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Experts favor voting upgrade

Paperless machines leave no trail, make tampering difficult to detect

VS. TRUMP President likes his chances in hypothetical race for third term. Trump says "No way!" **A12**

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM AND FRANK BAJAK ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALLENTOWN — Jill Stein's bid to recount votes in Pennsylvania was in trouble even before a federal judge shot it down Dec. 12. That's because the Green Party candidate's effort stood little

chance of detecting potential fraud or error in the vote there was basically nothing to recount.

Pennsylvania is one of 11 states where the majority of voters use antiquated machines that store votes electronically, without printed ballots or other paper

based backups that could be used to double-check the balloting. There's almost no way to know if they've accurately recorded individual votes or if anyone tampered with the count.

More than 80 percent of Pennsylvanians who voted Nov. 8 cast their ballots on such machines, according to VotePA, a nonprofit seeking their replacement. VotePA's

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a technician prepares voting machines to be used in the 2016 presidential election in Philadelphia.

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Sallie Noto of Scranton takes a package from Boscov's sales clerk Linda Plunkett-Fortuna on Monday.

HOLIDAY SHOP

On a day known for gift exchanges, consumers also bought into sales.

> BY JIM LOCKWOOD STAFF WRITER

Twas the day after Christmas and all through the stores, gift returns mixed with sales galore.

Shoppers flocked to retail outlets in Lackawan-na County on Monday to return and POLL: exchange pres-

Did you get any gifts you return? Respond on our

ents, spend gift cards and take advantage of sales and bargains. C a r o l e e website. MacDonald

got out early to avoid lines while returning wrong-size clothing she bought for her son. and to scoop up some post-Christmas Day markdowns. After stops at



MICHAEL J. MULLEN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dominic Scattone of Throop returns his grandson's present at Toys R Us in Dickson City on Monday.

"It (Dec. 26) used to be big with exchanges; now it's big with people getting gift cards and wanting to spend them right away."

Steve Vituszynski

Mall and Kohl's, both in Dickson City Ms. MacDonald went to Boscov's at the Marketplace at Steamtown in Scranton, where Macy's at the Viewmont she found deals on gift Home department offered

wrap, ribbon and tissue paper that were too good to pass up.

Along with storewide sales, Boscov's Trim-a-

75-percent-off Christmas decorations and related items. Ms. MacDonald said she will store the ribbon and wrap for next Christmas, and use the white tissue paper for other gifts throughout the year.

Known as a day for exchanges and returns, Dec. 26 also typically ranks among the holiday season's

biggest shopping days. A December holiday survey of consumers by the National Retail Federation found that 48 percent of respondents planned to take advantage of in-store, after-Christmas sales, up from 47 percent last year.

Gift cards also help drive post-Christmas Day

shopping. 'It (Dec. 26) used to be big with exchanges; now it's big with people getting gift cards and wanting to spend them right away,' said Boscov's manager Steve Vituszynski.

The National Retail

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Women place flowers in front of the Alexandrov Ensemble building in Moscow, Russia, on Monday.

Kremlin says terror unlikely in plane crash

Investigators are looking into tech malfunctions, pilot error

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV **AND VERONIKA SILCHENKO** ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCHI, Russia -Kremlin on Monday played down the possibility that a terror attack might have downed a Syria-bound Russian plane, killing all 92 people on board, as the nation observed a day of mourning for the victims, including most members of a worldfamous military choir.

The Tu-154 owned by the Russian Defense Ministry

crashed into the Black Sea early Sunday two minutes after taking off in good weather from the city of Sochi. The plane was carrying members of the Alexandrov Ensemble, often referred to as the Red Army Choir, to a New Year's concert at a Russian military base in Syria.

About 3,500 people, 43 ships and 182 divers have een sweeping a vast crash

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Rail head optimistic about route to NYC

Organization seeks grant to study costs and update data.

BY BORYS KRAWCZENIUK STAFF WRITER

When plans to build a passenger train route between Scranton and New York City derail, Larry Malski assumes his chief role: eternal optimist.

In the parlance of children's railroad books, the president of the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority always sees

the little engine that could. With the train seriously discussed for 25 years already, forever delayed and still years, if ever, from reality, Mr. Malski points to reasons to be cheerful.

First, the authority has applied for a \$150,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to fund a \$300,000 study that will update cost estimates

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In wake of grueling 2016, many respondents

expressed optimism about the coming year. BY EMILY SWANSON

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NEW YORK - Emotionally wrenching politics, foreign conflicts and shootings at home took a toll on Americans in 2016. but they are entering 2017 on an optimistic note, according to a new poll that found that a majority believes things are going to get better for the country next year.

of the Cimes

Americans who responded to the Associated Press-Times Square Alliance poll weren't thrilled with the year. Only 18 percent said things for the country got better, 33 percent said things got worse, and 47 percent said it was unchanged

On a personal level, they

were optimistic about 2017. Fifty-five percent said they

Poll: Americans hopeful things will get better in 2017

believe things will be better for them in the coming year than in the year that just concluded. That's a 12-point improvement from last year's poll.

Americans interviewed about the poll's results expressed some of that

optimism. "Next year will be better than this year, because people will have more jobs and they'll have more money to spend, said Bourema Tamboura, a

Harlem resident behind the wheel of a New York car

"I'm hoping 2017 will be better," added Elizabeth Flynn, 62, an elementary school teacher from Peabody, Massachusetts. 'You've got to be optimistic,

and I'm going to try. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say 2016 was worse for the country than 2015. And Republicans are especially likely to feel that 2017 will be even better for

them personally.

"I'm hoping 2017 will be better. You've got to be optimistic, and I'm going to try."

Elizabeth Flynn 62-year-old elementary school teacher

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Poll questions

Today we ask: Did you get any gifts you want o return or exchange? Log on to vote. Yesterday we asked: Did anyone in your household have work on Christmas?



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Yes: **26**% No: **74**%

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Pennsylvania

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Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least \$325,000.

Thursday's "Pennsylvania Match 6" jackpot will be worth at least \$3 million.

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History

On this date in NEPA

100 years ago, the high school student strike entered its second day in Scranton Students that did report to school said teachers were giving them extra work because of the strike, a claim the school district denied.

75 years ago, U.S. Sen. James Davis asked Gov. Arthur James to recommend that the War Department build an ammunition depot in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania instead of

Franklin County.

50 years ago, Scranton Mayor James Walsh signed the 1967 city budget into law but he said he was doing it with reservations. He said vetoing

the budget served no purpose.

25 years ago, the slopes at
Montage Mountain were packed with people, some trying out their new ski gea Management said over 2,000

people enjoyed the slopes. **10 years ago,** a downed power line caused problems along the Scranton-Carbondale Highway in Dickson City

Almanac

Today is **Tuesday**, **Dec. 27**, the **362nd day** of 2016. There are

four days left in the year. In 1904, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened at the Duke of York's Theater in

In 1932, New York City's Radio City Music Hall first opened.

In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three

astronauts made a safe nighttime splashdown in the

In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak

In 1985, American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied gorillas in the wild in Rwanda, was found hacked to

In 2015, death claimed Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon at age 83.

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Baking at St. Mary's Villa are, clockwise from left: Charles Dulcey, Rosemary Palumbo, Genevieve Barna (hidden), Michaline Temperino, Joan Mast, Meghan Loven, Croce Sklareski, Helen Moran, Mary Allen and

Seniors bake for youth group

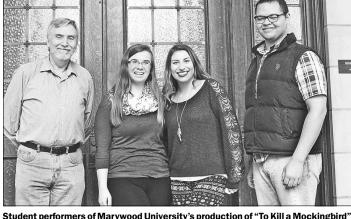
Residents at St. Mary's Villa had baking day – raised dough for the Youth Group at St. Catherine's Church in Moscow.

The group of seniors baked for their "Cookie and Candy Walk" fundraiser, David Kaminski, villa marketing director, said in an email. They "enjoyed each other's company and discussed Christmas cookie recipes while baking," he

Among those joining in were Mary Allen, Elma Anderson, Genevieve Barna, Charles Dulcey, Catherine Foytack, Genevieve Grigalonis, Francis Harrigan, Frances Hayduk, Dorothy Hoffman, Mary Clare Kearney, Meghan Loven, Joan Mast, Helen Moran. Rosemary Palumbo, Helene Rice, Jacob Schlittler, Croce Sklareski and Michaline Temperino.

Super students

Marywood University's music, theater and dance department's production of "To Kill a Mockingbird' received recognition from



Student performers of Marywood University's production of "To Kill a Mockingbird" will receive recognition from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival next month. From left: Charles Gorden, theater program director; Helena Rankin; Amanda Hirschler and Markis Blackwell.

the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Markis Blackwell of Scranton, who played Tom Robinson, and Amanda Hirschler of Factoryville, who played Maudie Atkinson, are nominated to participate in the Irene Ryan Scholarship Award Competition at the Regional Festival in January at Montclair State University. The Irene Ryan Scholarship program awards 16 \$500 scholarships annually. Helena Rankin

of Groton, New York, will be recognized for excellence in stage management. Nicholas Alexander Norris of Noxen, a junior majoring in civil engineering at Clarkson University, received the Barbara Hewitt Lowers Endowed

Scholarship. **High notes**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeastern Pennsylvania annual ONE Campaign committee members, including Erwin Kost Jr., chairman, and Michael Ferguson, John Kramer Jr., Paul Lantz, Jerry Mahon and Jason Wiggins, are working toward a goal of raising \$81,000 in three months. The campaign provides unrestricted funds to support club programs and services to community youth. To donate to the Annual ONE Campaign call 570-342-8709, ext. 110, or visit www.bgcnepa.org.

– TERRY BONIFANTI

Retired state employees hold Christmas luncheon



The Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees, Lackawanna and Wyoming Chapter, held its annual Christmas luncheon at Al Mia Amore, Dickson City. A Toys for Tots collection was held in conjunction with the event. From left: John Adamsky, chapter president; Cpl. Jeffrey Vik; Sgt. Roger Torres; Ted Chrusch; Eileen Soranno; Tom O'Neill, regional vice president; Helen Coggins; Nina Falciglia; and Mary Ann Ketchur.

Washington West group sponsors Toys for Tots



The Washington West Association sponsors Toys for Tots at its Christmas party. From left: Crissy Schwartz, vice president; Linda Butler, treasurer; 1st Sgt. Shawn C. Kelly; Gunnery Sgt. Mario Pucci; and Kay Crockenberg, president.

Felicity Jones

People News

'Rogue One' tops new releases

LOS ANGELES - It was an intergalactic holiday at movie theaters as "Rogue One" blasted past a spate of new releases to hold onto the top spot at the weekend box office.

The "Star Wars" story, which stars Felicity Jones, added another \$96 million to its coffers over the four-day holiday period, according to studio esti-

mates Monday.

"The power of the 'Star Wars' brand made it the odds-on favorite to be the No. 1 film on Christmas weekend despite a massive amount of competition," said Paul Dergarabedian, media analyst for box-office tracker comScore.

That left the weekend's many new releases in a race for second place. The animated animal musical "Sing" claimed that spot with \$56 million. The Jennifer Lawrence-Chris Pratt space tale "Passengers" opened in third with \$23.1 million, followed by the R-rated comedy "Why Him?" with \$16.7 million. The video-game adaptation "Assassin's Creed" debuted in fifth place with \$15 million.

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Two ex-employees sue U of S

Claim they lost their jobs over medical issues

BY TERRIE MORGAN-BESECKER STAFF WRITER

Two former employees at the University of Scranton are suing the college, alleging officials retaliated against them for seeking accommodations for medical

In separate lawsuits filed in federal court, Joseph Merrick of Scranton claims he was fired for taking time off under the Family Medical Leave Act. Linda Smith of Scranton alleges she was retaliated against in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mr. Merrick's suit, filed last week by attorney Frank Tunis Jr. of Scranton, says he was employed as a custodian and developed an unspecified medical condition that required him to request intermittent leave under the FMLA starting in October 2014. On July 16, 2015, he was In September 2012, she develfired for excessive absenoped hypothyroidism, anxiteeism, even though some absences included leave that was approved under the FMLA

Ms. Smith's lawsuit, filed Dec. 7 by attorney Olugbenga O. Abiona of Philadelphia, says she was employed as a secretary with the university's residence life department since November 2007.

ety and hearing loss and requested the college provide her a reasonable accommodation to allow her to continue working.

The suit alleges Ms. Smith's supervisor subjected her to a hostile work environment because of her request. Ms. Smith was transferred to the theology/religious studies department in retaliation for her complaints about the harassment. She was fired in July 2015 despite never being advised of problems with her performance.

Stan Zygmunt, spokesman for the university, said it does not comment on pending litigation.

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A growing love for learning at new preschool

Discovery MI in Scranton plans to open second classroom in January.

BY SARAH HOFIUS HALL STAFF WRITER

Luke Golembeski, 5, sat at a table at the Discovery MI Preschool, putting together a trinomial cube.

You have to sort them," he said, as he sep arated the blocks and prisms by size for the activity that helps teach math, spatial and logistical skills.

At another table at the Montessori preschool on East Mountain in Scranton, a group worked with Play-Doh, rolling it out and cutting it into squares and triangles the parts needed to make houses, the students explained.

'These are happy, welladjusted kids who love learning and hopefully develop a lifelong love of learning," said Stacy Nivert, president of the school's board.

Kindergarten in fall

Just four months after the school opened, its founders will open a second preschool classroom in January and plan to start offering kindergarten in the fall.

"We've had an over whelming response. I'm really excited about it, said teacher Amanda Therkorn, who will become the educational director in the spring.

The private, nonprofit school will be able to accommodate 40 preschool and kindergarten students.

Two multi-age classrooms will include both groups of students, with the kindergarten students receiving more advanced instruction. The school will also continue its mission of having one-third of its students from low income families, with financial assistance available, Ms. Nivert said. Offiapproval for the kindergarten by April.

The first preschool

classroom opened in September, the result of parents coming together when the state forced the Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School to close its preschool. The school, located inside the Irish Cultural Society on Beech Street, offers a Montessori curriculum using a multiple intelligence theory, similar to what was offered at the charter school.

The state forced the charter school's pre-kindergarten program to close last vear because state law prohibits charter schools from operating pre-K programs

Not enough choices

'Our goal has always been to help address the critical shortage of preschools," Ms. Nivert said. There aren't enough choices for families.'

This year, tuition for full-day preschool is \$590 a month, and the half-day program is \$395 a month.

In a recent health and well-being class, the children learned about corn and what makes it pop. Students also take art, Spanish, gym and music classes each week.

"I hope they're getting an education for the whole child," Ms. Therkorn said.

For information, visit mydiscoverypreschool.

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Alexandria Zackoski, 3, does a pouring-funnel work exercise at the Discovery MI Preschool in the East Mountain section of Scranton.



