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DOWN GO THE PATRIOTS!



Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Nick Herbig (51) forces New England quarterback Drake Maye to fumble the ball in the second half of Sunday's game in Foxborough, Mass. The Steelers forced five turnovers on the day, and Aaron Rodgers threw a go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter in a 21-14 win. **Complete coverage starts on B1.**

Service honors Kirk's faith, love of country

Trump: Conservative activist 'martyr now for America's freedom'

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GLENDALE, Ariz. — President Donald Trump praised Charlie Kirk as a "great American hero" and "martyr" for freedom as he and other prominent conservatives gathered Sunday to honor the slain conservative political activist whose work they say they must now advance.

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» Shapiro: 'Condemn political violence, no matter where it is.' **A2**

31-year-old firebrand. "He's a martyr now for America's freedom," Trump said in his tribute. "I know I speak for everyone here today when I say that none of us will ever forget Charlie. And neither now will history."

Speakers highlighted Kirk's profound faith and his strong belief that young conservatives need to get married, build families and pass on their values to keep building their movement. They also repeatedly told conservative activists, sometimes in confrontational tones, the best way to honor Kirk is doubling down on his mission to move American politics further to the right.

The memorial service for Kirk, whom Trump credits with playing a pivotal role in his 2024 election victory, drew tens of thousands of mourners, including Vice President JD Vance, other senior administration officials and young conservatives shaped by the

"For Charlie, we will remember that it is better to stand on our feet defending the United States of America and defending the truth than it is to die on our knees," Vance said. "My friends, for Charlie,

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PennWest, IUP tackle AI with Google's help

Partnerships provide students, professors with online training in artificial intelligence

BY KELLEN STEPLER

When leaders in the business, manufacturing and education fields seek PennWest University students for internships and jobs, they're not just asking if candidates are skilled in artificial intelligence.

They're also asking if the students can lead AI training and development for their potential peers, said Camille Dempsey, director of the PennWest Center for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies.

A new program at PennWest University and Indiana



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The PennWest Center for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies opened this spring in Edinboro.

University of Pennsylvania, among other colleges, aims to help meet that growing need.

"Higher education is being

totally transformed by AI," Dempsey said. "Things are going to continue to speed forward and accelerate faster than we've ever seen. The

more we can prepare our students for what AI looks like in our disciplines and domains, the more prepared they're going to be out of college."

PennWest and IUP are two of five state system colleges in an expanded partnership with the Google AI for Education Accelerator, which will provide free access to self-paced, online AI training. It's a certificate program that trains students in the ethical use of AI tools and how they can be applied to a variety of careers upon graduation.

The program is being offered to colleges across the country, though Google does not supply a comprehensive list of participating schools. Officials say the goal of

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Charlie Kirk's widow, Erika, makes her way on stage Sunday at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. "My husband, Charlie, he wanted to save young men, just like the one who took his life," she said, before adding, "I forgive him."

Drone on the prowl for uncharted gas wells in region

Ross Park Mall first up as field work begins to locate, eventually plug hazardous sites

BY BRIAN C. RITTMAYER

An effort to find abandoned and orphaned gas wells in parts of southwestern Pennsylvania took to the sky Sunday morning over Ross Park Mall.

The flights, conducted before the mall opened, marked the start of field work to survey parts of Ross and Shaler along with areas of North Fayette and White Oak in Allegheny County and South Strabane and Charleroi in Washington County.

The project is being conducted by a coalition of government agencies,

environmental groups and universities, with funding from Bloomberg Family Foundation and the Hillman Foundation.

Between 300,000 and 700,000 abandoned and orphaned gas wells are believed to be in unknown locations across the state. They are hazardous because they can leak methane, a potent greenhouse gas, and volatile organic compounds such as benzene, a cancer-causing neurotoxin, that contaminate the air, water and soil, said Patrice Tomcik, senior director of Moms Clean Air Force, one of the groups involved in the effort.



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Phil Franklin (left) and Zack Lilley, drone pilots with Flyguys, send a drone on the first of five pre-planned flights Sunday over Ross Park Mall and its parking lots in a search for abandoned and orphaned gas wells. The drone can detect the distinct vertical metallic shaft of a well, as well as leaking methane.

There is also an economic impact, as having a well on a property can lower its value, said Chris Whitlatch, a spokesman with the Environmental Defense Fund.

The goal is to find and plug them. Plugging them has an economic benefit by creating jobs for those who do the work, which Tomcik said has led to the hunt having bipartisan support.

A public meeting covering the search in Ross and Shaler was held in July in Ross. Another is coming up Tuesday evening at the North Fayette Community Center.

Ross Park Mall is being checked because it is among locations where complaints of gas odors could not be traced to a known source, Whitlatch said.

Numerous wells were drilled before state permitting started in the 1950s, he said. When areas such as Ross and Shaler were being developed, only local permits may have been needed, with developers not being required to map well locations.

"In fact, they probably didn't know that wells were here," he said,

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Almanac: Statistics for Pittsburgh through 5 p.m. Sunday. Includes High/Low, Normal high/low, and Record high/low.

Table of precipitation statistics: 24 hours through 5 p.m. Sunday (0.00"), Month to date (0.39"), Normal month to date (2.36"), etc.

Today in Weather History: On Sept. 22, 1890, a severe hailstorm hit Strawberry, Ariz. Five days later, hail still lay in drifts 12- to 18-inches deep.

Lake Erie forecast: Wind south-southwest at 8-16 knots today. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility under 2 miles in showers and thunderstorms.

Regional forecast: Clouds and sun today with a stray thunderstorm; humid. Not as warm in western and southern parts of the area.

River stages as of 7 a.m. Sunday. Table with columns for River, Flood stage, Stage Sun., and 24 hr. chg.

National weather today: AccuWeather. Includes a map of the United States with temperature and precipitation forecasts, and a table for Air Quality Index and Sun & Moon.

Widow: Kirk had no regrets

KIRK · FROM A1

We must remember that he is a hero to the United States of America. And he is a martyr for the Christian faith. Kirk's assassination at a Sept. 10 appearance on a Utah college campus has become a singular moment for the modern-day conservative movement.

The shooting has stirred fear among some Americans that Trump is trying to harness outrage over the killing as justification to suppress the voices of his critics and political opponents.

High security and a full stadium

Those close to Kirk prayed and the floors shook from the bass of Christian rock bands as the home of the NFL's Arizona Cardinals took on the feel of a megachurch service.

"Charlie looked at politics as an on-ramp to Jesus," said the Rev. Rob McCoy, Kirk's pastor.

People began lining up before dawn to secure a spot inside State Farm Stadium west of Phoenix, where Kirk's Turning Point organization is based. Security was tight, similar to the Super Bowl or other high-profile events.

The 63,400-seat stadium quickly filled with people dressed in red, white and blue, as organizers suggested.

Kirk's widow, Erika, in her own address said in the midst of her grief she was finding comfort that her husband left this world without regrets. She also said she forgives the man who is charged with killing him.

"My husband, Charlie, he wanted to save young men, just like the one who took his life," said Erika Kirk, who is taking over as Turning Point's leader. She added, "I forgive him."

Some speakers at the memorial said Kirk was battling evil and referred often to a vague "they" as the enemy. Others were blunt.

"You have no idea the dragon you have awakened. You have no idea how determined we will be to save this civilization, to save the West, to save this republic," said White House

'Condemn political violence, no matter where it is,' Gov. Shapiro says on 'Meet the Press'

TRIBLIVE

In an interview on NBC News' "Meet the Press" Sunday, Gov. Josh Shapiro called on the nation "to universally condemn political violence, no matter where it is, whether it's against Charlie Kirk or someone else."

NBC's Kristen Welker asked Shapiro to speak on the arson attempt at the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence in April. Shapiro emphasized the collaborative efforts of Pennsylvanians in the aftermath.

"I think this political violence leaves scars, I can tell you that I've battled (emotional scars) since the attack. "We could have very easily, at that moment, as a commonwealth, slipped into a dark place. Instead, what I saw was a whole lot of light, a whole lot of people from all different walks of life, all different faiths, all different backgrounds, all different parties coming together to not just support me and my family, but to support our commonwealth."

Shapiro highlighted the need for caution and attention regarding the recent uptick in politically divisive discourse and attacks across the nation, referencing the Kirk assassination and killing of Minnesota state Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband,

deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller. Kirk was a provocateur who at times made statements that some called racist, misogynistic, anti-immigrant and transphobic. That has drawn backlash from conservatives who view the criticism as cherry-picking select moments to insult the legacy of someone they see as an inspirational conservative leader.

Kirk's legacy

Turning Point, the group Kirk founded to mobilize young Christian conservatives, became a multimillion-dollar operation under his leadership with enormous reach.

Mark, in June. "I think we're at an inflection point as a nation, and I think we can go in a number of different ways. I hope we go the direction of healing, of bringing people together, of trying to find our commonalities, not just focus on our differences," Shapiro told Welker.

"I think we're at a really dangerous moment here, and what we're seeing from the federal government only serves to further divide us and make us less safe and erode our fundamental freedoms here in this country."

Charlie Kirk's death

On the question of the legacy Kirk left behind, Shapiro emphasized the importance of civil discourse. "We're allowed to disagree in this country. In fact, disagreements, when done constructively, is what helps perfect our union. We've got to universally condemn political violence, no matter where it is, whether it's against Charlie Kirk or someone else, it is not OK. We all have to work together to condemn it."

Jimmy Kimmel reaction

Shapiro said he felt fear and worry for the country after learning of ABC's decision to pull "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" from the air last week, in response to Kimmel's comments on the aftermath of Kirk's death.

"Our foundational principle in this country, is about freedom of expression and freedom of speech, Whether you

agreed with Jimmy Kimmel or not, whether you found him funny or not — to fire someone because he told a joke, that is dangerous, when we are selectively firing people because of their viewpoints."

Trump's impact

Shapiro spoke at length on censorship from the Republican Party and what he saw as the erosion of fundamental pillars of free speech. "I think we're at a really dangerous moment here, and what we're seeing from the federal government only serves to further divide us and make us less safe and erode our fundamental freedoms here in this country."

"A Republican Party led by Donald Trump — who loved for decades to cloak themselves in this blanket of patriotism and freedom. Heck, Donald Trump was talking about free speech in his inaugural address. What was that? Seven or eight months ago. And now, to see how quickly they are eroding on the foundational guideposts of our nation? Should scare everyone — whether you agree with the president or not, whether you voted for him or not — we are all less safe and less free because of the actions of this administration."

"Charlie's having some serious heavenly FOMO right now," Tyler Bower, Turning Point's chief operating officer, said, likening the moment to bringing "the Holy Spirit into a Trump rally."

The crowd was a testament to the massive influence he accumulated in conservative America with his ability to mobilize young people.

Kirk was a MAGA celebrity with a loyal following that turned out to support or argue with him as he traveled the country for the events like the one at Utah Valley University, where he was shot. Kirk grew the organization, in large part, through the force of his personality and debating chops.

"He slayed ignorance," said Tulsu Gabbard, director of National Intelligence. "He cut through lies. He woke people's minds, inspired people's hearts and imparted wisdom every day."

Speaker after speaker, including Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, expressed their awe at Kirk's ability to go into what many conservatives saw as the lion's den to make the conservative case: college campuses.

"Why don't you start somewhere easier," Rubio joked when he first heard about Kirk years ago. "Like, for example, communist Cuba?"

Drone can detect wells 70 feet underground

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adding that wells can be on hillsides, under driveways and in backyards.

Beyond finding wells in this area, the project is also intended to test the technologies and processes, so they can be scaled up and accelerated to find more, he said.

Tomcik was at the mall Sunday morning to see the drone flights begin.

"I'm excited for this with the amount of wells we have in Western Pennsylvania," said Tomcik, who lives in Adams Township in Butler County. "It's great to have this technology moving forward. It will give us a lot of answers where some of those wells are and how much they're leaking."

The drone carried a magnetometer, which can detect the distinct vertical metallic shaft of a well, and methane sensors. Flying at a height of 131 feet and a speed of 32 feet per second, it covered the entire mall and its parking lots with five pre-programmed flight plans lasting between two and eight minutes, said Phil Franklin of Lafayette, La., a drone pilot with Flyguys, a national data capture company working for Sawback Technologies of Alberta, Canada, on the project.

The drone can detect wells up to 70 feet underground, Sawback founder Neil Keown said.

It was not immediately known whether any wells were found. The drone's data has to be downloaded and analyzed, which can take up to a week, after which it is given to the state Department of Environmental Protection, which sends inspectors out to confirm the findings, Whitlatch said.

The drone has been found to be extremely accurate when searching for wells in rural areas. Over state gamelands in Clarion County in October 2024, all of its detections were confirmed except for those in locations that were not accessible.

While the parking lot's asphalt is not an issue, how well it will work under the mall was less certain because of the building's structural steel and other metal equipment,

Coming up

Who: Environmental Defense Fund and Moms Clean Air Force What: Public meeting on finding orphan and abandoned wells When: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 Where: North Fayette Community Center, 580 Donaldson Road Contact: paw@edf.org

Keown said. "No one's ever tried," he said. "We're quite excited about it."

All of the drone flights are scheduled to be finished by Sept. 30, Whitlatch said. In addition to Ross, flights were scheduled Sunday in Charleroi.

Flights are scheduled to begin Monday and Tuesday in North Fayette, followed by South Strabane on Wednesday. White Oak is scheduled for Thursday.

The team will return to finish Ross on Friday and then move to finish North Fayette for the rest of the day Friday and Saturday. They will be in Shaler on Sept. 29 and back in White Oak on Sept. 30. The schedule is subject to change due to weather.

Neighborhoods also will be surveyed by vehicles equipped with methane sensors, and that is expected to be finished in all areas by the end of September. That will be followed by walking surveys with backpack magnetometers in early-to-mid October.

Results of the effort are expected to be made publicly available by February, Whitlatch said.

Residents don't need a high-tech drone to help in the effort to find abandoned and orphaned wells. Anyone who believes they may have found a well, whether on their own property or while hiking, can report them to the state online.

A state map of known gas wells also is available online. "Anybody can help in this process so we can get a handle on it," Whitlatch said. "Even if you find one that's already in the database, no harm, no foul."

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LOTTERIES section with tables for Cash4Life, Powerball, Treasure Hunt payout, and Cash 5 payout.

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Advertisement for Ronald McDonald House Charities: "I love that you don't feel alone." Includes contact information for donations.

Vandergrift filming to mean lights, camera, inaction

Shooting for TV series to affect traffic, parking

BY JAMES ENGEL

Film crews will be active in and around Vandergrift on Thursday for the production of an upcoming AppleTV+ series, tentatively titled "Parallax."

In a letter addressed to residents,

the crew said the filming would result in temporary no-parking zones 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout chunks of downtown, mostly around Washington, Grant and Columbia avenues.

Intermittent road closures between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. will also be in place in the same areas as well as 11th Avenue and 12th and 3rd streets, according to the letter.

Apple TV+ publicist Shelly Williams said some locals will serve as extras during the filming.

The letter said crews will work with residents and workers who need to enter or exit the filming area to "limit inconveniences" for locals. Vandergrift Councilwoman Marilee Kessler said the borough is excited to host the crews and appreciative that the area was selected.

The borough was previously turned into the fictional Banshee, Pa., in 2015 for Cinemax's action series "Banshee."

"Parallax" crews have worked

throughout the region, including previous shoots in South Buffalo's riverside Clinton neighborhood.

"Parallax," a placeholder name for the project, is based on crime novels by Lars Kepler — the pseudonym used by Swedish writers Alexander and Alexandra Ahndoril, a husband-and-wife team.

According to an Apple TV+ release, the 10-part series follows a soldier-turned-detective who leaves Philadelphia for a quiet life in West-

ern Pennsylvania. There, he becomes embroiled in the investigation into a local serial killer.

The show stars Liev Schreiber as Detective Jonah Lynn, Stephen Graham as serial killer Jurek Walter and Zazie Beetz as FBI agent Saga Bauer, who is Lynn's adopted daughter. In addition to A+E, the series also will be developed by Range Studios.

James Engel is a TribLive staff writer. He can be reached at jengel@triblive.com.

2nd project proposed in Murrysville where 1st still ongoing

Developer asks for rezoning that would allow business uses

BY PATRICK VARINE

Diane Daugherty of Murrysville has been looking out her back window at a construction site for the past three years. She doesn't think the developers should be starting a new project until they finish the current one.

Daugherty voiced her objection at Murrysville Council's recent public meeting, speaking against a request to rezone property at the corner of Manor and Wilson roads.

The property is part of the master plan for a multiphase development that includes a corporate campus for medical company Dedicated Nursing Associates along with retail, residential and restaurant space.

The first phase was Regan Ridge, 18 townhomes billed as "luxury villas" and priced between \$995,000 and \$1.29 million, overlooking the future campus site and Route 22. The approved plan included an existing barn on property adjacent to the townhomes, proposed as an activity center.

Project officials now want to rezone that parcel from high-density residential to business, in order to build a fitness center. "Those townhomes were supposed to be complete by 2023," Daugherty said. "They need some help to get sold. If they don't have an additional selling point like that activity center, we're concerned that they'll just sit there."

The Regan Ridge site is home to two sets of semi-completed duplex-style townhomes, the foundation for a third and a few pieces of construction equipment. Daugherty and nearby homeowner William Mura, whose properties at the Regan Ridge site in the Westmoreland Farms subdivision, said none of the townhomes is occupied.

"We're worried that the developer is in no rush to complete this development," Mura said. "The project timeline on their website shows this work is years behind schedule. We'd like to see the original activity center plans carried out, to attract buyers to the property."

"Until then, the business development should happen in the area across (Wilson Road) that's already zoned for business," Mura said.

The development company, Bushy Run Investments, also is seeking to expand the Fusting Centre campus just up the highway in Salem, with many of the same features proposed in Murrysville — office, retail and residential space. Dedicated Nursing Associates is currently headquartered there.

Mura said council should reject a zoning change for the Wilson Road property until the townhome units are built and occupied.

"The marketability of these high-priced condos is also a concern," Mura said. "These are nearly \$1 million homes located near high-tension power lines and a four-lane highway."

Murrysville Chief Administrator Michael Nestico reminded council that rezoning the property opens it up to any of the wide range of permitted uses in the business district.

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Army Maj. Eric Gass salutes while taps is played Sunday afternoon at the Lamp Theatre in Irwin during GI Canteen for a Day, a commemoration of the 80th anniversary of V-J Day and the end of World War II.

Victory formation

Military veterans gather in Irwin to commemorate end of WWII

War stats

- Total service members: Over 16 million Americans served in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII.
- Volunteers vs. draftees: About 39% of these service members were volunteers, while the remaining 61% were drafted into service.
- Personnel at war's end: While over 16 million individuals served, the size of the U.S. military reached its peak during the war, with 12 million people in uniform at its height.
- As of 2024 projections from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), there are approximately 66,143 World War II veterans still living in the United States. This number represents a rapid decline from previous years, as the last of the WWII veterans are now in their late 90s and older.

BY MICHAEL DIVITTORIO

Three words always come to mind for the Rev. Dan Lawrence of Murrysville Alliance Church when he speaks to his flock as well as at military funerals and commemorations. They are God, family and country. Those values were present in Irwin Sunday afternoon as the pastor delivered the opening and closing prayers during GI Canteen for a Day outside the Lamp Theatre. The event commemorated the 80th anniversary of V-J Day, the surrender of Japan that marked the formal end of World War II. "I think as I'm getting older, we remind our generation of those values," Lawrence said. "If we have a generation that has taken for granted God, family country, our children



Reenactors Aletheia Brooks of Canton, Ohio and Lukas Smith of New Kensington show what military nurses and Army soldiers looked like during World War II.

will really take it for granted because we have not emphasized that."

