks can score — they were fourth in the NL last season with 752 runs. The return of CF A.J. Pollock and RF David Peralta from injuries should make the lineup even more formidable, and 2B Brandon Drury could have a breakout year. 1B Paul Goldschmidt remains one of the game's most dangerous sluggers. But the pitching must improve for this team to have any hope of challenging the Dodgers and Giants in the NL West. RH Zack Greinke battled injuries throughout his first season in Arizona after the Diamondbacks signed him to a six-year, \$206.5 million contract. RH Shelby Miller was awful after Arizona gave up two top prospects to acquire him from Atlanta.



Executive chairman Ron Fowler said last year he doesn't expect the Padres to be competitive for at least two seasons. They have decided on a long-term plan to develop young players, a dramatic shift from GM A.J. Preller's wild shopping spree two offseasons ago. 1B Wil Myers, the only holdover from that win-now attempt that failed, has become an All-Star and the current face of the franchise, although he could soon be challenged for that distinction by promising youngsters like C Austin Hedges and RF Hunter Renfroe. The Padres will experiment with using Christian Bethancourt as a catcher, pitcher and outfielder. San Diego hasn't had a winning season since 2010 and hasn't made the playoffs since claiming consecutive NL West titles from 2005-06.



COREY SEAGER

NL CENTRAL OUTLOOK



The Cubs are in great shape as they try to become baseball's first repeat World Series winner since the New York Yankees won from 1998 to 2000. LH Mike Montgomery likely will get a few starts to help keep LH Brett Anderson healthy and lessen the load on the rest of the rotation. Chicago also will be cautious with LF Kyle Schwarber and his powerful left-handed swing after he missed most of last year after major left knee surgery. RH Wade Davis replaces Aroldis Chapman as the closer after the lefty signed with the Yankees in free agency. The 6-foot-5 Davis was limited to 43 1/3 innings last year with the Royals because of a forearm injury, but RH Hector Rondon and RH Koji Uehara also have closing experience.



The Cardinals — bolstered by a mostly healthy rotation and the signing of OF Dexter Fowler away from Chicago — are expected to make their division rivals work for everything they earn in 2017. Fowler brings a new element of athleticism to St. Louis offensively and in the field, and Mike Matheny is counting on the center fielder to aid what has been a largely station-to-station approach by the Cardinals, who were last in the National League in steals last season. The Cardinals missed the postseason for the first time since 2010, thanks in large part to injuries that caused the pitching staff's ERA to rise from a National League-best 2.94 in 2015 to 4.08 last season. St. Louis expects its rotation to enter the season healthy even with the loss of hard-throwing rookie Alex Reyes to elbow surgery early in spring training.



Pittsburgh's margin for error is small if it wants to rebound. RH Ivan Nova needs to sustain the momentum he built after arriving in a trade-deadline deal with the Yankees. The young arms behind him in the rotation must mature quickly, and RF Andrew McCutchen needs a quicker start than the sluggish first three months that marked his disappointing 2016 season. Gerrit Cole returning to the All-Star form he showed in 2015 also would help.



General manager David Stearns' rebuilding project appears to be on schedule after the team's five-win improvement last season. Slick-fielding SS Orlando Arcia is the first member of Milwaukee's potential future core to arrive in the majors, and top prospects including outfielder Lewis Brinson and left-handed starter Josh Hader could get looks by September. For now, the top of the lineup looks intriguing with speedy 2B Jonathan Villar and OF Keon Broxton likely hitting ahead of LF Ryan Braun and 1B Eric Thames. The pitching staff could be bolstered if Guerra and Davies continue to develop and Nelson and Peralta rebound for a full season. The bullpen is a bit more of a question mark than in recent years.



After losing 98 and 94 games the past two seasons while trading away the core of their team, the Reds are hoping to level off this year. They brought in RH Drew Storen to stabilize an historically bad bullpen, which converted only 28 of 53 save chances and gave up a major league-record 103 homers. The injury setbacks with Anthony DeSclafani and Homer Bailey leave the rotation in a tough spot as the season opens. CF Billy Hamilton had his best season and reclaimed the leadoff role last year. 1B Joey Votto showed he's still one of the league's best hitters. Off-injured catcher Devin Mesoraco is hoping for a part-time role as he recovers from his second hip operation.



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NL EAST OUTLOOK



Washington's lineup is probably as good as it ever has been, especially if RF Bryce Harper and 1B Ryan Zimmerman bounce back from down years and SS Trea Turner comes even closer to replicating what he did as runner-up for NL Rookie of the Year while learning a new position, center field. Turner will be back at his natural spot, shortstop, and the team hopes CF Adam Eaton will provide stability. Matt Wieters offers pop from both sides as the new catcher. If RH Max Scherzer and RH Stephen Strasburg are healthy, the rotation should be quite good again, maybe even strong enough to prevent bullpen questions from having much of a negative effect.



The Mets have the talent to make a run for a third consecutive playoff appearance. Every experienced regular besides CF Curtis Granderson spent time on the disabled list last season. The primary concern is the overall fitness of a young, gifted, fragile rotation led by RH Noah Syndergaard — the only established starter who made it through the full 2016 season. RH Matt Harvey, RH Jacob deGrom, LH Stephen Matz and RH Zack Wheeler are coming off surgery. New York quickly re-signed LF Yoenis Cespedes last fall for \$110 million over four years. The Mets are 106-74 with Cespedes in the lineup since August 2015.



Owner Jeffrey Loria is trying to sell, and he approved increasing payroll by one-third to about \$100 million, perhaps to make the team more appealing to prospective buyers. But depth remains a problem, and the minor league system is thin, meaning injuries could sink the season. The Marlins face a challenge at third base, where Martin Prado will miss opening day because of a strained right hamstring and could be sidelined for several weeks. 2B Dee Gordon, 1B Justin Bour and \$325 million slugger Giancarlo Stanton missed significant playing time last season, dooming Miami's bid to make the playoffs for the first time since 2003. The daily lineup remains the same for the third year in a row, and the group will get one last chance to end the longest postseason drought in the NL.



After two straight seasons with 90-plus losses, the Braves are talking boldly about contending for a playoff spot. That might be a bit of a stretch, but the team has improved over the past year. General manager John Coppolella deserves credit for speeding up the rebuilding job by making several one-sided trades, including a deal with Arizona that landed SS Dansby Swanson and CF Ender Inciarte, as well as acquiring OF Matt Kemp from San Diego for nothing more than taking on his massive contract. The lineup packs some punch with Kemp sandwiched between 1B Freddie Freeman and RF Nick Markakis. Pitching will hold the key to how well the Braves fare this season, their first in new suburban stadium, SunTrust Park, which replaces Turner Field.



After four straight losing seasons, the Phillies have modest expectations. They're still rebuilding and probably a year away from thinking postseason contention. The team added three veterans in LF Howie Kendrick, RF Michael Saunders and RH Clay Buchholz who have postseason experience and should help Philadelphia win games while holding down a few spots until some of the youngsters are ready. The starting rotation is pretty deep, though it lacks a true ace, and the organization has several pitching prospects close to being ready for the majors. A bunch of young hitters also are knocking on the door and could get the call to the big leagues this summer.



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AL WEST OUTLOOK



Texas won an AL-high 95 games last year and has taken the division title in both seasons under Jeff Banister. But over the course of 162 games, the Rangers outscored their opponents by only eight runs in 2016. They lost the big bats of Ian Desmond, Mitch Moreland and Carlos Beltran in the offseason. The return of 1B Mike Napoli should help. C Jonathan Lucroy and OF Carlos Gomez were big acquisitions late last season. Adrian Beltre goes into his 20th major league season 58 hits shy of 3,000, and Elvis Andrus is coming off his best offensive year. With a healthy Yu Darvish and Cole Hamels, the Rangers are set at the top of the rotation, and LH Marton Perez started 33 games last season. If RH Tyson Ross and/or RH Andrew Cashner can contribute, the rotation will get a boost. Sam Dyson excelled as the closer last year, while RH Matt Bush and RH Tony Barnette established themselves with strong performances as 30-something rookies.



The Astros appear to have all the pieces necessary to make a deep postseason run and possibly contend for a championship after narrowly missing the playoffs last season following a 7-17 start. The already-powerful lineup led by last year's AL batting champ 2B Jose Altuve and 2015 Rookie of the Year SS Carlos Correa got a boost with the addition of slugging veterans Carlos Beltran and 3B Josh Reddick. A key for Houston will be for LH Dallas Keuchel, the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner, to rebound from a disappointing and injury-shortened 2016 season to lead the rotation. The Astros will also look for more from RH Lance McCullers after he was slowed by injuries as well. And they'll need RH Collin McHugh and RH Charlie Morton to shore up the back of the rotation if they hope to beat out Texas and Seattle for the AL West crown.



The Angels come off the worst season of manager Mike Scioscia's long tenure with hopes for a quick turnaround. CF Mike Trout is the center of everything after winning his second MVP award, and he intends to steal more bases. Despite salary constraints caused by owner Arte Moreno's free-spending past, GM Billy Eppler plugged two holes by putting the athletic Cameron Maybin in left field, with Ben Revere backing him up, and Orange County native Danny Espinosa at second base. The lineup appears to be improved, and if the starting rotation stays healthy and pitches reasonably well, a return to playoff contention might not be completely out of the question.