Callen Evans, 4, works on spindles, a mathematical Luke Golembeski, 5, works on a trinomial cube exerexercise, at the Discovery MI Preschool in Scranton, cise at the Discovery MI Preschool



Riverside schools 'united'

Students, teachers say they are adjusting well to redistricting.

BY SARAH HOFIUS HALL STAFF WRITER

TAYLOR — Redistricting in Riverside has brought the school district back together.

Four months into a plan that brought all elementary students in the same grades to the same schools, officials said both students and teachers have adjusted well.

'We're going to reap the benefits for years to come,' Superintendent Paul Brennan said.

Kindergarten through second-grade students now attend Riverside Elementary West in Taylor, and third-through sixth-graders attend Riverside Elementary East in Moosic. Each school had previously offered kindergarten through fourth grades, with all district students attending fifth and sixth grade at the Moosic school.

The change allows better curriculum development and collaboration among teachers and an earlier integration with classmates, Mr. Brennan said.

"I love that we're all together," kindergarten teacher Dawn Loney said.

There had previously been a divide between students who went to school in Taylor versus those who attended school in Moosic, she said.

"Now friendships are formed from kindergarten on," she said.

With all grade-level teachers in the same buildings, collaboration is also easier. kindergarten teacher Alison Harchar said.

With all of the younger students in the same building, officials can focus more on early intervention and are planning the first formal kindergarten graduation ceremony, Mr. Brennan said. Staff at the third-through sixth-grade school can also focus more on other ageappropriate activities, he

Mr Brennan said he likes to use the phrase "united in one heart" when talking about Riverside.

'Now we're united from the start," he said.

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Program to keep motorists informed of road emergencies

The 511PAConnect initiative is similar to the Amber Alert notifications, officials say.

BY CLAYTON OVER

Motorists now have a new way to receive information should they end up stuck in an emergency road

Called 511PAConnect, the system is similar to Amber Alert notifications that law

enforcement send out about missing children. It works like this: when personnel from the Pennsylvania Turnpike or the state Department of Transportation identify a potential long-term emergency road closure of four hours or longer due to a crash or weather conditions, they'll notify Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency personnel. PEMA will then issue a wireless emergency alert geo-targeted to those in or approaching the impacted area.

"It is important for motorists to recognize that the system will only work in areas with cellphone service and that this is not a substitute for

calling 911 if you have an actual emergency in your vehicle.

> Richard D. Flinn Jr. PEMA director

The message will direct people in the area to visit 511PAConnect.com, where they can enter their phone

number to register to receive

updates about the closure via

text message or phone call

and also safety tips, said Carl

DeFebo, a spokesman for the

People will also be asked to answer questions like what kind of vehicle they are driving and the number of people inside, which will help responding agencies, Mr. DeFebo said.

"It really helps us pinpoint our response," Mr. DeFebo

said. Once the incident is rectified, those who registered for the alerts will automatically be unsubscribed and their

information erased from

the system.

"This system will only be used for emergencies that will last for a sustained period," PEMA Director Richard D. Flinn Jr. said in a release on the initiative. "It is important for motorists to recognize that the system will only work in areas with cellphone service and that this is not a substitute for calling 911 if you have an actual emergency in your vehicle.

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Prof under fire for racist tweet

Educator says his 'White Genocide" comment was meant to be satirical.

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Drexel University professor has been summoned to a meeting with school officials after he tweeted a Christmas Eve message that appeared to support "white genocide.'

George Ciccariello-Maher, who is white and an associate professor of politics at the Philadelphia university, told The Associated Press by email Monday that his Christmas Eve message to nearly 11,000 Twitter followers — "All I Want for Christmas is White Genocide" was meant to be satirical.

Drexel was not amused. condemning Mr. Ciccariello-Maher's tweet and saying in a statement it was "taking this situation very seriously.

"While the University recognizes the right of its faculty to freely express their thoughts and opinions in public debate, Professor Ciccariello-Maher's comments are utterly reprehensible, deeply disturbing, and do not in any way reflect the values of the University," Drexel said.

Mr. Ciccariello-Maher, whose online biography says his academic specialties include "race and racism," said Drexel apparently didn't understand "the content or the context" of his tweets. The professor told AP he was mocking what he called the "imagi-nary concept" of white genocide, which he says was invented by white supremacists.

"It is a figment of the racist imagination, it should be mocked, and I'm glad to have mocked it," he said.

Mr. Ciccariello-Maher followed up his initial tweet by praising the "massacre" of whites in Haiti during the country's slave uprising and revolution more than two centuries

Though his Twitter account is private, he is a prolific tweeter, and his weekend messages spread quickly online. He said he has received hundreds of death threats. The professor said Drexel's statement "sends a chilling message."

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Robert McCracken's replica ranch has grown at his home in Nanticoke.

Nanticoke man's diagnosis leads to new model hobby

Unable to spend time outdoors, his display of miniatures brings ranch inside.

BY BILL WELLOCK STAFF WRITER

NANTICOKE — The last time Robert McCracken went fishing was about four years

Kidney failure has kept the 64-year-old off the lake and away from his rod and rifle since 2012, two years

before he was diagnosed with the condition, which he is now treating.

The last three months, however, have brought a new hobby into his life, one that

brings a miniature representation of the outdoors into his living room. Mr. McCracken wanted to buy his fiancée, Janetlee Holderman, a model train set, but only found gifts out

of his budget. 'Then I told her, 'I have an idea,'" he said, pointing to a table in the living room. "This was the idea."

At Ms. Holderman's apartment on East Noble Street in Nanticoke are dozens of small plastic farm animals and two replica barns arranged on a table, complete with hay Mr. McCracken purchased at Tractor Supply Co. in Hanover Twp. and real

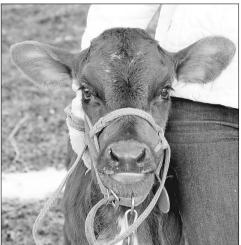
A few animals

The replica ranch is his new hobby. It started as a few animals on an end table and now takes up a folding table along one living room wall. A cowboy hat hangs above the menagerie.

Mr. McCracken said he spends hours on the project each day, adding details to make it his own, such as small yellow ropes tied around the figurines' necks, paper bearing his imaginary "Circle Farms" logo on the roof of each miniature barn and cereal arranged in a container as a substitute for feed. horses and even "branded" his livestock with a red marker. The digit "1" inside a circle lets visitors know the ani-



Robert McCracken and his fiancée, Janetlee Holderman,



MARK MORAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

a 6-week-old Lineback calf, was brought to Robert McCracken's house as a surprise by Lindsey

Sutton and her staff of the Lands at Hillside Farms.

en's herd. Ms. Holderman has contributed some touches, such as three small statues that Mr. McCracken calls "our

mals belong to Mr. McCrack-

watchmen" and a miniature wishing well. "What ranch doesn't need a wishing well?" she said.

Mr. McCracken is now 'addicted" to the display he has created. He sprays a fine mist of water on the grass and hay to keep it moist, spends hours each day researching ranching and watches videos on YouTube nitely unique, but very of rodeos and ranchers come," Ms. Sutton said. bringing in a herd of cattle. his agricultural education.

He recently called The Lands at Hillside Farms so he could talk to a staff member there to learn more about the cows on that farm. Mr. McCracken and Lindsev Sutton, the organization's director of education, chatted for about a half hour about topics such as the breeds at the farm, their diet and how much milk they produce.

Appreciation

ation for what our farmers urban rancher that is probaand our cows do. It was defi-

Last Tuesday, the staff He is filling a notebook with from Hillside Farms even surprised Mr. McCracken

with a visit from a live calf.

"I walked out there and there she was," Mr. McCracken said. "She was adorable."

While growing up in New Jersey, Mr. McCracken bagged feed at an agriculture store and bought a horse when he was 15. He eventually came to own five horses, rented space at a barn to house the animals and rode them in parades. He later sold the horses and moved to Pennsylvania after his parents died.

Source of comfort

Besides providing a welcome pastime, the display is a source of comfort.

You might laugh at this, but even though they're fake, it's like they're our kids," Mr. McCracken said of his doz-ens of plastic cows and hors-"In the morning, I can't

wait to come out here."
"I never thought to do something like this. I like coming out at night when we're relaxing and looking at it," Ms. Holderman said.

Cassandra Smith lives in the same building as Mr. McCracken and Ms. Holderman and has seen the display

"Every couple days, he'll have me come over. There's always something new to see," she said.

Her daughter, 4-year-old Hannah Whitmire, has seen living horses and cows near her father's home in Berwick. She gave Mr. McCracken's likenesses a thumbs-up, and explained her 2-year-old sister's thoughts on the

ranch.
"She likes it," Hannah

Mr. McCracken and Ms. Holderman plan to continue the display. The ranch's future includes a possible expansion to other parts of the living room, perhaps requiring a dip into the capital expenditures budget for another table.

At least one lifestyle change "He really had an appreci- has taken hold of this replica bly rare in the real profession.

steak," Mr. McCracken said.

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No court notes The Lackawanna County Courthouse was closed Monday in observance of the Christmas holiday. Court notes will resume Wednesday.

VOTES: Paperless results difficult to verify | **PLANE:** Site searched

Marybeth Kuznik described the proposed recount this "You go to the computer and you say, 'OK, computer, you counted this a week-anda-half ago. Were you right the first time?""

Glaring danger

These paperless digital voting machines, used by roughly 1 in 5 U.S. voters last month, present one of the most glaring dangers to the security of the rickety, underfunded U.S. election system. Like many electronic voting machines, they are vulnerable to hacking. But other machines typically leave a paper trail that could be manually checked. The paperless digital machines open the door to potential election rigging that might not ever be detected.

Their prevalence also magnifies other risks in the election system, simply because error or fraud is harder to catch when vote counts can't be verified. And like other voting machines adopted since the 2000 election, the paperless systems are nearing the end of their useful life — yet there is no comprehensive plan to replace them.

"If I were going to hack this election, I would go for the paperless machines because they are so hard to check," said Barbara Simons, the co-author of "Broken Ballots," a study of flawed U.S. voting technology.

Dr. Stein described her recount effort as a way to ensure that the 2016 election wasn't tainted by hacking or fraud. There's no evidence of either so far — a fact federal Judge Paul Diamond cited prominently in his decision halting the Pennsylvania recount.

Vulnerable system

Dr. Stein pursued similar recounts in Wisconsin and Michigan, to little avail. Those states use more reliable paper-based voting technologies. (The Electoral College certified Donald Trump's presidential victory



Brian Varner, a principal researcher at Symantec, inserts an identifying chip card into an electronic voting machine as he demonstrates how to hack an electronic voting machine at a Symantec office in New York in September.

last week.)

But a cadre of computer scientists from major universities backed Dr. Stein's recounts to underscore the vulnerability of U.S. elections. These researchers have successfully hacked e-voting machines for more than a decade in tests com-missioned by New York, California, Ohio and other states.

Dr. Stein and her witnesses said worries about fraud were justified given U.S. charges that Russia meddled in the 2016 presidential campaign. Emails of top Democrats were hacked and leaked. Over the summer, hackers also tried to breach the voter registration databases of Arizona and Illinois using Russia-based servers, U.S. officials said. Election networks in at least 20 states were probed for vulnerabilities.

"It's a target-rich environment," said Rice University computer scientist Dan Wallach. Researchers would like to see the U.S. move entirely to computer-scannable paper ballots, because paper can't be hacked.

The U.S. voting system — a loosely regulated, locally managed patchwork of more than 3,000 jurisdictions over-

seen by the states — employs more than two dozen types of machinery from 15 manufacturers. Elections officials across the nation say they take great care to secure their machines from tampering. They are locked away when not in use and sealed to prevent tampering.

All of that makes national elections very difficult to steal without getting caught.

But difficult is not impossible. Dr. Wallach and his colleagues believe a crafty team of pros could strike surgically, focusing on select counties in a few battleground states where "a small nudge might be decisive," he said.

Tech outdated

Most voting machines in the U.S. are at or near the end of their expected lifespans. Forty-three states use machines more than a decade old. Most run on vintage operating systems such as Windows 2000 that predate the iPhone and are no longer updated with security patches.

On Nov. 8, election officials across the U.S. handled numerous complaints of aging touchscreens losing calibration and casting votes for the wrong candidate.

But while many experts agree the U.S. voting system needs an upgrade, no one wants to pay to fix it.

Money flowed after the

2000 Florida recount debacle, when punch-card technology was discredited by hanging chads. Congress appropriated \$4 billion for election upgrades; states raced to replace punch cards and lever machines with digital technology.

But when that money ran out, so did the ability of many states to address security concerns overlooked in their initial rush. Four in 5 U.S. election officials polled by New York University's Brennan Center last year said they are desperate to replace equipment but lack the cash.

Voters in poorer areas suffer disproportionately, the center found. Data collected in Virginia, Ohio, Minnesota and Colorado suggests the poor are more apt to encounter failing machines.

In Virginia, wealthier counties near Washington have upgraded technology while lower-income counties in the state's southwest have not been able to afford it, said Edgardo Cortes, the state elections commissioner.

site for bodies of the victims and debris, and dozens of drones and several submersibles also have been involved in the search. Rescue teams so far have recovered 11 bodies and numerous body fragments, which have been flown to Moscow for identification.

Divers have located parts of the plane's fuselage and other fragments, but the search for the jet's flight recorders will likely prove challenging as they lack underwater locator beacons for easy spotting common in more modern planes.

Officials sought to squelch speculation that the crash might have been caused by a bomb planted on board or a portable air defense missile.

But some aviation experts pointed that the crew's failure to communicate any technical problem and a large area over which fragments of the plane were scattered point at a possible

explosion on board. Evidence of a bombing of Syria-bound military flight would badly embarrass the Kremlin, highlighting Russia's extreme vulnerability to attacks even as it boasts its success in Syria after Aleppo fell into President Bashar Assad's hands. President Vladimir

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters that an attack isn't a likely scenario, Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov, who oversaw the rescue efforts, said investigators were looking into a possible technical fault or pilot error as the most likely reasons behind

the crash. But some experts remained skeptical, noting that the crew would have reported any technical

glitch. "Possible malfunctions ... certainly wouldn't have prevented the crew from reporting them," Vitaly Andreyev, a former senior Russian air traffic controller, told RIA Novosti, adding that an "external impact" was the most likely reason.

Russia's main domestic security and counter-terrorism agency, the FSB, said it has found "no indications or facts pointing at the possibility of a terror attack or an act of sabotage on board the plane."

The plane departed from the Chkalovsky military airport just outside Moscow and stopped in Sochi for refueling early Sunday. The FSB said border guards and military servicemen were protecting the plane as it sat on the tarmac in Sochi, and the chief pilot along with the flight engineer personally monitored the refueling. The agency said that a border guard officer and a customs official were the only ones to briefly come on board in Sochi.