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LEAD · A4

Hempfield to consider 2 business proposals

Trendy Town Play Cafe, reconstructed Dairy Queen planned near Lynch Field

BY RENATTA SIGNORINI

Hempfield supervisors are set to vote today on two site plans, at the Dairy Queen across from Lynch Field and a neighboring building proposed to transform into The Trendy Town Play Cafe.

The Dairy Queen restaurant will be demolished and rebuilt under the proposal, Township Manager Aaron Siko said. There will be improved parking space and a buffer added to separate the lot from a neighboring car wash on New Alexandria Road.

The new Dairy Queen building will be 3,100 square feet, according to information presented to the township planning commission. It was unclear when the project might start, if approved.

Dairy Queen media representatives did not respond to a message seeking comment.

A neighboring building that previously housed a furniture store is proposed to become a third location for Alisha Edwards, who owns The



A Dairy Queen location along New Alexandria Road in Hempfield is slated to be demolished and rebuilt.

If you go

Hempfield supervisors agenda session, 7 p.m. Monday, 1132 Woodward Drive

Trendy Bunny Studio in Greensburg and The Trendy Bunny Event Cafe on Blank School Road in Hempfield. The Greensburg location includes an indoor play space for children. The new spot grew out of the popu-



PHOTOS: TRIBLIVE

The Trendy Town Play Cafe is proposed to take over a former furniture store on New Alexandria Road in Hempfield.

larity of the existing locations. "I'm a huge believer that we should be leaning into our customers' feedback," she said.

The Trendy Town Play Cafe will address that feedback by adding more play and event space, as well as coffee and baked goods for adults to enjoy. The play space at The Trendy Bunny Studio, which opened in March 2020, is open only on weekdays because events are booked on weekends. "We are limited just because of the

MAWC sets price for replacing lead lines

Deal offered in Vandergrift, Apollo, North Vandergrift, East Vandergrift, Hyde Park, West Vandergrift, North Apollo, Leechburg, West Leechburg

BY RICH CHOLODOFSKY

The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County will charge property owners in eight northern communities \$3,200 to voluntarily replace lead water lines in their homes and businesses.

Authority board members approved a plan last week they said caps charges and subsidizes water line replacements as part of what is expected to be a three-year, \$11 million project to remove lead-line pipes.

Officials this year launched the replacement project, funded through state loans and grants, to replace up to 1,000 lead water lines in Vandergrift, North Vandergrift, East Vandergrift, West Vandergrift, Hyde Park, Apollo, North Apollo, Leechburg and West Leechburg.

The agency will pay to replace lead lines from its main lines to curbs outside of homes and businesses. MAWC said property owners will be required to pay for the replacement of lead lines that run from the curb and into private homes.

"This is a voluntary program, and we are establishing a flat fee that is a reduction of the actual cost," authority Business Manager Brian Hohman said.

He said property owners have the option to decline to have the work completed on their property.

Homeowners will be notified as the authority begins replacements of the lead lines in their communities.

Those who agree to have the work completed in their homes can pay the full upfront fee or have the cost of the line replacement billed monthly, with financing over 10 years at 1% interest. That's an amount that mirrors rates associated with the state loans the authority secured for the project.

Hohman said owners who finance the replacement will see their water bills increase by about \$28 a month.

The authority's board of directors approved a \$5.5 million contract with W.A. Petrakis Inc. of Monroeville to complete the line replacements on private property.

space that we're in," Edwards said.

The new, bigger space on New Alexandria Road will allow for play and birthday parties to take place simultaneously, she said.

Proposed site improvements before township supervisors include paving and landscaping.

There has been a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation work while waiting for approvals by Hempfield supervisors. Once the necessary permits are secured, Edwards said, she hopes the renovations can start immediately with an anticipated opening date sometime in 2026.

When the play cafe opens, there will be large areas for children to use their imaginations. There even will be a custom carousel.

"We're pretty excited," Edwards said.

The existing Trendy locations will remain open.

Supervisor Doug Weimer said he was happy to see that both of the sites will add sidewalks.

The township planning commission previously approved both site plans.

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To place an obituary, call 844-523-4210 or email obits@triblive.com.

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.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Name, Age	Residence	Funeral home
Hahn, Frederick, 80*	Fawn	Peters, Natrona Heights

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Name, Age	Residence	Funeral home
Kopka, Cynthia, 69*	North Buffalo	Ajak, Natrona

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Name, Age	Residence	Funeral home
Bowser, Reverend Mont, 100*	Greensburg	Barnhart, Greensburg
Diehl, David, 86	Greensburg	Beatty-Rich, Madison
Molen, Rose Marie, 91	West Newton	McCauley, West Newton
Rudy, Richard, 73*	Latrobe	Lopatich-Brinker, Latrobe
Taylor, Dorothy, 92*	Mt. Pleasant	Galone-Caruso, Mt. Pleasant
Topper Jr., John, 82*	North Huntingdon	Snyder, Irwin
Tusing, Elizabeth, 85*	Arnold	Rusiewicz, Arnold

ELSEWHERE

Name, Age	Residence	Funeral home
Lees, Ernest, 78*	Punxsutawney	Pantalone, Greensburg

and gasoline memorabilia. Fred was a lifetime member of the Outdoor Life Lodge, Fawn Township, and a founding member of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. Fred leaves behind to cherish his memory his longtime companion and loving wife of 17 years, together since Jan. 1, 1971, Orlanda L. (Meckley) Hahn; sisters-in-law, Linda Christy and Donna Forsythe; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Fred was preceded in death by his brother, Walter "Tim" Christy; and a brother, Dennis Forsythe. **Family and friends are invited from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, at ROBERT PETERS FUNERAL HOME INC., 1521 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065 (724-224-7730), where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, with the Reverend John Gehring-Anders, assisted by the Rev. David Wood, officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Unity Cemetery, Fawn Township.** For online condolences and more information, please visit www.petersfamilyfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the National Corvette Museum, C/O Connie Russell, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Cynthia Kopka
NORTH BUFFALO TOWNSHIP



Cynthia Kopka, 69, of North Buffalo Township, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at UPMC St. Margaret, Pittsburgh. She was born in Natrona Heights on Feb. 11, 1956, and was the daughter of Josephine (Kopeck) Kopka and the late Stanley W. Kopka. Cindy honorably served her country and later dedicated many years of hard work at Aerotech. In her free time, she loved relaxing at home, spending time with her family, and keeping busy with projects around the house. She will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, and the unconditional love she gave to everyone around her. She was preceded in death by her father and her brothers, Timothy Kopka and Richard Kopka. She is survived by her daughter, Selena (Joseph) Hoyak

of Worthington; her granddaughters, Kaelyn Hoyak of Kittanning and Allison Hoyak of Kittanning; her brothers, Stanley (Cheryl) Kopka of Kittanning and Joseph (Kelly) Kopka of Kittanning; and also by cousins, nieces, and nephews. **The family will receive friends Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a blessing service to be held at 6 p.m. with visitation until 8 p.m. at PAUL R. AJAK FUNERAL HOME INC., 2 Pine St. at River Ave., Natrona. Interment is private.**

Ernest "Ernie" D. Lees
PUNXSUTAWNEY

Ernest "Ernie" D. Lees, 78, of Punxsutawney, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, in his home. He was born March 15, 1947, in Butler, a son of the late Dean S. Lees and Olive Louise Williams Lees. Ernest graduated from Blairsville High School and earned a bachelor's degree at Indiana State Teacher's College. He was fluent in several different languages, including Spanish, Latin, and Greek, and was employed for several years as an international operator for Bell Telephone and then Verizon. He also worked in their engineering department doing utility drawings before retiring. He is survived by his brother, Larry Lees (Mary) of Greensburg; his nephew, Matthew Lees (Nicole); niece, Rose Crivella (Fr. Brian); and five great-nieces, Sara, Katherine, Irene, Helen, and Lina. **There will be no public viewing. Relatives and friends of Ernest are invited to attend his funeral mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, in Our Lady of Grace Church with Father Kenneth Zaccagnini celebrating. Everyone please go directly to the church. Interment will follow in Greensburg Catholic Cemetery.** In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741. Ernest's family has entrusted his care to PANTALONE FUNERAL HOME INC., Greensburg. For online condolences/directions, visit us at pantalone.com. Natale N. Pantalone, supervisor.

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Dorothy J. (Kaminski) Taylor
MT. PLEASANT



Dorothy J. (Kaminski) Taylor, 92, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at Easy Living Country Estates. Mrs. Taylor was born Jan. 9, 1933, in Mt. Pleasant to the late John and Julia Opie-la Kaminsky. Dorothy was a graduate of Hurst High School class of 1950. She was a member of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Visitation Christian Mothers, and the Catholic Daughters of America. Dorothy worked as an administrative assistant at various companies, most recently at CK Composites. Dorothy enjoyed baking, sewing, reading, and especially the occasional trip to the casino with Marlene and Bob Cibulas. Dorothy is survived by her loving family, her sister, Margaret Gutierrez; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Taylor, in 1985; and by her siblings, John Kaminsky (Yulada), Thomas Kaminsky (Kayte), Viola Kaminsky, Helen Kaminsky, Stanley "Stush" Kaminsky (Dolores), Mary Urbanowski (Dick), and Julie King (Ray). **Family and friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, at GALONE-CARUSO FUNERAL HOME INC., Mt. Pleasant, where a blessing service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, followed by her funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Visitation Parish Cemetery.** Dorothy's family would like to extend a special thank you to the entire staff of Easy Living Country Estates and Bridge's Hospice for their wonderful care of Dorothy. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Visitation R.C. Church, 740 Walnut St., Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. To offer an online condolence, please visit our website at www.galone-carusofuneralhome.com.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Veronica (McCoy) Topper; three children, Ron Topper (Casey) of Irwin, Amy (Tim) Orsini of Canonsburg and Richele (Brian Stough) of North Huntingdon; and three adored grandchildren, Morgan, Braden, and Owen Carpenter all of North Huntingdon. He will also be dearly missed by his siblings Jim (Jeann) Topper, Patricia Bruno (the late Frank) and Dawn Hochberg (Joe); and brothers-in-law Mike McCoy (Roby) and Royce Glasgow (the late Roseann). In addition, he leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. **Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, at the WILLIAM SNYDER FUNERAL HOME, 521 Main St., Irwin. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 24, in Immaculate Conception Church, Irwin. Interment will follow in Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont.** The family wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to "his girls" at Forbes Hospital Short Stay Unit and to Forbes Cancer Center for their compassionate care, also to his loving niece, Renee Gilmartin, whose dedication as his hospice nurse provided comfort and dignity in his final days. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to www.bloodcancerunited.org. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Tusing
ARNOLD



Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Tusing, 85, of Arnold, passed away Sept. 12, 2025. She was born on May 23, 1940, to the late George William Tusing Sr. and Anne Billey Tusing. Betty was a 1958 graduate of Arnold High School, a 1960 graduate of the Allegheny Valley School of Medical Technology, and a 1965 graduate of Duquesne University with a degree in education. She began teaching Spanish at Tarentum High School in 1965 and continued when it became Highlands. During her teaching career, she coached girls' softball, tennis, and basketball at Highlands until she happily retired in 2001. She loved the Penguins, Steelers, and Pirates; playing golf; and her schnauzers, Streudel and Ummie. Betty said, "Of all the gifts received, I am most grateful for my wonderful family and friends." She is survived by her brother, James Edward Tusing (Kathleen) of Elm Grove, WI; and her sister, Barbara Anne Grego (Vincent) of Sarver. Betty is also survived by her nephews, David Tusing (Dana), Matthew Tusing (Mireya), and Bradley Tusing (Joanna); and nieces, Sarah Tusing, Jamie Heidrich (Brian), and Jennifer Edwards (Clint). In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, George William Tusing Jr.; and his wife, Holly. **Funeral services are private and entrusted to The Rusiewicz of RUSIEWICZ OF ARNOLD FUNERAL HOME.** Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Animal Protectors of New Kensington. www.RusiewiczFH.com.

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John R. "Bob" Topper Jr.
NORTH HUNTINGDON



John R. "Bob" Topper Jr., 82 of North Huntingdon, passed away Saturday, September 20, 2025, peacefully with his family at his side. He was born July 28, 1943 in DeRidder, LA, the son of the late John R. Sr. and Thelma (Mahaney) Topper. Bob was a graduate of Turtle Creek High School, Class of 1961. Prior to retirement he was employed as the Quality Assurance Manager for Extrude Hone Corporation, Irwin. He was a longtime member of LOOM, Lodge 236, Irwin, and the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Irwin.

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Neighbors concerned about 2nd project starting

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"While the tentative plan may be a fitness center, at the end of the day, anything that's a permitted use could also be in there." Nestico said Mura and Daugherty do not have much recourse when it comes to construction. "As long as work there is continuing, then the permits can continue. That's one of the difficulties we face," he said. "If they were to stop work there, that would be one thing. But as of right now, with an active permit, they can continue." Bushy Run Investments did not return messages seeking comment. Council did not vote on the rezoning request at the meeting. Councilwoman Jamie Lingg said she felt similar to Mura and Daugherty. "They haven't completed what they already started, and now they want to do something new," Lingg said. "It feels like an over-extension." Council's next meeting is 7 p.m. Oct. 1.



PATRICK VARINE | TRIBLIVE

Partially completed townhouses stand in the Regan Ridge development off Wilson Road in Murrysville.

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MAWC to target other communities

LEAD · FROM A3

Hohman said the flat fee charged to homeowners reflects about 40% of the project's costs. "We are hopeful people will participate," Hohman said. Pennsylvania banned the use of lead pipes in 1991. Under a change of federal guidelines enacted during the Biden administration, water providers are required by 2037 to replace all lead lines. Water contaminated by lead pipes is known to cause damage to key organs, stunt childhood development and cause other severe harm. No amount of lead is considered safe in drinking water. Annual testing of MAWC's water system found no discernible lead in the authority's water supply, officials said. An inventory of MAWC's service area, which includes more than 123,000 customers in Westmoreland, Allegheny, Armstrong, Fayette and Indiana counties, estimated about 3% of the system's water lines include lead pipes. Replacements of lead lines in system's northern communities is the the first of what is expected to be an expanded effort in future years.

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Cause of fatal mobile home explosion still uncertain

East Huntingdon neighbors, fire chief tell of obstacles to rescuing resident

BY MICHAEL DIVITTORIO

The Greensburg-based fire marshal for the Pennsylvania State Police continues to investigate what caused an East Huntingdon mobile home to explode Saturday, killing an elderly man on his porch.

Firefighters from multiple communities responded to the incident about 4:15 p.m. in the 100 block of Round Top Court. The mobile home community is off Porter Avenue, just outside Scottsdale. East Huntingdon Volunteer Fire Company Chief Brian Kite said the victim, whose name has not been released, was found dead underneath a collapsed roof. Several residents had attempted to save the man prior to emergency responders' arrival but could not get

past the smoke and flames. "When we got there, it was pretty much fully engulfed with structural collapse of front porch, and that's where we recovered the victim," Kite said Sunday. "We had a quick knockdown on the fire itself." Several tanker trucks were called in to supply water. The nearest hydrant was along Porter Avenue. Having a hydrant even next to the property would not have improved the response due to the status of the fire upon arrival, Kite said. He could

not recall any similar incident in the community during his decade as chief. Kite declined to speculate on the cause and origin of the blast that spread debris about 50 feet and shook multiple nearby trailers. Those answers would come from the fire marshal's office, he said. Nearby homes did not sustain any significant damage, Kite said. One of his volunteer firefighters suffered a minor injury while battling the blaze. That person was

treated at the scene. No other injuries were reported. Multiple residents contacted Saturday evening said the victim was a beloved member of the community and that they were shaken by the loss. A message left with the state fire marshal's office Sunday afternoon was not returned.

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Several groups take part in commemoration

VICTORY · FROM A3

The event featured a flyover by a veteran pilot. The Norwin sixth grade chorus performed the national anthem and sang "Eternal Father" under the direction of Jennifer Herrington. Norwin High School Air Force ROTC presented the colors under the direction of Master Sgt. Holly Jadlocki. J. Howard Snyder VFW Post 781 Honor Guard performed a fallen veterans salute and taps. Several Irwin officials joined veterans and World War II reenactors to cut a ribbon outside the theater at 222 Main St. Festivities continued inside with several preservation groups displaying uniforms, weapons and other gear used during the war, as well as newspaper clippings from various times during the massive military conflict.

Event participation

Norwin sophomore Jackson McKee, 16, was one of the ROTC cadets who participated in the event. He is the student group's community service coordinator. "It really means a lot to us to help out our community, especially veterans," Jackson said. "It's really cool to see all the history. Especially the Jeeps. The Jeeps are really cool, especially the one with the large gun on top. I always like learning about American history and all the stuff we have done to help (make) America the way it is. I'm involved because I come from big military family. (ROTC) is not all about the military. ... We're one big family. I like everyone (in our group)." The Jeep that Jackson was referring to was brought courtesy of the Armbrust Veterans Association. They had military-style Jeeps like the ones used in Korea and Vietnam. One was equipped with an M2 .50 caliber machine gun. Gerry Williams, Army sergeant first class and association firing squad member, said it was an honor for his group to be part of the commemoration. "I think it sure is great that we can talk to young people about what's going on," Williams said. "How we react with them." They were just one of several groups with material on display. Others include the Baltzer Meyer Historical Society, Norwin Historical



MICHAEL DIVITTORIO | TRIBLIVE

Veterans Gerry Williams (from left), Rich Marshall and Don Rauscher with Armbrust Veterans Association gather at one of their Jeeps on display Sunday outside the Lamp Theatre in Irwin for GI Canteen for a Day.

Society, Military History Preservation Group and the Norwin Public Library. Reenactors Lukas Smith of New Kensington and Aletheia Brooks of Canton, Ohio, were dressed as a World War II soldier in the 99th infantry division and a military nurse, respectively. Smith also serves as director of business and development for the Military History Preservation Group. The pair took photos with multiple attendees. "I'm happy to be here," Brooks said. "It's very special and important to do this to honor the veterans and keep the memory alive." Brooks said her grandfather, Louis Brooks, served in the Army during World War II. Video news clips about the war were shown inside the theater. Organizations such as the Westmoreland County Department of Veterans Affairs, American Red Cross for Veterans, state Department of Military and Veteran Affairs South Veterans' Center and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Erie Mobile Vet Center had informational booths to help connect people to resources.

Event preparation

A year in the making, the commemoration

was a passion project for organizer Tom Steiner, a Vietnam War-era Navy veteran and 1966 Norwin grad. He got the idea during the last year's observance of the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. Steiner said his father, Thomas H. Steiner (Navy), and father-in-law, John Poppick (Army Air Corp), had served in the Pacific Theater during the war. He thought it would be good to have an event to commemorate the surrender of Japan, which occurred Sept. 2, 1945. Surrender documents were signed that day aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. "I think it worked out very very well," Steiner said. "Thinking of them and thinking of the end of World War II gave me the incentive to try to do something to commemorate the 80th anniversary. I wanted to do more than that." All the aforementioned groups were added to provide different purposes: to honor and remember veterans, provide services to former soldiers, educate the youth and provide entertainment for a good cause. A fundraising tribute concert took place Sunday evening at the Lamp Theatre called "My Country, My Home," featuring Gary Pratt, Kim Szallar and the Pratt-Szallar Band. Proceeds will benefit Operation Vets Now, the American Legion Post 359 of Irwin and J. Howard Snyder Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 381 of North Huntingdon. "I've nursed this thing for a year," Steiner said about having something for everyone. "I just kept incorporating more things. I still wanted it simple like the opening ceremony (was) very simple. I didn't want it to drag on to different speeches. I wanted it simple, and it was, but meaningful." Steiner met with the sixth graders about a week ahead of the event to talk about the significance of the war and how their part in the event will help a lot of people. He thanked all the groups that participated. "It was something that was very easy to get people to be a part of," Steiner said. "Once they caught the idea of what I was trying to do, they were on board. People were very supportive."