The Mariners completed the second phase of their remodel this past offseason. GM Jerry Dipoto wanted a lineup that was less reliant on the long ball and better defensively in the outfield. SS Jean Segura and LF Jarrod Dyson legitimize the top of the order and can be speedy table-setters for 2B Robinson Cano, DH Nelson Cruz and 3B Kyle Seager. The keys to scoring more will be 1B Danny Valencia and RF Mitch Haniger. Their production will determine whether Seattle actually lengthened its lineup or it essentially ends at No. 5. RHP Felix Hernandez appears determined to rebound from last year's average performance, and LH Drew Smyly was a critical winter acquisition. Seattle has the look of a team that could improve by a few wins, which might be enough to end baseball's longest playoff drought.



The A's are coming off a second straight last-place finish and the worst two-year run for the franchise since 1978-79, before Billy Ball, the Bash Brothers or Moneyball. After moving top players like Josh Reddick, Rich Hill and Coco Crisp last season before losing them in free agency, this doesn't appear to be the year the A's will vault back into contention. The offense does have some power led by LF Chris Davis and SS Marcus Semien, and the bullpen is pretty deep with several former closers available to set up RH closer Ryan Madson. But the rotation is mostly built on young promise behind the banged-up RH Sonny Gray.



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AL CENTRAL OUTLOOK



With perhaps the league's deepest pitching staff including RH Corey Kluber, RH Carlos Carrasco and RH Danny Salazar, the Indians are an AL favorite and appear poised to return to the World Series. Last year, they exceeded expectations and built a 3-1 Series lead against the Cubs before losing three straight — including a dramatic Game 7 at home. This season, the Indians will try to finish the job. There are injury concerns with LF Michael Brantley and 2B Jason Kipnis, who won't be ready for the start of the season because of shoulder inflammation. 3B Jose Ramirez could slide over to help fill in at second base. But the addition of DH Edwin Encarnacion finally gives Cleveland the intimidating, middle-of-the-order slugger the club has coveted since the glory days of Jim Thome, Manny Ramirez and Albert Belle.



Royals GM Dayton Moore thinks his starting rotation is the best it has been during his tenure, even if just about every spot is tenuous. He also thinks Kansas City has more power at the plate this year thanks to 3B Mike Moustakas' return from a torn ACL and the signing of DH Brandon Moss. But there are plenty of question marks up and down the lineup, not to mention on the pitching staff. LH Danny Duffy showed signs of blossoming into an ace late last year, but is yet to put it all together for a full season. RH Jason Hammel was signed after the tragic death of RHP Yordano Ventura in a car accident in the Dominican Republic.



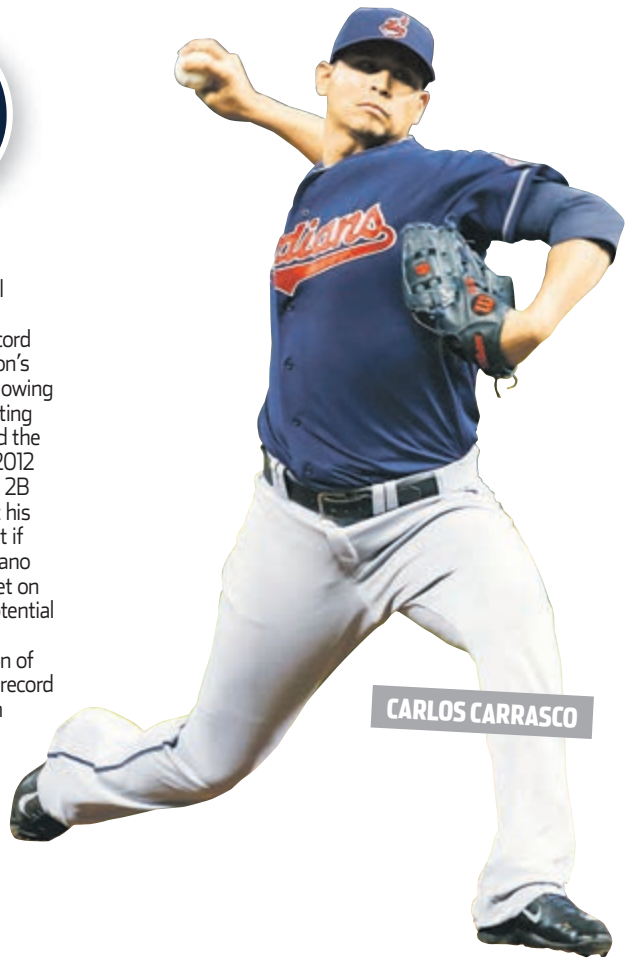
The Tigers have made no secret of the fact they'll need to cut costs soon, but they've generally put off doing so. RH Justin Verlander, 1B Miguel Cabrera and 2B Ian Kinsler are back, and Detroit is ready to make another bid for a postseason spot. Verlander and Cabrera are still producing like stars, and RH Michael Fulmer won Rookie of the Year honors last year. If the Tigers are going to take another step forward, they'll probably need RH Jordan Zimmermann and LH Daniel Norris to perform well after both dealt with injury problems a season ago.



This season looks like lots of losses and trades. LH Jose Quintana and 3B Todd Frazier likely will be shipped out at some point this season, and RH David Robertson also could be on the move in the right deal. The White Sox seem fully committed to a major overhaul, and they added several prospects when they traded away Chris Sale and Adam Eaton over the winter. The White Sox still have SS Tim Anderson, who was impressive in his first major league stint last year. 1B Jose Abreu is going for his fourth straight season of at least 25 homers and 100 RBIs.



The Twins ranked a respectable sixth in the American League in total bases and eighth in OPS despite their abysmal record last year. CF Byron Buxton's sparkling September, following a second straight frustrating summer, restored his and the club's confidence in the 2012 second overall draft pick. 2B Brian Dozier probably hit his power ceiling in 2016, but if Buxton and 3B Miguel Sano can strike out less and get on base more there's the potential in place for a productive offense. The resuscitation of the team with the worst record in the majors last season must begin with starting pitching that ranked 30th out of 30 in wins (37), ERA (5.39) and strikeouts (655).



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AL EAST OUTLOOK



It will take a while to get used to life without David Ortiz, but Boston's young core of RF Mookie Betts, CF Jackie Bradley and SS Xander Bogaerts certainly puts the Red Sox among the early favorites in the American League. How far they go will depend upon how well the new-look rotation performs, how 3B Pablo Sandoval looks after sitting out nearly all of last season and whether the lineup remains as potent without Ortiz's game-changing left-handed bat. LH Chris Sale's addition brings an instant boost to the pitching staff, giving them a powerful 1-2-3 punch that includes RH Rick Porcello and LH David Price, the 2012 AL Cy Young winner who has been injured most of spring training.



After losing in the ALCS each of the past two seasons, Toronto hopes to take the next step in 2017. To get to the Fall Classic, they will have to overcome the loss of 1B/DH Edwin Encarnacion, the slugger who signed with AL champion Cleveland. The Blue Jays will hope for a bounce-back year from RF Jose Bautista, hobbled by foot and knee injuries last season, and a power boost from DH Kendrys Morales as he moves into hitter-friendly Rogers Centre. Toronto has reason to feel good about its rotation, arguably one of the strongest in the American League, but doesn't have much depth should any of its projected starters go down with an injury. Despite struggling for Mexico in the World Baseball Classic, the young RH Roberto Osuna is a dependable anchor at the back of the bullpen.



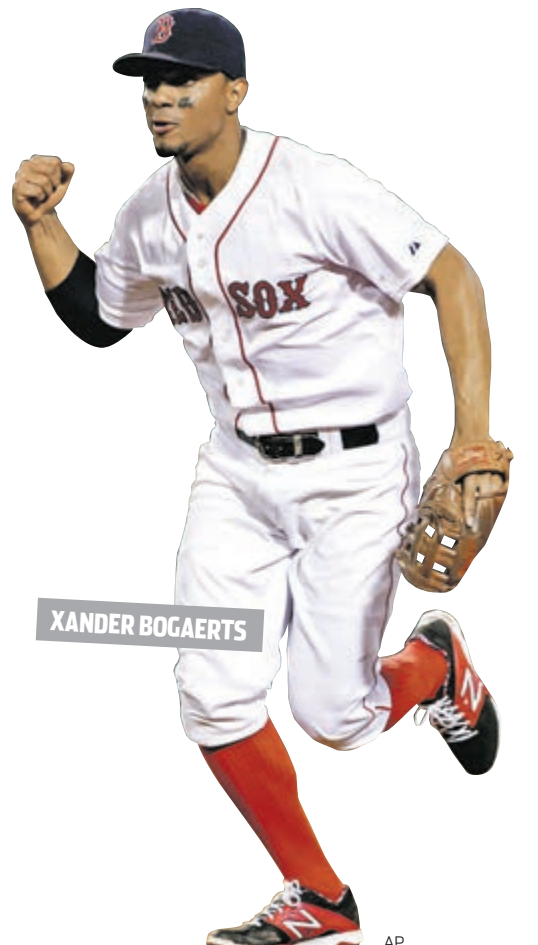
With starting shortstop Didi Gregorius expected to miss the first month of the season with a shoulder injury, Ronald Torreyes figures to fill in. A team in transition, the Yankees plan to start three young players in C Gary Sanchez, 1B Greg Bird and RF Aaron Judge and await the emergence of top prospects Clint Frazier, Justus Sheffield, James Kaprielian and Gleyber Torres. OF/DH Matt Holliday should provide more offense than Alex Rodriguez did before his August release last year. After his hot start, Sanchez cooled in late September and must show he can adjust when pitchers pound his weak spot. Judge must cut down on his strikeouts and Bird needs to establish himself as an everyday player after missing all of 2016.