Some Russian media pointed at lax security at Chkalovsky outside Moscow where the plane was based, saying that it's quite porous compared to civilian airports.



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RETURNS: Shoppers exchanging presents

Federation survey also estimated that 22 percent of consumers receiving gift cards will use them as quickly as possible, up from 20 percent last year; while 41 percent will watch for really good sales to maximize value, and 19 percent will save gift cards

for rainy days. Gift cards were among Ms. MacDonald's Christmas presents, along with money and lottery tickets. She did

not return any of those gifts. "I don't return what I get. Santa knows what I want," Ms. MacDonald said.

Eileen Noble of Charles town, R.I., who was in town visiting family in Dunmore. went to Boscov's for "some exchanges, some returns" of gifts.

Meanwhile, at Toys-R-Us, in Dickson City, Dominic Scattone of Throop returned a Lego City box set that his young grandson received as a Erin Powell, also of Throop,

returned a Hatchimal.

"The hottest gift of the season," she said. "My son got two for Christmas.'

Contact the writer:

jlockwood@timesshamrock.com, Eileen Noble exchanges a package with help from @jlockwoodTT on Twitter



MICHAEL J. MULLEN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Boscov's clerk Sarah Cruz on Monday morning.

RAIL: Project cost could end up close to \$1B

County, the state Department of Transportation and other agencies will match the other

"Our last numbers are eight or nine years old," Mr.

By a 2006 estimate, the project would cost \$551 million, but state Secretary of Transportation Leslie Richards has said the cost could end up closer to \$1 billion.

Second, U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuvsen, R-New Jersey, is the new chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which has a major say in all federal spending. He has long advocated for the train, mainly because it cuts right through his district. Mr. Frelinghuysen played a role in talking New Jersey Transit into reinstalling tracks on a 7.3-mile stretch of the trackless but straight 28-mile Lackawanna Cutoff and renovating a tunnel near Roseville, New Jersey. The 7.3 miles will extend New Jersey's service from Port Morris to Andover. So far, 4.1 miles of track are

New Jersey Transit is qualifying contractors and engineers to fix the tunnel and extend the track, agency spokesman Jim Smith said. The agency hopes to award ect and begin construction next year. The job is expected to take two years to finish. The cost of extending the track to Andover alone is \$61.6 million, Mr. Smith said.

Third, Mr. Frelinghuysen has a new colleague on the Appropriations Committee: Matt Cartwright, D-17, Moosic. The legislator has turned the train's revival into his main mission in Congress.

That means the two congressmen whose districts would benefit most from the project sit on one of Congress' most powerful committees. "That's how you get things

done," Mr. Malski said.

Fourth, Republican President-elect Donald Trump advocates rebuilding the nation's highways, bridges, airports, railroads and other infrastructure. He wants to spend \$1 trillion — that's trillion with a 'T' - on infrastructure.

"If that comes to fruition, struction money chief then that's going to be a major impact that we can tap " Mr. Malski said.

After the 7.3 miles is built, the cutoff's remaining 21 largest final obstacle to having tracks all the way to

"The whole process revolves around the next 21 miles," Mr. Malski said. "Our whole battle is the next 21

Many obstacles and questions remain, finding conamong them along with proving a need. Ms. Richards has repeatedly said the train will have to prove the 133-mile excursion can compete with

The last time a passenger train ran between Scranton and New York City was Jan. 5, 1970. Mr. Malski rode that last train and believes he can ride the next one. "The stars are aligning,"

he said.

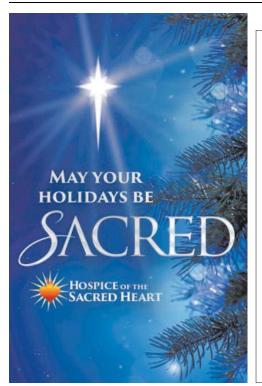
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Bovs & Girls Club Christmas party



The annual Christmas party for children at the Boys & Girls Club was held with funds raised from the Capt. James R. Minicozzi fifth annual Memorial Race. Committee members and helpers include, from left: John Trapani, event co-chairman; Mike Rescigno, Dave Bieri, Danny Lovallo, Anthony Summa, Jim Baress, chapter president; Michael Giallorenzi, Mary Marrara, co-chairwoman: Matthew Martini. Pat Yanni. Leslie Minicozzi Galacci. chairwoman for event; Bella Cappellano Server, Don Galacci, owner of Alfredo's; Wilbur Cruz, Dr. Al Giallorenzi and Palma Yanni.



Gifts from PennDOT



PennDOT District 4 employees prepare to deliver gifts to children. Front from left: Lori Shalkowski, John Arcangelo, Peggy Voldenberg and Marsha Boland. Second row: Jen Borino, Chris Rood, Tom Capitano and John Pivovarnik. Third row: Steve Walsh, Joe Cerra, Dave Lucas, Chuck Davis and Mike Kelly. Employees provided gifts to 68 preschool children from Lackawanna County Head Start, adopted a family of three from Catholic Social Services in Luzerne County and three children from Adopt an Angel Program in Lackawanna County.

BRIEFS

CARBONDALE TWP.

Utz truck driver injured in crash

Emergency personnel took one man to the hospital after he was thrown from his vehicle in a crash Monday afternoon.

The crash happened at about 12:35 p.m., when the driver of an Utz potato chip truck traveling westbound on an icy Salem Mountain Road lost control of the vehicle and struck a utility pole. Carbondale Twp. police Chief Richard Russian said. The truck spun 360 degrees, and the driver, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown through the window of the driver side door, the chief said.

Crews took the driver, a 42-year-old man, to Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton with broken ribs and he is in fair condition, Chief Russian said

- CLAYTON OVER

DUPONT

Water main break interrupts service

Pennsylvania American Water Co. crews worked into the night Monday to repair an 8-inch water main break on Main Street, water company spokeswoman Susan Turcmanovich said.

The break occurred Monday morning between Grant and Coolidge streets, she said in an email.

About 30 customers were still without water at 10 p.m. Monday, but the company estimated the repairs would be completed overnight. A tanker for potable water was stationed at Dupont Hose Company, Ms. Turcmanov-

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Winter has Hit Us with a engeance.



U.S. sold \$40 billion in weapons in 2015

Topped list in global market

RY THOM SHANKER

WASHINGTON — The United States again ranked first in global weapons sales last year, signing deals for about \$40 billion, or half of all agreements in the worldwide arms bazaar, and far ahead of France, the No. 2 weapons dealer with \$15 billion in sales, according to a new congressional study.

Developing nations continued to be the largest buyers of arms in 2015, with Qatar signing deals for more than \$17 billion in weapons last vear, followed by Egypt, \$12 billion in arms, and Saudi Arabia, with over \$8 billion in weapons purchases.

Although global tensions and terrorist threats have shown few signs of diminishing, the total size of the global arms trade dropped to about \$80 billion in 2015 from the 2014 total of \$89 billion, the study found. Developing nations bought \$65 billion in weapons in 2015, substantially lower than the previous year's total of \$79 billion.

The United States and France increased their overseas weapons sales in 2015, as purchases of U.S. weapons grew by about \$4 billion and France's deals increased by well over \$9 billion.

The report, "Conventional Arms Transfers to Developing Nations, 2008-2015," was "Concerns over their domestic budget problems have led many purchasing nations to defer or limit the purchase of new major weapon systems."

Catherine A. Theohary

A national security policy specialist at the Congressional Research Service

prepared by the nonpartisan are "due, in part, to the weak-Congressional Research Service, a division of the Library of Congress, and delivered to legislators last week. The annual review is considered the most comprehensive assessment of global arms sales available in an $unclassified \, form. \, The \, report$ adjusts for inflation, so the sales totals are comparable year to year.

Constraints on the expansion of foreign weapons sales

ened state of the global economy," wrote Catherine A. Theohary, a national security policy specialist at the Congressional Research Service and author of the study.

"Concerns over their domestic budget problems have led many purchasing nations to defer or limit the purchase of new major weapon systems," she added. "Some nations have chosen

and to training and support

Russia, another dominant power in the global arms market, saw a modest decline in orders for its weapons, dropping to \$11.1 billion in sales from the \$11.2 billion total in 2014. Latin American nations, in particular Venezuela, have become a focus of marketing for Russian arms, the study found.

China reached \$6 billion in weapons sales, up from its 2014 total of more than \$3 billion.

Among arms manufacturers that also are NATO allies, Germany has found success in marketing naval systems to the developing world. while Britain has done the same with warplanes, to limit their purchasing to according to the report.

overseas weapons sales last year included new agreements with Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar and South Korea.

Overall, the largest buvers of weapons in the developing world in 2015 were Qatar, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Pakistan, Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Iraq. After the United States, France, Russia and China, the study found that the major global arms suppliers were Sweden, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Britain and Israel.

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Texas ponders response to abortion ruling "There is still a legitimate state interest to talk about that."

Supreme Court said two provisions of state's law were unconstitutional.

BY SMANTHA KETTERER THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

AUSTIN, Texas -- This summer's Supreme Court ruling on abortion could put a wrench in Texas' plans to further restrict the proce-

dure in the spring, experts

Whether legislators will err on the side of caution is a different question.

"States like Texas are going to try to continue to push the envelope," said Matthew Wilson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University, "I don't think legislatures are going to be dissuaded from passing abortion decisions based on

existing decisions. In Whole Woman's Health

v. Hellerstedt, the Supreme Court ruled that two provisions of Texas' law were unconstitutional - one that would have required abortion clinics to have admitting privileges into hospitals, and another that would have made clinics adhere to standards of ambulatory surgical centers.

The court ruled that the restrictions would place an undue burden on women and that the state didn't provide enough evidence that the law would benefit women's health.

Abigail Aiken, a political science professor at the University of Texas at Austin, said that if Texas lawmakers wanted to venture back into similar laws, they'd be walking into a "legal minefield."

It's pretty clear in the Whole Woman's Health decision that laws that are masquerading as protecting in protecting fetal life. Our opponents don't want to talk about that."

John Seago

Legislative director for Texas Right to Life,

women's health are not going to fly anymore," Ms. Aiken "I think that's kind of said. closed the door on that for now."

Arguments that women's health would benefit from abortion restrictions are going to be more susceptible to legal challenges in the future, said Amanda Allen, state legislative counsel for the Center for Reproductive Rights, the group that sued the state in the Supreme Court case.

"The relationship between the restrictions that Texas wanted to enforce and the actual impact on improving

women's health was zero," Ms. Allen said. "The court is really going to closely scrutinize those types of arguments moving forward."

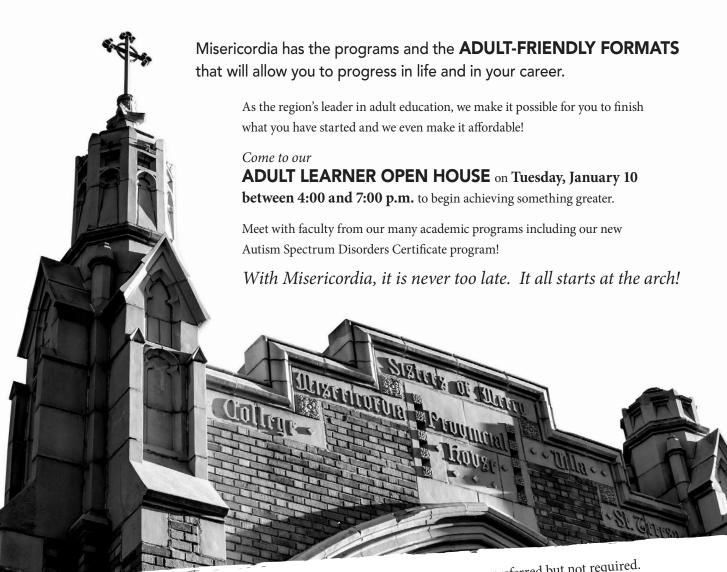
But the Supreme Court didn't consider one provision of Texas' 2013 law - one that prohibits abortion in Texas after 20 weeks of pregnancy. John Seago, legislative director for Texas Right to Life. said abortion bills that use the basis of "fetal life" as an argument are more likely to be implemented.

"There is still a legitimate state interest in protecting fetal life," Mr. Seago said. "Our opponents don't want

But so far, lawmakers haven't filed many bills that argue in support of protecting fetal life.

One of the bills filed for the spring would require aborted or miscarried fetal tissue to be buried or cremated. The Center for Reproductive Rights has sued the state on the measure, and a judge will hear the case in early January.





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Solution in Syria 'a grand bargain'?

Joint effort likely to shape country's fate

BEIRUT - Under different circumstances, Syrian President Bashar Assad's capture of Aleppo would project an aura of invincibility. He has survived nearly

six years of revolt. Instead, it has underscored his dependence on outside

Turkey Iran, and Russia have tilted recent events in his favor, and it is those three players — and perhaps the

tration — that are now best placed to determine Syria's endgame.

The three nations met in Moscow last week for talks on Syria that pointedly included no Syrians, indicating they prefer to pursue a grand bargain among great powers rather than a domestic settlement between the government and the opposition.

The warming of ties between Russia and Turkey, who back opposing sides of

incoming Trump adminis- the civil war, may prove to be a game changer, potentially helping to end a conflict that has confounded the world's top diplomats for more than five years.

Their joint efforts on Syria there is now talk of a nationwide cease-fire reflect a desire to establish spheres of influence. Turkey might drop its support for rebels fighting Mr. Assad in exchange for freedom of movement in a border region where its troops are battling

trying to curb the advance of U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces.

Hassan Hassan, a Syrian analyst at the Washingtonbased Tahrir Institute, called the Moscow summit "a perfect example of how the Svria solution is now about a grand bargain whereby other countries negotiate on

behalf of Syrians.' Syria's army was only able to win the battle of Aleppo with Russian support and the aid of thousands of Iranmanage the rebels' surrender when they were on the verge of total defeat.

Turkey was an early backer of the rebels, allowing them to retreat and rearm across its largely porous border. But as Syrian Kurdish $forces-- answerable\ neither$ to Mr. Assad nor to his opponents — have expanded their canton along the border, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has come to view them as a greater threat

struck a deal with Russia to an Kurdish faction as an extension of the Kurdish insurgency raging in its southwest. It has also grown increasingly concerned about IS following a series of attacks. The Syrian Kurds are battling IS, but Turkey describes both as "terrorists who must be eliminated.

In August, Turkish troops and allied Syrian forces poured across the border, and in the following weeks they drove IS from its last strongholds along the frontier and halted the Kurdish advance.

Replacing health law vexing to the GOP

Different factions have different ideas on the issue.

BY RICARDO

ALONSO-ZALDIVAR ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republicans are united on repealing President Barack Obama's health care law, but ideologically and practically speaking, they're in

ANALYSIS

different camps o v e r replacing it. Getting the fac-

tions together won't be easy. Some Republicans would revise and rebrand "Obamacare," junking unpopular

provisions like its requirement that most Americans carry health insurance, while preserv-



ing well-liked parts. Others would rip up the Affordable Care Act, or

ACA, and not replace it.
President-elect Donald Trump and Republican congressional leaders will have to unite the groups on complicated changes affecting the financial and physical well-being of millions of people. For some constituents in fragile health, it's literally a life-and-death debate.