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South Buffalo, East Franklin seek feedback

Communities circulating survey on desired upgrades

BY JAMES ENGEL

South Buffalo and East Franklin officials are seeking advice from community members through a survey. The questionnaire is part of a joint comprehensive plan in the works for the two Armstrong County townships. Comprehensive plans, which municipalities typically revisit each decade, serve as a general roadmap for the goals and direction of a community. The two townships previously collaborated on a comprehensive plan in 2003, said Sally Conklin, a municipal coordinator for MECALL Services, the consulting firm guiding the plan. So far, she said, the survey has recorded about 85 responses, but she's hoping for upward of 1,000. "I encourage everyone's input because it guides the future of their municipality," Conklin said. Consisting of 14 questions, the survey asks the community to consider potential improvements and amenities in the townships, such as new businesses or a public boat launch. Conklin said the comprehensive plan's steering committee would consider the responses before hosting a public meeting this year or in early 2026. Those interested can find a link to the survey by searching for "South Buffalo survey" online or by visiting the South Buffalo or East Franklin municipal buildings for a paper copy. The survey is set to close Oct. 5.

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UNACCEPTABLE ACTIONS

ICE must leave U.S. citizens alone

Here is something all Americans can agree on, whatever their feelings on immigration enforcement: United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement should not be harassing, let alone detaining, citizens of the United States.

Nor should that agency be harassing, let alone detaining, green card holders, officially known as lawful permanent residents (LPRs).

Yet that is what happened early Tuesday in Elgin, Ill., the Chicago Tribune reported.

Joe Botello, 37, a U.S. citizen, told the Tribune he was "jolted awake" and then handcuffed, questioned and placed in a Customs and Border Protection vehicle before dawn on Tuesday. Just to make it crystal clear, Botello was born here, the Tribune and other outlets reported.

Worse, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, or her surrogate, then shared a video of the operation on social media, presumably part of the ICE deterrence campaign to persuade immigrants in the U.S. without legal permission to self-deport. The video showed four men — one of whom appeared to be Botello — being handcuffed and led away from a residence.

Botello was released shortly thereafter. Nonetheless, Noem should have been more careful as to what was filmed and shared. She owes Botello an apology — you know, American to American — at the very least.

We refuse to accept the argument that some U.S. citizens inevitably will be collateral damage in such operations. That's unacceptable. And it is clear from reporting across the country that the Elgin incident hardly was the first of its kind.

Before ICE engages in any kind of aggressive action, it has to be sure that its targets are within its lawful jurisdiction, which means the enforcement of the immigration and customs laws duly passed by Congress. If the agency is in doubt of someone's status, it should not knock down that door or pull their hands behind their back, but move on until it is sure. There's no excuse for getting this wrong, especially given all of the data at ICE's disposal. In this case, the error was compounded by the posting of a shaming video ... of a U.S. citizen.

We're not challenging this administration's legal right to enforce the nation's immigration laws, even at a level of enforcement going beyond the removal of law breakers whom most Americans want to see deported.

We're talking about simple competence. As would be expected from any government agency. ICE simply has to know who it is targeting beyond any shadow of a doubt.

—Chicago Tribune

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LETTERS

Commissioners' time limits

Public comment periods during Westmoreland County commissioners' meetings are meant to give everyone an equal chance to speak — under the same rules and time limits. Unfortunately, that standard is not being upheld at the commissioners' meetings, as of late.

On more than one occasion, individuals have been allowed to speak after the official comment period ended — and for far longer than the time typically allowed. Meanwhile, others who signed up and followed the proper process were cut off or limited strictly to their

allotted time. This double standard is troubling.

Even more concerning is that Commissioner Doug Chew, who strongly advocated for a visible time clock to enforce time limits — especially when the board is being criticized — appears to support these exceptions.

The commissioners should not be permitted to apply rules selectively

based on who is speaking or what is being said.

Public meetings must be conducted with fairness, not favoritism. If time limits apply to some, they must apply to all. The public deserves transparency, consistency and accountability, not special treatment for a few.

Taylor Stuart Greensburg

Trump's whims

I have a conspiracy theory of my own.

Before I ramble like President Trump, let me start by using a political cartoon that appeared in the Trib. There were three drawings: a old man saying he can't afford heat or medicine, an old woman saying she can't afford food and Trump saying he wants a big new ballroom in the White House.

The first two are correct; the third is wrong. Instead of a big new ballroom, he should be putting a gigantic out-house in its place, for all of the crap that goes on, plus all of the Republican butt-kissing that Congress does.

Now for the conspiracy theory: How

is it that a person in three national elections only won the popular vote once? I think he bought two elections by paying off the Electoral College, and the time he lost, people got tired of him and the Electoral College.

Trump comes up with any conspiracy theory he can and everyone, especially Congress, jumps at his whims.

I have total respect for the office of the president, the most important job in the world. But I do not have to respect the person in that office.

Robin R. Prady North Huntingdon

Animosity toward Kirk beyond 'disparaging'

I found the Associated Press article "After Charlie Kirk's killing, a growing chorus of conservatives wants his critics ostracized or fired" (Sept. 14, TribLive) very misleading, shifting focus from where it belongs.

The line "Some conservatives are seeking to upend the lives and careers of those who disparaged Charlie Kirk after his death" makes it sound like a witch hunt for those who disagreed with Kirk.

The Webster definition of disparaging is: To belittle the importance or value of (someone or something). To speak slightly about (someone or something).

No one is concerned with critics that had some "disparaging" comments or opinions. Most of us can disagree in a civil manner.

The people in question are those who openly celebrated Kirk's death, some with an almost evil glee. All because they disagreed with his opinions? That to me, is not disparaging, but truly sickening.

Should they lose their jobs? I know I wouldn't want a person like that as a co-worker, teaching my children, or even cooking my food at a restaurant. Would you?

Robert Anderson South Buffalo Township

MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

In dark times, we need leadership that unites

The assassination of Charlie Kirk has cast a dark shadow over the country, not only because the deed itself was abominable, but also because the reaction to it has been so disturbing. Instead of bringing out the best in America, as tragedies once did, it is bringing out the worst — in both parties.

It should go without saying that political violence — and gun violence — is always wrong. Yet on the left, there have been instances of dancing on Kirk's grave. When human decency and basic civility fall victim to partisanship and ideology, and abhorrence of violence becomes tempered by political aims, monstrosities and tyrannies become possible. Celebrating a murder is disgraceful, and reprimands and firings in

the workplace can be appropriate consequences for it, but criticism of anyone's political views should always be fair game. Overzealous policing of speech has already led to punishments for comments critical of Kirk's positions and supporters. And using law enforcement to crack down on "hate speech," as the administration has threatened to do, would run afoul of the First Amendment, as Kirk himself said. It's a sad irony that some of his supporters are using his death to undermine the core constitutional principle that he defended in life.

While talk of vengeance and retribution fills the air, the fact is: The overwhelming majority of Americans of all political persuasions are horrified by the shooting, and the shooter's ha-

tred should not be projected onto others as a pretext for repressing political opposition and free speech.

The partisanship fueling such animosity is a cancer that is consuming and weakening the body politic. The good news? There's a simple cure: leadership.

Asking all Americans to rise above hostile and narrow-minded thinking is what real leadership is all about. In times of crisis, strong leaders ease tensions. They don't inflame them. They seek solutions, not scapegoats. They pull us together, rather than pushing us apart.

Throughout American history, that approach to leadership has been essential to our ability to overcome dark days, including in the modern era — from the assassinations

of JFK, RFK and MLK to the attacks of Sept. 11.

Hopefully the president will recognize that making concerted efforts to foster unity is not only the right thing to do for the good of the country and the safety of Americans, but it's also good politics. If he seized the opportunity, his approval rating would rise, giving him more political capital to push through his priorities.

We need leaders in both parties, and at every level of government, to provide stronger leadership in these times. It is not enough for governors, mayors, members of Congress and state legislators to issue the usual statements denouncing violence.

We need them, and civic leaders of all kinds, to stand together physically in dis-

plays of bipartisan unity, as more than 20 members of Congress did last week on the steps of the Capitol.

We need them to urge their own sides to cool down and not be swept up by overheated rhetoric, including talk of war.

Stopping political violence is an increasingly urgent and essential mission, one that can only be accomplished with bipartisan cooperation. Success will require leaders who understand the power of our shared national values, and who inspire more Americans to unite in putting country over party.

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Is AI ideal assistant NHL coach?

The start of the new NHL season is nearly upon us. With artificial intelligence (AI) regularly in the news, professional hockey is not immune from its influence. Given the surfeit of data available, AI may transform hockey in ways that few can predict.

Yet for AI models to be most effective, they require massive amounts of in-game data, not just lists of statistics that are available from the NHL or ESPN. Given that hockey is a fast-paced team sport, videos of games provide a fertile source of data to train AI models. Indeed, the next big AI breakthrough will be by researchers advancing AI models that can be trained with videos. Their impact on sports like hockey and basketball will be immense.

Until then, AI models will need to rely on static data, which will limit its influence.

But can AI models still be used to provide guidance to coaches?

To get a cursory picture of what existing AI modeling reveal, I asked ChatGPT, a generative AI system, to answer the question, "How do you stop Lane Hutson?"

Lane Hutson, the reigning Calder Memorial Trophy winning defenseman for the Montreal Canadiens, will enter his sophomore season with a target on his back. Anytime a player so thoroughly dominates, like Hutson did this past season, all 31 opposing coaches are asking, how do you stop this diminutive defender?

There are 87 NHL regular season and playoff games of video data available on Hutson, totaling over 32 hours of ice time, which sounds like a lot, but in the world of training AI models, is quite limited. In contrast, the Pittsburgh Penguin superstar Sidney Crosby has over 465 hours of ice time over his 20-year career, providing far more data for AI models to learn from.

Nonetheless, detailed statistics on every one of Hutson's six goals and 65 assists last season provide some insights into his play. How many of his points were on the powerplay? Was he on the left or right side of the ice in the offensive zone? How many of his assists were primary or secondary? Data like this is invaluable to uncover a player's tendencies and determine how to neutralize or at least slow him down.

Its responses were as follows: "Understanding Hutson's Strengths," "Exploit his Defensive Weaknesses" and "Effective Counter-Strategies." These answers were found by searching the world wide web based on comments from hockey pundits and analysts.

They are all good advice based on what he did this past season. However, such advice applies to neutralizing any fast puck-moving offense-minded defenseman. Moreover, it does not address is what Hutson will do differently this season.

One likely change is that he will almost certainly be playing with a new partner. The addition of Noah Dobson as the team's top defenseman will also impact Hutson, even when they are not on the ice together. Teams may have one fast, shutdown defender; they are unlikely to have two. Deciding which defender to target (Dobson or Hutson) is akin to picking your poison.

If AI is to be effective to neutralize players like Hutson, it will take more than what ChatGPT uncovers from the internet. It will need to take a deep dive analysis into all their game tapes to uncover what their Achilles heels may be.

Sheldon H. Jacobson is a computer science professor at the University of Illinois.

Experts: AI literacy will be crucial to students

AI • FROM A1

the program is to prepare the community, faculty, staff and students — regardless of their major — to use AI effectively and responsibly. PennWest comprises campuses in Clarion, California and Edinboro. The other colleges in the partnership are Cheyney, East Stroudsburg and Millersville.

“Any knowledge you can get with AI in today’s world is absolutely going to benefit you,” said Kristen O’Hara, director of workforce development at IUP. “Anything you can do to give yourself an advantage, you should absolutely do, with the job market the way it is. I think it’s very beneficial.”

Knowledge of AI skills can help students study more efficiently, better understand complex material and communicate better, O’Hara said. They also can apply the training to help build resumes or work on projects in their field.

“I would think this could be applied to any industry or job,” O’Hara said. “You think of technology right away, but I really think it has a broad use.”

At a college campus, responsible AI use includes understanding how to use it to benefit academic progress while not plagiarizing and also checking the AI data output to make sure it is accurate and unbiased, Dempsey said.

Dempsey said people will receive a credential after completing the program. That will give them a leg up as they enter the workforce, she said.

That’s especially important in Pennsylvania, where U.S. Sen. Dave McCormick held an AI and energy summit this summer at Carnegie Mellon University. In July, an analysis from nonprofit Code for America ranked the state in the top three nationwide for AI readiness.

“People with this information of AI will be moving forward, and others will be left behind,” Dempsey said.

Training and development of AI expands beyond the state schools. Carnegie Mellon University and the Bank of New York Mellon announced Thursday a five-year, \$10 million collaboration with an AI lab for faculty, staff and students on campus. An opening is slated for spring.

At IUP, there have been many requests from students and faculty about opportunities to learn more about AI, O’Hara said. The course also will be open to people in the community. Seats in the course are limited, Dempsey said.

“AI has amazing capabilities, and we want to stay on the cutting edge of what’s out there,” O’Hara said.

Said Dempsey: “This is important because we’re all learning together. AI is accelerating and things are moving all so fast. What we’re finding at PennWest is there’s a need



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DIRECTOR OF THE PENNWEST CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

for faculty development with AI, as there is for students.”

In 2023, the state system partnered with Google to offer Google Career Certificates, which offered skills training in cyber security, data analytics, digital marketing and e-commerce, business intelligence, IT support, project management and user experience design.

Dempsey and O’Hara said that while much is unknown about the future of AI in higher education, it’s important for universities and students to stay up to date with the latest developments.

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AI literacy

One such example of the expansion of AI in the education space is through the Canvas learning platform, which is the main online platform used by numerous universities, including the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State University, as well as K-12 school districts.

Instructure, the maker of Canvas, and OpenAI announced their global partnership this summer — which will bring AI tools into the classroom by embedding OpenAI’s technology, titled IgniteAI, directly into Canvas.

Penn State is one of the local institutions testing these AI tools, according to Chris Millet, acting associate vice provost for online education. “Penn State has not at this time adopted any of these tools,” he said. “We’re in a phase right now where we’re learning about them ... but not rolling anything out broadly yet.”

The institution has been focused on developing AI literacy to build “basic competency” across its campuses, which Millet called the “responsible approach” to these tools.

“I do think the tools are interesting,” Millet said. “Some of them are compelling.”

As of now, Penn State has a specific AI tool procurement process, according to Millet.

“Any time faculty want to purchase an AI tool, that actually gets pretty strict review,” he said. “That’s basically the front line (so) what actually makes it into the classroom is safe for students.”

IgniteAI is intended to simplify and streamline the use of AI directly within Canvas

— allowing educators to create quizzes, generate rubrics, summarize discussions, align content to outcomes and more.

Ryan Lufkin, vice president of global academic strategy at Instructure, said the decision whether to implement IgniteAI within Canvas rests solely in each institution’s hands.

“We don’t turn any of these tools on without consent,” he said. “There are still a lot of educators who don’t trust AI. We want to make sure they don’t feel forced into something they are not supportive of.”

Lufkin, like Millet, said the goal is driving AI literacy. This iteration of Ignite AI is more focused on the educator side rather than the student side, he said.

“I would rather vie on the side of being cautious rather than jumping into some cool new tool,” said Millet, citing ethical concerns. “It’s a mutual learning process where we’re all trying to get up to speed and do this the right way.”

Preventing cheating

Perhaps the most notable concern associated with AI in the classroom is the potential for plagiarism and cheating.

Lufkin said one example of IgniteAI’s features is the opportunity for students to interact with the tool as if it were a famous literary character, like Tom Sawyer, for example. The instructor would then have access to the students’ chat threads to look at how they were approaching the conversations. It would allow the instructor to further personalize lessons and feedback.

“We are firm believers that the connection between the educator and the student is the heart of learning,” he said. “When a teacher can’t be around, that (AI) teaching assistant can actually be there to answer ... questions or (offer) guidance, more personalized learning experience for students.”

AI is an extension to teaching — not a tool for cheating, according to Lufkin. His son has been using AI since elementary school, and he said he uses it daily in the workplace.

“The simple fact is the students are using these tools. What we’re lacking in the equation is that they’re being told not to use them as opposed to being told how to use them for a specific process,” he said. “Willfully pretending the technology doesn’t exist is really glossing over it.”

IgniteAI will be able to provide faster feedback for

students, as grading fatigue affects educators often, Lufkin said. It also can be used for “smart search,” meaning the student or teacher could search keywords from previous lessons, and for studying purposes.

“These tools are actually trained not to give you the answer but actually use the Socratic answer to guide you to the answer,” he said.

AI also can create podcasts for students who struggle with reading quickly, according to Lufkin, to help with studying.

“There’s other tools that (students) can download to their phones,” he said. “If we’re just banning them and not explaining how to use them properly, we’re doing the kids a disservice.”

Millet said he’s excited about the personalized learning aspect of AI.

“In any classroom, students have differing levels of understanding of the concepts being taught,” he said. “Feedback is a really critical part of learning ... so if AI can do something to help instructors provide more robust feedback, I think that’s another really valuable thing.”

Though Millet said education is in a “rough transitional period” with AI tools, with people potentially using them inappropriately, he believes learning ultimately will benefit from them in the long run. Academic integrity is paramount, Millet said.

“We just have to be thoughtful about how we work through this period,” he said. “I do feel pretty confident ... not rushing into this but doing so responsibly.”

Millet himself said he is learning more quickly than he ever has with the help of AI.

“I see glimmers of what the future holds,” he said. “I don’t think integrity issues (will go) away, but that’s always been a problem.”

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Trump: ‘We think we found an answer to autism’

Link between Tylenol and disorder to be announced today, newspaper reports

BLOOMBERG NEWS

Trump administration officials plan to link the active ingredient in Tylenol to autism Monday, the Washington Post reported, citing unnamed people familiar with the matter.

Officials plan to warn pregnant women against using the medication, one of the world’s most common, over-the-counter pain relievers, unless they have a fever, the paper said. An earlier report that the administration was investigating potential links between acetaminophen and autism sent shares of Tylenol-maker Kenvue Inc. sinking.

A Kenvue representative didn’t immediately have a comment Sunday. The company previously has said there’s no causal link between taking acetaminophen during pregnancy and autism.

President Donald Trump said Sunday he will hold what he called “one of the most important news conferences” he will ever have Monday regarding autism.

“We think we found an answer to autism,” Trump said during a memorial ceremony for conservative activist Charlie Kirk. “There’s obviously something really wrong; we think we know what that is.”

The Washington Post also said the administration will promote another drug, leucovorin, as a potential autism treatment. Leucovorin is a prescription medication typically used in cancer treatment to counter harmful side effects of other drugs.

In late 2023, a judge rejected the scientific evidence behind the lawsuits alleging prenatal exposure to over-the-counter Tylenol caused autism.

U.S. District Judge Denise Cote in Manhattan concluded plaintiffs in more than 400 suits against makers and sellers of acetaminophen relied on flawed science in seeking to prove an increased risk of developmental issues in babies.

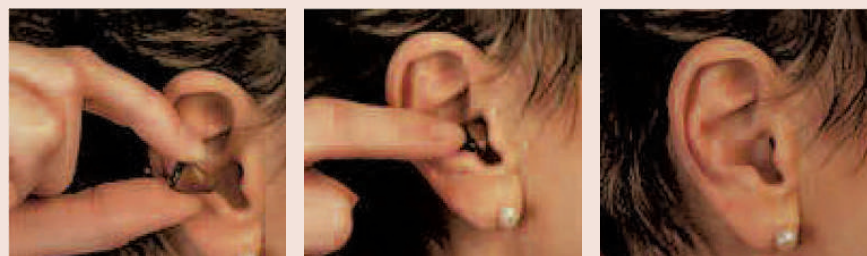
A subsequent study published in 2024 that analyzed the records of nearly 2.5 million siblings born in Sweden from 1995 through 2019 found no increased risk of autism when their mothers took acetaminophen while pregnant.