The Orioles intend to once again pound the opposition into submission, hoping their power-laden lineup is enough to overcome a questionable starting rotation. That's why Executive VP of Baseball Operations Dan Duquette brought back DH Mark Trumbo and paid heavily to retain 1B Chris Davis one year earlier. Five starters hit at least 25 homers last season for a team that earned a playoff berth for the third time in five years. The theory is that the ascension of LF Hyun Soo Kim to the leadoff spot and the acquisition of RF Seth Smith will improve the team's ability to put runners on base ahead of those long balls. If the starters can keep the Orioles in the game through six or seven innings, the formidable bullpen should be able to finish up nicely.



The Rays have missed the playoffs in three consecutive seasons, but a budget-minded front office feels spending modestly in free agency to sign C Wilson Ramos and OF Colby Rasmus, trading for OF Mallex Smith and pitching prospect RH Jose De Leon, and giving defensive whiz CF Kevin Kiermaier a six-year, \$53.5 million contract will help the club escape the AL East cellar. A lingering question is whether Tampa Bay has done enough to improve the overall talent around team leader 3B Evan Longoria, especially since Ramos, SS Matt Duffy and RH Brad Boxberger figure to begin the season on the disabled list.



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Trib: When were you able that first week on the job to really evaluate what you had to work with, was the challenge about what you expected?

Huntington: About a week in was when one of my counterparts told me I'd have been better off taking over an expansion franchise because we could have built from scratch. (Laughs)

But, really, there were so many good people in place. I probably was overly critical when I walked in the door. We also knew there needed to be wholesale changes in personnel areas and some strategic areas — certainly, in the analytics area. We needed to pour resources into different place than they'd been invested before. There were good people here, but we knew we needed to add to that group. We knew we needed to make some tough changes.

The one regret I have about my entry is I was overly harsh and overly critical. There were some things I probably should have kept quiet. There were some areas where things were much worse than I anticipated coming in and others were it was better than anticipated.

Trib: How much resistance did you get — maybe more from outside your organization than inside it — about your application of advanced analytics?

Huntington: Fortunately for us, we had people who'd ventured down that path before, and they had success. We worked really hard to blend modern-day analytics and modern-day thought with some old-school, tried-and-true traditions. The challenge became truth over tradition and what worked in the past may not work going forward, what we think is going to work going forward actually is not. Accurate self-evaluation and the ability to take a step back and figure out why something worked or didn't work was important.

There were pioneers on the analytics side of it before we jumped in. It's interesting, that if you'd asked most people who knew me well when I took the job, they would have said I was more scouting-development oriented. Very quickly upon ramping up our analytics approach, I became known as an analytics guy. That's a good thing, because we want to be a balanced organization — strong old-school baseball, strong in scouting and development, but also strong analytically. We believe we're on the right path.

Trib: What was more challenging: getting through your first amateur draft (when you took Pedro Alvarez in the first round) or learning the process of making trades and signing free agents?

Huntington: One of the things that was a challenge was so much of the staff was inherited. We made a few changes in scouting and in development, but primarily we went with what already was here. It made for some challenges,

in terms of evaluating very quickly what type of evaluators and instructors we had. There is no question that by year three of the draft and year three of trading, we had a better comfort level with each of our evaluators and instructors.

The mistakes are mine. I own them. But that's been advice I've given to new GMs — really dig deep on your evaluators and instructors. Maximize their strengths. In hindsight, I don't know if we maximized that.

It was a combination of, that first draft, implementing a system we wanted on the amateur side — and, yes, it's evolved over the years — but also on the pro side, implementing a system we wanted and the types of players we're looking for, not having a really full, strong foundation understanding of what our evaluators and instructors strengths and challenges were because we inherited (them). We tried to implement it very quickly and we made some strides very quickly. It didn't get as well as others. As we shifted into talent-accumulation mode full force, that first and second trade deadlines became important. We weren't giving up All-Star caliber players, but we were giving up good major league players and we were hoping to bring back as much as we could. In some cases, we succeeded. In others, it didn't go the way we believed it was going to go.

Trib: As MLB keeps changing the rules for the draft and free agency, how difficult is it to adapt and keep the same organizational philosophy?

Huntington: Our first four years, we invested more in the draft than anybody, and we doubled and tripled our international (free agent) budget. It allowed us to bring in a lot of very good players. We felt like there were times we were able to get two first round-caliber players or two second- or third- round caliber players because of the amount of money we invested in the draft.

The new system took that away. The better team you are, the smaller your (signing bonus) pool is, and it becomes that much more challenging. We've gone

from being able to spend not the top of the international pool but a lot more than we had in the past to the new rules changing the amount we can spend. Now, we have some of the smallest budgets in the international pool over the last three or four years. That's become a challenge.

Even the old system got us. There were multiple picks ... that we had drafted in the seventh round or the 18th round with the intent to sign for well above slot. Three years later, they came out as first- or second- or third-round picks. If we had (signed) them, we essentially would have added a whole other draft. That was our intent and our mindset. But the system got us. By the time we could move forward with offers on those types of players, they had shifted their mindset and committed to go to college.

So, while the old system worked for us, there also were some flaws that worked against us. Then the new system completely altered how you go about drafting players and really put a limit on what you can do. We respect why that was done. If more large-market clubs had figured out what the Red Sox and some of the small-market teams had figured out, they probably would have exploited their strengths over the small markets anyway. So the system probably needed to be changed.

We've evolved. Teams do have success finding players late in the first, second, third and fourth rounds. We need to be that team. We need to be a team that has success picking late in the draft because we want to be picking late every year.

Pirates general manager Neal Huntington.

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Trib: Your first trade came in December 2007, when you sent pitcher Salomon Torres to the Brewers. What did that teach you about the trade process?

Huntington: Our intent was purely to create some money to allow us to attack some other areas. We knew we were taking some risk on the return because Salomon was coming off a not-great year and was owed what at that time was a lot of money for the role he was in. He was a very good major-league pitcher. The call ... it's one thing to watch someone else make the call to tell a player he's been traded, and it's another to make that call yourself. I'd made it as a farm director on occasion to a prospect. But until then, I'd never called a major league player.

Salomon loved Pittsburgh, and he was not happy that we traded him. His intent was to finish his career in Pittsburgh, and he made that very clear to me. It was a hard call. You talk about an eye-opener that players do get attached to teammates, fans and situations. He was very unhappy that we traded him.

It's one thing to tell a 21-year-old that you've traded him because he doesn't really know about the world yet and he might not have created relationships with a bunch of different people. But when you trade a grown man and his family's got ties to the city from which you've traded him, it's hard.

Trib: You're signed through 2017 with a club option for next year. What's left for you to do in Pittsburgh and where do you go from here?

Huntington: I love what I do and the people that I get an opportunity I get to do it with. I love the challenges that are inherent in a small market. It's the only thing I've ever known.

In Montreal, we were a small market and working in Dave Dombrowski's legacy, then working with Dan Duquette. What a great learning opportunity.

When I moved to Cleveland, we were a large-revenue team, because local revenues drove the boat at the point in time, but we evolved quickly back into what we were, and that was a small-market team. To learn under Mark Shapiro and learn with Chris Antonetti was an outstanding opportunity.

My goal is to continue to put us in a position to bring a World Series championship here as consistently and frequently as we can.

A huge part of my goal is also to help others to reach their goals — to help people become major league managers, farm directors and scouting directors, minor league coordinators and scouting supervisors. That's as much what fuels me as anything because if we do that, that process should create winning baseball in Pittsburgh. I'm still challenged by that every day.

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GORMAN • FROM 1

moving to right field, against his wishes. He vowed to USA Today to have a "monster year, whether it's in Pittsburgh or somewhere else."

Here's hoping it's at PNC Park, that Cutch plays with a vengeance and returns to All-Star form.

Cole won 10, 11 and 19 games in his first three seasons but went 7-10 with a 3.88 ERA last season. The Pirates need Cole to be the ace of a young rotation that includes Jameson Taillon and Ivan Nova, the kind they envisioned upon drafting him No. 1 overall in 2011.

But it's not just those two. The Pirates need catcher Francisco Cervelli to stay healthy and at least hit for average. They need rookie Josh Bell to prove he can make the move to first base and provide some power.

They need the Harrison of 2014, when he hit .315 with 13 home runs and possibly play multiple positions, and shortstop Jordy Mercer to hit better than .256.

The Pirates need Jung Ho Kang, denied a visa after his third DUI in South Korea, to clean up his act off the field. If Kang returns this season — the Pirates are optimistic he will — they need him to start at third and continue hitting home runs (21 last year and 36 over 229 games) at the cleanup spot.

The Pirates need two-time Gold Glove winner Starling Marte to stay healthy, shine in center and hit double-digit home runs again after smacking nine last year.

They need Gregory Polanco to make a smooth transition to left field and finally live up to his billing as the Next Big Thing.