Republicans have "a really narrow path," says Grace-Marie Turner of the Galen Institute, a free-market health care research organization. "They've got to deal with the politics of this, they've got to make sure they come up with good policy, and they also have process challenges.

Success is not guaranteed, and Republicans may come to regret that their party defined itself as totally

opposed to "Obamacare." Yet House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady seems unfazed by the challenge. "It's like tax reform," says Mr. Brady, R-Texas, explaining that many pieces will be pulled together. "Unlike Obamacare, which ripped up the individual market, this will be done deliberately, in an appropriate timetable

Republicans say they will move quickly to repeal the ACA, while suspending the effective date to allow them to craft a replacement.

Many Republicans may quietly be in this contingent. but fear being accused of promoting "Obamacare-lite.

They'd strip out some of the ACA's taxes and requirements. The unpopular "individual mandate" to carry health insurance or risk fines could be replaced with other persuasion short of a government dictate. Rules on insurers would be loosened.

But popular provisions such as protecting those with pre-existing health conditions would be retained in some form, as well as financial assistance for low- and moderateincome people.



Debbie and Richard

Higgins, whose well water has been contaminated

by a suspected carcino-

dump site, look at a map

on their kitchen table in Hanover, N.H., which shows where the contam-

gen from a Dartmouth

ination has spread.

Richard Higgins, whose family's well water has been contaminated by a suspected carcinogen from a Dartmouth dump site, looks down at one of many test wells installed to monitor the groundwater in Hanover, N.H. Dartmouth College said it has been cleaning up contamination where scientists dumped carcasses of lab animals in the 1960s and 1970s.

)NTAMINATED

Groundwater pollution from dead Ivy League lab mice worries neighborhood.

BY MICHAEL CASEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

HANOVER, N.H. — Neighbors of Dartmouth College property where for years the Ivy League school disposed of mice and other small animals used in science experiments say they fear pollution from the site has contaminated their

been completely upfront with them. The site has contaminated the well water of at least one family, that of Richard and Debbie Higgins, who blame a variety of health problems on it, including rashes, hair and skin loss and dizziness. Even their dogs were not spared, they say, with one urinating blood and another vomiting.

groundwater and they worry the school hasn't

"We have been drinking the water for years and we had no idea, absolutely no idea," Ms. Higgins said.

Few nearby residents even knew the half-acre plot on the college's Rennie Farm was used from the 1960s until 1978 to dump carcasses from "tracer experiments," in which scientists used radioactive compounds to see how things moved through life systems. A nearby site also contained remains of human cadavers and stillborn fetuses used in medical classes.

The obscurity of the fenced site changed in 2011, when Dartmouth chose to clean it up. removing 40 tons of carcasses and soil from scores of unlined pits that were legal at the time they were dug. That led to the discovery of hazardous waste and low-level radioactive materials and eventually evidence that at least one chemical used in the animal experiments, the suspected carcinogen 1,4-dioxane, had leaked into the

It was initially found at 50 times the state standard of 3 parts per billion on the site and more recently as high as 600 parts per billion in the ground. The chemical has been linked to eye, nose and throat irritation and, in long-term exposure, to liver and kidney damage, according to



"We have been drinking the water for years and we had no idea, absolutely no idea."

Debbie Higgins

Resident whose well water is contaminated

the Environmental Protection Agency

The 1,4-dioxane was eventually found to have migrated off the site and contaminated the Higginses' well across the street, about 800 feet from the site — at twice the state standard. They learned in September 2015 that their well was polluted, and now depend on bottled water supplied by Dartmouth for cooking and drinking.

The news has rattled the semi-rural neighbor homeowners who worry the plume will reach their own wells and damage their property values. Many contend Dartmouth was too slow to respond once it found the contamination and has been reluctant to provide full details of what was on the site — something the college denies

"Right now, everyone is very confused and concerned," said Ellen Waitzkin, a radiologist who lives across from the site. "They are trying to determine on what basis they should feel threatened or not.

The Higginses and other residents argue an alert about the spreading contamination should have gone out earlier. New Hampshire environmental and Dartmouth officials said initial tests showed the levels of 1,4-dioxane were declining on the site and were projected to remain on the farm site - though state officials now concede there could have been more aggressive monitoring.

Now, Dartmouth is working to regain the trust of the Higginses and the other residents. It apologized in September for its handling of the case, sampled 110 drinking wells in the neighborhood; no others have tested positive. It also offered 20 households bottled water.

It is also finishing construction on a system at the dump site to capture and clean the contami-

Japanese PM in Hawaii for memorial visit

He will not apologize for attack, spokesman says

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe laid wreaths at various cemeteries and memorials Monday ahead of a visit to the site of the 1941 bombing that plunged the United States into World War II.

Mr. Abe landed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and then headed to National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, where he laid a wreath. He stood for a moment of silence at the cemetery near downtown

Honolulu, which is known as Punchbowl.

He later visited a nearby memorial for nine boys and men who died when a U.S. Navy submarine collided with their Japanese fishing vessel in 2001. At the Ehime Maru Memorial, he again laid a wreath and bowed his head.

Today, he'll be the first Japanese prime minister to visit the memorial that honors sailors and Marines killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Japan's former leader

Shigeru Yoshida went to

surrender, but that was before the USS Arizona Memorial was built. Mr. Yoshida arrived at Pearl Harbor in 1951, shortly after requesting a courtesy visit to the office of Adm. Arthur W.R. Radford, commander of the U.S. Pacific fleet. The office overlooked Pearl Harbor, offering a direct view of the attack site.

Pearl Harbor six years after

the country's World War II

The memorial will be closed to the public today when Mr. Abe visits the his-

toric site, joined by President Barack Obama, who is vacationing in Hawaii with his

The importance of the visit may be mostly symbolic for two countries that, in a remarkable transformation, have grown into close allies in the decades since they faced off in brutal conflict. At the same time, it's significant that it took more than 70 years for U.S.-Japanese relations to get to this point.

Mr. Abe won't apologize for Japan's attack when he visits, a government spokesman said earlier this month.



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Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Monday in Honolulu.



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Editorial

OUR OPINION

Safety function of government

ackawanna County Commissioner Laureen Cummings apparently thinks her job is to scold her constituents for their woeful irresponsibility — supposed character flaws that drive up the costs of wretched government.

Several week ago the tea party Republican claimed credit for an ordinance that would have tripled fees for assessment appeals as a means to discourage property owners from filing them. Ms. Cummings scolded appellants for supposedly passing on higher costs to those good property owners who don't challenge unfair assessments. This, after Ms. Cummings herself has refused to consider reassessing property values for the first time since 1968 — a longtime failure of responsibility by politicians such as herself, which is the fundamental reason that so many residents file appeals in the first place.

Then, last week, Ms. Cummings voted against pedestrian safety. She voted "no" on a county allocation of \$75,000 to enable the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority to secure a \$700,000 state grant. That money will be used to improve safety along the authority's Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.

About 300,000 people walk, run and bike along portions of the trail, and that number is certain to increase as trail development continues. The upgrade project is for eight places in Scranton where the trail intersects with busy roads.

Scranton Police Chief Carl Graziano told the commissioners that the lack of controlled crossings strains police resources and creates dangerous conditions.

But what does he know? According to Ms. Cummings, the cost of creating safe conditions is unfair to the government. The problem isn't the physical facts on the ground, its a wide-spread lack of personal responsibility.

"This is just more money being spent for someone to cross the road. If people don't know how to cross the road, I don't know what's happening to this society when we actually have to hold them by the hand and make them safe to cross the road."

Sure, there might be some blind corners, or kids on the trail who run into roadways, or slow-moving older walkers, but what's that compared with the costs of a well-marked crosswalk and road signs?

Perhaps she is right. Think how much money the government would save if only they didn't have to put flashing lights on school buses, expensive traffic signals at intersections and flashing lights and bells at railroad crossings.

Actually, of course, public safety is a core government function. Ms. Cummings should cross the ideological road to accept that responsibility.

Warrant by supposition

The debate about the degree to which FBI Director James Comey adversely affected Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's campaign likely will go on long after President-elect Donald Trump leaves office.

Mr. Comey entered uncharted waters 11 days before the presidential election when he informed Congress that the FBI was examining emails on a laptop owned by Anthony Weiner, estranged husband of Huma Abedin, a confidante of Mrs. Clinton. That raised anew the prospect that the FBI had reopened an investigation into Mrs. Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state, which Mr. Comey had, in effect, closed by saying that there were no grounds for any criminal charge.

Two days before the election Mr. Comey acknowledged that the new inquiry had come to nothing, but by that time millions of people already had voted through early-voting systems in their states.

Last week, a federal judge unsealed documents underlying Mr. Comey's actions. They reveal a fishing expedition by the FBI and blithe approval by a federal magistrate of a search warrant based only on broad supposition as probable cause.

Instead, the emails proved to be mostly routine correspondence between Mrs. Clinton and Ms. Abedin — evidence more so of the FBI's inappropriate assertion of itself into an election rather than of any wayward conduct by either of the two women.

Mr. Comey has much to answer for in this case. Now, it should stand as a warning to judges to demand true probable cause before suspending individuals' privacy.



"UH, SIR?... THAT'S NOT WHAT THE SIGN MEANS ..."

YOUR OPINION

Anti-education pick

Editor: President-elect Donald Trump has every right to pick his Cabinet. He won with a campaign based on racism, lies and ignorance so it should surprise no one as he picks people similar to him to run our government.

One pick, however, really stands out. Betsy DuVos has never been a teacher, coach, principal, or school district administrator. She has never been elected to a school board and never worked for a state or federal department of education. Based on that résumé, she is unprepared to lead the U.S. Department of Education as secretary.

So, why was she picked? Maybe because she not only pushed for expensive charter schools to replace traditional public schools, but wanted them unregulated in Michigan. Even without regulations, Michigan's charter schools do poorly when compared to its traditional public schools. Maybe she got the nod because she pushed for school vouchers, an expensive, controversial gimmick that draws money away from public schools.

Mr. Trump wants to spend \$20 billion on vouchers for city residents, with nothing for rural kids.

Or was Mrs. DuVos selected because she and her husband donated millions to Republican Party candidates this year? That seems to be the same type of pay-to-play deal Mr. Trump used to criticize Hillary Clinton.

The Republicans pro-business agenda is clear. People like Mr. Trump and Mrs. DuVos unapologetically want to kill our nation's public schools with their overpaid, unionized teachers to make room for for-profit schools. There are billions to be made by corporations in this if they educate only some of the nation's children. So what if most kids rural kids, those affected by poverty, minority popula-tions and kids with disabiliare left behind? That's just the cost of doing business, right?

Is this the deal Trump supporters wanted?

JOSEPH ROGAN

Conspiracy concern

Editor: I am not usually a conspiracy theorist, but I admit to a suspicious nature concerning the alleged Russian hacking and involvement in the presidential election.

In baseball, when a thirdbase coach signals to a batter to bunt in a suicide-squeeze situation, there is a designated move for the batter to make to acknowledge he has received the sign and is on board.

So, let's just say the Russians and Donald Trump's presidential campaign somehow decided to do a deal to hack into the Democratic National Committee's web site and pass the results to someone who would make anything embarrassing public, say Wikileaks.

So, the signal could have been passed from Russian hackers to the Trump campaign, perhaps through Paul Manafort, who at the time was Trump's campaign manager and who was revealed to have had done millions of dollars in political consulting work for the exiled former president of Ukraine. That man, coincidentally, was given safe haven in Russia by Russian President Vladimir Puttin.

The return signal, the offer from Russia had been received, could have come in any specific remark by Trump, perhaps the one that urged Russia to find the alleged 30,000 missing Hillary Clinton emails, or even in a statement made with specific wording at a debate.

The deal was then completed, Trump had received the signal from the Kremlin and his specific response gave Russians the go-ahead, so he was on board

It's a long shot, I know, but just suppose . . .

JOE MIEGOC CARBONDALE

Fake news outlet

Editor: Addressing the issue of fake news, here's a few new items:

■ President-elect Donald Trump claims he would have won the popular vote, too, if the Russian vote had been counted.
■ Georgia and Florida

residents have been surprised to learn the swamp the president-elect really plans to drain is really the Okefenokee.

The president-elect is too busy taking victory laps to

busy taking victory laps to receive daily national security briefings. Instead, he will rely on exchanges of early morning tweets with his old friend, Russian President Vlad Putin.

Trump proves he is

■ Trump proves he is smarter than the generals by naming retired ones to top positions in his administration. He says he wants to show them his big brain personally and claims it's huge.

He also offers 10 percent discounts to his high-end resorts and hotels for all men who are either unemployed or underemployed. Proof they voted for Trump is required for the discounts.

Well, at least I hope they are fake stories.

JERRY DIPASQUALE

Bad fracking rap

Editor: A Dec. 14 editorial ("EPA report defines issue") fails to provide readers with accurate, fact-based information regarding Pennsylvania's strong and effective natural gas regulations. Readers deserve the facts

deserve the facts.

First, the Environmental Protection Agency report indicates that hydraulic fracturing, a tightly regulated 60 year-old technology that's helped enable America's historic energy revolution, does not threaten our drinking water resources. Second, here in Pennsylvania, natural gas production and over-

all safety continues to progress. In 2015, for example, the commonwealth produced a record amount of clean natural gas without a single confirmed case of impacted drinking water supplies, according to the Department of Environmental Protection.

In fact, top Obama administration officials have confirmed that the process of hydraulic fracturing is a safe, proven technology that's leading to a healthier environment and stronger economy. U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said in 2013 that there has not been "any evidence of fracking, per se, contaminating groundwater" and EPA administrator Gina McCarthy confirmed that "responsible development of natural gas is an important part of our work to curb climate change."

Our industry is absolutely focused on environmental, worker and community safety - and we support strong, common-sense regulations. Despite claims attempting to suggest otherwise, Pennsylvania's natural gas development-related regulations are some of the nation's tightest. Third-party and independent groups such as the State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations — a nonprofit environmental review organization — tout our strong and effective

As Pennsylvania continues to be a leader in America's energy revolution — and as our elected officials debate our energy future — let's remember to stick to the science and the facts.

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Building with purpose

While Donald Trump has been deciding whether to go mano a mano with China's leaders, I've been traveling from Beijing to Shanghai to this southern city, with a stop at China's technology capital in Shenzhen.

network of bullet trains, glistening new rail stations and airports - all of them with clean toilets — that Americans can only dream of.

Trump has promised to produce an infrastructure bonanza, but we have no idea what he will deliver. According to a June study by the McKinsey Global Institute, infrastructure investment has fallen in 10 major economies, including the United States, since the 2008 financial crisis, while China is building like crazy.