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SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 5, 2, 6, 5, 8, 4, 1, 3, 2, 9, 1, 3, 6, 5, 8, 9, 1, 4, 6, 2, 9, 7, 5, 6, 3, 3, 7, 6, 9, 4, 8, 5, 9, 8, 7, 6, 1, 8, 5, 9.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER grid with numbers 3, 7, 6, 9, 8, 5, 4, 2, 1, 1, 4, 9, 6, 2, 7, 8, 5, 3, 8, 2, 5, 4, 1, 3, 9, 7, 6, 2, 5, 1, 3, 6, 9, 7, 4, 8, 4, 8, 7, 1, 5, 2, 6, 3, 9, 6, 9, 3, 8, 7, 4, 2, 1, 5, 7, 3, 8, 2, 9, 1, 5, 6, 4, 9, 1, 2, 5, 4, 6, 3, 8, 7, 5, 6, 4, 7, 3, 8, 1, 9, 2.

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

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS 31 Sides in turf wars, 5 Commotions loudly, 9 Philly cager, 10 Cost as much as, 12 Wonderland visitor, 13 Wyoming's Grand — National Park, 14 British chaps, 16 Mamie's husband, 17 Flock fathers, 18 London river, 21 Hosp. sections, 22 Sidewalk openings, 23 Hooch, 24 Really inelegant, 26 Keg need, 29 Nickels and dimes, 30 Church area, 31 Turn bad, 32 Bike wheel parts, 34 Japanese dog, 37 Acid type, 38 Diner pages.

HEMI CAREW, ERODE OBAMA, MASON DEBBY, ESQ CIA BEN, NEURON FIRE, DEAD HEATS, DEALT, DEAD BEATS, BEER IMLATE, LAY ATE CAM, ACORN NAOMI, COROT TIMER, KNEES MANS.

Saturday's answer

- 11 Wallet bills, 15 Golf score units, 19 Hard to recollect, 20 Had lunch, 22 Big ringer, 23 Hot dog holder, 24 Throttles, 25 Typical Tele-mundo viewer, 26 Confiscating, 27 Get even for, 28 Cuban coins, 29 Study all night, 30 Wanderer, 33 Book part, 35 Soaking spot, 36 Donkey.

Crossword grid with numbers 1-41.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Jumble puzzles with letters ZNOEO, RIQKU, GHIRFT, NBUELD.

Cartoon with text: 'I thought I saw her a minute ago.', 'She was peeking around the rock.', 'Are you playing with them today?', 'They keep staring at me.', 'THE COLORFUL CARP THAT HID BEHIND THE ROCK IN THE GARDEN POOL WAS ---'.

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

Print your answer here: [Circles] " [Circles] " (Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: WORLD LADLE SWEATY CLAMOR Answer: When the carpet store had a huge sale, customers were — WALL-TO-WALL

HOROSCOPES

BY MAGI HELENA ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today and tomorrow are especially strong days for new initiatives and first-time meetings. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Trust your abilities even if someone doesn't get it or chooses to spill some tea. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discussions could involve more posturing than actual exchange of information. CANCER (June 21-July 22): A new collaboration could elevate your career path. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A gentle approach might serve you better. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial matters could be getting lots of love. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you've felt sidelined for a while, that should be about to change. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The flex is to remain in the vibe you choose to maintain for yourself. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): People may marvel at your current level of calm. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A renewed focus on career or other involvement could soon bear fruit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A grumpy attitude about money could be met with grace. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let go of an old disappointment; it was never about you. IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: September should have been an overall helpful month, and the support isn't likely to be over quite yet. October could have you dealing with people more invested in beliefs than in common sense — avoid engaging; there's more aggravation than wisdom in October's poor stars. Wait out October for anything important. November could bring not only friendship but a potentially important helper/healer/mentor/adviser. December offers not just holiday events but the chance to really deliver on your personal potentials. Be alert for a new opportunity. Sidestep a frenemy at the start of the new year. After that hiccup, prepare to slay in 2026. Magi Helena is a Tribune Content Agency writer.

WORD SLEUTH • ALGEBRA I

Word search grid with words like SP, MJ, HE, CZ, XU, AS, QB, NL, NO, IT, AU, QE, JB, GR, EC, ZEX, NW, ON, KN, US, AL, VT, RXP, NL, JO, ROT, CAF, HE, CP, AY, WV, TR, RK, IP, NL, T, CON, JU, GA, TE, MS, KI, GN, E(NUMERATOR)SCBZE, XEW, US, RS, NB, RACE, SM, PNET, IN, IF, NI, OUM, LE, JT, IE, LB, AIR, AV, BQ, GL, EDB, AY, XW, UT, MR, ET, SE.

Saturday's unlisted clue: CRICKET Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: QUADRATIC —

Table with 4 columns: Abscissa, Binomial, Braces, Brackets; Conjugate, Cube, Element, Exponent; Factor, Infinite, Numerator, Square root; Term, Unknown, Variable.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2025. There are 100 days left in the year.

Highlights in history

- In 1776: During the Revolutionary War, Capt. Nathan Hale, 21, was hanged as a spy by the British in New York. In 1862: President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all enslaved people in Confederate states should be freed as of Jan. 1, 1863, if the states did not end the fighting and rejoin the Union. In 1957: Haitian women were allowed to vote for the first time, 153 years after Haiti became an independent country; François Duvalier was elected president. In 1975: Sara Jane Moore fired two shots in an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate President Gerald R. Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, missing Ford by inches. In 1980: The Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into a full-scale war that would continue for nearly eight years. In 1985: Rock and country music artists participated in "Farm Aid," a concert staged in Champaign, Ill., to help the nation's farmers. In 1993: Forty-seven people were killed when an Amtrak passenger train derailed and plunged off a bridge into Big Bayou Canot near Mobile, Ala. In 2014: The United States and five Arab nations launched airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria, sending waves of planes and Tomahawk cruise missiles against an array of targets. In 2017: As the scale of the damage from Hurricane Maria started to become clearer, Puerto Rican officials said they could not contact more than half of the communities in the U.S. territory, where all power had been knocked out to the island's 3.4 million people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Table with 2 columns: Singer-choreographer-actor Toni Basil (82), Football hall of famer Harold Carmichael (76), Rock singer David Coverdale (74), Actor Shari Belafonte (71), Singer Debby Boone (69), Country singer June Forester (69), Singer Nick Cave (68); Singer Andrea Bocelli (67), Singer-musician Joan Jett (67), Actor Scott Baio (65), Actor Bonnie Hunt (64), Actor Mireille Enos (50), Soccer player Thiago Silva (41), Actor Tatiana Maslany (40), Actor Tom Felton (38), Actor Teyonah Parris (38), Olympic gold medal skateboarder Coco Yoshizawa (16).

CRYPTOQUOTE

A XYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTE

TMF TVV TC WMSH, BEZZHO

SWVVTABHF QMCW GTVV.

WBSTO YQVFH

Saturday's Cryptoquote: OF COURSE I TALK TO MYSELF. I LIKE A GOOD SPEAKER, AND I APPRECIATE AN INTELLIGENT AUDIENCE. — DOROTHY PARKER

BRIDGE BY FRANK STEWART

According to Cy the Cynic, an honest man is one who has yet to receive a good enough offer. Against today's 3NT, West led a low club. Dummy played low, and East took the queen and returned the ten to the ace. South then led a heart to his hand and let the nine of spades ride. East took the king and ... returned a spade. South won with the jack and had nine tricks: three spades, four hearts, a diamond and a club. But if West had the king of diamonds, South could make two overtricks, and it was safe to finesse since East had clearly had no more clubs.

left, opens three clubs. You partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say? ANSWER: You have a slam, possibly a grand slam. Partner's double, which obliges you to respond at the three level, shows a hand worth 17 or more points. Cue-bid four clubs to let him suggest a suit. If he bids four of a major, you might cue-bid five clubs to aim toward big things. North dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH ♠ A Q 10 3 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A 5

WEST ♠ 8 5 4 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ K J 7 3

EAST ♠ K 7 6 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ K 9 6 4 ♣ Q 10 2

SOUTH ♠ J 9 2 ♥ A Q J ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ 9 8 6 4

North 1♦ 3NT East Pass South 1NT West Pass Opening lead — ♣ 3

DOWN ONE

So at the sixth trick, South led the ten of diamonds. He was aghast when East took the king and produced a club, and West cashed the jack and king for down one. East's defense was devious; he made South a tempting offer. South took the offer when he might have known better (the deuce of clubs was missing) — and succumbed. I'm not sure whether South or East could be called dishonest. Maybe they both could. This week: deception on defense.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q 10 3 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A 5. The dealer, at your

UNITED FEATURES CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Doggie, 4 Cloth for cleaning, 7 Store, 11 "Born in the —", 12 Peace symbol, 13 On — with (equal to), 14 Mal de —, 15 Portent, 16 Alliance acronym, 17 Dance about, 19 Tracked down, 21 Drum major's stick, 23 On in years, 24 Snapshot, 26 "Woe — —!", 28 Be sickly, 29 Marathon, 31 Regretted, 35 ASL user, often, 37 Distort, 39 Gun org., 40 Body of water, 42 Lubricated, 44 High-five sound, 46 Insect stage, 48 Did an usher's job, 50 Elevated road, 53 Clue, 54 Vaulted church area, 56 State near Ga., 57 A single time, 58 Level, 59 Ref's kin, 60 Look closely, 61 Tiny colonist, 62 — Vegas.

DOWN

- 1 "— Up the Volume", 2 Employer, 3 Geometric curve, 4 Tragic lover, 5 Rd., 6 Fellow, 7 Supervisor, 8 Swiftly, 9 Gave a grade to, 10 Walked on.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

FOO CPA DAMP, AMP HER S ANON, NAP ANEW ITON, GHOST SIBLING, ART PLY, TUN KEA TAB, FAUNA ISM RTE, OWN BAN EQUAL, GEE BEG DUN, LEO ICE, WHEEDLE SPARE, HURT UNTO TAX, EGGO SIAM ETA, NEON DUE DOM.

United Features crossword grid with numbers 1-62.

Garfield Jim Davis

SIGH

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WELL, GOING TO THAT STORE WAS A TOTAL WASTE OF TIME

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Marvin Tom Armstrong

THERE WASN'T A SINGLE TOY AISLE!

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Crankshaft Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers

I LOOK LIKE I DRANK FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF OLD!

BATIUK & DAVIS

Nancy Ernie Bushmiller

I HEAR A NEW GIRL MOVED TO OUR STREET

I HOPE SHE ISN'T PRETTY

AW---FORGET ABOUT IT--- THINK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE

COME--- LOOK AT THE PARADE

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Rugrats Gray & Crespo

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, PHIL!

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU TOO, LIL!

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Overboard Chip Dunham

HERE HE COMES, NATE. PLEASE BE NICE.

I WILL BE AS NICE AS I CAN.

HI. I'M AUTUMN.

SCRAM.

THAT'S BEING NICE?

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For Better Or For Worse Lynn Johnston

WILL YOU HURRY UP? HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA BE?! ARE YOU FINISHED YET? I WANNA COME IN THERE!!!

APRIL, THERE ARE THREE BATHROOMS IN THIS HOUSE - WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A BIG FUSS OVER THIS ONE?

... BECAUSE I'M IN THIS ONE!

BAM!

9-22

Hagar Dik Browne

HAGAR, WAKE UP!

WE OVER-SLEPT!

THE SUN IS RISING ABOVE YOUR BELLY!

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Hagar Dik Browne

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WE OVER-SLEPT!

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Nolan, who made 'Oppenheimer,' to lead Directors Guild

Oscar winner helped save traditional film format

Christopher Nolan has been selected to lead the Directors Guild of America, the organization said late Saturday. The Oscar-winning filmmaker said in a statement that it is, "one of the greatest honors of my career."

"Our industry is experiencing tremendous change, and I thank the Guild's membership for entrusting me with this responsibility," said Nolan, a well-known champion of the theatrical experience and film stock.

Filmmakers like Nolan, Martin Scorsese and others rallied to keep it going. This year, Ryan Coogler's "Sinners" helped prove the point again. Nolan will take over for outgoing president Lesli Linka Glatter, who led the group for four years through the Hollywood strikes of 2023.

Officers elected to serve alongside Nolan include Ron Howard, Gina Prince-Bythewood, Laura Belsey and former president Paris Barclay. Among the board members are Steven Spielberg and Phil Lord.

Nolan's next film, a starry adaptation of Homer's "The Odyssey," opens in theaters July 17.



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Movie ticket sales slump as 'Him,' 'Big Bold Beautiful Journey' debut

'Demon Slayer' holds top spot at box office

Neither a Jordan Peele-produced horror nor a Margot Robbie and Colin Farrell romantic drama were enough to continue the September hot streak at the movies.

Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - Infinity Castle, the North American box office slowed significantly. Overall ticket sales were down nearly 50% from last weekend, with the holdover champion "Demon Slayer" edging out the newcomer "Him" for first place.

The football horror "Him" opened in second place with an estimated \$13.5 million in ticket sales. Universal Pictures opened "Him" in 3,168 North American theaters, where the audience was 52% male and 65% over the age of 25.

"Him" scored with neither critics (it carries a 29% on Rotten Tomatoes) nor audiences, who gave the film a C- CinemaScore. In addition to "Demon Slayer," Sony had a new film this weekend as well: The original romance "A Big Bold Beautiful Journey," starring Robbie and Farrell, but that fizzled with audiences, earning only \$3.5 million from 3,300 locations.

Top 10 movies by domestic box office: 1. "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - Infinity Castle" \$17.3 million. 2. "Him," \$13.5 million. 3. "The Conjuring: Last Rites," \$13 million.

4. (tie) "The Long Walk," \$6.3 million. 4. (tie) "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale," \$6.3 million. 6. "A Big Bold Beautiful Journey," \$3.5 million.

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Offense makes home finale grand

Homers by Bart, Triolo back another shutout as Pirates throttle A's

BY KEVIN GORMAN

The Pittsburgh Pirates had scored a combined total of 10 runs in their previous five games, causing manager Don Kelly to repeatedly call their inability to drive in runners the team's Achilles' heel. Perhaps they were saving it

for the home finale.

Spurred by Jared Triolo and Joey Bart, who combined for eight hits and six RBIs, the Pirates rolled to an 11-0 win over the Athletics on Sunday afternoon before 16,107 at PNC Park.

The Pirates completed their MLB-best 19th shutout victory of the season — and second consecutive, following a 2-0 win Saturday night — with 15 of the shutouts coming at PNC Park.

The Pirates (67-89) finished



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with a 44-37 home record. They drew a total home attendance of 1,525,025 this season, an average of 18,828 per game. That's down from 1,720,361 (21,239 per game) in 2024, for

an average decrease of 2,411 per game.

"We've played really well at home and against some really good teams, too," Pirates manager Don Kelly said. "We've got to switch it on the road, you know? Take these home victories and the way we played at home and play that way on the road, too."

"Last road trip was tough. You go 1-5, never close to being satisfied with that. All one-run

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Pirates catcher Joey Bart celebrates with Andrew McCutchen and Jack Suwinski after hitting a three-run homer against the A's on Sunday.



Steelers defensive tackle Cameron Heyward deflects a pass by Patriots quarterback Drake Maye during the first half Sunday. The tipped ball was intercepted by Brandin Echols, one of five turnovers forced by the Steelers.

CLOSE SHAVE

Steelers end Gillette Stadium jinx thanks to defense's 5 takeaways

BY JOE RUTTER

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Dominated in total yards, time of possession and most offensive statistics Sunday afternoon at Gillette Stadium, the Pittsburgh Steelers held an advantage in the most important category:

The scoreboard. Thanks to a defense that produced five turnovers, the Steelers overcame their offensive struggles and escaped with a 21-14 victory against the New England Patriots on Calvin Austin's 17-yard go-ahead touchdown catch with 2 minutes, 16 seconds left.

Austin's back-shoulder reception from Aaron Rodgers on third

down represented the first points for the Steelers since early in the second quarter. Despite blowing a 14-0 lead, the Steelers rallied for their first win here since 2008.

The winning drive was set up by Nick Herbig's strip sack and T.J. Watt's fumble recovery at the Steelers 38. It was the fifth turnover produced by a defense that got two takeaways in the end zone.

"Without the defense, we definitely wouldn't be sitting in this locker room cheering and happy we got a win," said wide receiver DK Metcalf, who caught the other touchdown pass from Rodgers.

Held to one first down on their previous five possessions — and

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that was courtesy of a pass interference penalty — the Steelers got four on their go-ahead touchdown drive, which covered 62 yards in nine plays.

"The defense came up extremely big in each of those moments," said Austin, who caught three passes for 34 yards. "Obviously, you want to convert on all of them so we wouldn't be in this type of game. But sometimes there are

games like this. Sometimes you may not win pretty, but it's about executing at the end."

After allowing the Patriots to convert four times on fourth down in the game, the Steelers made a fourth-down stop at their 29 with 1:03 left to preserve the win. It was the fifth time the Patriots had a drive end in Steelers territory without any points to show for their work.

Cornerback Brandin Echols, whose interception in the end zone with 7 seconds left in the first half ended one threat, stopped Demario Douglas for a 1-yard loss on fourth-and-1, enabling the Steelers

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Steelers receiver DK Metcalf makes a catch for a touchdown against New England cornerback Carlton Davis III.

Steelers earn 'throwback' victory

It was a "Throwback Weekend" for NFL coverage on CBS. The network celebrated 50 years of "The NFL Today."

That's probably a good thing. Because, for the most part, you had to go back to the 1970s to find much success for the Steelers in New England. They won there in 1974 and 1979 en route to Super Bowl Championships.

They didn't win in Foxborough again until 1997, and had



TIM BENZ

Stadium was winding along, it felt like another creative path to defeat was being carved in that building, as we had seen so many times before during the Brady-Belichick era of Patriots dominance.

But on this Sunday, the Steelers made just enough plays at

just the right times to win 21-14 over a New England team that clearly still has a long way to go to get back to where Patriots fans remember it being as recently as 2018.

That made coming up with a list of Steelers "Feats of Strength" very easy. But our "Airing of Grievances" wasn't exactly difficult to compile either, as the Steelers improved to 2-1.

Feats of Strength

Instant karma: With the

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Rust doesn't want to leave

Veteran Penguins forward's no-trade clause has expired

BY SETH RORABAUGH

Everyone with the Pittsburgh Penguins is going through a bit of an acclimation process with new coach Dan Muse in the early days of training camp.

Perhaps no one more so than forward Bryan Rust, who played for previous coach Mike Sullivan dating to their days with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins during the early portion of the 2015-16 American Hockey League season.

"It is a bit weird," Rust said. "He is pretty much the only coach I've known in the NHL except for Mike Johnston (Sullivan's predecessor) for (19) games. But I'm excited for a new chapter, for a new opportunity for this team."

So far, Rust has liked what he's seen in the early stages of the Muse era.

"The energy out there was great (during practice)," said the 33-year-old. "It was kind of contagious. ... Everybody out there, from the old guys like me down to the young guys, were out there working hard."

Rust was one of those young guys in a bottom-six role once upon a time, and, through studious work, he has become an old guy who is a steady top-six 20-goal threat.

The only reason a five-year string of 20-goal seasons came to an end last season was because he scored a career-best 31 goals.

That increased production, blended with his breakneck speed and tenacity as a forechecker, led to him being invited to the United States Olympic orientation camp in August. The function serves as something of an evaluation for potential members of the Olympic roster.

"I was extremely honored," said Rust, a native of Novi, Mich. "It's something that I've been striving for. I don't

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In 71 games last season, Penguins forward Bryan Rust had 65 points (31 goals, 34 assists).

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NOTEBOOK

Harmon records 1st sack

BY JOE RUTTER

In his NFL and Steelers debut, first-round pick Derrick Harmon recorded his first sack. It came in the first quarter when he dropped Drake Maye for a 4-yard loss on third down, forcing the only punt of the game for the Patriots.

Harmon finished with two tackles while rotating in with fellow rookie Yahya Black on the line.

"I've got to keep stacking these and get better," Harmon said.