The Pirates need David Freese to fill in for Kang and for Phil Gosselin and Adam Frazier to provide bats off the bench to replace Matt Joyce and Sean Rodriguez.

The Pirates need their young pitching staff to grow up quickly, their bullpen to become sharks and Tony Watson to show he can be comfortable as the closer.

That's a lot to ask, especially when they didn't break the bank to make major roster upgrades or make his remaining cornerstone players happy this past offseason.

But these are your Pirates, a ballclub one baseball man — Bottom-Line Bob Nutting — expects to be a "very good baseball team."

This is the ship he's built, sink or swim, and it's up to the players to perform to his expectations, realistic or not.

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HUNTINGTON'S DRAFTS SINCE BECOMING GM

2003

First pick: Pedro Alvarez (second overall) signed for a \$6 million bonus after a long, unpleasant negotiation process. Alvarez hit 131 homers but was just as (in)famous for his feeble defensive skills. **Best pick:** SS Jordy Mercer (third round) has been an everyday player the past three seasons. He is a reliable (albeit not flashy) defender with a career .257 average and .691 OPS. **Lost pick:** Negotiations with RHP Tanner Scheppers (second round) were strained from the outset, and he did not sign. The Rangers took him in the first round in 2009, and he's had a ho-hum career as a reliever. **Others:** SS Chase d'Arnaud (fourth round), LHP Justin Wilson (fifth), OF Robbie Grossman (sixth), 3B Matt Hague (ninth).

2009

First pick: C Tony Sanchez (fourth overall) was taken ahead of Mike Leake, A.J. Pollock, Shelby Miller and Mike Trout. Sanchez played in 51 games with the Pirates and hit .259. **Best pick:** 2B Brock Holt (ninth round) hit .292 in 24 games as a rookie in 2012. That winter, he was part of a six-player trade with the Red Sox that brought Mark Melancon to Pittsburgh. **Lost pick:** RHP Vic Black (first round, supplemental) was the compensation pick for the failure to sign Scheppers. Black pitched in three games for the Pirates, then was traded with Dilson Herrera to the Mets for Marlon Byrd and John Buck. **Wasted pick:** RHP Zach Von Rosenberg (sixth round) got a \$1.2 million signing bonus but never climbed higher than High-A Bradenton. **Others:** RHP Brooks Pounders (second round), RHP Phil Irwin (21st).

2010

First pick: RHP Jameson Taillon (second overall) was the first pitcher taken in a class that included Drew Pomeranz, Matt Harvey, Chris Sale, Aaron Sanchez and Noah Syndergaard. **Best pick:** As a rookie last year, Taillon went 5-4 with a 3.38 ERA in 18 starts.

Wasted pick: RHP Stetson Allie (second round) got a \$2.25 million bonus and was touted as a power arm with big upside. He went 0-3 with a 7.76 ERA in 17 minor league starts before being switched to a position player. **Others:** RHP Nick Kingham (fourth round), RHP Brandon Cumpton (ninth), RHP Jared Lakind (23rd), RHP Casey Sadler (25th).

2011

First pick: RHP Gerrit Cole (first overall) made just 38 starts in the minors before being called up to the Pirates. He already has earned an All-Star bid and will head the rotation this season. **Most aggressive pick:** OF Josh Bell was lured from a free ride to the University of Texas by a \$5 million bonus, the most ever given to a second-rounder. **Lost pick:** OF/INF Trea Turner (20th round) did not sign and instead went to N.C. State. The Padres took him in the first round in 2014, and he's now an emerging standout with the Nationals.

Others: 1B Alex Dickerson (third round), RHP Colten Brewer (fourth), RHP Tyler Glasnow (fifth), RHP Clay Holmes (ninth). **2012** **First pick:** RHP Mark Appel (eighth overall) turned down a \$3.8 million offer and wound up being the only unsigned first-rounder. Facing restrictions on bonuses, the Pirates opted against sweetening their offer. **Fast-rising pick:** SS Max Moroff (16th round) made his big league debut last July. He could be in line for another callup at some point this year. **Intriguing pick:** 3B Eric Wood (sixth round) blossomed last summer at Double-A Altoona and had a power surge in the Arizona Fall League. **Others:** OF Barrett Barnes (first, supplemental), RHP Adrian Sampson (fifth), C Jacob Stallings (seventh).

2013

First pick: OF Austin Meadows (ninth overall) has crushed minor league pitching (.300/.368/.480) the past four years. He'll begin this season at Triple-A Indy but should reach Pittsburgh by September.



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Lost pick: C Reese McGuire (second round) was sent to the Blue Jays last summer in the Drew Hutchison trade.

Fast-rising pick: RHP Chad Kuhl joined the Pirates rotation in June and pitched well enough (5-4, 4.20 ERA, 1.32 WHIP) to earn first crack at the No. 4 spot this year.

Others: OF JaCoby Jones (third round), SS Adam Frazier (sixth round). **2014** **First pick:** SS Cole Tucker (24th overall) missed most of 2015 after having shoulder surgery but came back strong last season. **Lost pick:** RHP Trey Supak (second, supplemental) was traded, along with Keon Broxton, in December 2015 to the Brewers for Jason Rogers. **Others:** OF Connor Joe (first round, supplemental), RHP Mitch Keller (third), RHP Tyler Eppler (sixth), RHP Frank Duncan (13th).

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Dec. 7: Salomon Torres to Brewers for Kevin Roberts and Marino Salas. This was Huntington's first trade. Torres was a starter, middle reliever and eventually a part-time closer over six seasons with the Pirates. He notched 28 saves for the Brewers in 2008, then retired. In 2008, Roberts pitched at Double-A, and Salas put up an 8.47 ERA in 13 relief outings for the Pirates. Both were gone from the organization by 2009.

2008

July 26: Damaso Marte and Xavier Nady to Yankees for Jeff Karstens, Daniel McCutchen, Ross Ohlendorf and Jose Tabata. Marte spent three seasons with the Yankees and won a World Series ring in 2009. Nady hung around the majors through 2014 as a bench guy. Karstens, McCutchen and Ohlendorf combined for 44 wins with the Pirates. Tabata never lived up to his hype and eventually became too much of a liability to keep around. **July 31:** Jason Bay to Boston Red Sox for Andy LaRoche and Bryan Morris (from Dodgers) and Craig Hansen and Brandon Moss (from Red Sox). This three-team deal was Huntington's first blockbuster. Bay hit .293 over the rest of 2008 with the Red Sox, then lost his form. LaRoche was given every opportunity to be the everyday third baseman but failed. Moss didn't discover his power stroke until he joined the A's in 2012. Morris was a reliable reliever who ultimately became a trade chip.

Aug. 21: Jose Bautista to the Blue Jays for Robinson Diaz. Bautista hit 265 homers in nine seasons with the Blue Jays. Diaz got 135 at-bats over two years with the Pirates. **2009** **April 15:** Minor leaguers Harvey Garcia and Eric Krebs to the Dodgers for Delwyn Young. Young had two mediocre seasons with the Pirates, then never played again in the majors. **June 3:** Nate McLouth to the Braves for Gorkys Hernandez, Jeff Locke and Charlie Morton. The best part of this deal for the Pirates was it cleared the way for Andrew McCutchen to reach the majors. Morton and Locke had some good and bad stretches before being sent away. **June 30:** Sean Burnett and Nyjer Morgan to

the Nationals for Joel Hanrahan and Lastings Milledge. Burnett became a decent reliever, and Morgan was a speedy outfielder with an outgoing personality. However, the Pirates won this deal simply because Hanrahan became a big-time closer with 82 saves over four seasons. **July 22:** Adam LaRoche to the Red Sox for Argenis Diaz and Hunter Strickland. LaRoche never became the slugger the Pirates hoped for but did finish sixth in the MVP voting in 2012. He retired after the '15 season. Strickland became a key reliever for the Giants, who claimed him off waivers from the Pirates in 2013. **July 29:** Freddy Sanchez to the Giants for Tim Alderson. A former NL batting champ, Sanchez won a World Series ring in 2010. Alderson never made it out of the minors. **July 29:** Ian Snell and Jack Wilson to the Mariners for Brett Lorin, Aaron Pribanic, Nathan Adcock, Ronny Cedeno and Jeff Clement. Neither team got much out of this deal. From a public relations standpoint, it was a clunker for the Pirates. Wilson was a fan favorite. Cedeno often was criticized for a lack of focus, such as when he wore the wrong jersey in the 2010 season finale. **July 30:** Tom Gorzelanny and John Grabow to the Cubs for Jose Ascanio, Josh Harrison and Kevin Hart. Grabow was a solid reliever but was out of the game by 2012. Harrison became a top-notch utilityman and last season was the everyday second baseman. **2010** **July 31:** Javier Lopez to the Giants for John Bowker and Joe Martinez. At the time of the trade, Lopez was one of the best lefty relievers in the game. He pitched in 68 games for the Giants in 2016. Bowker and Martinez are both out of baseball. **July 31:** Octavio Dotel and cash to the Dodgers for Andrew Lambo and James McDonald. Dotel's four months in Pittsburgh marked his final stretch as a closer, although he pitched another three seasons. Lambo and McDonald were busts. **Nov. 24:** Zach Duke to the Diamondbacks for Cesar Valdez. Duke put up good numbers over his first