"China spends more on economic infrastructure annually than North America and Western Europe combined." the report said.

The massive Beijing South Railway Station, built in 2008, is bullet-train only with hundreds of people seated in an enormous waiting room. Somehow the crowds are amazingly orderly, surrounded by neon billboards and all manner of eateries, with a busy Starbucks at one end. The 909-mile trip from Beijing to Shanghai takes five hours, with plush red seats and young women attendants wheeling service carts with food down the aisles.

Shanghai itself is a massive infrastructure project. When I first visited in 1986, the Pudong district — east of the Huangpu River and across from the historic city center — was little more than a marsh, and Shanghai was a city of bicycles with hardly any cars. Today, Pudong has morphed into China's financial center and looks like New York on steroids, with elegant high-rises lit up in neon at night in bright colors as a backdrop to the river.

Shanghai's main interna-

BY BRADLEY D. STEIN

GUEST COLUMNIST

and sharing health data

already have begun to trans-

form the way health care pro-

viders practice medicine in

this country. One such initia-

research informs practice.

The conversation about

learning health care systems

has mostly been restricted to

the realm of physical health

care. But the same budding

promise of a learning health

care system exists in the

realm of behavioral health

care and the tools are in

Better capturing and sharing the vast amounts of

health data generated each

year through behavioral

health research and clinical

practice can lead to the cre-

ation of a behavioral health

care system that continuous-

ly improves — or, in other words, that "learns" from its

successes and failures — and

that is able to harness tech-

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tive is the "learning" health- are caring for patients.

is a senior scientist at the RAND Corp. and an adjunct

professor of psychiatry at

the University of Pittsburgh

New modes of capturing



tional airport, in Pudong, opened in 1999. But what fascinated me was the Shanghai Hongqiao airport, mainly for regional flights, from which I flew to Shenzhen, near Hong Kong. I expected something modest, but this airport was massively expanded for the Shanghai Expo in 2010. It is filled with high-end shops such as Hermes and Coach aimed at local Chinese along with Starbucks and

neled into numerous security lines that pass through in surprisingly little time.

Shenzhen's Bao'an International Airport also has undergone major expansion in the last five years. This city, located just north of Hong Kong, is a Chinese hub of technology and innovation and home to the massive campus of Huawei, the largest telecommunications equipment manufacturer in the world, with 170,000 employees. Walking through the leafy setting, watching young employees on compulsory lunch break (50,000 of them pass daily through multiple cafeterias with good looking fresh food), I could have been strolling through a U.S. university campus.

Shenzhen, with a population of 10 million, is a highping destination. I couldn't help remembering my previous visit in 1986, when it was little more than a muddy

China's infrastructure splurge can't be viewed as a model for upgrading America's underfunded roads, bridges, airports, and train stations. The Chinese government made a decision to direct a massive investment

sions or lessons learned from

routine clinical care, they at

to and improving the knowl-

edge base. Providers can now

have immediate access to the

knowledge base while they

advances to make better use

of the best available data

would help rein in costs and

improve quality and safety.

This makes sense whether

the health care is physical or

Imagine a behavioral

health care system in which

every patient's experience

can contribute to the overall knowledge of how best to

treat behavioral health disor-

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tions are shared, and in

which evidence will continu-

ally improve the understand-

ing of the pros and cons of

different approaches to diag-

nosing, treating and prevent-

ing behavioral health prob-

lems. Imagine a system in

which providers can at once

contribute to the evidence

base and benefit from it at

the point of care. This is the

potential of a learning

behavioral.

The think-

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happen in the United States.

According to Bloomberg, China spent more than \$10.8 trillion in infrastructure in the last decade alone. Government and foreign investment, bonds, local taxes, and vehicle purchase taxes helped pay for construction. China's completed national expressway network is almost all toll, with a nationwide E-Z pass-type system. The Chinese infrastruc-

ture splurge was meant in part to offset weak economic growth. Some studies argue that much of it may not have

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Richard Cohen

David Brooks

been cost-effective. Yet as I travel through China's train stations and airports, there seems to be a lesson here.

Perhaps the Chinese government has built overcapacity (for now). Perhaps money was wasted. But attractive train stations and airports. along with decent roads, help Chinese travel in comfort and safety, help businesses grow, and convince ordinary citizens their country is on the right track.

Riding a bullet train smoothly from Beijing to Shanghai makes me cringe at the creaky shaky Amtrak Acela Express. Passing quickly through security at Shanghai's airport makes me wonder why lines at Kennedy or Philadelphia move so slowly. Visiting spotless rest rooms makes me despair over the crummy bathrooms at just about every American

train station I pass through. We must do better, for American morale and to remain a global leader. And doing better will require a coherent plan from the White House, not just helter-skelter private projects.

Over to you, Presidentelect Trump.

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Saving key to college

BY TIMOTHY A. REESE GUEST COLUMNIST

College costs too much for too many, and the price continues to rise.

To meet those costs many Pennsylvanians are forced to choose between thousands of dollars of debt, or the harsh realities of never achieving their dream of higher edu-

Timoth Reese Today, college grad-Pennsylvania's 37th state uates leave school with more debt than treasurer. ever. There has been a

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those who carry student debt compared with the previous generation. In 1993 less than fewer of new, four-year graduates had loans. As of 2015, 68 percent of our graduates had college loans.

The problem is especially acute when considering the average cost of published tuition and fee prices between 2011-2012 and 2016-2017 rose by 9 percent in the public four-year sector, by 11 percent at public two-year colleges and by 13 percent at private non-profit four-year institutions, after adjusting for inflation, according to the College Board. In fact, Pennsylvania has the fifth-highest tuition costs in the country. according to the College-

Calc's website. Sadly, according to the Institute for College Access and Suc-

cess. Pennsyl-

vania students

face an average loan debt of \$34,798—the second-highest in the country; 71 percent of the state's graduates carry some debt.

But it doesn't have to be that way. The Pennsylvania Treasury offers two 529 college savings plans that allow residents to save for their choice of higher education for as little as \$15 a month. The plans grow tax-free and when used for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition, room and board, mandatory fees and textbooks, are tax-exempt.

Both provide flexibility to pay for college expenses at most higher education institutions across the country, be they colleges, trade schools or vocational options. The primary difference between the plans is the way savings

The PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) is a lower-risk plan in which savings help keep pace with the ris-ing costs of tuition without worrying about the volatility of the stock market. The PA 529 Investment Plan features low fees and more than a dozen conservative and aggressive investment options.

Both plans are a good investment.

An almost record \$467 million was contributed on behalf of 207,000 beneficiaries saving for higher educa-tion with the PA 529 College Savings Program.

Significantly, families who used their PA 529 GSP accounts for higher education collectively gained \$58 in the plan in the last fiscal vear and almost \$548 million since the plan's inception, a nearly 43 percent cumulative growth.

The GSP fund is actuarially funded at slightly more than 116 percent as of Septem-

Families taking withdrawals this year from the PA 529 IP plan had collective gains of \$26 million and \$106 million since the plan's inception.

Every dollar saved tremendous increase in in these plans is a dollar that doesn't need to be borrowed to pay for higher education. In addition, when you save for college, the interest works for you. When you borrow for high-

er education, interest works

"Families ... collectively gained \$58 million in growth by saving in the plan in the last fiscal year."

relying on loans to fund education instead of saving, the total out-of-pocket cost could be more than double.

The choice is clear Saving even a small amount for higher education is a sound strategy—save as much as you can within your means. Higher education is a great investment. Over a lifetime. the gap in earnings potential between a high school diploma and a higher education degree is more than \$1 mil-

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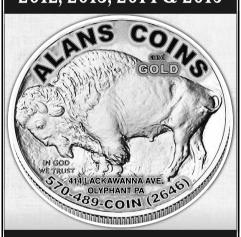
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> A transformation to such a system is within reach. Not only is there a road map for how to proceed, but the technologies needed to improve care are accessible. Passage of the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of the fedand Addiction Equity Act have paved the way for the delivery of behavioral health services on par with general

medical services.

Building a learning behav ioral health system will require the buy-in of researchers and providers. A successful transformation will depend on building consensus around common metrics for high-quality care, relevant outcomes and contextual factors, fostering partnerships between researchers, providers and clinical and community settings, creating a "data commons" to pool information and designing tools that allow for real-time feedback.

Expanding the discussion to focus on behavioral, as well as physical health care is a worthy goal, one that has the potential to enhance the delivery of behavioral health care, and ultimately improve outcomes, for millions of

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After Clinton, what's next for women?

Successors study why she lost

BY CATHLEEN DECKER

WASHINGTON first woman president was supposed to make history by accumulating such deep experience that few could deny her ability to serve as commander in chief.

Hillary Clinton did that, and lost. Now women politicians and those working to elect them — Democrats and Republicans alike - are sifting through her defeat to understand what her loss means for future women candidates and to find a future path.

Their effort is complicated by the very things that made Mrs. Clinton's nomination both inevitable and troubled: her singular standing and unique negatives

While the number of women elected to office has grown markedly over the decades, polling shows that in a race for the White House they still must demonstrate they are capable of commanding the government and in particular the U.S. military, a masculine institution despite its

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own gender strides.

That inevitably conflicts with another voter demand: for a fresh face — like that. say, of President Barack Obama, who defeated Mrs. Clinton in the Democratic primaries in 2008 in part because he appealed to voters' desire for change.

You can't get those qualifications, get that resume, while also being able to present yourself as a change candidate," said Kelly Dittmar, an assistant professor of political science at Rutgers University-Camden and a scholar at Rutgers' Center for American Women and Politics

"Men aren't held to the same standard of proving their credentials.3

Mrs. Clinton's experience won her plaudits from voters who throughout the campaign saw her as best prepared to assume the presidency. That may have helped her win the popular vote, but she lost the electoral college to a man who had never before run for elective office or served in government.

Most damaging, she was unable to fully benefit from the advantages that usually flow to a woman candidate being seen by voters as more honest, trustworthy and both



Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton delivers her concession speech Nov. 9 from the New Yorker Hotel's Grand Ballroom in

a unifier and the one who most cares about constituents' concerns

New York City.

That has left a puzzle: How much of the loss reflected Mrs. Clinton's particular vulnerabilities, how much involved opposition that any future oman candidate may face?

Unquestionably, Mrs. Clinton faced unique problems: her decision as secretary of state to use a private email server, which led to extended controversies; media coverage of separate Democratic emails now believed to have

operatives; and a relentless line of assault casting her as corrupt, first by primary challenger Bernie Sanders and later by Donald Trump.

She also faced a unique opponent, Mr. Trump, whose image of swashbuckling masculinity shaped the campaign more than any of Mrs. Clinton's milder efforts to use gender to her advantage. Mrs. Clinton's supporters

have been left counting smaller victories, like the fact that she won more votes than any candidate ever, apart from Mr. Obama.

They are also casting Mrs. Clinton's reach for history as part of a decadeslong effort that, by definition, includes

"It's been a struggle, it's always been a struggle that's the nature of the fight for equality," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, the California Democrat who was elected in 1992, a year when the number of women senators tripled.

The fact that we got to have first woman nominee of a major party is an enormous breakthrough, and ve'll build on that," she said.

But others suggest that this year's campaign portends trouble for whichever women come next.

At a recent panel discus-

and women's rights overseas.

tioning in Hawaii, was pro-

hibited by the Constitution's

22nd Amendment from run-

ning for a third term. But Mr.

Obama has said even if there

weren't term limits for presi-

dents, he believes it's impor-

tant for the country to have a

change of leadership after eight years. He's also suggested his wife, first lady

Michelle Obama, would have

had little patience for a third

term in the White House

Mr. Obama, who is vaca-

Politics, which included representatives from both campaigns, Mr. Trump's manager, Kellyanne Conway, argued that the country was ready to elect a woman president just not this particular woman in a year in which voters demanded change.

"On gender, it wasn't a hypothetical," she said of voters' options. "It was Hillary. So it's not just a woman; it's one that people had lived with for quite a while."

That drew a pained response from Mrs. Clinton's media strategist, Mandy Grunwald, who suggested that Mrs. Clinton had rare standing to be seen as a potential commander in chief, given her tenure as secretary of state, U.S. senator from New York and as a first lady deeply involved in policy matters.

'You may think the coun-

old woman, just a different one. There are very few people who will ever meet that test," Mrs. Grunwald said,

adding: "I hope I am wrong." Mrs. Clinton's campaign was a real-world test that shined a bright light at some of the downsides of women's

candidacies. The degree of punishment she took from voters concerned about perceived ethical lapses was one of those. Throughout the campaign, prompted by broadsides from Mr. Sanders and Mr. Trump, voters were sharply critical of Mrs. Clinton when it came to honesty and truthfulness.

The virulence of their sentiments suggested that women, usually held in high regard on those fronts, suffer more than male candidates when seen as not meeting that standard.

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Obama vs. Trump: Who would've won

Dispute erupts over outcome if contest was different.

BY JOSH LEDERMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU - In an alternate universe in which President Barack Obama ran for a third term against Donald Trump, who would have won?

No surprise: The president and the president-elect disagree.

A fresh dispute erupted Monday between Mr. Obama and his successor, spurred by Mr. Obama's hypothetical musings that had he run again, he would have been victorious. Interviewed for a podcast, Mr. Obama suggested he still holds enough sway over the coalition of voters that elected him twice to get them

to vote for him once again. "I am confident in this vision because I'm confident that if I had run again and articulated it, I think I could've mobilized a majority of the American people to rally behind it," Mr. Obama told his former White House adviser, David Axelrod, in a podcast released Monday.

Mr. Trump, naturally, disagreed. He took to his preferred medium — Twitter – to offer his reaction.

'President Obama said that he thinks he would have won against me. He should say that but I say NO WAY!' Mr. Trump wrote.

He suggested Mr. Obama's record would have prevented him from securing a victory, citing jobs that have left the U.S., troubles with Mr. Obama's Affordable Care Act and the ongoing threat posed by the Islamic State group as examples.

The White House declined to comment on Mr. Trump's tweet

In the podcast, Mr. Obama didn't address whether he would have been able to surmount the obstacle that the Electoral College posed for Hillary Clinton. The Democrat

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President Barack Obama speaks during an event Sunday in Hawaii.

failed to secure a majority of electoral votes despite winning the popular vote by millions.

Yet Mr. Obama said he's spoken to people across the U.S. who have told him the direction he pursued "is the right one," a sentiment he said extends even to some people 'who disagreed with me." He suggested Democrats' failure in the election may have stemmed from the prevailing assumption that Mrs. Clinton's victory was all but assured.

"If you think you're winning, then you have a tendency — just like in sports — maybe to play it safer," Mr.

Though Mr. Obama railed against Mr. Trump during the campaign, he's largely held his



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President-elect Donald Trump speaks during a rally Dec. 15 in Hershey.