Harmon sprained his knee in the preseason finale and missed the first two games of the season. He was a limited practice participant early in the week before practicing fully Friday. He learned Saturday that he would be part of the game-day roster.

"There was a feeling, but it was a last-minute type of thing," Harmon said. "I was glad I could get out there with the guys and compete."

Despite Harmon's inclusion in the defensive rotation, the Steelers still allowed 119 yards rushing, two more than Seattle gained a week earlier. Still, defensive captain Cameron Heyward liked what he saw from the rookie.

"He's got strong hands," Heyward said. "I was worried about his conditioning, but he came to play today."

Heating up

One week after seeing his first snaps on defense, Cole Holcomb started at inside linebacker ahead of Payton Wilson. Holcomb had six tackles, including five solo stops.

His forced fumble on the opening drive was the first of five takeaways for the Steelers. Holcomb knocked the ball from running back Rhamondre Stevenson's grasp, and Dariusz Slay recovered at the Steelers 46. It led to a touchdown drive and 7-0 lead for the Steelers.

"When you do things the right way, show up for work every day, good things find you," inside linebacker Patrick Queen said. "I couldn't be more excited for him, especially with all the things he had to deal with."

Returning from a nearly two-year absence because of a leg injury, Holcomb didn't play on defense in the season opener, and he was limited to 13 defensive snaps last week against Seattle. With the Patriots frequently deploying two tight ends — Hunter Henry and Austin Hooper — Holcomb anticipated increased playing time against New England.

"It's worked out in my favor in terms of how this process has gone and them not throwing me in and playing me every snap," Holcomb said. "It's more about getting into the feel of things. Getting those snaps last week definitely helped."

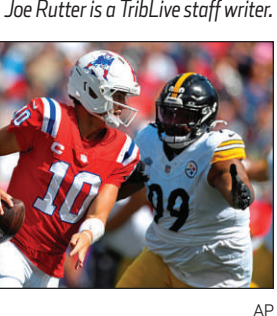
Keeping clean

After being sacked seven times in the first two games, Aaron Rodgers didn't go to the ground once against the Patriots, who entered the game with nine sacks.

Rodgers credited the work of the offensive line, which was under scrutiny the first two games for its protection lapses, and to offensive coordinator Arthur Smith.

"It's a group effort, and I've tried to take accountability the last couple weeks on sacks that were probably my fault," Rodgers said. "Today, I moved around just enough there. There are some things to clean up, but I have a lot of confidence in those guys, and Art did a good job keeping them off balance with some of the different protection schemes and some moving-the-pocket stuff."

"I thought those guys played well. They were a little upset after last week. They played with a better attitude."



AP

Steelers defensive tackle Derrick Harmon sacked Patriots quarterback Drake Maye in the first quarter.



Steelers linebacker Patrick Queen (top) and safety Juan Thornhill tackle Patriots running back Rhamondre Stevenson during the first half Sunday.

Defense rises to occasion

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to run out the clock.

"We put a heavy emphasis on it every week, day-in and day-out. Get the ball back to the offense," Echols said. "That was our primary focus coming into the game."

New England ran 71 plays compared to 49 for the Steelers. The Patriots had 26 first downs, the Steelers 17. And the Patriots became the third consecutive opponent to control time of possession, keeping it for 33:20.

The Steelers, though, turned two of those New England turnovers into touchdowns. The Patriots forced just one — a Rodgers interception in the second half — but gave it right back to the Steelers.

"We were able to blow up when we needed to," said Watt, who had his first two sacks of the season. "We are on the field way too much. Really good, successful defenses spend a lot of time on the bench."

The Steelers survived the defensive lapses — New England had drives of 17 and 15 plays — thanks to the end zone turnovers. After Echols intercepted Drake Maye at the end of the first half, inside linebacker Payton Wilson pounced on a fumble in the end zone to end New England's

first drive of the third quarter.

The Steelers' oldest defensive player, defensive tackle Cameron Heyward, had a hand in each turnover. He tipped Maye's pass that Echols intercepted, and he forced the ball loose from running back Rhamondre Stevenson that led to Wilson's recovery.

Heyward also had a sack, his first of the season.

"We do a good job of studying our opponents, looking for ways to create turnovers," Heyward said. "We preached all week that we were going to have some opportunities to punch at that ball. That was very apparent today."

Stevenson entered the game with 14 career fumbles and added two to his ledger, losing both. Jabrill Peppers, starting at safety in his second game with the Steelers, had another fumble recovery of running back Antonio Gibson.

"From Tuesday on, we were very steadfast about creating turnovers," Heyward said. "We were very locked in on that, and it paid dividends in the end."

The offense, meantime, went into hibernation after scoring touchdowns on its first two possessions. Kenny Gainwell scored on a 1-yard run, and Metcalf had a 12-yard

touchdown catch on a fade from Rodgers. The Steelers had 53 yards rushing after the first quarter and finished with 64.

"We were feeling pretty damn good about ourselves," Rodgers said. "Then, I just didn't play great. We kind of lost our rhythm, too many penalties and negative yardage plays, and we didn't make them pay when we had opportunities."

For the next five possessions, the Steelers had five drives that gained a combined 19 yards. It ended with four punts and an interception.

"You're going to have your ups and downs," Austin said. "The biggest thing this week is we continued to be ourselves and communicate. There was no panic."

Rodgers completed 16 of 23 attempts for 139 yards. His last pass turned out to be his most important one of the game as he spotted Austin near the end zone and hit him with a back-shoulder throw for the winning 17-yard score.

"When you're as gifted as he is, as long as we do our part as receivers, getting open, he'll put the ball where it needs to be," Austin said. "That's the advantage we've got with (No.) 8 back there."

Joe Rutter is a TribLive staff writer.

Steelers tight ends remain mostly ineffective

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score tied 14-14, Patriots quarterback Drake Maye converted a fourth-down scramble in the fourth quarter to extend a New England drive in Pittsburgh territory with 8 minutes, 29 seconds left.

T.J. Watt clearly was held on the play by receiver Mack Hollins. On the next snap, Maye was sacked by Nick Herbig. The second-year QB fumbled, and Watt recovered.

The Steelers took over and converted a touchdown on the next drive when Aaron Rodgers found Calvin Austin III for a score with just over two minutes left.

Coordinator Arthur Smith's offense went 3 of 3 in the red zone. Meanwhile, coordinator Teryl Austin's defense forced two red zone turnovers.

The Steelers gave up lots of yards and plenty of conversions. We'll get to those. But it also created five turnovers, five sacks, and eight quarterback hits.

At the right time: The Steelers allowed New England to convert its first four fourth-down attempts.

But on the most crucial play of the game, the Patriots decided to have Maye throw a pass to DeMario Douglas on a hook route short of the sticks on fourth down with a little over a yard to go.

Why they did that, I don't know. But Brandin Echols blew up the play and knocked Douglas off his pins, and Payton Wilson finished off the tackle to effectively end the game.

Also, credit Jalen Ramsey for coming on a blitz and getting in Maye's face. That might have caused the quarterback to take a little zip off the pass.

Bookending it: The Steelers had an effective first offensive possession on the ground as Jaylen Warren picked up 32 rushing yards on six carries.

Smith also brought back the yards-after-catch game with DK Metcalf on a 15-yard quick hit, stepback-throw that produced a first down, leading to a Kenneth Gainwell TD to open the scoring.

Warren also accounted for 29 yards from scrimmage on the final touchdown drive before the Austin TD catch.

In between those drives, though, both players did very little. Warren accounted for just 47 yards rushing on 18 carries. Metcalf had only three catches for 32 yards.

Heyward's hands: After a quiet first two weeks (after ending his hold-in), Cameron Heyward had perhaps the biggest play of the game.

With the Steelers up 14-7, he deflected a pass at the line of scrimmage on a third-and-goal attempt with 12 seconds left to go in the first half. The pass fluttered, and Echols made a touchdown-saving interception.

The play finally halted a 17-play drive by New England that resulted in no points.

Then, Aaron Rodgers threw an interception to former Steeler Robert Spillane on the opening possession of the third quarter, just three snaps into the second half. Spillane returned it deep into the red zone.

Fortunately, once the Patriots went back on offense, Heyward poked the ball away from Rhamondre Stevenson for his second fumble of the afternoon.

Payton Wilson pounced on it, and the Steelers maintained a 14-7 lead.

him isolated on — and going right at — Austin with big-bodied pass catchers.

Austin interfered with Darnell Washington on third-and-goal during the first possession to give the Steelers a fresh set of downs in the red zone. Gainwell scored on the next snap.

On Pittsburgh's second possession, Rodgers fumbled after being stripped on a third-and-6. The Steelers recovered it, but the result of the play was washed out by a holding call against Austin, who was matched up against Jonnu Smith.

Both penalties were borderline. But Austin was outzined, and the officials weren't giving him the benefit of the doubt on anything.

The Steelers also drew a big pass interference penalty on Carlton Davis, guarding Metcalf, on their first fourth-quarter possession that also appeared to be uncatchable.

Add a little Pepper(s): Spillane wasn't the only former player to bite his old team in this game.

Recently added Pittsburgh safety Jabrill Peppers made a big play against his old club when he caused and recovered a fumble in the third quarter.

That occurred on New England's next possession after Stevenson's red zone fumble.

The problem was that Pittsburgh simply couldn't turn those three failed Pats possessions into points. They simply erased mistakes the Steelers made or good drives originally mounted by Maye and company.

Airing of Grievances

Nostalgia alert: Speaking of CBS's "Throwback Weekend," there was definitely a throwback theme for this game: the Steelers getting roasted by a New England tight end in Foxborough.

SUMMARY

STEELERS 21, NEW ENGLAND 14

Steelers	7	7	0	7	—	21
New England	0	7	0	7	—	14

First Quarter
PIT—Gainwell 1 run (Boswell kick), 8:25.

Second Quarter
PIT—Metcalf 12 pass from Rodgers (Boswell kick), 13:49.

NE—Henry 5 pass from Maye (Borregales kick), 9:01.

Fourth Quarter
NE—Henry 16 pass from Maye (Borregales kick), 14:56.

PIT—Austin 17 pass from Rodgers (Boswell kick), 2:16.

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TEAM STATISTICS		PIT	NE
First downs		17	26
Total Net Yards		202	368
Rushes-yards		26-63	29-119
Passing		139	249
Punt Returns		0-0	1-11
Kickoff Returns		1-27	4-94
Interceptions Ret.		1-0	1-37
Comp-Att-Int		16-23-1	28-37-3
Sacked-Yards Lost		0-0	5-19
Punts		4-42-25	1-59-0
Fumbles-Lost		1-0	4-4
Penalties-Yards		8-59	7-54
Time of Possession		26:40	33:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Steelers passing

	COMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	Rat
Aaron Rodgers	16	23	139	2	1	96.1

Patriots passing

	COMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	Rat
Drake Maye	28	37	268	2	1	102.1

Steelers rushing

	CAR	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jaylen Warren	18	47	2.6	11	0
Kenneth Gainwell	4	16	4.0	13	1
Aaron Rodgers	4	1	0.3	3	0

Patriots rushing

	CAR	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Drake Maye	7	45	6.4	15	0
Antonio Gibson	7	28	4.0	11	0
TreVeyon Henderson	11	28	2.5	5	0
Rhamondre Stevenson	4	18	4.5	10	0

Steelers receiving

	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	TGT
Calvin Austin III	3	34	11.3	17	1	5
Jaylen Warren	5	34	6.8	15	0	6
DK Metcalf	3	32	10.7	15	1	4
Jonnu Smith	3	23	7.7	21	0	3
Kenneth Gainwell	1	10	10.0	10	0	1
Pat Freiermuth	1	6	6.0	6	0	3

Patriots receiving

	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	TGT
Hunter Henry	8	90	11.3	18	2	11
Rhamondre Stevenson	3	38	12.7	23	0	3
Austin Hooper	2	28	14.0	16	0	3
Kayshon Boutte	2	28	14.0	20	0	3
Mack Hollins	4	27	6.8	11	0	4
Stefon Diggs	3	23	7.7	11	0	3
TreVeyon Henderson	3	19	6.3	8	0	3
DeMario Douglas	2	7	3.5	8	0	5

Steelers kicking

	FG	LONG	XP	PTS
Chris Boswell	0/0	0	3/3	3

Patriots kicking

	FG	LONG	XP	PTS
Andres Borregales	0/0	0	2/2	2

Steelers defense

	T-A	SCK	INT	FF
P. Queen	6-4	0.0	0	0
C. Holcomb	5-1	0.0	0	1
B. Woodson	4-2	0.0	0	0
P. Echols	4-1	0.0	1	0
C. Heyward	3-3	1.0	0	1
J. Thornhill	3-3	0.0	0	0
C. Clark	3-3	0.0	0	0
D. Slay	3-0	0.0	0	0
J. Peppers	2-4	0.0	0	1
T. Watt	2-3	2.0	0	1
D. Ekuele	2-1	0.0	0	0
D. Harmon	2-0	1.0	0	0
J. Pierre	2-0	0.0	0	0
D. Lead	1-1	0.0	0	0
N. Herbig	1-1	1.0	0	1
J. Sawyer	1-0	0.0	0	0
K. Benton	1-0	0.0	0	0
D. Metcalf	1-0	0.0	0	0
Y. Black	0-2	0.0	0	0
J. Ramsey	0-1	0.0	0	0

Patriots defense

	T-A	SCK	INT	FF
R. Spillane	10-5	0.0	1	0
H. Landry	2-4	0.0	0	1
C. Woodson	2-2	0.0	0	0
J. Havkins	2-1	0.0	0	0
K. Chaisson	2-1	0.0	0	0
M. Jones	2-0	0.0	0	0
M. Williams	2-0	0.0	0	0
C. Davis	2-0	0.0	0	0
K. Dugger	1-1	0.0	0	0
M. Onwenu	1-0	0.0	0	0
C. Woods	1-0	0.0	0	0
J. Gibbens	1-0	0.0	0	0
J. Farmer	1-0	0.0	0	0
C. Barmore	1-0	0.0	0	0
W. Campbell	1-0	0.0	0	0
C. Ellis	0-1	0.0	0	0
K. White	0-1	0.0	0	0
C. Durden	0-1	0.0	0	0

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AROUND THE NFL

Peppers shines vs. former team

BY JOE RUTTER

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — It was a moment for Jabrill Peppers to savor and celebrate.

Playing in his second game for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Peppers not only saw his first snaps on defense, he got the start at safety and had a fumble recovery in the second half that was one of five takeaways produced against the New England Patriots in a 21-14 victory Sunday.

As he clutched the ball, Peppers ran into the end zone and made a gesture to the fans in a moment of adulation for the former Patriots player.

"I envisioned it last night," Peppers said after he received a game ball for his effort that included six tackles. "I let the fans know I miss them, but I'm down with the Steel Curtain now."

With the Steelers minus starting strong safety DeShon Elliott and corner Joey Porter Jr., Peppers started alongside Jalen Ramsey at the safety spots. Brandin Echols started at outside corner. Chuck Clark and Juan Thornhill rotated into the defense and also had six tackles apiece, but Peppers' play stood out because of his newness to the defense.

A week earlier, after being assigned in free agency following the season opener, Peppers' snaps were limited to special teams.

"It meant a lot," Peppers said about starting against his former team. "It shows the coaching staff trusts me. I dived into the playbook every day and every night, and I made sure I was on top of my game. I communicate the right way, and I'm in the right spots. I definitely have a lot I gotta work on, fine-tune the minute details."

Peppers tackled Antonio Gibson at the Steelers 43 on a first-down run. T.J. Watt was credited with the forced fumble, although it looked like Peppers had done the dirty work. Peppers then pounced on the loose ball for the fourth of the Steelers' five takeaways.

"He's made plays everywhere," Ramsey said. "It's not going to change just because he's in a new uniform. I was glad he was out there with us today, getting his first action. He got to show how he plays, got to show his flavor."

Peppers took pride in receiving a game ball from coach Mike Tomlin. Another former Patriots player, tight end Jonnu Smith, also received a game ball.

"I had to keep my emotions in check," Peppers said about his return to Gillette Stadium. "I couldn't let the moment get too big, let the big plays come to you. I've definitely got to work on some details, but it's good to be correcting things after a win."

NOTEBOOK

Report: Cards RB Conner out for season

WIRE REPORTS

Cardinals running back James Conner suffered a season-ending right ankle injury during Sunday's loss to the 49ers, a source told ESPN. Conner was carted off the field after a 9-yard run with 12:26 remaining in the third quarter.

Chargers running back Najee Harris hurt his left Achilles tendon on a non-contact play in the second quarter against the Broncos.

Cowboys star receiver CeeDee Lamb left Sunday's game because of an ankle injury.

Standout left tackle Andrew Thomas was active and expected to make his season debut for

the Giants when they hosted the Chiefs on Sunday night.

Despite benching quarterback Michael Penix Jr. 11 minutes left in the game for veteran Kirk Cousins with the Falcons trailing 27-0, coach Raheem Morris quashed talk of making a change at quarterback after the game.

49ers star defensive end Nick Bosa left Sunday's game with a knee injury in the first half.

The Bengals' 38-point loss to the Vikings was the worst in franchise history.

Boos and chants of "Fire (Brian) Callahan" could be heard during the Titans 41-20 loss to Indianapolis.

ROUNDUP

Browns stun GB

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andre Szmyt kicked a 55-yard field goal as time expired, and Cleveland rallied from a 10-0 deficit with under four minutes left to beat Green Bay, 13-10, on Sunday.

The Browns (1-2) snapped an eight-game losing streak dating to last season.

Green Bay (2-1) appeared as if it might win with a last-minute field goal when it drove to the Browns 25, but Shelby Harris blocked a 43-yard field goal attempt by Brandon McManus and Greg Newsome II recovered at the 47.

Vikings 48, Bengals 10 — Isaiah Rodgers helped make Carson Wentz's debut at quarterback for Minnesota a rousing success, setting a Vikings record with two defensive touchdowns and forcing three of Cincinnati's five turnovers.

Wentz threw for two touchdowns over three quarters before yielding the mop-up work to rookie Max Brosmer.

Eagles 33, Rams 26 — Jordan Davis blocked a field-goal attempt by the Rams' Joshua Karty on the final play of the game and returned it 61 yards for a touchdown — the Eagles' second blocked kick of the fourth quarter — to give Philadelphia an exhilarating win.

The Rams (2-1) led 26-21 midway through the fourth when Jalen Carter blocked Karty's 36-yard try, and Jalen Hurts then led the Super Bowl champion Eagles (3-0) on a 17-play, 91-yard drive for the go-ahead score.

Colts 41, Titans 20 — Jonathan Taylor ran for 102 yards and three touchdowns, and the Colts continued their best start since 2009. Kenny Moore put the Colts ahead to stay on the third offensive play of the game. He picked off rookie Cam Ward and went 32 yards for the pick-6.

Panthers 30, Falcons 0 — Bryce Young ran for a touchdown, Chau Smith-Wade returned an interception 11 yards for a score and rookie Ryan Fitzgerald made three field goals and Carolina got its first win of the season.

Commanders 41, Raiders 24 — A reconfigured Commanders offense — nearly half the starters were different from a game ago, including quarterback Marcus Mariota filling in for

an injured Jayden Daniels — produced 201 yards on the ground, 174 in the first half alone, to lead Washington.

In his first NFL start since 2022 with Atlanta, Mariota went 15 for 21 for 206 yards with a late touchdown.

Buccaneers 29, Jets 27 — The Buccaneers overcame a late surge by the Jets, who erased a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter to take the lead before Baker Mayfield orchestrated a scoring drive in the closing minutes for the third straight week.

Mayfield, who was 19 of 29 for 233 yards and one touchdown, set up McLaughlin's fifth field goal of the game with completions of 28 yards to Emeka Egbuka and 20 to Sterling Shepard.