five seasons. In 2012, he reinvented himself as a reliever. Valdez spent seven months in the Pirates' system before being sold to the Marlins. **2011** **July 30:** Aaron Baker to the Orioles for Derrek Lee. The move was made with an eye toward getting a playoff spot. Although that bid failed, Lee lived up to his end. He played the final 28 games of his career with the Pirates and batted .337 with seven home runs. **2012** **Feb. 19:** Exicardo Cayones and Diego Moreno to the Yankees for A.J. Burnett. Huntington has a right to be proud of this one. Burnett wore out his welcome in New York, and the Pirates got him for a pair of low-level minor leaguers. Burnett stabilized the rotation and was a positive influence in the clubhouse. **July 24:** Colton Cain, Robbie Grossman and Rudy Owens to the Astros for Wandy Rodriguez. Although he won only 11 of his 30 starts with the Pirates, Rodriguez gave the rotation a needed boost. **Dec. 26:** Joel Hanrahan and Brock Holt to the Red Sox for Ivan De Jesus, Mark Melancon, Stolmy Pimentel and Jerry Sands. Hanrahan pitched in just nine games for Boston before suffering career-ending arm injuries. Melancon quickly became a dominant closer. **2013** **Aug. 27:** Dilson Herrera and Vic Black to the Mets for Marlon Byrd, John Buck and cash. Byrd and (to a lesser degree) Buck played roles in the team's push toward its first postseason berth in 20 years. **Aug. 31:** Duke Welker and Alex Presley to the Twins for Justin Morneau. Morneau wasn't much help down the stretch (.260/.370/.312) and never seemed to fit in the clubhouse. **Dec. 2:** Kyle Haynes to the Yankees for Chris Stewart. A great fit as the No. 2 catcher, Stewart eventually was rewarded with a two-year contract. **2014** **June 27:** Jason Grilli to the Angels for Ernesto Frieri. Another case of addition by subtraction. Grilli's departure cleared the way for Melancon to become the full-time closer. Frieri was released Sept. 2. **Dec. 1:** Buddy Borden to the

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So the dragon ate him. The princess cried and called the dragon names.

So the dragon ate her, also.

Eventually, word reached her father the king, who ordered his entire army to fight the dragon.

So the dragon ate them, too. The end.

GUINCY SLEEPS BETTER WHEN I READ HIM HAPPY BEDTIME STORIES.

YOU ARE SO WEIRD!

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Dogeat Doug

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EVER HAVE ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO MESS WITH BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS?

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GOAL!

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MAN, SOME FOLKS CAN NOT TAKE AN APRIL FOOLS' JOKE.

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IT'S TIME TO PLAY

WHAT MAKES GRANDPA'S HEAD EXPLODE?

BOOM!

THAT ACTRESS YOU HAD A CRUSH ON DIED TODAY. SHE WAS 98.

YES, DAD... PARKING METERS TAKE CREDIT CARDS NOW

POW!

NO, WE DON'T HAVE A WATER FOUNTAIN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY SOME WATER?

YOU WANT A... "PHONE BOOK"? LIKE A PHONE CATALOG?

YOU COULD HAVE DONE THIS ONLINE, COULDN'T YOU?

ROY ROGERS WHO?

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Our Mexican wave!

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

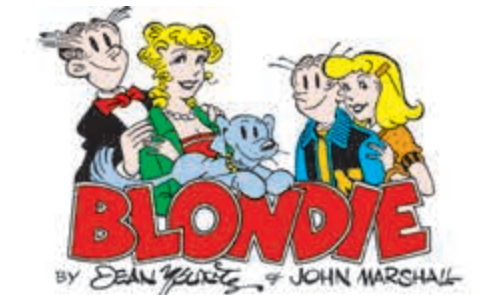
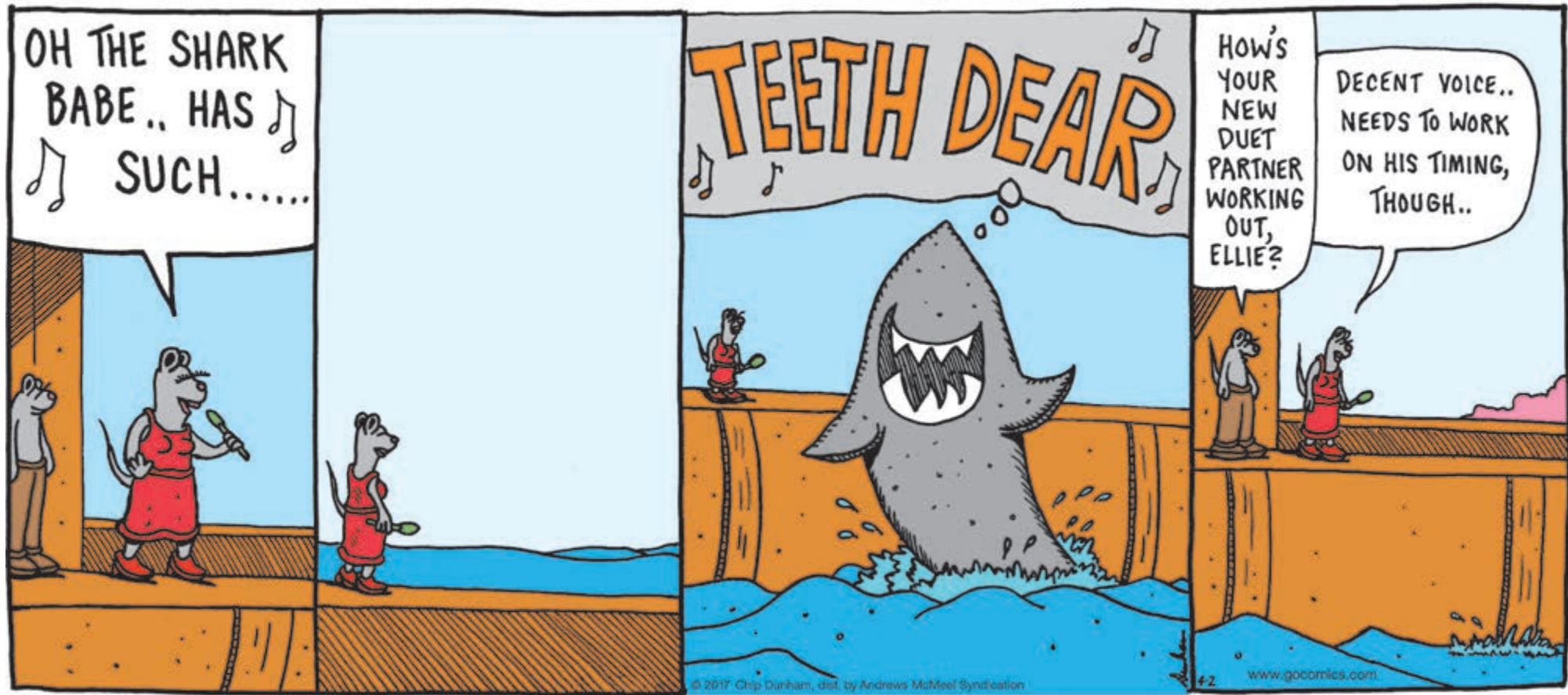
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

FIND ALL TEN THINGS!!