Election Day victory, in large part to ensure a smooth transition of power. He and Mr. Trump have spoken regularly by phone, and Mr. Trump has praised his predecessor for the graciousness with which he's handled the proces

But in recent days, points of tension between their two teams have started to emerge, driven by Mr. Trump's picks of Cabinet nominees who have vowed to dismantle much of what Mr. Obama has accomplished. The Obama administration has also been dismayed by requests from Mr. Trump's team for information they fear could be used to try to identify and then eliminate bureaucrats who have worked on Obama





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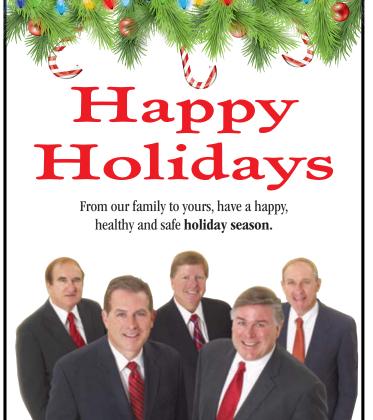
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Western Wayne takes tournament title

Rovinsky records double-double in win over Foresters in championship.

> BY JOBY FAWCETT STAFF WRITER

 $FOREST\ CITY -- Players$ for Western Wayne couldn't help but sport broad smiles as they accepted their medals.

Each one as happy as the next, but few as thrilled as their coaches.

Playing with tenacious defensive intensity while executing on offense in critical spots, the Wildcats defeated host Forest City, 50-37, on Monday to capture the championship of the Forest City Rotary Tournament.

This is very special," said Luke Pike, a senior who had 24 points in two wins, including six in the title game, and earned all-tournament hon-"We have been trying real hard to get better and have been working hard in practice.

"It feels great to be tournament champs."
Western Wayne, under the

guidance of former Old Forge coach Al Semenza, who in his first season with the program brought in several of his former players to

former Riverside head coach Andrew Bennie, improved to 4-2 overall.

In the previous six seasons, the Wildcats won eight of 137 games and had six straight seasons with at least 20 losses. Despite those numbers,

this group played with confidence in the title game after losing in the final of the Cal King Tournament last week. Zach Rovinsky, a 6-foot-3

freshman who proved to be a rising star in the paint, had a game-high 21 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Dahl-

complete his staff, including ton Frisbee, the tournament most valuable player, had 11 points and three steals, adding to his 12 points in a semifinal win over Mountain View.

"We really wanted to win," Frisbee said. "We knew the defense was the main focus. We had to hold them under 40 points and then we knew we could have a chance. Offensively, we had to make plays and we did."

Forest City (1-5) got off to a fast start as Kolby Rotella and Jared Paulin, who also earned an all-tournament spot, hit back-to-back 3-pointers in the opening two minutes.

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JAKE DANNA STEVENS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Western Wayne's Kobe Sauter makes a pass against Forest City during the Forest City Rotary Tournament.

LYNETT TOURNAMENT

SOLACE ON, OFF COURT

Brown overcomes loss with help of family, friends



Scranton Prep's Jake Brown has strong support from his family and teammates as he works through the death of his mom, Meg.

Scranton Prep senior shared 17 years with his mom before her death in the spring.

BY JOBY FAWCETT STAFF WRITER

ake Brown knows things will never be the same. When he comes home from school, her smile and robust laugh don't fill the room any

more, but are a pleasant memory.

He looks up into the stands during basketball games and no longer sees his mom, Meg.

He misses her with all of his

And is grateful to have had

her in his life. Her tragic sudden death in the spring dealt a crushing emotional blow to the Scranton Prep senior. He fights through the sadness with the strength he draws from the love in his

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Today's opening round games

At Lackawanna College Student Union

Girls

Scranton Prep vs. Abington Heights Dunmore vs. Scranton 2:30 p.m.

Boys Holy Cross vs. Scranton

6 p.m. Dunmore

Inside

- Senior Nick Maldonato's passion for Dunmore strong. Page B3
- List of past boys and girls Lynett Tournament champions. Page B3

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

West drops Lady Vikes

Jefferson scores 31 to lead Invaders over Riverside.

> BY MARTY MYERS STAFF WRITER

TAYLOR — For three quarters, West Scranton didn't give Destiny Jefferson much help.

While West's senior standout was keeping the

fifth-ranked Invaders close to No. 6 Riverside,



the rest of her teammates made JEFFERSON just 4 of 28 shots. But when it was needed, Jefferson's teammates came through in the clutch in the final eight minutes.

helping West edge the Lady Vikes, 50-47, in Monday's semifinal in the Taylor Lions Tournament. "I thought they did a tremendous job stepping up," said Jefferson, who scored 31, had eight rebounds, three blocks and two steals. They were pressuring me so Tatum (Repshis) our

Raven (Rozina), Nadya (Brown), Kaila (O'Neil), they all stepped up, and that was very big for us. Prior to the fourth, anyone not named Jefferson

freshman, Neveah (Ross),

was 4 for 28 from the field, and West (5-2) trailed, 34-33. "I felt it," Jefferson said of her team's increased intensity in the fourth quarter. "Coach (Leo) Ciullo talk-

had to do what we had to That was a little some-

ed to us a little bit, so we

thing from a lot of players. Ross drilled a 3 off Repshis' feed to start the fourth.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

QB Cavallaro claims Cesare honors

Delaware Valley senior broke area record, compiling 2,809 yards passing.

> BY JOBY FAWCETT STAFF WRITER

Matt Cavallaro has shown great leadership and poise as the quarterback and the senior class president at Del-

aware Valley High School. And after a record-breaking season on the football

field, the Delaware Valley senior received a prestigious honor, which rewards excellence on and off the field.

On Monday, Cavallaro, The Times-Tribune Offensive Player of the Year, earned the 25th annual Fiore Cesare Award and Scholarship at an afternoon luncheon at the Radisson Hotel. It is presented by the Scranton Chapter of Football Officials and Peoples Security Bank.

Abington Heights athlete

Colin McCreary and North Pocono linebacker/fullback Tyler Musgrave were the runners-up.

"It's a great honor," said Cavallaro, who in addition to his excellence on the field, serves as class president, is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers time to his church and local food bank. "It really reflects on my teammates and our coaches All the hard work in the offseason and in the season.

"It's just exciting to see the faces and the people that won it in the past, and the people here. It's definitely an honor. There is not much more you can ask as a high school football player."

Cavallaro, who is aiming to play ice hockey in college, is the second recipient of the award from Delaware Valley.

Bryan Schor, who will lead James Madison into the Please see CESARE, Page B3



MICHAEL J. MULLEN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Cavallaro, left, of Delaware Valley accepts the 25th annual Fiore Cesare award from Marty Bover. chapter secretary of Scranton PIAA officials, Monday.

LOCAL SPORTS

Today

Today

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Springfield at WBS Penguins, 7:05 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Lynett Tournament
Lorent Tournament
Lackawanna College
Scranton Prep vs. Dummore, 7:30
Honesdale Jaycees Tournament
ES South vs. Wallenpaupack, 6:30
Lake-Lehman at Honesdale, 8
Susquehanna Christmas
Tournament at Elik Lake
Blue Ridge vs. Montrose, 6
Susquehanna at Elik Lake, 7:30
James Akens Holiday Tournament
at North Pocono
Pocono Mountain East vs. Wyoming
Valley West, 3:30
Old Forge at North Pocono, 7:30

Valley West, 3:30

Old Forge at North Pocono, 7:30

Taylor Lions Tournament
West Scranton at Riverside, 7:30

Nonleague
Abington Heights vs. Berks Catholic at
Parkland, 4:30

ınkhannock at Lackawanna Trail

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Lynett Tournament
at Lackawanna College
Scranton Prep vs. Abington Heights, 1
Dunmore vs. Scranton, 2:30
Lou Camoni Tournament
at Valley View, 6
Lakeland vs. Carbondale Area, 8
Honesdale Jaycees Tournament
Western Wayne vs. Wallenpaupack, 5:45
Forest City at Honesdale, 7:15
North Pocono Boosters Tournament
Vyoming Valley West vs. Holy Cross, 1:30
Pocono, 5:30
Pocono, 5:30

Pocono, 5:30

Denise Reddon Tournament at Elk Lake
Blue Ridge vs. Montrose, 5:30
Susquehanna at Elk Lake, 7
Senator Rhoades Tournament at Mahanoy Area
3rd — Panther Valley vs. Old Forge, 5
1st — Shenandoah Valley at Mahanoy Area, 7

Wednesday

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Pete Turonis/NBT Bank Holiday
Classic at Carbondale
3rd — Valley View vs. Lakeland, 6
1st — Mid Valley at Carbondale, 8
Susquehanna Christmas
Tournament
Consolation 6; championship 7:30
Milford-Matamoras Rotary
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ES-Notre Dame vs. Valley Central, 6
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Nonleague
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Consolation 5:30; championship 7
Nonleague
Meyers at Lackawanna Trait, 7:15
HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING
Nonleague
Delaware Valley, Honesdale at Liberty
Hurricane Classic, 9

Upcoming

FRIDAY
AHL: Providence at WBS Penguins, 7:05 p.m. SATURDAY

AHL: WBS Penguins at Binghamton, 6:05 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

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Basketball Northwestern at Penn St. Illinois at Maryland 3 p.m. ESPN2 5 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9 p.m. ESPN2 Illinois at Maryland
Rutgers at Wisconsin
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Lander at S. Carolina
Kent St. at Texas
Thunder at Heat
Michigan St. at
Minnesota
SMU at Memphis
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9 p.m. UCLA at Oregon ESPN2
10:30 p.m. Raptors at Warriors NBATV
11 p.m. UNLY at Colorado St. ESPNU
Football
2 p.m. Pinstripe Bowl ESPN
Pitsburgh vs. Northwestern
5:30 p.m. Russell Athletic Bowl ESPN
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West Virginia at Miami Foster Farms Bowl Indiana vs. Utah 8:30 p.m.

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HS BASKETBALL

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2. Constitution (12)

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4. Greensburg C.C. (7)

5. Bishop Canevin (7)

6. Church Farm (1)

7. Bishop Guilfoyle (6)

8. Mahanoy Area (11)

9. Shenandoah Valley (11)

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3-0), Brockway (9, 4-2), Ca

Others to watch: Bishop McCort (6, 3-0), Brockway (9, 4-2), Cambridge Springs (10, 5-2), Clarion (9, 4-1), Clarion-Limestone (9, 4-1), Coudersport (9, 3-0), Holy Cross (2, 2-3), Keystone (9, 4-1), Laurel (7, 6-0), Marian Catholic (11, 4-1), Moshannon Valley (6, 5-0), Neshannock (7, 4-1), North Penn-Mansfield (4, 5-2), Ridgway (9, 6-0), Rocky Grove (10, 5-1).

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New York Giants, 31-16, in the NFL championship. Three field goals by Pat Summerall give the Giants a 9-7 lead after three quarters, but Baltimore's

defensive backfield makes three muclefensive backfield makes three mucleptions that result in scores.

1964 — The Cleveland Browns break out after a scoreless first half with 17 points in the third quarter and go on to beat the Baltimore Cotts, 27-0, for the NFL title.

1974 — Ohio State junior running

reception leader in the Seahawks' 41-20 loss to Kansas City. Largent's six catches gives him 752, surpassing the 750 by San Diego's Charlie Joiner. Gayle Sierens announcing the game for NBC becomes the first female play-by-play announcer in NFL history.

wild 45-40 victory. The teams combine for 1,210 yards, a record for any bowl game.

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ON THIS DATE

1953 — The Detroit Lions edge the Cleveland Browns, 17-16, for the NFL championship. Doak Walker's extra point, following a 33-yard scoring pass, is the difference.

1959 — The Baltimore Colts beat the

1987 — Steve Largent of the Seattle ahawks becomes the NFL's all-time

announcer in NFL history.

1999 — Joe Sakic scores his 1,000th career point on a second-period assist, helping the Colorado Avalanche to a 5-1 win over the St. Louis Blues.

2000 — Mario Lemieux makes a remarkable comeback after 3½ years of retirement, scoring a goal and assisting on two others — one on his first pass on his first shift, no less — as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-0.

2005 — Rudy Carnenter passes (1) Maple Leafs, 5-0.
2005 — Rudy Carpenter passes for
467 yards and four touchdowns for Arizona State, which holds off Rutgers for a

MONDAY'S SCORE FAR WEST

Loyola Marymount 70, Morgan St. 49

Foye's shot at horn lifts Nets

Buzzer-beating 3-pointer sends Brooklyn past Charlotte.

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NEW YORK - Randy Fove made a 3-pointer to beat the buzzer and give the Brooklyn Nets a 120-118 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Monday night.

The Nets overcame the loss of Jeremy Lin and a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to stop a five-game losing streak. Bojan Bogdanovic led Brooklyn with 26 points, Sean Kilpatrick had 23 and Brook Lopez scored 10 of his 21 in the fourth.

Nicolas Batum had 24 points and Jeremy Lamb added 17 for Charlotte, but Kemba Walker was scoreless in the fourth quarter as the Hornets had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Lin strained his left hamstring in the third, the same injury that forced him to miss 17 games earlier this season.

Kings 102, 76ers 100

At Sacramento, Calif., DeMarcus Cousins made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 20.9 seconds remaining and added a clutch free throw moments later, lifting the Kings to a win over Philadelphia.

Cousins finished with 30 points, seven rebounds and five assists while helping the Kings extend their winning streak to a season-high four games

Joel Embiid had 25 points to lead the 76ers.

Wizards 107, Bucks 102

At Washington, Otto Porter scored 32 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, John Wall had 18 points a seasonhigh 16 assists and the Wizards came from behind to

beat Milwaukee. Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Bucks. who had beaten the Wizards by 27 points in Milwaukee on Friday.

Magic 112, Grizzlies 102

At Orlando, Fla., Aaron Gordon scored 30 points, and Serge Ibaka and Elfrid Pavton had 16 apiece to help the Magic beat Memphis.

Pistons 106, Cavaliers 90

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Tobias Harris scored 21 points to help Detroit snap a five-game losing streak by beating Cleveland while LeBron James sat out resting.

James missed his third game of the season, and Cleveland has lost all three. The

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Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Airzona, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
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Toronto at Florida, 7 p.m.

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Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

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Toronto

Cavaliers had their five-game winning streak snapped on a night they never led.

Cleveland was playing its fifth game in seven days and coming off a thrilling win Sunday over Golden State. So James sat, and the Pistons took advantage.

Kevin Love had 17 points and 14 rebounds for Cleveland.

Timberwolves 104, Hawks 90

At Minneapolis, Karl-Anthony Towns had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Zach LaVine hit six 3-pointers and scored 21 points to lead Minnesota over Atlanta

Dwight Howard had 20 points on 9-for-9 shooting and 12 rebounds for the Hawks in his return from a back injury But Paul Millsap was just 2 for 13 from the field, and Atlanta's 19 turnovers led to 22 points by the Timberwolves.