49ers 16, Cardinals 15 — Recently signed kicker Eddy Pineiro made a 35-yard field goal on the final play to give San Francisco the win.

Bears 31, Cowboys 14 — Caleb Williams had a career high with four touchdown passes, and Chicago gave Ben Johnson his first win as an NFL head coach.

Johnson's offense broke off several big plays while racking up 385 yards.

Seahawks 44, Saints 13 — Rookie Trey Horton returned a punt 95 yards for a touchdown — the longest punt return in Seahawks franchise history — and caught one of Sam Darnold's two TD passes.

Kenneth Walker III ran for two TDs for the Seahawks (2-1), with the first set up by another big play on special teams. D'Anthony Bell blocked a punt by Kai Kroeger deep in New Orleans territory, and Walker's 3-yard run gave Seattle a 21-0 first-quarter lead.

Chargers 23, Broncos 20 — Justin Herbert found Keenan Allen for a tying touchdown with 2:44 remaining and then led Los Angeles into position for Cameron Dicker's game-ending 43-yard field goal as the Chargers beat Denver for their first 3-0 start since 2002.

Herbert was 28 of 47 for 300 yards. At 27 years, 195 days, he became the youngest NFL player to reach 2,000 career completions.

Jaguars 17, Texans 10 — Trevor Lawrence found Brian Thomas Jr. for a 46-yard gain, Travis Etienne scored on the next play and Jacksonville held on.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

CLEVELAND 13, GREEN BAY 10

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Cleveland and Green Bay.

Second Quarter

GB—FG McManus 39, 14:53.

Third Quarter

GB—FitzPatrick 3 pass from Love (McManus kick), 3:23.

Fourth Quarter

Cle—FG Szmyt 35, 3:38.

Cle—Judkins 1 run (Szmyt kick), 3:01.

Cle—FG Szmyt 55, :00.

A—65,470.

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: Team, First downs, Total Net Yards, Rushes-yards, Passing-yards.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Green Bay, Jacobs 16-30, Wilson 16-56, Tuton 6-21, Lawrence 2-9.

PASSING—Houston, Stroud 25-38-2,04.

JACKSONVILLE 17, HOUSTON 10

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Jacksonville and Houston.

First Quarter

Jac—Luten 1 run (C.Little kick), 2:06.

Second Quarter

Hou—FG Fairbairn 27, 6:54.

Third Quarter

Jac—FG C.Little 39, 6:23.

Fourth Quarter

Hou—Collins 50 pass from Stroud (Fairbairn kick), 9:17.

Jac—Etienne 10 run (C.Little kick), 1:48.

A—58,161.

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: Team, First downs, Total Net Yards, Rushes-yards, Passing-yards.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cincinnati, Perine 4-21, Brooks 1-3, Chase 1-9, Browning 1-3, C.Brown

10-3, Minnesota, Mason 16-116, Scott 8-30, Akers 5-19, Wentz 2-4.

PASSING—Cincinnati, Browning 19-27-2-140, Minnesota, Wentz 14-20-0-173, Brosmer 2-4-0-29.

RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Chase 5-50, Fant 5-26, C.Brown 4-17, D.Sample 2-20, Higgins 1-15, Gesicki 1-6, Grandy 1-6, Minnesota, Jefferson 5-75, Hockenson 5-49, Nailor 3-37, Scott 1-20, Oliver 1-12, Felton 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

WASHINGTON 41, LAS VEGAS 24

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Washington and Las Vegas.

First Quarter

Was—Mariota 2 run (Gay kick), 11:51.

Las—FG Carlson 37, 9:46.

Second Quarter

Was—FG Gay 46, 9:56.

Las—Tucker 10 pass from G.Smith (Carlson kick), 4:20.

Was—FG Nichols 60 run (Gay kick), 3:31.

Was—McGinley 30, :00.

Third Quarter

Was—Lane 90 punt return (Gay kick), 9:35.

Was—Croskey-Merritt 1 run (Gay kick), 3:03.

Fourth Quarter

Las—Tucker 10 pass from G.Smith (run failed), 12:57.

Las—Tucker 61 pass from G.Smith (Bowers pass from G.Smith), 3:45.

Was—McCarthy 43 pass from Mariota (Gay kick), 2:05.

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: Team, First downs, Total Net Yards, Rushes-yards, Passing-yards.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Las Vegas, Jeanty 17-63, Z.White 5-19, G.Smith 2-5, Tucker 1-4, Laube 3-2, Washington, McNichols 4-78, Mariota 6-40, Rodriguez 11-39, Croskey-Merritt 8-26, Samuel 3-18.

PASSING—Las Vegas, G.Smith 19-29-0-289, Washington, Mariota 15-21-0-207.

RECEIVING—Las Vegas, Tucker 8-145, Bowers 4-38, Meyers 3-63, Thornton 2-29, Beach 1-10, Z.White 1-4, Washington, McLaughlin 3-74, Mc Caffrey 3-56, Ertz 3-38, Moore 2-25, Samuel 2-11, Crosby-Merritt 1-5, Lane 1-(minus 2).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Washington, Gay 37.

JACKSONVILLE 17, HOUSTON 10

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Jacksonville and Houston.

First Quarter

Jac—Luten 1 run (C.Little kick), 2:06.

Second Quarter

Hou—FG Fairbairn 27, 6:54.

Third Quarter

Jac—FG C.Little 39, 6:23.

Fourth Quarter

Hou—Collins 50 pass from Stroud (Fairbairn kick), 9:17.

Jac—Etienne 10 run (C.Little kick), 1:48.

A—58,161.

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Punt Returns 2-11 2-17

Kickoff Returns 2-53 2-48

Interceptions Ret. 1-0 2-6

Comp-Att-Int 25-38-2 20-41-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 2-20 2-17

Fumbles-Lost 6-43.5 6-48.833

Penalties-Yards 1-1 0-0

Time of Possession 7:66 9:70

Time of Possession 28:42 31:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Chubb 9-38, Marks 6-27, Stroud 4-22, Jacksonville, Etienne 16-56, Tuton 6-21, Lawrence 2-9.

PASSING—Houston, Stroud 25-38-2,04.

JACKSONVILLE 17, HOUSTON 10

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Jacksonville and Houston.

First Quarter

Ind—K.Moore 32 interception return (Shrader kick), 14:11.

Ten—FG Strye 17, 12:40.

Ind—FG Shrader 24, 7:37.

Ind—Taylor 1 run (Shrader kick), 1:07.

Second Quarter

Ind—FG Strye 42, 10:50.

Ind—FG Shrader 36, :00.

Ind—Pittman 20 pass from Da.Jones (Shrader kick), 11:08.

Ten—Pollard 1 run (Slye kick), 5:09.

Ind—Taylor 46 run (Shrader kick), 1:27.

Fourth Quarter

Ten—Ayanonor 8 pass from Ca.Ward (Slye kick), 8:40.

Ind—Taylor 1 run (Shrader kick), 5:53.

A—56,361.

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: Team, First downs, Total Net Yards, Rushes-yards, Passing-yards.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Taylor 17-102, D.Jones 4-27, Goodson 2-6, Giddens 1-3, Richardson 4-(minus 1), Tennessee, Pollard 16-45, Chestnut 2-26, C.Ward 3-12, Dike 2-3.

PASSING—Indianapolis, D.Jones 18-25-0-228, Tennessee, C.Ward 23-38-1-219.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Pittman 6-73, Pierce 4-67, Warren 3-38, Taylor 3-16, Ayanonor 4-38, Lockett 4-37, Helm 3-27, Dike 3-2, Pollard 2-14, Ridley 1-27, Jefferson 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis, Shrader 51, Tennessee, Slye 64, Slye 62.

CAROLINA 30, ATLANTA 0

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Carolina and Atlanta.

First Quarter

Car—Young 4 run (Fitzgerald kick), 6:44.

Second Quarter

Car—FG Fitzgerald 57, 5:24.

4-31, M.Taylor 4-18, T.Johnson 2-32, Allen 2-17, Lazar 2-13, A.Smith 2-2, Tampa Bay, Egbuka 6-85, Shepard 4-80, Evans 4-33, Irving 4-33, White 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tampa Bay, McLaughlin 43.

PHILADELPHIA 33, L.A. RAMS 26

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Philadelphia and L.A. Rams.

First Quarter

Phi—Hurts 1 run (Elliott kick), 8:07.

LAR—FG Karty 51, 4:00.

LAR—Adams 44 pass from Stafford (Karty kick), 1:20.

Second Quarter

LAR—FG Karty 28, 9:15.

LAR—FG Karty 33, 3:43.

LAR—FG Karty 46, :10.

Third Quarter

LAR—K.Williams 10 pass from Stafford (Karty kick), 14:06.

Phi—Goedert 33 pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 11:38.

Phi—A.Brown 9 pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 2:16.

Phi—D.Smith 4 pass from Hurts (pass failed), 1:48.

Phi—J.Davis 61 blocked field goal return, :00.

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: Team, First downs, Total Net Yards, Rushes-yards, Passing-yards.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—L.A. Rams, K.Williams 20-94, Corum 8-53, Whittington 2-7, Nacua 1-6.

Philadelphia, Barkley 18-46, Hurts 9-40.

PASSING—L.A. Rams, Stafford 19-33-1-196.

Philadelphia, Hurts 21-32-0-226.

RECEIVING—L.A. Rams, Nacua 11-112, Adams 3-56, K.Williams 2-18, Whittington 2-7, Allen 1-3, Philadelphia, D.Smith 8-60, A.Brown 6-109, Barkley 4-9, Goedert 1-33, Mitchell 1-8, Dotson 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—L.A. Rams, Karty 44, Karty 36.

CHICAGO 31, DALLAS 14

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Rows for Chicago and Dallas.

First Quarter

Chi—Odunze 35 pass from Ca.Williams (Santos kick), 10:35.

Dal—FG Aubrey 53, 4:21.

Chi—Burden 65 pass from Ca.Williams (Santos kick), 4:10.

Second Quarter

Dal—FG Aubrey 33, 13:49.

Dal—Pickens 2 pass from Prescott (Tolbert pass from Prescott), 7:57.

Chi—FG Santos 30, 4:15.

Chi—Kmet 10 pass from Ca.Williams (Santos kick), 2:5.

Third Quarter

Chi—Moore 4 pass from Ca.Williams (Santos kick), :09.

A—58,389.

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: Team, First downs, Total Net Yards, Rushes-yards, Passing-yards.

4-31, M.Taylor 4-18, T.Johnson 2-32, Allen 2-17, Lazar 2-13, A.Smith 2-2, Tampa Bay, Egbuka 6-85, Shepard 4-80, Evans 4-33, Irving 4-33, White 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tampa Bay, McLaughlin 43.

PHILADELPHIA 33, L.A. RAMS 26

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Shipley, Kovalcik commit to Mercyhurst

BY BILL BECKNER JR.

A pair of Westmoreland County baseball players are primed for college careers at the NCAA Division I level.

A pipeline has opened to Erie. Mercyhurst, a second-year Division I program that formerly competed in the D-II Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, will be the college home to a pair of fans: Ian Shipley of Mt. Pleasant and Ian Kovalcik of Hempfield.

Both have given a verbal commitment to the Lakers.

"I am extremely excited," Shipley said. "It's been the goal (to play Division I baseball) since Day 1."

Shipley is a senior third baseman who spent the past three years at Greensburg Central Catholic, where was a three-year starter, but transferred to Mt. Pleasant. Last year, he was a TribLive Westmoreland first-team all-star after hitting .418 with nine doubles, two triples, 16 RBIs and 26 runs scored.

Shipley also had an offer from Bucknell.

"I chose Mercyhurst because the coaching staff was very welcoming, and I loved the campus," he said.

Shipley helped GCC (18-5) reach the WPIAL Class A semifinals and PIAA quarterfinals.

Kovalcik, a senior catcher who also played in the outfield for the Spartans, played sparingly with a sophomore but hit .354 with 17 hits, including three doubles, and a .516 on-base percentage last spring.

He threw out five base runners.

"I was drawn to Mercyhurst because of the great coaches," Kovalcik said. "Coach (Jimmy) Latona and Coach (Jake) Marinelli both were catchers. That's a big advantage in my development since I am a catcher. I also used to train with (former Norwin players) Ty Cupp and Landon Deberadin. I was also drawn there because of their facilities and campus."

Linked in

The field of local players is set for the first rounds of the WPIAL golf championships.

Boys' first-round tournaments will be Monday at Willowbrook Country Club (3A) and Hill Crest Country Club (2A).

The girls' first-round for 3A and 2A will be Tuesday at Seven Oaks Country Club.

Final rounds will be Sept. 29 at Butler Country Club (3A boys), Sept. 30 at Valley Brook Country Club (2A boys) and Oct. 1 at Sewickley Heights Golf Club (girls 2A/3A).



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Ian Shipley, shown playing for Greensburg Central Catholic, chose Mercyhurst over Bucknell.

The top 36 boys and girls will advance to the final rounds, and 36-hole scoring will be cumulative.

The boys 3A field will include seniors Jack Sacriponte, Parker Berk, Noah Dixon and Jeremy Lazarchik of Latrobe; seniors Aiden Dzurcho and Jake Lenart and junior Kyle Worthington of Penn-Trafford; seniors Trevor Donsen and Mats Martz and freshman Matteo Santamaria of Hempfield; junior Landon Stoner of Norwin; seniors Jordan Mocollo and Jack Edwards of Belle Vernon; and seniors Jose Balza, Dylan Mauser, Colin Holt, Luca Bertucci and Anthony Poole of Franklin Regional.

Class 2A qualifiers include sophomore Luke Sikora of Greensburg Salem; senior Tyler Jones and sophomore Rocco Harris of Ligonier Valley; and senior Brody Charnesky of Southmoreland.

Westmoreland County girls 3A qualifiers are seniors Adalena Robb of Norwin; Kat Devito of Hempfield; and Gianna Johnson and Athena Neuschwander of Franklin Regional.

Girls 2A finalists are senior Alayna Stawovy and junior Kennedy Kelly of Greensburg Central Catholic; senior Addy Witcoski of Ligonier Valley; junior Sydney Stark of Belle Vernon; junior Morgan Miller of Mt. Pleasant; and junior Kendall Campbell and senior Kearlyn Fedorko of Southmoreland.

Record breaker

Witkoski broke two school records that she owned at the Section 1-2A tournament at Donegal Highlands Golf Course.

Witkoski shot 81, breaking her 18-hole mark of 82, and just surpassed the nine-hole mark of 38 with a 37 on the front side.

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Penn-Trafford grad Chloe Bonson was the lead runner for the Carnegie Mellon women's cross country team in its first two meets of the season.



COURTESY OF CARNEGIE MELLON ATHLETICS

Bonson adds to CMU lineup

Penn-Trafford grad makes formidable Tartans women's XC team even stronger

BY CHUCK CURTI

When she entered Carnegie Mellon's master's degree program after graduating from Allegheny in three years, Chloe Bonson knew she would get a top-notch academic experience.

Turns out the athletic experience should be pretty bountiful, too. Bonson, a Penn-Trafford graduate, helped the Allegheny women win the Presidents' Athletic Conference cross country title last fall.

She also was selected to compete in the NCAA Division III meet, where she placed in the middle of the pack (159) in the 290-runner field.

She joins a Carnegie Mellon cross country team that has high expectations. Six of the Tartans' top seven runners from last season's NCAA qualifier return, and CMU entered the season ranked ninth in the USATFCCCA poll.

"Over the summer, just talking with the girls and, obviously, I was looking at their performances from the previous year, and I was like, I really hope I am in their scoring five," Bonson said.

She has far exceeded that expectation. In the Tartans' first two meets, she was their No. 1 runner, taking

first overall at the Panther Open, hosted by Pitt, and third overall at the 11-team Robert Morris Invitational. Both of those races featured a number of Division I schools.

On both occasions, she was named the University Athletic Association's Runner of the Week. In the latest USATFCCCA poll, the Tartans were up to seventh.

"We knew she was pretty good and she'd be a really nice addition," Tartans coach Tim Connelly said. "I thought she'd be right up there. ... I knew what we have (on the roster) would be a big benefit to her in terms of her long-term development, and I think she really appreciates having a really good team around her and people to train with every day."

Bonson said she wasn't always at the front of the pack. During her first two seasons at Allegheny, she said, she couldn't break the 20-minute barrier in a 5K.

Then, last season, she broke the 17-minute barrier. She also qualified for the NCAA championships in the 5,000 meters during outdoor track and field season. She gave credit to former Gators coach Ben Mourer for making her into the runner she is now.

Mourer died in June as the result of an accident at his home, and Bonson said she draws inspiration from his memory.

"It (her improvement) is all be-

cause of Ben Mourer and his commitment to excellence and never settling," she said, "and also understanding the athlete as a person. I've never seen anything like it."

Next up for the Tartans is the Paul Short Invitational on Oct. 3 at Lehigh, where they will face more Division I competition. The non-conference schedule will get CMU prepared for the gauntlet that is the UAA schedule. In the Sept. 17 poll, five UAA schools were ranked in the top 15: University of Chicago (third), NYU (fourth), CMU (seventh), Washington, Mo. (10th) and Emory (14th).

"The level of competition we have in the UAA conference is just a whole lot different than, say, the PAC," Connelly said. "And she's very excited about that."

Bonson said the early results for her and the team have heightened their already-lofty expectations.

"I initially was like, it would be really cool to be an All-American," she said. "And now, I'm sort of like, I think it's definitely a possibility. ... Can I be in the top 15? The top 10? I'm sort of trying to push the limits of what I can do."

"Every week (the team) is like, what can we do? Can we push even harder? That definitely contributes to pushing my limits individually, too."

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Bologna provides leadership to La Roche

Plum grad guiding young Redhawks volleyball team

BY CHUCK CURTI

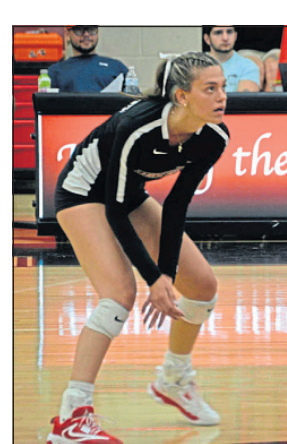
La Roche women's volleyball coach Nicole Bajuszik is accustomed to having rosters that are senior- and junior-heavy. That makes this year's group a bit more challenging for the 13th-year coach: The Redhawks have only four juniors and seniors.

The two seniors, Kalli Grine (Leechburg) and Megan Bologna (Plum), serve as team captains, and they are just what the doctor ordered when it comes to leadership.

"This is just a very different season where we are younger, kind of freshman- (and) sophomore-heavy," Bajuszik said. "Having (Bologna) and our other captain Kalli being able to help mentor with their experience and to just kind of drive that is going to be so important."

Said Bologna: "I definitely think I'm a more vocal type person. I try to always be encouraging. Them hearing positive reinforcement is big. ... And I think (Kalli) is a very good lead-by-example ... so I think it's a good balance."

The Redhawks took some lumps early, losing



LA ROCHE ATHLETICS

Plum grad Megan Bologna is one of only two seniors on the La Roche volleyball team and serves as one of the team captains.

five of their first seven matches, including four in a row. But with last week's win over Geneva, La Roche (3-6) appears to be turning a corner.

Bologna, who spent her first two seasons at Point Park, said she has been energized by being able to shepherd the young players as they get acclimated to the college game.

"I think the pace of the game was a big challenge at first," she said about the younger players. "Obviously, attacks are coming a lot faster, serves are coming a lot harder. I think it was more of a mental

challenge at first, and it even still is. But I think they're slowly starting to overcome that."

Bologna has had a lot to overcome herself. She missed part of her freshman season at Point Park with a broken finger. Then, during the next season, she suffered a fracture in the lower part of her spine and had to take a medical redshirt.

Weeks of bed rest followed. She was unable to even sit in class. She also had to wear a back brace 24/7.