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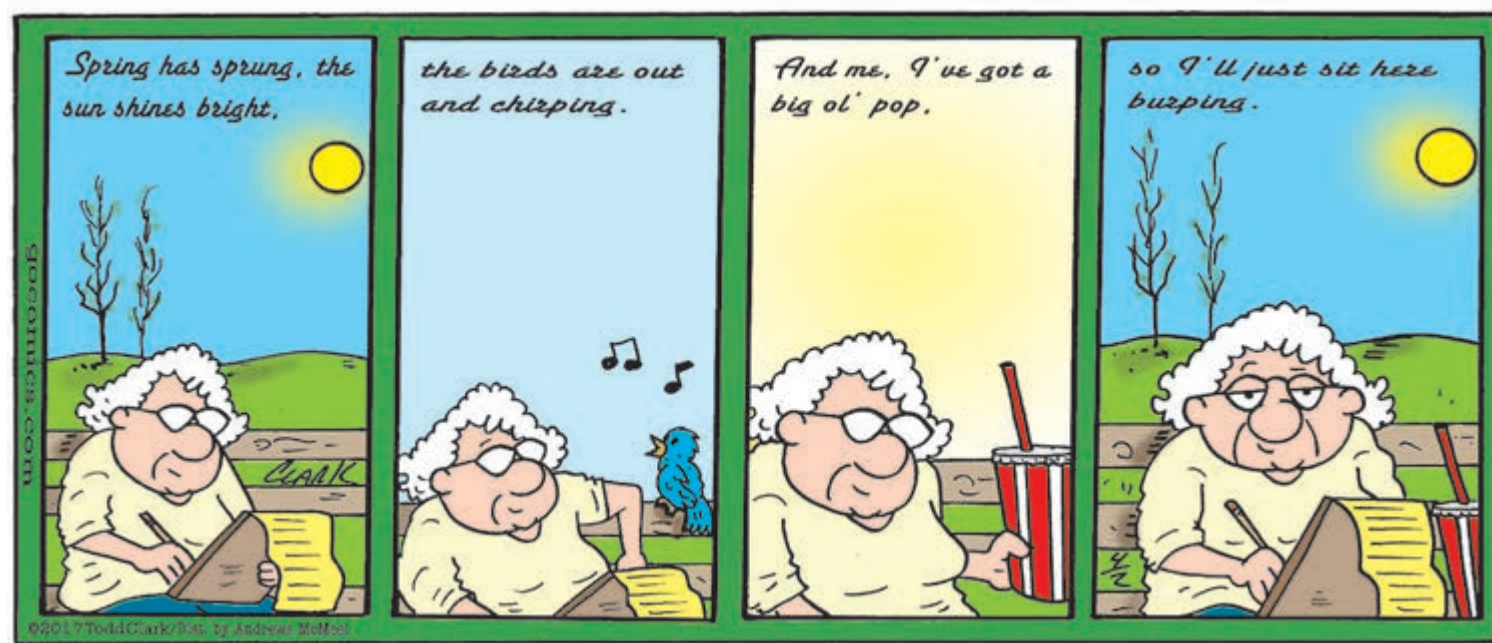
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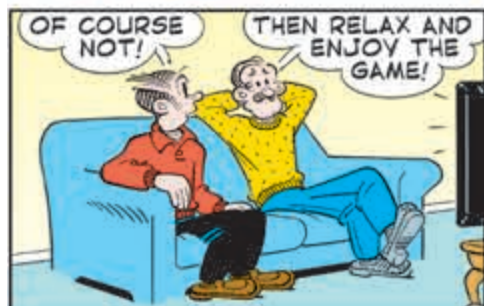
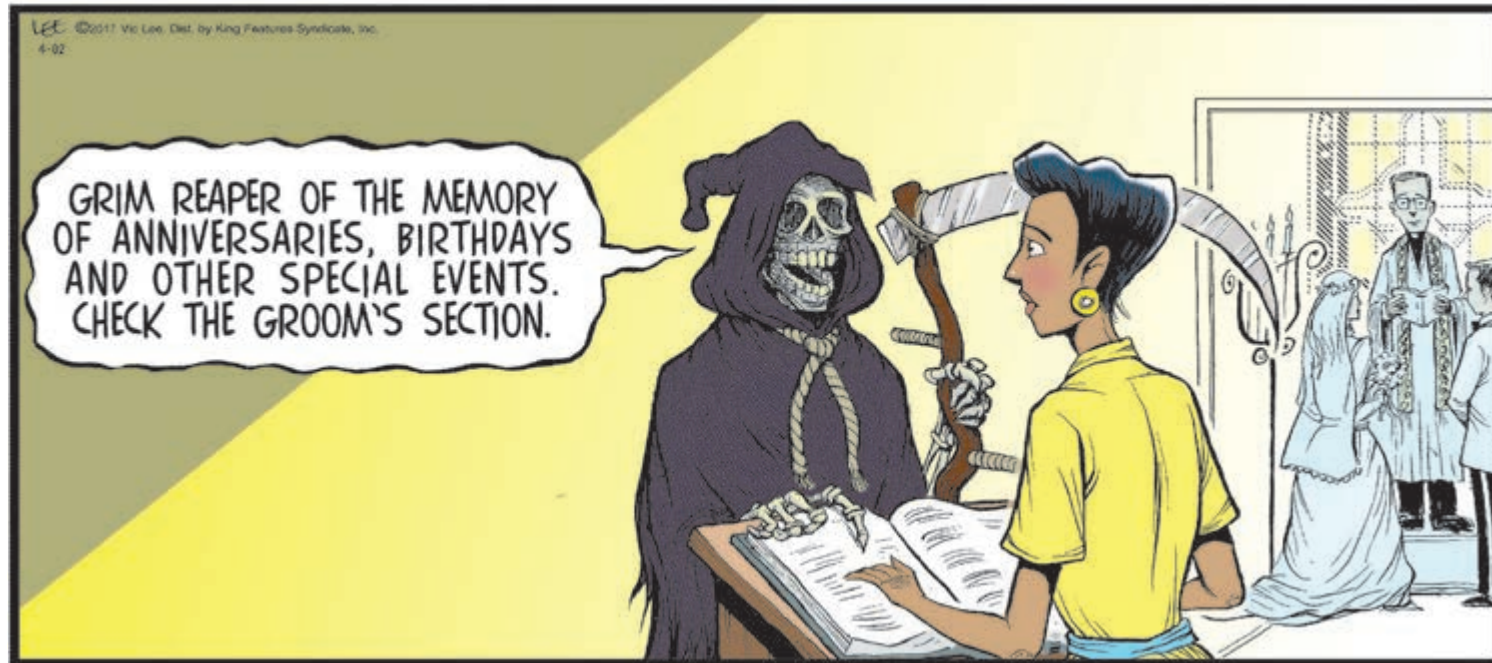
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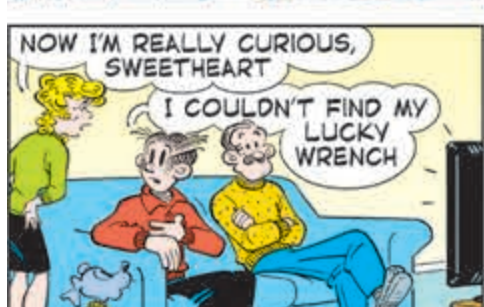
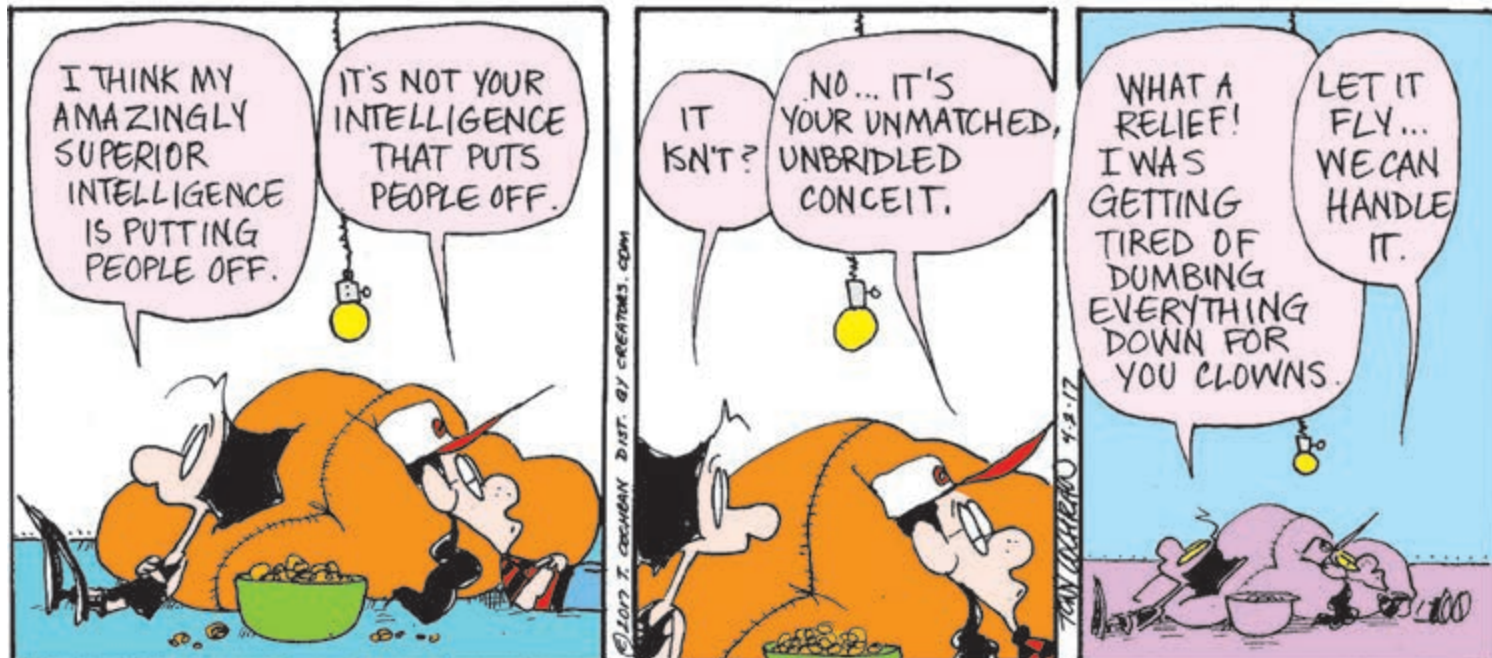
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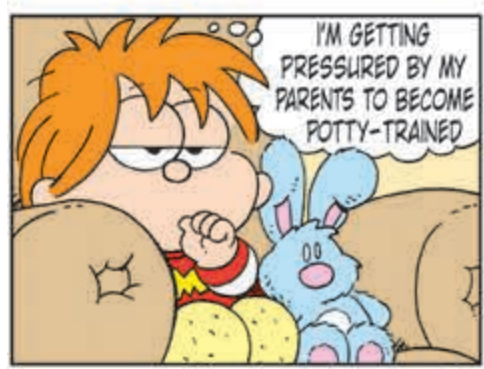