Rockets 131, Suns 115

At Houston, James Harden had 32 points and 12 assists in three quarters and the Rockets never trailed in a win over Phoenix.

Bulls 90, Pacers 85

At Chicago, Dwyane Wade scored 21 points, Nikola Mirotic added a season-high 20 and the Bulls survived a poor shooting performance (32 for 83, 38.6 percent) for a victory over Indiana to snap a threegame losing streak.

Aaron Brooks had a season-high 19 points to lead the Pacers, who have lost three straight.

Pelicans 111, Mavericks 104

At New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 28 points and 16 rebounds, and the Pelicans heat Dallas

Deron Williams scored 24 points for Dallas.

Raptors 95, Trail Blazers 91

At Portland, Ore., Kyle Lowry scored 27 points and Toronto won its franchisebest seventh consecutive road game with a victory over the skidding Trail Blazers, who have lost six

straight and 10 of 11.

Nuggets 106, Clippers 102 At Los Angeles, Nikola Jokic had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Danilo Galli-nari and Will Barton each added 23 points to lead Denver past the undermanned Clippers, who played without their three leading scorers — Blake Griffin, Chris

Paul and J.J. Redick. Jamal Crawford led the Clippers with 24 points.

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BRIEFS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

Former Rangers pitcher shot, killed

John Barfield, a lefthander from Arkansas who pitched three seasons for the Texas Rangers beginning in 1989, died in a shooting in Little Rock, police and family members said. He was 52.

Police said Barfield was fatally shot Dec. 24 after an altercation with an acquain tance in downtown Little Rock, William Goodman, 59. of Pine Bluff is being held in the Pulaski County jail on preliminary charges of first-degree murder in connection with Barfield's death, which has been classified as a homicide. Court records do not list an attor-

ney for Goodman. Barfield was a native of Pine Bluff and led his high school team to a state championship, then played at a community college in Missouri and at Oklahoma City University. He was drafted in the 11th round by the

Rangers in 1986. **CANADA**

U.S. wins opener at world juniors

Clayton Keller scored twice and the United States overcame a slow start to beat Latvia, 6-1, at the world junior hockey championship Monday.

Troy Terry and Tage Thompson each added two assists for the U.S. in the tournament opener at Toronto's Air Canada Centre. U.S. goalie Tyler Parsons

only had to make 11 saves for the victory. The U.S. next faces Slova-

kia on Wednesday. Later in Toronto, Canada scored three power-play goals, including a pair by captain Dylan Strome, to open the tournament with a

5-3 victory over Russia. In Montreal, Michael Spacek scored with 1:18 left to lift the Czech Republic to a 2-1 victory over defending

champion Finland. Also in Montreal, Alexander Nylander scored twice and 16-year-old Rasmus Dahlin had a goal and an assist and Sweden routed

Denmark, 6-1.

STORRS, Conn. **UConn football**

coach Diaco fired UConn fired football coach Bob Diaco on Monday after his third losing season, choosing to cut ties rather than allow Diaco to

rebuild a struggling offense. Diaco will be relieved of

his duties effective Jan. 2, university officials said. The move was surprising in its timing a month after the Huskies season ended but it made financial sense for the university. The buyout on Diaco's contract drops from \$5 million to \$3.4

million after Jan. 1. "I believe a new leader for our program and studentathletes is needed to build long-term success," athletic director David Benedict said.

sons, including 3-9 this season. UConn's best finish under Diaco was last year, at 6-7 and a losing trip to the St. Petersburg Bowl.

The Huskies were 11-26

under Diaco in three sea-

SANTA CATERINA, Italy

Innerhofer leads downhill practice Christof Innerhofer of

Italy led the only training session for a World Cup downhill on the Deborah Compagnoni course by a huge margin Monday. Innerhofer led Olympic

champion Matthias Mayer of Austria by 1.32 seconds and was ahead of Hannes Reichelt of Austria by 1.44. Thomas Biesemeyer of the United States was fourth.

A super-G is scheduled for today, the downhill Wednesday and an Alpine combined Thursday. The super-G was originally scheduled for

Lake Louise, Alberta, earlier this season but was moved due to a lack of snow in the Canadian resort. - ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Nick Maldonato helped lead Dunmore to a Division III title last season. He has 21 points in five games

BUCK PRIDE

Maldonato builds passion in Dunmore

Dunmore hopes to capture first championship since 2009, 12th title overall.

> BY JOBY FAWCETT STAFF WRITER

ick Maldonato is proud to be a Dunmore Buck.

He serves his school community as the senior class president and he does the little things to help the boys basketball team earn victories

Now, Maldonato has helped leave a symbol for all who have attended the school to be as proud as he is.

Last week, a stunning statue of a buck was unveiled just outside the building, near the doors to the gymnasium and in view for fans who are walking to the football field in the fall.

It will be a source of pride for the entire borough. A pride that Maldonato and the Bucks will play with when they open the 66th Lynett Memorial Basketball Tournament tonight against defending champion Scranton Prep.

Dunmore (2-3) faces the Cavaliers (4-1) at 7:30 p.m. in the second game of a doubleheader at the Lackawanna College Student Union. Scranton (3-2) takes on Holy Cross (2-3) in the first game at 6 p.m.

"Dunmore means the world to me," Maldonato said. "There is no place I'd rather be than Dunmore. Everybody knows everyone. And being an athlete,

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you get such great support. Even when you are on the road, the people come out and support the Bucks

"It's just awesome to be a part of this borough.'

In August, Maldonato and student body president and teammate Colin Holmes started raising funds for the statue as part of their senior project.

Everything got going at home football games, when Maldonato would seek donations, appealing to the fans with the slogan, "A Buck for the Buck." "It was amazing," Maldonato said.

"We were getting hundreds of dollars at each game.
"It's all about how close knit this

borough is."

They also reached out to borough businesses and organized a T-shirt sale. The white shirts had two key phrases emblazoned in crimson lettering.

The first, "Raise the Buck," was on the front, just over the heart, while on the back it read, "I would do anything for the Buck.

"Words can't describe how great this was," Maldonato said. "We far exceeded our goal. It shows how people in the school, the elementary school, the teachers, people throughout the bor ough love the Bucks?

Just as the T-shirts read, Maldonato would do anything for the Buck. Espe-

cially the basketball team. Since he started playing when he was 5 years old, Maldonato has been gritty, willing to be physical and dive for loose balls.

His aggressive play helped lead Dunmore to the Lackawanna Division III title last season. He finished with 94 points and a pair of 3-pointers. This season, Maldonato has scored 21 points in five games.

We all have a role on our team," Maldonato said. "I know my role. I am not a high scorer. I like to pride myself on the fundamentals, hustling and getting the 50-50 balls. When it comes my time to score, because I lack height, I use my fundamentals to get good position so I can score.

"We worked really hard coming off last season. We are playing a very tough preseason schedule."

Dunmore's basketball community is also proud of its tradition in the Lynett Tournament, The Bucks have won 11 championship banners with the last one coming in 2009.

"It's a great honor to be invited and play in the Lynett Tournament at the Lackawanna College Student Union," Maldonato said. "The goal is to get that banner. We want it. We all love playing together and we play as one

"If our pieces come together we can get one.

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PAST CHAMPIONS

66th LYNETT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RESULTS 1951: St. Rose 65, Old Forge 62 1952: Old Forge 54, Swoyersville 53 1953: Old Forge 71, Scranton Central 62 1954: Scranton Pen 39, Swoyersville 37

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1957: Scranton Central 63, Scr. Prep 50
1958: Old Forge 51, Scranton Central 39
1959: Nanticoke 74, Dunmore 47
1960: Scr. Prep 64, South Catholic 45
1961: Cathedral 49, Scranton Central 60
1962: Scranton Central 76, Dunmore 67
1963: Swoyersville 54, Scranton Prep 52
1963: Swoyersville 54, Scranton Ferb 50
1964: Scranton Central 80, Old Forge 56
1965: Cathedral 74, Scranton Tech 50
1966: Nanticoke 74, Montrose 68
1967: Cathedral 88, Pittston Area 74
1968: Nanticoke 63, Williamsport 42

1969: West Scranton 65, Dunmore 57
1970: Nanticoke 68, Scranton Prep 67
1971: Riverside 80, Scranton Prep 68
1972: Scr. Pep 73, Scranton Central 49
1973: Nanticoke 58, Riverside 56
1974: Nanticoke 80, Scranton Prep 48
1975: Nanticoke 80, Scranton Prep 48
1976: Scranton Central 66, Nanticoke 63
1977: Scr. Central 72, Pittston Area 59
1978: Scranton Prep 77, Riverside 59
1978: Scranton Prep 77, Riverside 59
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1980: Dunmore 58, Scranton Central 47
1981: Bishop O'Reilly 70, Scr. Prep 60

1980: Dunmore 58, Scranton Central 47 1981: Bishop O'Reilly 70, Scr. Tech 66 1982: Bishop Hannan 80, Scr. Tech 66 1983: Scranton Prep 81, Old Forge 57 1984: Scranton Prep 68, Scr. Central 15 1985: Scranton Prep 66, Scr. Central 19 1986: Scranton Prep 57, Valley View 59 1987: Scranton Central 44, Scr. Prep 42 1988: Scranton Prep 57, Scr. Central 48 1989: Summor 47, Scranton Prep 57

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GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP
GAME RESULTS
2003: N. Pocono 52, Bishop Hannan 39
2004: N. Pocono 55, Scranton Prep 33
2005: Scr. Prep 42, Abington Heights 37
2006: Abington Heights 44, Dummore 43
2007: Abington Heights 41, Dummore 34
2008: Dummore 51, Abington Heights 18
2009: Abington Heights 88, Scranton 64
2010: Scr. Prep 48, Abington Hts. 41
2011: Abington Hts. 39, Dunmore 29
2012: Scr. Prep 29, Abington Hts. 24
2013: Dummore 30, Scranton Prep 28 2013: Dunmore 30, Scranton Prep 28

CESARE: Warriors QB Cavallaro honored

Football Championship Subdivision title game against Youngstown State on Jan. 7 in Texas, won in 2012 and attended the ceremony.

"I watched Matt grow up with DV football," Schor said. "I actually coached him at a camp. I was checking the box scores and I saw the touchdowns Matt was throwing and I said, 'Wow,' well there goes all my records.

"I am very happy for him to win this award.

This season, Cavallaro earned The Times-Tribune Offensive Player of the Year honor after guiding Delaware Valley to Lackawanna Football Conference Division Land District 2 Class 6A championships.

He threw for 2,809 yards, breaking the area record of 2.722 vards set by Lakeland's Evan Kraky in 2000, and 34 touchdown passes. His yards and touchdown passes broke the Delaware Valley school



Delaware Valley senior Matt Cavallaro speaks as he accepts the 25th Annual Fiore Cesare Award on Monday.

records of 2,585 yards and 27 touchdowns formerly held by Schor.

Cavallaro, who recently was chosen as a Class 6A allstate player by the Pennsylvania Football Writers, had 10 games with at least 200 vards passing and a seasonhigh 334 and set another

school record with six touchdown passes against West

Scranton. "Thank goodness we had him, because our offense usually runs through our tailback," Delaware Valley coach Keith Olsommer said. "Our guy, Kyle Dillon, was a special football play-

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er and he went down with an injury at running back. so we relied more heavily on Matt.

"As the season progressed. he kept getting, better and better and he had a great sea son for us."

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PREP: Senior Brown finds support from family, friends in loss

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family and the support of his friends and teammates.

This week will be especially challenging with the holidays. His solace will come as he tries to lead Scranton Prep to a fourth straight championship when the 66th Lynett Memorial Basketball tournament tips off tonight at the Lackawanna College Student Union.

Dunmore (2-3) plays the Cavaliers (4-1) at 7:30 p.m., while Scranton (3-2) takes on Holy Cross (2-3) at 6 p.m. in the semifinals.

"My mom loved me so much," Jake said. "I was lucky to have her in my life for 17 years. She gave me so much and I am beyond grateful for that.

"I am always open about how much I love her. I think loving her is a big part of dealing with the grief."

Late in May, the Brown family couldn't have been happier.

Oldest son, Michael, had earned his graduate degree from the University of Scranton, and mom, as a longtime employee of the school, presented him his

Relatives and friends gathered. Jake and his brothers, Michael and Ryan, visited the family home at Lake Ariel that evening, winding down in preparation for another big event.

The next day, Ryan would be receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton, and again, Meg would proudly present his diploma.

On the night in between, Meg passed away unexpectedly. She was 56 years old.

"We were so happy for (Michael) and were so happy for Ryan, and to be together as a big family," Jake said.

"This hit us like a Mack truck.'

Her loss devastated their community of Green Ridge, at Scranton Prep, and at the University of Scranton and Marywood University, where she committed her professional life.

Meg cherished each day. She gave of herself to neighborhood clubs and most importantly to her family.

'Nothing compares to family, she'd say," Jake reminded during a heartwarming eulogy for those who gathered at her funeral. "And she was so right.

"Her tireless leadership was inspiring," he continued. "She taught us to mourn. To cry. To laugh. And to love everyone around us. To be thankful for a beautifully unique family.

"She held our hands and did not let go during the darkest times of our lives. She taught us to live a life for others. To care for those in need with no questions asked." Faced with a whirlwind

of feelings, Jake turned to his family.

His father, Mike, a local pharmacist for his family business in South Scranton, who met Meg during a Thanksgiving holiday in 1983, and his sons cope together:

They attend church at St. Paul's in Green Ridge. They spend time with each other, as much as they can, just reminiscing and sharing great memories.

It's a long healing

process. "The four of us have really bonded," Mike said. "We are fortunate to be surrounded by a great support system.

"Our faith has really carried us through.'

In school, and while playing basketball, Jake finds comfort with friends, including Paddy Casey. The two have been close since elementary school.

"We are like brothers," Casey said. "Watching him go through this is so tough. Jake talks about it when he wants to and I listen. He doesn't talk about it when he doesn't want to. He has a great perspective and has always been appreciative of the time he had with his

His basketball family helps too, being there through the good days and the bad days.

"It hit us all really hard." said Scranton Prep coach Andrew Kettel, whose wife Bridget is Jake's cousin. We are family. We were all shaken and as a community at Prep. We had to be there for him. Whatever we could do for him, we did.

"He had a lot of love from his friends and teammates.

As days passed, Jake began getting ready for his senior season with the Cavaliers.

He remembers now, as the games are being played, how much his mom cherished going to watch him and the relationships he forged through his love for the sport.

It's what motivates and inspires him today.

"When I am playing, I feel her there," Jake said. "Basketball has given me so much. I am so grateful for the friendships and having the five seniors on this team as my best friends. She enjoyed that.