Once she came to La Roche before last fall, she was able to shed the back brace except for games. The injury remains, and she still feels it, particularly when jumping and landing on her left leg.

"Kinda deal with it," she said. "It will always be there. It's definitely a challenge to play with. ... But I'm just trying to make it through my last year."

Last season, in 22 matches, she averaged 1.32 kills per set, 2.32 digs per set and served 40 aces. Through the Red Hawks' first nine matches in 2025, she is averaging 1.44 kills per set and 2.89 digs per set.

Bologna said she worked a lot on her passing in the offseason. She said that was an area where the entire team struggled.

The extra work must have paid off, as Bajuszik called Bologna her primary passer. She also praised her versatility as a hitter.

"Her ability to have shot selection in a game is huge," Bajuszik said. "You cannot just hit and hit and hit those same spots. You have to mix it up. You have to be confident enough to outsmart your opponent."

"She is one of those outside hitters who just comes with this toolbox of knowledge and court awareness, and it's wonderful for our team."

Come October, La Roche will get into the meat of its Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference schedule. Last season, the Redhawks finished 3-5 in the conference and lost in the first round of the AMCC Tournament.

And that was with a seasoned roster.

But Bologna is confident this group can continue to improve and be a factor in the postseason.

"I do think we'll be successful," she said. "I think we've learned a lot. I think we're growing together. I think we're playing big. And I see us definitely being competitive in the standings."

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WPIAL BOYS SOCCER RANKINGS

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. Peters Township	8-0	1
2. Fox Chapel	8-1	2
3. Seneca Valley	9-1	3
4. Canon-McMillan	7-2	4
5. Plum	9-1-1	5

Out: None

CLASS 3A

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. Hampton	7-1-1	1
2. Moon	7-3	2
3. Bethel Park	6-1-2	3
4. Thomas Jefferson	9-0-1	5
5. Franklin Regional	9-1	NR

Out: Mars (6-4-1) 4

CLASS 2A

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. South Park	9-1	1
2. Deer Lakes	9-2	2
3. Avonworth	8-1	3
4. North Catholic	9-1-1	4
5. Beaver	7-1	5

Out: None

CLASS A

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. Bentworth	8-0	1
2. OLSH	7-0	2
3. Beth-Center	7-2	3
4. Beaver C.C.	8-0	5
5. Sewickley Academy	6-2	4

Out: None

WPIAL GIRLS SOCCER RANKINGS

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. Peters Township	6-0-2	1
2. North Allegheny	7-2-2	3
3. Seneca Valley	6-2-2	2
4. Pine-Richland	8-1-1	4
5. Norwin	7-2	5

Out: None

CLASS 3A

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. South Fayette	7-1-1	1
2. Fox Chapel	8-1	2
3. Moon	8-1	3
4. Mars	7-2	4
5. Franklin Regional	8-2	NR

Out: Montour (7-2) 5

CLASS 2A

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. Quaker Valley	8-1	1
2. South Park	10-0	3
3. Mt. Pleasant	7-1-1	4
4. Freeport	7-1	5
5. Burrell	6-2-1	2

Out: None

CLASS A

Team	W-L-T	Last
1. Sew. Academy	7-1	2
2. Springdale	5-1-1	1
3. Seton LaSalle	7-2	3
4. Bentworth	9-1-1	4
5. Win. Thurston	6-2-1	5

Out: None

IN BRIEF

Pitt to retire Aaron Donald's No. 97 jersey

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

In 135 years of fielding a football team, dating to the 1890 Western University of Pennsylvania squad, Pitt has seen fit to retire the numbers of 10 program alumni.

On Monday, the Panthers announced that exclusive club would gain a member: On Nov. 15 against Notre Dame, Aaron Donald's No. 97 will be retired at Acrisure Stadium.

Donald, a Penn Hills native who played four seasons from 2010-13 with his hometown

Panthers, is set to become the first player in a decade to have his jersey retired, following offensive lineman Jimbo Covert in 2015.

Along with Covert, the 34-year-old Donald joins Larry Fitzgerald, Dan Marino, Tony Dorsett, Marshall Goldberg, Joe Schmidt, Mark May, Bill Fralic, Mike Ditka and Hugh Green.

● Miami jumped LSU and Penn State into the No. 2 spot behind Ohio State in the Associated Press Top 25 college football poll.

Oklahoma is in the top 10 for

the first time in two years, and Indiana and Texas Tech made big moves after lopsided wins over ranked opponents.

Penn State, which had been No. 2 since the preseason, was idle and slipped to No. 3.

Hockey

Bernie Parent, the Hall of Famer considered one of the great goalies of all time who anchored the net for the Philadelphia Flyers' only two Stanley Cup championships in the 1970s during their Broad Street Bullies heyday, has died. He

was 80.

Women's basketball

Kelsey Mitchell scored a play-off career-high 34 points, and the Indiana Fever beat the Las Vegas Aces, 89-73, on Sunday in Game 1 of the best-of-five semifinal series.

● Las Vegas Aces star A'ja Wilson won the WNBA MVP for an unprecedented fourth time. Wilson won the award last season as the unanimous choice and also in 2020 and 2022.

Golf

Michael Kim holed a 15-foot par putt on the last hole for a one-shot victory in the French

Open on Sunday — his first worldwide title in seven years — while five-time major champion Brooks Koepka faded to a fourth-place finish.

Auto racing

Ryan Blaney opened the second round of the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs with an emphatic victory for Team Penske, which flaunted its speed at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Baseball

The Milwaukee Brewers clinched their third straight NL Central Division title, despite a 5-1 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals. The clinch came courtesy

of the Cubs' 1-0 loss in Cincinnati.

● The Brewers placed pitcher Brandon Woodruff on the 15-day injured list Sunday with a right lat strain, putting his availability for the playoffs in jeopardy.

● Seattle's Cal Raleigh hit his MLB-leading 58th home run on Sunday night, a two-run shot in the second inning against the Houston Astros.

● Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Andres Gimenez drove in two runs apiece as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Kansas City Royals, 8-5, on Sunday and clinched a playoff berth.

Dubas hasn't ruled out Rust trade

PENGUINS • FROM B1

I think too many people think I should be on there. But me, personally, I do think that I belong there. I expect to belong there, and I hope to make that team. I'm a Pittsburgh Penguin first, but, obviously, that opportunity is kind of once in a lifetime."

There are also plenty of suggestions that Rust should be a member of another team.

Given the Penguins' shift to a steady — and hardly rushed — rebuilding process, Rust has become the subject of trade speculation. The expiration of a no-movement clause in his contract this past offseason only amplified that hearsay.

President of hockey operations Kyle Dubas regularly has praised Rust's on-ice skills and the value he has in creating the optimal culture for the franchise. But he hasn't ruled out the possibility of a trade.

"With where we're at, we always have to look every single day at what's best for the organization," Dubas said. "But we also aren't just going to make deals to offload very key, important people to the organization that have given a lot to the organization in their time. If the right return is there, we would look at anything."

Rust is aware of the rumors. But he doesn't dwell on them.

"It's kind of the nature of the business," Rust said. "It's the nature of where this team is at. And, obviously, I lost my trade protection. Those things are going to start coming out."

Rust will start the season 10th on the career games list for the franchise with 638. If he stays healthy (and employed by the Penguins), he has a chance to move past goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury (691) and defenseman Brooks Orpik (703) for eighth place.

The figures don't carry much weight with Rust. But the longevity of being with one team for so long is certainly profound.

"For me, it goes a long way," Rust said. "Because clearly, more often than not, somebody either kind of loses their way within a franchise or they wear out their welcome one way or another. And they just need a change of scenery."

"It says a lot about a player when they consistently can come into the same room and have that same work ethic, that same motivation, that same drive where those things don't necessarily happen to them. And they continue to get better with one organization, continue to play as well as they can, all without any dips or falling into a sense of comfort."

What would give Rust the ultimate comfort in his 12th season with the Penguins?

"Dragging this team that nobody thinks can make the playoffs into the playoffs," Rust said. "There's a lot of guys in here who want to accomplish something."

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Cutchen noncommittal on future

Pirates star says 'we'll see what happens' next season

BY KEVIN GORMAN

As the crowd applauded in appreciation, Andrew McCutchen tipped his batting helmet before what might have been his final at-bat for the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park.

A franchise icon who ranks among the club's all-time leaders in most major offensive categories, McCutchen also is aware that he is a 38-year-old designated hitter playing on a third consecutive one-year, \$5 million contract and sounded like his future is uncertain.

"We'll see what happens," McCutchen said. "Obviously, a lot of that stuff is out of my control, so I just need to do my part. I do want to continue playing, so wherever that may be. I'm looking forward to seeing where the offseason takes me. We'll move on from there. I've got six games left, so I'll try to finish the season strong."

A five-time All-Star and 2013 National League MVP, McCutchen was traded to the San Francisco Giants in January 2018 and played for the New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies and Milwaukee Brewers before signing with the Pirates before the 2023 season.

At the time, McCutchen believed that the Pirates were on the cusp of becoming a contender. Instead, they have followed back-to-back 76-win seasons with a seventh consecutive losing campaign. McCutchen has made it clear he wants to finish his career with the Pirates but that he also



CHRISTOPHER HORNER | TRIBLIVE

Pirates designated hitter Andrew McCutchen receives a standing ovation after his final home plate appearance against the A's on Sunday at PNC Park.

wants to chase a world championship. "That's the goal," McCutchen said. "I'm not necessarily just here to be here. It would be good to have that opportunity, but we'll pass that bridge when we get there."

McCutchen got the scoring started with an RBI single for the Pirates in the

first inning of their 11-0 win over the Athletics on Sunday afternoon. He went 1 for 4, drawing a leadoff walk in the fifth inning and scored on Joey Bart's three-run home run.

But McCutchen was disappointed with his final at-bat, when he worked a full count only to be called out on strikes in a nine-pitch

battle with Plum graduate Scott McGough. McCutchen received another standing ovation as he walked back to the dugout after making the final out.

"Obviously, not the way that I wanted that at-bat to go," McCutchen said. "From the first pitch, I knew it was going to be a battle. I tried to do my best to have a good at-bat but ended up losing that battle. ABS (Automated Ball-Strike system) is coming, so I can't wait."

McCutchen downplayed the ovation he received from the crowd of 16,107, noting that he has received a warm welcome every plate appearance at PNC Park since returning to the Pirates in 2023.

"Every at-bat is special to me. I try not to put one over the other. I try not to take it for granted, the first at-bat or the last one. They're all special," McCutchen said. "They've been doing it all year. It wasn't one time. This isn't the first time that they did this. They've been great all year with every at-bat, so from my first at-bat to this one. They've been great. They've been loud. This one didn't stand out more than the other ones. They've always done it. I appreciate them doing it."

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Burrows, Mlodzinski provide strong tandem

PIRATES • FROM B1

losses. You have to find a way to come away with some of those wins in the close games and to find a way to play better baseball in those games on the road and work our way back to .500 and take care of things here at PNC."

It marked the seventh time this season that the Pirates scored 10 or more runs. They are off Monday, then finish the season with a six-game road trip to Cincinnati and Atlanta.

After Bubba Chandler and Braxton Ashcraft combined for 12 strikeouts without a walk in eight scoreless innings Saturday night, the Pirates got another strong tandem pitching performance. Mike Burrows and Carmen Mlodzinski combined for six strikeouts without a walk over seven scoreless innings.

"They're elite," said Bart, who was behind the plate. "(Brent) Rooker came up to me one of the at-bats and said, 'Just another guy throwing 98 for you guys.' So, obviously, they're feeling it. But they threw strikes. I think that's the plan. They put the pressure on the guys, and no walks. Unbelievable. I mean, if you can't walk anybody, you really help your chances out. So hats off to them."

Triolo and Bart both went 4 for 4 with a home run, a double and three RBIs as the Pirates went 6 for



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Pirates starter Mike Burrows pitched four scoreless innings in Sunday's win.

12 with runners in scoring position and scored 10 runs in the first five innings.

With two outs in the first, Bryan Reynolds singled to center, advanced to second when Spencer Horwitz drew a walk and scored on Andrew McCutchen's single to right for a 1-0 lead. With runners on first and third, Nick Gonzales doubled to right to drive in Horwitz to make it 2-0.

The Pirates doubled their lead in the second, when Nick Yorke reached on a forceout and Triolo sent Mitch Spence's 0-1 sinker 402

PIRATES 11, ATHLETICS 0										
	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Athletics	3	0	0	0	0	0	.236			
Butler cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.264			
Thomas cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.295			
Rooker dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.265			
Kurtz 1b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.291			
B.Harris 1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.286			
Soderstrom lf	2	0	1	0	0	2	.277			
a-Bleday ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.211			
Wilson ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.315			
Muncy 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.215			
Cortes rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.325			
Hernanz 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.227			
Maclver c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.179			
Schuemann 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.207			
Totals	35	0	8	0	0	9				
Totals										
	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Pirates	5	1	1	2	0	1	.203			
Cruz cf	5	1	1	2	0	1	.203			
Triolo 3b	5	2	4	3	0	0	.233			
Devanney 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.118			
Reynolds rf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.244			
Canario rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.224			
Horwitz 1b	3	1	0	1	2	1	.257			
McCutchen dh	4	1	1	1	1	2	.240			
Gonzales ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.267			
Suwinski lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.131			
Bart c	4	2	4	3	0	0	.251			
Yorke 2b	4	2	1	0	0	1	.220			
Totals	37	11	15	11	4	8				

Athletics Pirates										
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a-struck out for Soderstrom in the 6th.

E-Cortes (1), LOB-8, Pirates 6, 2B-B.Harris (2), Gonzales (16), Yorke (3), Suwinski (5), Bart (12), Triolo (16), HR-Triolo (7), off Spence; Bart (4), off Bido. RBIs-McCutchen (57), Gonzales (28), Triolo 3 (24), Cruz 2 (59), Bart 3 (29), Horwitz (44).

Runners left in scoring position-Athletics 5 (Thomas, Schuemann, Wilson 3); Pirates 5 (Suwinski 2, Horwitz, Yorke, McCutchen). RISP-0 for 8; Pirates 6 for 12.

Runners moved up-Hernanz, Maclver, Horwitz.

DP-McCutchen.

DP-1 (Hernanz, B.Harris).

Athletics Pirates										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Spence, L, 3-6	3 1/3	9	7	6	2	1	64	4.96		
Bido	3 1/3	4	3	2	6	6	63	5.83		
McGough	1	2	1	0	1	24	9.00			
Pirates										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Burrows	4	5	0	0	0	3	74	3.93		
Mlodzinski, W, 5-8	3	2	0	0	0	4	48	3.62		
Ramirez	1	1	0	0	0	1	13	5.58		
Moreta	1	0	0	0	0	2	15	3.45		

Inherited runners-scored-Bido 2-0.

Umpires-Home, Jen Pawol; First, Doug Eddings; Second, Austin Jones; Third, Emil Jimenez.

T-2:41. A-16:107 (38,753).

BASEBALL

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	92	64	.590	-
New York	80	76	.513	12
Miami	76	80	.487	16
Atlanta	73	83	.468	19
Washington	64	92	.410	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	95	61	.609	-
Chicago	88	68	.564	7
Cincinnati	80	76	.513	15
St. Louis	76	80	.487	19
Pirates	67	89	.429	28

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	88	68	.564	-
San Diego	85	71	.545	3
Arizona	79	77	.506	9
San Francisco	77	79	.494	11
Colorado	43	113	.276	45

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	90	66	.577	-
New York	88	68	.564	2
Boston	85	70	.548	4.5
Tampa Bay	75	80	.484	14.5
Baltimore	73	83	.468	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	85	71	.545	-
Cleveland	84	72	.538	1
Kansas City	78	78	.500	7
Minnesota	67	89	.429	18
Chicago	58	98	.372	27

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	86	69	.555	-
Houston	84	71	.542	2
Astros	79	77	.506	7.5
Texas	73	83	.468	13.5
Los Angeles	70	86	.449	16.5

SPORTS BROADCASTS

Baseball
MLB
7 p.m. Washington at Atlanta. MLB
10 p.m. Milwaukee at San Diego. MLB (joined in progress)

Volleyball
WPIAL GIRLS
7:30 p.m. Serra Catholic at South Allegheny (video).

Field Hockey
WPIAL
7 p.m. Norwin at Latrobe (video).

Hockey
NHL
7 p.m. Preseason: Pittsburgh at Montreal. NHLN
10 p.m. Preseason: Utah at Anaheim. NHLN

Soccer
2:55 p.m. English League championship: Watford at Millwall. CBSSN

Tennis
ATP
5 a.m. Chengdu semifinals. Tennis
6 a.m. Chengdu semifinals. Tennis
9 a.m. Hangzhou semifinals. Tennis

Football
NFL
8:15 p.m. Detroit at Baltimore. ABC, ESPN
8:15 p.m. Detroit at Baltimore (MNF with Peyton and Eli). ESPN2

Hockey
NHL
7 p.m. Preseason: Pittsburgh at Montreal. NHLN
10 p.m. Preseason: Utah at Anaheim. NHLN

BASKETBALL

WNBA PLAYOFFS
Semifinals (best-of-5; x - if necessary)
Minnesota vs. Phoenix
Tuesday: Phoenix at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Las Vegas vs. Indiana
Tuesday: Indiana at Las Vegas, 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Football
AP TOP 25

	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Ohio St. (52)	3-0	1629	1
2. Miami (Fla) (7)	4-0	1479	4
3. Penn St. (5)	3-0	1460	2
4. LSU	4-0	1433	3
5. Georgia	3-0	1420	5
6. Oregon (1)	4-0	1404	6
7. Oklahoma (1)	4-0	1183	11
8. Florida St.	3-0	1072	7
9. Texas A&M	3-1	1057	8
10. Texas	3-1	1057	8
11. Indiana	4-0	990	19
12. Texas Tech	4-0	890	17

College Football
AP TOP 25

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ODDS

MLB TODAY'S GAMES
National League
Favorite Odds (O/U) Underdog
BRAVES.....\$240 (7.5).....Nationals
PADRES.....\$110 (8.5).....Brewers
GIANTS.....\$148 (7.5).....Cards

NFL TODAY'S GAME
Favorite Points (O/U) Underdog
RAVENS.....4.5 (53.5).....Lions

COLLEGE FOOTBALL THURSDAY'S GAME
Favorite Points (O/U) Underdog
E CAROLINA.....3 (52.5).....Army

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Florida St.....7 (57.5).....VIRGINIA
ARIZONA ST.....2.5 (54.5).....Tcu
Houston.....13 (48.5).....OREGON ST

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Louisville.....3.5 (56.5).....PITT
Louisville.....3.5 (52.5

Canada, U.K., Australia recognize Palestinian state

BLOOMBERG NEWS

Canada, the U.K. and Australia have formally recognized a Palestinian state, aligning themselves with European allies and pushing ahead with a policy that has drawn criticism from U.S. President Donald Trump.

The Canadian and Australia governments announced the move in separate statements Sunday, calling it a “coordinated international effort” toward a two-state solution. Prime Minister Keir Starmer subsequently announced the UK was joining in the effort in a video statement. “While Canada is under no illusions that this recognition is a panacea, this recognition is firmly aligned with the principles of self-determination and fundamental human rights reflected in the United Nations Charter, and the consistent policy of Canada for generations,” according to the statement by Prime Minister Mark Carney’s office.

Starmer, Carney and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese are following through on pledges made previously to join allies including France in recognizing Palestine. Others are also expected to take the step against the backdrop of United Nations General Assembly meetings in New York starting this week, joining 147 of 193 member states that have already granted Palestinian statehood.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reacted with fury to the plans to recognize Palestine, arguing that it “rewards Hamas’s monstrous terrorism” and “punishes its victims,” and warning that a “jihadist state on Israel’s border” will pose a grave threat. Recognition harms efforts to achieve a ceasefire in Gaza and a framework for the release of hostages, Israel has said.