MARVIN

by Tom Armstrong



SIGH...THE OLDER I GET, THE TOUGHER MY LIFE SEEMS TO BE, FLOPPET



PIRANHA CLUB

BY BUD GRACE

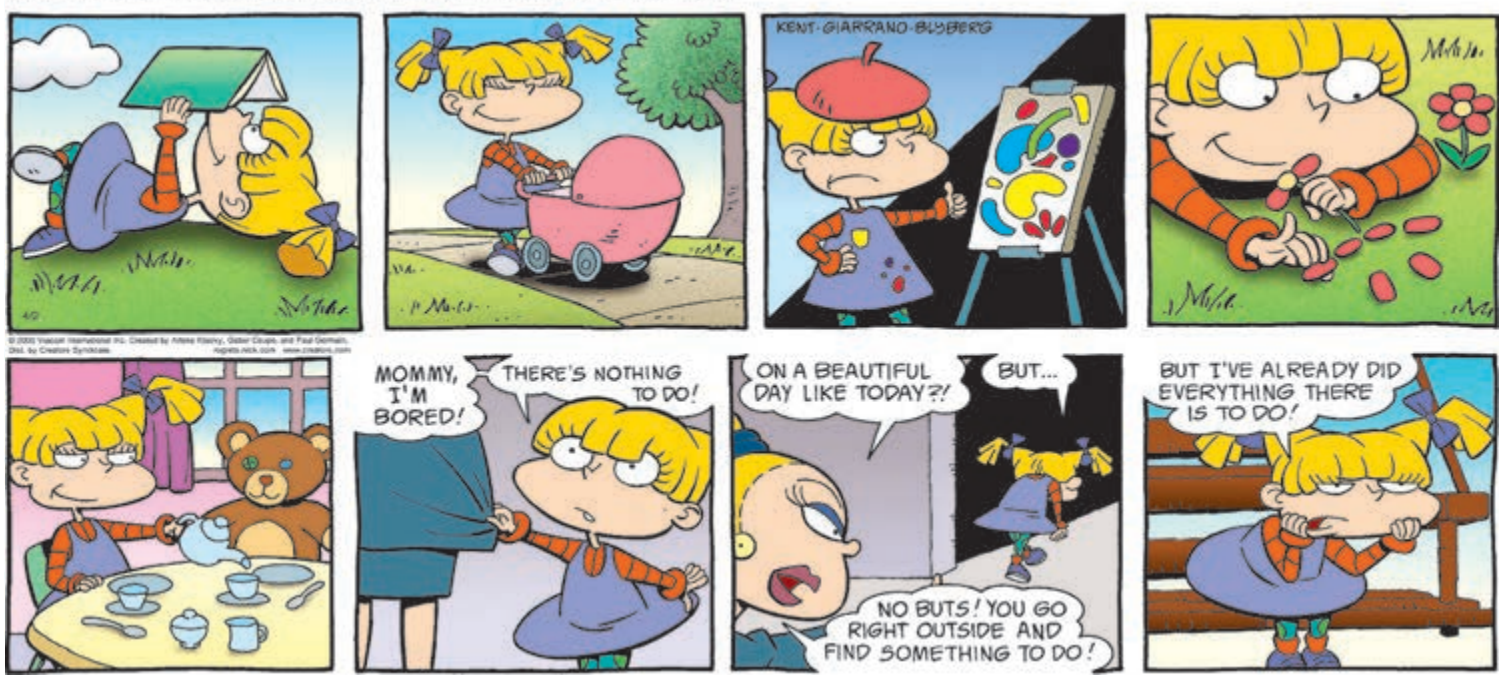


GET FUZZY

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CLASSIC RUGRATS FROM NICKELODEON



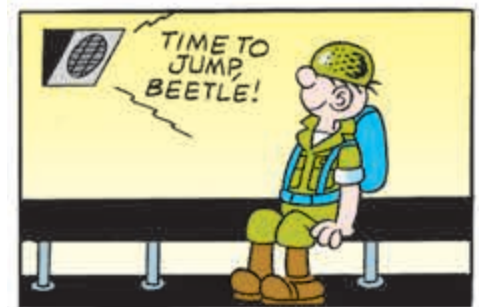
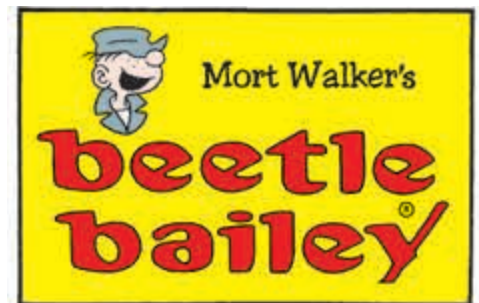
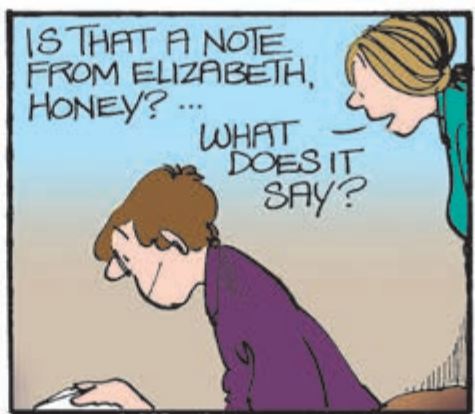
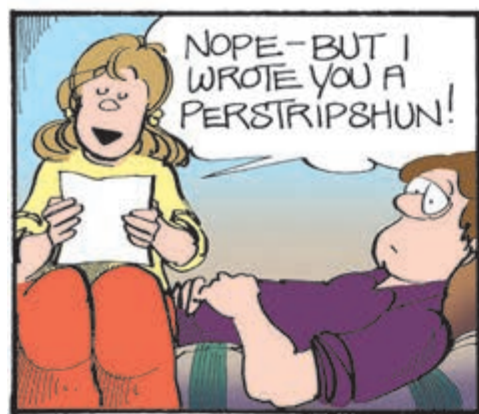
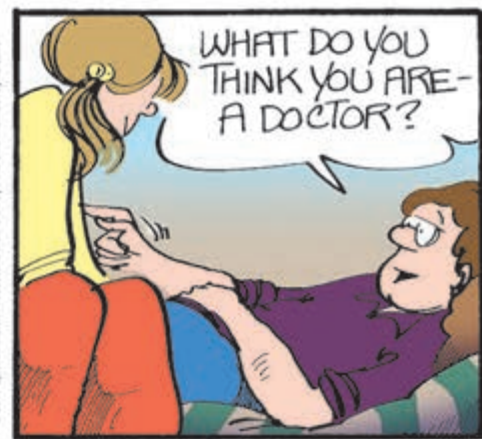
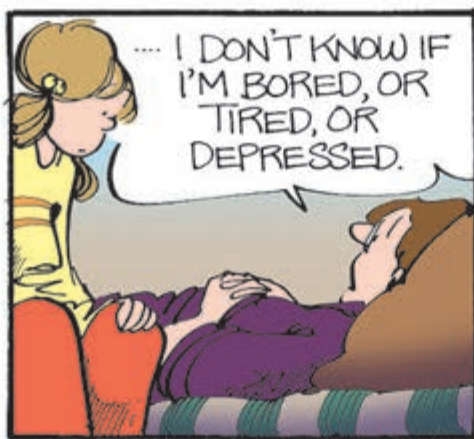
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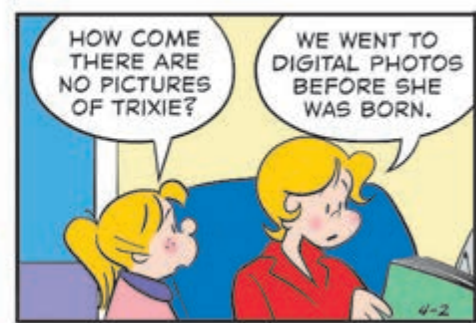
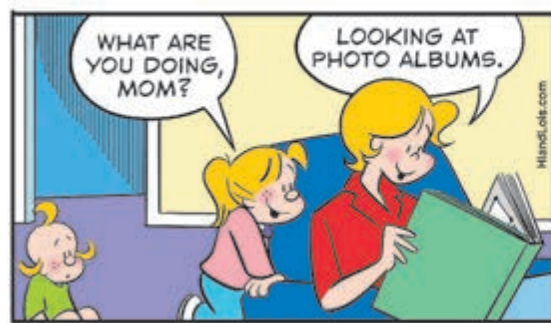
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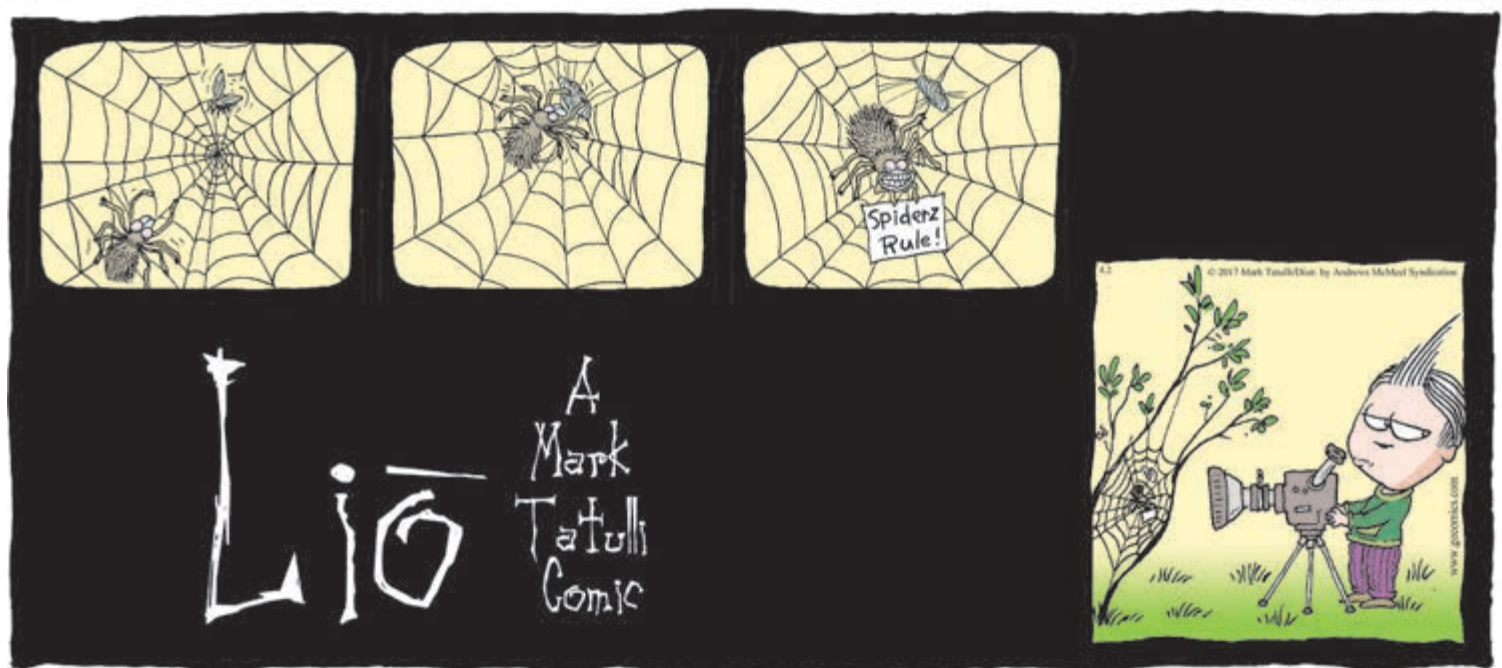
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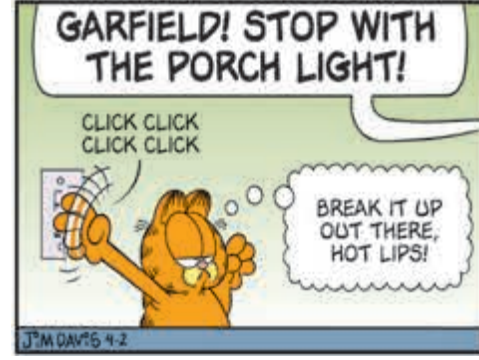
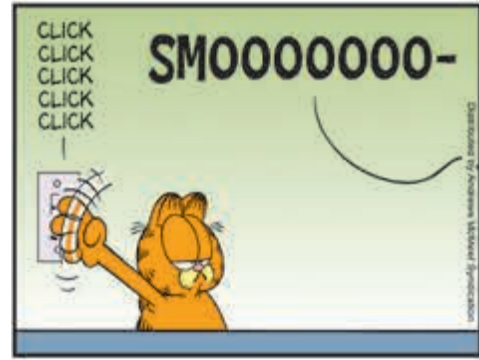