Displaced Palestinians walk through a tent camp Sunday in Muwasi, an area that Israel has designated as a safe zone, in Khan Younis southern Gaza Strip.

Ahead of the announcements, Netanyahu said on Sunday Israel will have to fight both at the U.N. and in all other arenas against the false propaganda against the country, and reiterated that calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state that will endanger its existence and reward terrorism.

Starmer said Sunday his government believes the situation has worsened significantly in recent weeks and that the situation in Gaza is “utterly intolerable.” Israel is moving ahead with a long-threatened ground operation into the heart of

Gaza City after weeks of air strikes. “In the face of the growing horror in the Middle East, we are acting to keep alive the possibility of peace and a two-state solution,” Starmer said.

French President Emmanuel Macron has led the way on the plan to recognize Palestinian statehood. France and Saudi Arabia are set to co-chair a conference on a two-state solution in New York on Monday, where Carney is expected to speak. Still, the decisions by Japan and Germany not to recognize the state

has dealt a blow to the effort.

The U.N.’s role in the establishment of a two-state solution can be traced back to a 1947 General Assembly vote for the creation of two states, one Jewish and one Arab, in what was then the British Mandate of Palestine. Subsequent decades of conflict in the region led to the Oslo Peace Accords—a process started in the early 1990s to create a framework for mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization that grew into a plan for a Palestinian state.

Trump: Murdochs, Dell could take part in TikTok deal

ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump said prominent billionaires—including media mogul Rupert Murdoch and tech founder Michael Dell—could be part of a deal in which the U.S. will take control of the social video platform TikTok.

Trump name-dropped the 94-year-old Murdoch and his son Lachlan Murdoch, the head of Fox News and News Corp., as part of a group of possible participants in a deal during an interview recorded Friday and aired Sunday on Fox News.

Trump’s disclosure of the potential involvement of the Murdochs and Dell, the founder and CEO of Dell Technologies, is the latest twist in a fast-moving potential deal to keep TikTok operating in the U.S.

Trump also said Sunday that tech giant Oracle founder and CEO Larry Ellison was part of the same group. His involvement had been previously disclosed. On Saturday, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said Oracle would be responsible for the app’s data and security and that Americans will control six of the seven seats for a planned board.

Much is still unknown about the actual deal in the works. Trump discussed the TikTok deal with China’s Xi Jinping in a lengthy phone call Friday. Chinese and U.S. officials have until Dec. 16 to hash out the details, following the latest deadline extension by the Trump administration.

TikTok is a hugely popular app currently owned by a Chinese company ByteDance. American officials have warned the algorithm TikTok uses to shape what users see is vulnerable to manipulation by Chinese authorities, who can use it to push content on the platform in a way that’s difficult to detect.

Congress passed legislation calling for a TikTok ban to go into effect in January, but Trump has repeatedly signed orders that have allowed TikTok to keep operating in the United States as his administration tries to reach an agreement for the social media company’s parent company to sell its U.S. operations.

On Sunday, Trump said he was “a little prejudiced” about TikTok because he credited the app for helping him connect with young voters. Trump said slain conservative activist Charlie Kirk encouraged the president to use the app.

Representatives for Ellison, Dell and the Murdochs could not immediately be reached for comment.

Fallout from cyberattack at 3 European airports continues

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS—Fallout from a cyberattack that affected check-in systems at several European airports extended into a second full day on Sunday, as passengers faced dozens of cancelled and delayed flights and airport teams scrambled to limit the damage to travel plans.

Starting late Friday, major airports in Brussels, London and Berlin were hit by disruptions to electronic systems that snarled up check-in and sent airline staffers trying options like hand-writing boarding passes or using backup laptops. Many other European airports were unaffected.

The cyberattack affected software of Collins Aerospace, whose systems help passengers check in, print boarding passes and bag tags, and dispatch their luggage. The U.S.-based company on Saturday cited a “cyber-related disruption” to its software at “select” airports in Europe.

It was not immediately clear who might be behind the cyberattack, but experts said it could turn out to be hackers, criminal organiza-

tions or state actors.

The European Commission—the executive branch of the 27-nation European Union—said that aviation safety and air traffic control were unaffected. There is no indication of a widespread or severe attack, while the origin of the incident remained under investigation, it added.

While departure boards for London’s Heathrow and Berlin’s Brandenburg airports were showing signs of smoother arrivals and departures Sunday, Brussels Airport was still facing considerable issues.

The cyberattack affected only computer systems at check-in desks, not self-service kiosks, she said, and teams were turning to alternative backup systems and pulling out laptop computers to help cope with the impact.

The airports advised passengers to check the status of their flights before traveling to the airports, and using alternative check-in methods.

Collins, an aviation and defense technology company that is a subsidiary of RTX Corp., formerly Raytheon Technologies, said Saturday it was working to resolve the issue.



TAKING TO THE STREET

Thousands of Brazilians protested in all 26 states and the federal district Sunday against a possible pardon for former President Jair Bolsonaro and his allies, who were convicted of attempting a coup. Calls for demonstrations grew after the lower house Tuesday passed a constitutional amendment that would make it harder to arrest or launch criminal proceedings against lawmakers. The measure now heads to the Senate.

WORLD

AFGHANISTAN

The Taliban reject Trump’s bid to retake Bagram Air Base

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — The Taliban government Sunday rejected U.S. President Donald Trump’s bid to retake Bagram Air Base, four years after America’s chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan left the sprawling military facility in the Taliban’s hands.

Trump on Saturday renewed his call to reestablish a U.S. presence at Bagram, even saying “we’re talking now to Afghanistan” about the matter. He did not offer further details about the purported conversations. Asked by a reporter if he’d consider deploying U.S. troops to take the base, Trump demurred.

On Sunday, chief Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected Trump’s assertions and urged the U.S. to adopt a policy of “realism and rationality.”

Afghanistan had an economy-oriented foreign policy and sought constructive relations with all states on the basis of mutual and

shared interests, Mujahid posted on X.

It had been consistently communicated to the U.S. in all bilateral negotiations that Afghanistan’s independence and territorial integrity were of the utmost importance, he said.

“It should be recalled that, under the Doha Agreement, the United States pledged that ‘it will not use or threaten force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Afghanistan, nor interfere in its internal affairs,’” he said. The U.S. needed to remain faithful to its commitments, he added.

Mujahid did not reply to questions from the Associated Press about conversations with the Trump administration regarding Bagram and why Trump believed the U.S. could retake it.

CHINA

U.S. lawmakers push for military dialogue in rare visit

A bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers pushed for more military-to-military dialogue in a meeting Sunday with China’s Pre-

mier Li Qiang, a rare congressional visit since the U.S.-China relations soured.

The last trip by a group of senators was in 2023, and Sunday’s delegation was the first from the House of Representatives to visit Beijing since 2019.

Li welcomed the delegates led by Rep. Adam Smith and called it an “icebreaking trip that will further the ties between the two countries.”

“It is important for our two countries to have more exchanges and cooperation, this is not only good for our two countries but also of great significance to the world,” Li said.

Smith, a Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said both sides were in agreement on the overarching aim of the visit.

“Certainly, trade and economy is on the top of the list ... (but also) we’re very focused on our military-to-military conversations,” he said in opening remarks. “As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I’m deeply concerned that our two militaries don’t communicate more.”

The delegation also included Michael Baumgartner, a Republican member of the House Foreign

Affairs Committee, as well as Ro Khanna and Chrissy Houlahan, both Democrats on the House Armed Services Committee. The lawmakers are in China until Thursday.

Trump said he would meet Chinese leader Xi Jinping at a regional summit taking place at the end of October in South Korea and will visit China in the “early part of next year,” following a lengthy phone call between the two Friday.

NATION

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Man arrested, charged in deadly shooting

NASHUA, N.H. — Patrons at a restaurant acted quickly and selflessly to stop a gunman who opened fire while a wedding was taking place at a New Hampshire country club, averting a worse tragedy, authorities said Sunday.

One person was killed and two others were wounded by gunfire Saturday night before a suspect was taken into custody in a nearby neighborhood not long after the shooting, authorities said.

The gunfire killed Robert Steven

DeCesare, 59, at Sky Meadow Country Club in Nashua, said New Hampshire Attorney General John Formella and Nashua police Chief Kevin Rourke. They said the suspect was Hunter Nadeau, 23, of Nashua and that he had been arrested and charged with one count of second-degree murder for knowingly shooting DeCesare.

Nadeau was a former employee of the club, Formella said, adding that Nadeau made a number of statements during the shooting and appeared to be attempting to cause chaos in the moment as opposed to showing a hate-based motivation. Witnesses reported that Nadeau said “Free Palestine” during the confusion.

Investigators were working to determine a motive, Formella said. Police did not immediately respond to a question about whether Nadeau is represented by an attorney, and attempts to reach family members of Nadeau were not immediately successful. Authorities said there is no known connection between Nadeau and DeCesare.

“Additional charges likely will be brought, including for the additional shooting victims,” Formella and Rourke said in a statement.

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387960 (9/22,25/25)

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Request for Proposal #1064 - Facilities Ground Utility Task Vehicle

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Request for Proposal #1059 - Business and Industry Center Exterior Step Replacement

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Request for Proposal #1067 - Health and Culinary Center Concrete Walkway Replacement

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

For

Architectural Design Services For Renovation of Three Elementary Schools, Natatorium addition and minor renovation at North Allegheny Senior High School, and major renovation, including new construction, of the North Allegheny Intermediate High School

North Allegheny School District will receive proposals for the Projects above until the date and time listed and at the place scheduled below.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: October 3, 2025, at 10:00AM

PLACE OF RECEIPT: North Allegheny School District Director of Facilities 400 Hillvue Lane Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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For more information on this project, please contact Mr. Brandon Chabola at rfp@northallegheny.org 387357 (9/15,22/25)

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CRAIG, JR.,
a/k/a RICHARD CRAIG, JR.
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387986 (9/22, 29/25) (10/6/25)

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Court Term No.
6525-2116
Late of
LIGONIER TOWNSHIP
WESTMORELAND
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Deceased

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MAYERCHECK
Court Term No.
6525-1866
Late of
PENN TOWNSHIP
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ADMINISTRATOR C.T.A. NOTICE

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ROBERT E. GUTH
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Court Term No.
6525-1730
Late of
VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
WESTMORELAND COUNTY
County
Deceased

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65-25-1953
Late of
PENN TOWNSHIP
WESTMORELAND
County
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PENROSE
Court Term No.
6525-2045
Late of
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
WESTMORELAND
County
Deceased

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

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387280 (9/15, 22, 29/25)

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GERTRUDE H. PROUD
Court Term No.
6525-1797
Late of
MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP
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Executor

Estate of
CLIFFORD A. REIN
Court Term No.
6525-1808
Late of
IRWIN
WESTMORELAND
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RICHARD REIN
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Estate of
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ROSKOVENSKY
Court Term No.
6525-1966
Late of
UNITY TOWNSHIP
WESTMORELAND
County
Deceased

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Court Term No.
6525-0632
Late of
NEW ALEXANDRIA BOROUGH
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Estate of
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RALPH D. TAIT
Court Term No.
6525-1973
Late of
LATROBE
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387285 (9/15, 22, 29/25)

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Estate of
RUTH J. WRIGHT
Court Term No.
6525-1969
Late of
NORTH HUNTINGDON
TOWNSHIP
WESTMORELAND
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Estate of
BRUCE D. YERECIC A/K/A
BRUCE YERECIC A/K/A
BRUCE DAVID YERECIC
Court Term No.
6525-1977
Late of
NORTH HUNTINGDON
TOWNSHIP
WESTMORELAND
County
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386517 (9/8, 15, 22/25)

Government Notice

ORDINANCE 4-25 NOTICE OF THE CITY OF NEW KENSINGTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2025, the members of the City Council of the City of New Kensington, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, will consider adopting a revised Stormwater Management Ordinance.

The Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 301 Eleventh Street, New Kensington, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

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The Southmoreland School District Board of Education will be holding a Special Voting Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Southmoreland Middle School Cafeteria, 200 Scottie Way, Scottsdale, PA 15683.
387968 (9/22/25)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On October 14th, 2025, at 6 pm at 501 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209, a public hearing is being held by the Borough of Millvale Council to consider an amendment to the Borough Code, Ord 2842 Chapter 269 Street and Sidewalks, by renumbering entire chapter, amending section 269-4, section 269-6, section 269-7, section 269-8, and section 269-24, the addition of section 269-1 definitions, section 269-5 curb cut process, section 269-9 revocation of permits and the establishment of article VI vacation of street, standards and criteria for vacation of streets within the Borough of Millvale, and Ord 2843 Chapter 312, Zoning, to amend and revise section 312-20(H) with the removal of section 312-20(H)(3) and to amend and revise section 312-52 with the removal of the driveway definition. All amendments are available for public review at the above address Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Township of Sewickley

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Sewickley, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, will act on an Ordinance entitled and summarized below at a regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 5:00pm at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building, 2288 Mars Hill Road, Irwin, PA 15642.

An Ordinance of the Township of Sewickley, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, amending portions of Chapter 28 Zoning, Article 4, Section 402, Table of Uses and Article 6, Section 604, Express Standards for Specified Land Uses (O) Relating to Oil and Gas Development.

A true and correct copy of the above Ordinance is on file at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building, 2288 Mars Hill Road, Irwin, PA 15642, and may be examined/copied for members of the public during the hours of 8:00am to 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend the meeting scheduled as stated above and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please contact the Township of Sewickley at 724.446.7202 to discuss how the Township of Sewickley may best accommodate your needs.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer
The Township of Sewickley
387964 (9/22/25)

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REVISED AIR QUALITY OPERATING PERMIT 65-00207

65-00207: SURTECO North America, Inc. (1001 Chambers Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644-3207) Approval of a Title V Operating Permit Renewal for SURTECO North America, Inc., located in the City of Jeannette, Westmoreland County.

In accordance with 25 Pa. Code §127.441, §127.425, and §127.521, the Department is providing notice that it intends to issue a renewed Title V operating permit to SURTECO North America, Inc., to authorize the continued operation of a polymer-based firm and composite materials manufacturing facility located in the City of Jeannette, Westmoreland County.

The facility consists of the following sources: Source 035, New Boiler 1, rated at 12.5 MMBtu/hr; Source 036, New Boiler 2, rated at 12.5 MMBtu/hr; Source 252, Direct-Fired Make-Up Air Units 1-3 rated at 5.165 MMBtu/hr each; Source 111, Calender Line 1, with a throughput limit of 3,836 TPY controlled by a 21,544 scfm (22,000 acfm) Camcorp dust collector; Source 112, Calender Line 2, with a throughput limit of 2,397 TPY controlled by a 21,544 scfm Camcorp dust collector; Source 114, Calender Line 4, with a throughput limit of 3,836 TPY controlled by a 21,544 scfm Camcorp dust collector; Source 222, Embosser/Laminator 2; Source 232, Liquid Raw Material Storage; Source 241, Resin Silos 1-6, controlled by bin vent filters; Source 243, Resin Solids Weigh and Handling, controlled by bag filters; Source 254, Two Parts Washers, 30-gallon capacity each; Source 300, AZO Scrap System, controlled by a 13,500 scfm Camcorp dust collector; Source 301, Misc. Raw Material Handling, controlled by a 21,544 scfm Camcorp dust collector.

The facility has potential emissions of 7.6 TPY NOx; 10.9 TPY CO; 113.6 TPY VOC; < 0.1 TPY SOx; 41.1 TPY PM-10; 39.4 TPY PM-2.5; < 0.3 TPY HAP total; < 0.3 TPY single HAP for hexane; and 15,603 TPY for CO2e.

Sources at the facility are subject to 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Dc - Standards of Performance for Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units and 25 Pa. Code Chapters 121-145. The permit includes emission limitations and operational, monitoring, testing, recordkeeping, work practice, and reporting requirements for the site.

Those who wish to provide the Department with additional written information that they believe should be considered prior to the issuance of the Title V operating permit may submit the information to Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, or to tjoseph@pa.gov. Written comments must contain the following:

Name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments.
Identification of the proposed Operating Permit (65-00207).
Concise statements regarding the relevancy of the information or objections to issuance of the Operating Permit.

A public hearing may be held if the Department, in its discretion, decides that such a hearing is warranted based on the information received. All persons submitting comments or requesting a hearing will be notified of the decision to hold a hearing by publication in the newspaper or by the Pennsylvania Bulletin, or by telephone, where the Department determines such notification by telephone is sufficient. Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be directed to Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, at the above address or by email to tjoseph@pa.gov.

All comments must be received prior to the close of business 30 days after the date of this publication.

The application, DEP's Review Memorandum, and the proposed permit are available for public review during normal business hours at DEP's Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. A file review can be scheduled through the DEP's website at: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/PublicRecords/Pages/Informal-File-Review.aspx> or by contacting Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, at 412-442-4336 or tjoseph@pa.gov.

Persons with a disability who wish to comment and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodations to do so should contact Lauren Camarda at 412-442-4203 or the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how the Department may accommodate your needs.
388001 (9/22, 23, 24/25)

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Government Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of New Stanton, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, is considering enacting an Ordinance vacating portions of three alleys within the Town of New Stanton Plan, also known as the Village of New Stanton Plan, pursuant to Sections 1731 and 1732 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code. The following is the proposed language of the amended Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ALLEYS KNOWN AS APPLE TREE ALLEY (TWENTY FEET IN WIDTH), BACK ALLEY (TWENTY FEET IN WIDTH), AND DIAMOND ALLEY (FIFTY FEET IN WIDTH) ALL IN THE PLAN OF LOTS KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF NEW STANTON PLAN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE VILLAGE OF NEW STANTON PLAN, WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NEW STANTON, SAID PLAN BEING RECORDED IN THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 29, PAGE 570.

SECTION 1: The following portions of property, being portions of alleys, are hereby vacated: Apple Tree Alley, twenty feet in width, from the southern line of Arona Road to the northern line of Back Alley; Back Alley, twenty feet in width, from the eastern line of Center Avenue to the western line of Wentzler Avenue; and Diamond Alley, fifty feet in width, from the southern line of Arona Road to the northern line of Back Alley. All of these portions of property are within the plan of lots known as the Town of New Stanton Plan, also known as the Village of New Stanton Plan, within the Borough of New Stanton, said Plan being recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office in Deed Book 29, Page 570, as set forth in the documents attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Borough of New Stanton by Sections 1731 and 1732 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, as amended, and is enacted following petition and public hearing and with agreement of a majority of the property owners abutting and affected by the vacations.

SECTION 3: The vacations hereby made are to the extent, and only to the extent, of extinguishing the Borough's rights in the aforesaid portions of alleys for the passage or purposes of public travel.

SECTION 4: If any sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this ordinance. It is the intent of the Borough Council that the remaining provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section or part not been included herein.

Notice is also directed to the following owners of property abutting on or adjacent to the portions of the alleys that the Borough Council is considering vacating by the proposed Ordinance:

Dennis F. Rosenberry 5910 Hecla Armbrust Road PO Box 103 Southwest, PA 15683	Jeffrey N. Long 505 Wentzler Avenue New Stanton, PA 15672
Donna J. Geary 511 Wentzler Avenue New Stanton, PA 15672	Wilbert J. Roth 285 Arona Road New Stanton, PA 15672
Rose Startari and Marie Pinkey 500 S. Walnut St. Blairsville, PA 15717	

The Borough Council intends to take action on the proposed Ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting, to be held on October 7, 2025, immediately following a 6:00 P.M. public hearing on that date on Dennis F. Rosenberry's petition to vacate the above-stated portions of alleys. Copies of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed at the Borough Office at 318 Paintersville Road, New Stanton, PA, 15672, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, until 4:00 P.M. on October 7, 2025.

Notice is also given that if you are a person with a disability and wish to attend the meeting scheduled as stated above, and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please contact the Borough at (724) 925-9700 to discuss how the Borough of New Stanton may best accommodate your needs.

Anita Hoffman
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386332 (9/15, 22/25)

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