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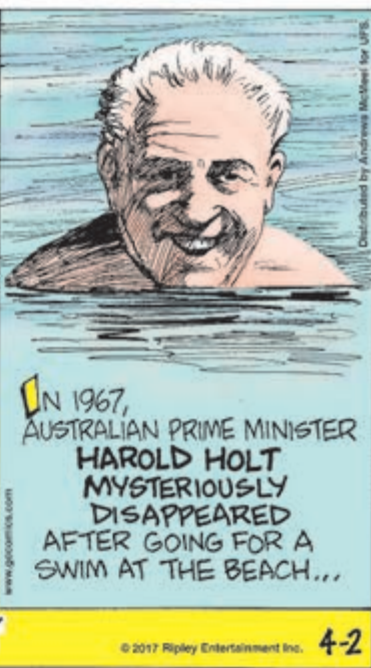
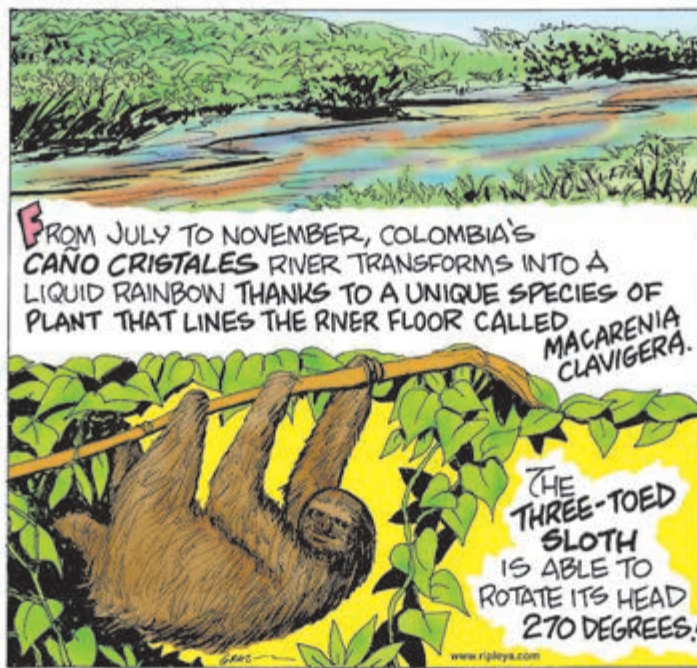


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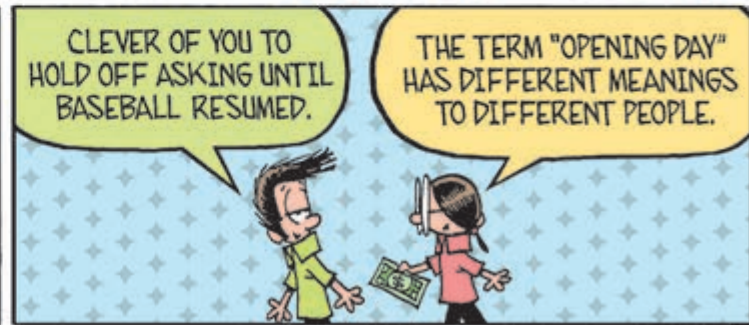


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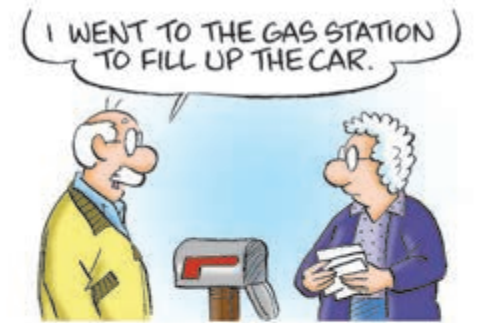
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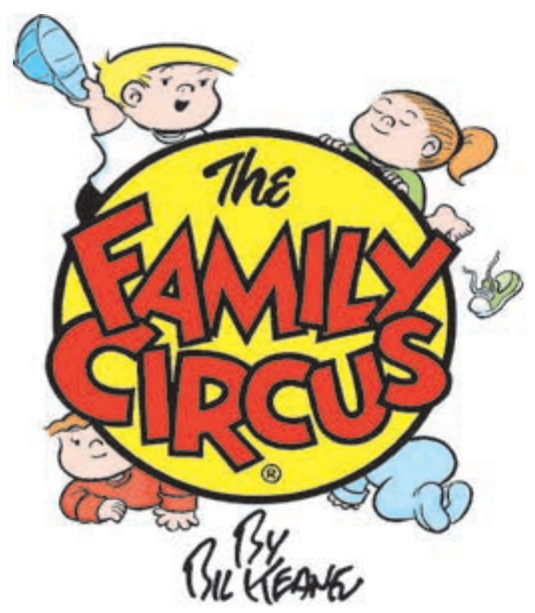
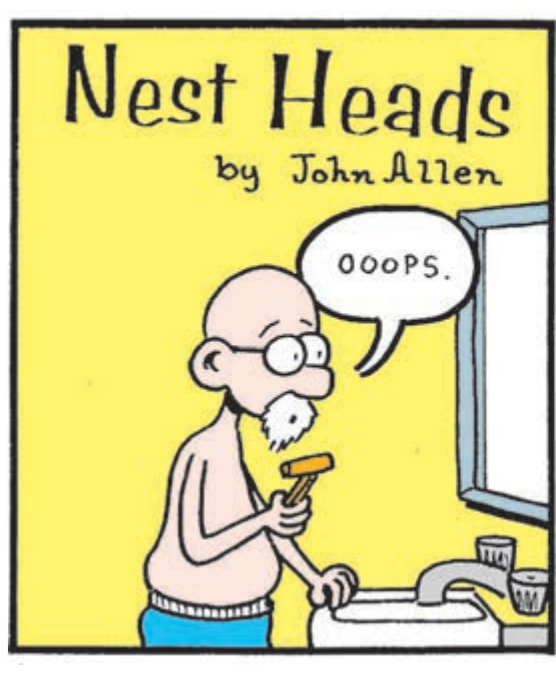
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