"I am playing hard for her, because that's what I know she would want me to do.'

Things will never be the same.

Still, Jake knows, his mom's lovable personality will never be forgotten.

"She commanded attention," Jake, 18, said. "She made whoever she was talking to feel like they were the most important person in the world. She was unique that way. She always called me her baby. And I know guys might be arrassed to be calle baby, but I was proud. We were best friends.

"I just loved her."

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Scranton Prep's Jake Brown, left, and his father, Mike, along with the rest of the family have grown closer and support each other through the trying times.

WILDCATS: Topple Forest City

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From there, however, Forest City made just nine more field goals, shot 34 percent from the floor and had 17 turnovers. The Foresters went 6 minutes, 20 seconds without scoring at the end of the first quarter and into the second as Western Wayne took a 13-8 advantage and didn't trail again.

"We talked about playing our tempo and getting the game into the mid-50s, and we knew if we were in the 30s and mid-40s we would be in trouble," Forest City coach Luke Pisarcik said. "They forced us into about a baker's dozen terrible looks in the first half and the same in the second half."

Western Wayne got its comeback started with a 3-pointer from Frisbee and it continued to be patient on offense and aggressive on defense

Leading, 17-13, after the first two quarters, Rovinsky went to work in the third. He had a layup to start the half, hit a key 3-pointer and finished with a layup as the Wildcats built a 30-23 advantage.

"Coach wanted me to finish at the rim," Rovinsky said. "I feel like the 3-pointer really helped us finish the quarter.

"We had good confidence after that and

it helped us win the game."
In the fourth, Pike scored inside and Frisbee followed with a pair of baskets after two free throws from Forest City's Dakota Knehr-Cook as the lead grew to

Western Wayne saw the finish line, and after some encouraging words from Semenza and Bennie during a timeout with 4:36 to play, thwarted any comeback at the free-throw line.

Scott Walck, who had 12 points and four assists, made four of six, while Rovinsky and Frisbee closed by hitting four each as the Wildcats earned Semenza his 417th career win.

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Western Wayne 50, Forest City 37

n **Wayne (4-2)** — Z. Rovinsky 9-15 2-4 21, S. Walck 4-9 4-6 risbie 3-10 4-5 11, L. Pike 3-9 0-0 6, K. Sauter 0-1 0-1 0, D 12, D. Frisbie 3-10 4-5 11, L. Pike 3-9 0-16, K. Sauter 0-1 0-1 0, D. Boots 0-0-0-0, 0. Carey 0-0-0. Totals: 19-44 10-16 50. Forest City (1-5) — K. Rotella 2-11 3-4 8, N. Yates 3-5 1-2 7, J. Paulin 2-4 0-0 6, D. Knehr-Cook 0-44-6 4, K. Shema 1-1 0-0-3, J. E. Non 1-2-0-3, J. Smith 1-1 0-0-2, E. Paulin 1-1 0-0-2, B. Keller 0-0 1-2.1, T. Clift 0-0 1-2.1, Ja. Non 0-7 0-0.0. Totals: 11-32 0-16 37. Meaters Wester News 1-2 1, T. Clift 0-0 1-2.1, Ja. Non 0-7 0-0.0. Totals: 11-32 0-16 37.

(Walck 4), To (Yates, Kotella 2), Steals: WW 8 (Trisile 3), Ft. 8 (Ja. Non 3), Blocks: WW 1 (Rovinsky), FC 3 (Yates, Rotella, J. Paulini, Turnovers: WW 14, FC 17. Fouled out: Yates. All-tournament team: Dallton Frisibic (Western Wayne), MVP; Matthew Lavin (Mountain View); Jon Morrison (Wyalus-ing); Noah Yates (Forest City); Jared Paulin (Forest City); Luke Pike (Western Wayne).

Wyalusing 44, Mountain View 39

At Forest City, Matt Lavin scored a game high 21 points, with four 3-pointers for Mountain View in a loss to Wyalusing in the consolation game of the Forest City Rotary Tournament. Mike Schermerhorn chipped in 11

points and three 3-pointers for the Eagles.

Jon Morrison made the all tournament team.

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Wyalusing — J. Morrison 4 8-12 19, C. Burke 3 0-0 9, W. Martin 22-2 6, K. Cameron 2 2-2 6, C. Brown 1 2-5 4. Totals: 12 14-21 44. Mountain View (0-4) — M. Lavin 7 3-5 21, M. Schermerhorn 4 0-0 11, K. Streich 1 1-2 4, A. Showalter 1 0-0 3, J. Andzulis 0 0-0 0, T. Wakalowski 0 0-0 0, J. Johnson 0 0-0 0, Z. Feduchak 0 0-0 0, Tartes 12-4 6.



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Forest City's Jared Paulin shoots as Western Wayne's Kobe Sauter defends.

3-point goals: C. Burke (WYA) 3, J. Morrison (WYA) 1, M. Lavin (MV) 4, M. Schermerhorn (MV) 3, A. Showalter (MV) 1, K. Streich (MV) 1.

Mid Valley 59, Valley View 32

At Carbondale, Noah Tanner scored 17 points as No. 3 Mid Valley rolled past No. 7 Valley View in the Pete Turonis/NBT Bank Holiday Classic.

Brad Kalinowski added 16 points, while R.J. Gouldsbury chipped in 14 for the winners.

Chase Combs and Dixon Black scored

Chase Commos and DIXON Black Scored nine points appiece for Valley View.

Valley View (5-3) — D. Black 31-29, C. Combs 4 0-0 9, B. Durkin 13-4 5, B. Craigl 10-39, M. Kudrich 10-0 2, D. Howantz 02-22, J. Bonne 02-22, J. Duplessis 0 0-0 0, A. Harrisson 00-0 0, A. Munoz 00-0 0, N. Tomassoni 00-00, N. Smith 00-00 Totals: 108-1032.

Mid Valley (5-11) — N. Tannet 5-71-117, B. Kalinowski 70-016, R. Gouldsbury 6-2-214, A. Polon 20-24, J. Glinsky 12-24, J. Urson 10-2, E. Collins 10-02, E. Collins 10-02, E. Scherer 00-00, S. Rosencrans 00-C. Hazelton 00-0 0, B. Davies 0-0-0, T. Betz 00-0 0, C. Spager 0-00 Totals: 31-117.59 0-0 0. Totals: 23 11-17 59.

Valley View 5 7 8 12—32 Mid Valley 3-point goals: D. Black (VV) 2, B. Craig (VV) 1, C. Combs (VV) 1, B. Kalinowski (MV) 2.

Carbondale 63, Lakeland 57

At Carbondale, Bobby Salitsky scored 14 points to lead the Chargers past Lakeland in overtime in the nightcap of the Pete Turonis/NBT Bank Holiday Classic.

Giovanni Mustica tallied 12 points, while Evan Dearie added 10 points in the

Jake Curnow scored a game-high 19

Doints in the loss.

Lakeland (1-5)— J. Curnow 8 2-2 19, R. LaBorde 3 2-3 8, S. Stearns 2 2-4 7, S. Morgan 2 2-3 6, J. Lewis 3 0-0 6, N. Bertoph 2 0-0 5, J. Borosky 2 0-0 4, N. Chup 0-2 2-2. Totals 2 210-14 57.

Carbondale Area (3-3) — B. Salitsky 5 3-6 14, G. Mustica 4 4-7 12, E. Dearie 3 2-2 10, P. Durkin 2 3-3 8, A. Manarchuck 3 0-0 7, J. Henderson 2 2-4 6, B. Rumford 11-3 4, M. Zazzera 1 0-0 2, A. Bucklaw 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 15-25 63.

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 Carbondale Area
 3 - point goals: S. Stearns (LAK) 1, J. Curnow (LAK) 1, N. Bertoph (LAK) 1, E. Dearie (CAR) 2, P. Durkin (CAR) 1, B. Salitsky (CAR) 1, A. Manarchuck (CAR) 1, B. Rumford (CAR)

Penguins take down Senators

WBS keeps rolling with sixth straight win on Donatelli's 1-year anniversary.

BY SETH LAKSO

BINGHAMTON, NY - One year ago, Clark Donatelli made his debut behind the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins bench and the results were rough on the eyes.

In that game, the Penguins quickly fell behind two goals in Hershey on their way to their most lopsided loss — 5-0 of the season.

It was one of those, 'Welcome to the show Mr. Donatelli, now please buckle up,' kind of moments.

Thankfully, the Penguins went on to figure things out under the franchise's 10th coach, and a year later, they rolled into Binghamton leading the Atlantic Division and riding a season-best fivegame winning streak.

Playing on the anniversary of that brutal introduction, the Penguins once again fell behind early.

This time, however, Donatelli's crew fell back on 365 days worth of progress, first rallying from a one-goal first-period hole and then a two-goal second-period deficit on their way to a 5-4 win over the feisty-but-mistake-prone Senators in front of 3,727 at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena on Monday.

Asked after the win if things felt a bit better this time around, Donatelli laughed.

"Oh yeah, it was a 5-0 welcome," he recalled. "Yeah, coming in and getting my first game under my belt a vear ago in a tough building like Hershey, our rival, it was tough. I'd say I feel a lot more comfortable (now) —and plus, we got a win here today. I'm feeling a lot better.'

Jake Guentzel provided the offensive firepower, continuing his demolition of AHL opponents this December, netting two goals and an assist in the win.

His second goal came 3:35

Sullivan agrees to 3-year extension

PITTSBURGH — Mike Sullivan's arrival in Pittsburgh last season provided the spark that turned the Penguins' listless season around.

The franchise rewarded its fiery head coach with a three-year contract extension Monday that will keep Sullivan with the team through 2019-20.

The 48-year-old Sullivan took over for Mike Johnson last December and guided the team on a spirited run that finished with the Penguins earning their fourth Stanley Cup. Sullivan is 55-24-10 with Pittsburgh, the second-best point total in the NHL over that span.

General manager Jim Rutherford said Sullivan "did the best coaching job in the NHL last season." Sullivan has kept the momentum going. The Penguins, who play in New Jersey tonight, are currently second in the Metropolitan Division, one point behind Columbus.

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into the third period with the Penguins on the man-advantage and gave Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton its first (and only) lead of the night.

In Guentzel's seventh games since returning from Pittsburgh on Dec. 7, the AHL's top rookie now has 12 points — seven goals and five assists.

The Senators took their 1-0 edge on a power-play goal at 5:03 in the first when Michael Kostka's shot from the blue line passed through a screen, off the far post, and then behind Casey DeSmith (28 saves).

The Penguins response came just over eight minutes later when Guentzel won a battle for the puck just to the right of the Senators net.

Despite being tripped on the play, the forward was able to slide a pass back toward the net that Tom Kostopoulos buried for his ninth goal of the season.

Binghamton struck first in the second period, too, and then took a 3-1 lead when Chris Carlisle made the Pen-

guins' fourth line pay for getting hemmed in its own zone.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton responded 24 seconds later, when Danny Kristo found Guentzel streaking in alone for a breakaway goal that the rookie finished on his backhand.

When the Senators scored again a smidge over two minutes later, the Penguins, once more, had a response.
This time, Oskar Sun-

dqvist ripped a wrist shot past O'Connor 51 seconds later to make it a one-goal game entering the third period. The goal was Sundqvist's

13th of the season and capped a wild 3:37 stretch where the two teams combined for four goals. The Penguins won the

pening faceoff in the third, attacked the zone with numbers and then found Garrett Wilson for the open wrist shot. When the goal light came on, just 11 seconds had ticked off the clock.

just how we drew it up in between periods," Donatelli chortled, "But yeah, to come out and get a goal like that and tie it up meant all we had to do from there was go out

night came a few minutes later and proved to be the game winner.

Contact the writer:

WEST: Jefferson leads Invaders

and Repshis scored when Rozina, West's center, picked the pocket of a guard at midcourt and got it ahead for a layup.

Riverside (3-3) answered with a 7-2 spurt to take a 41-40 lead on Haley Tilberry's 3, but Repshis drive and runner gave West the lead before Lizzie Spindler, who scored 22, fired a dart to Shelby Slaboda for two of

Then Brown chipped in with a big offensive rebound, eventually going to the line to hit a pair for free throws with 2:19 left for a 44-43 advantage and the final lead change.

"We said in the first half, Repshis' outside shot wasn't going in and Ross I think made one," Ciullo said. "And we were in the bonus for the last four minutes and never got to the foul line. In the second half, when we were in the bonus, we were able to get to the line.

Nadva had a nice drive to the basket and knocked her free throws down. Repshis had a nice drive. We were able to go from a one-point deficit to a six-point lead."

Then Jefferson added the daggers, finishing a drive with a 10-foot floater, then hitting four free throws for a 50-45 lead with 17.8 seconds left.

Slaboda hit two free throws with 7.8 sec onds to go, and when West missed two foul shots, Riverside rebounded with 6.8 seconds left and a chance to tie, but Spindler's half-court shot was well short as the Invaders got the last one in a game of runs to win their fifth in a row.

West took a 20-11 lead after a quarter as Jefferson scored 15.

"They were leaving me wide open on the 3-point line," Jefferson said. "I had to pay them for that.

Riverside tightened up defensively and West went 0 for 14 in the second, with Spindler scoring 18 in the first half for a 24-20

But West held Spindler to four points in the second half and got runs of 7-0 and 9-2 to advance to Wednesday's 7:30 p.m. final against Nanticoke.

Riverside will try to stop a three-game slide when it meets Nazareth in the 6 p.m. consolation game.

"We're learning some tough lessons right now and it's extremely frustrating." Riverside coach Jack Mekilo said. "There's no other way to say it, It's the little things that are getting us. It's the little things that we have to get better at to get out of this."

One of those is rebounding. West had nine offensive rebounds in the second half and held a 38-33 edge overall despite 15 boards by Jess Millan.

"We played ourselves into this," Mekilo said. "Now we have to play ourselves out. It's not going to get any easier with Nazareth on Wednesday and then going to play in the league.

"We have to learn from it and move on."

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West Scranton (5-2) — D. Jefferson 10 11-18 31, N. Ross 2 0-0 6,
K. O'Neill 2 0-0 4, T. Repshis 2 0-0 4, N. Brown 0 3-4 3, R. Rozina 1
0-0 2, M. Vinskofski 0 0-0 0. Totals: 17-51 14-22 50.
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0, B. Olanovich 0 0-0 0, M. Mickavicz 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18-56 5-6 47.
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Riverside
3-point shooting: WS 6-18 (Jefferson 2-6, N. Ross 2-6, 0'Neil
0-2, Repshis 0-4), RIV6-17 (Spindler 4-7, Tilberry 1-3, Antoniacci
1-4, Sottile 0-1, Olanovich 0-2). Rebounds: WS 38 (0'Neil 10), RIV
38 (Millan 15). Assists: WS 5 (Repshis 2), RIV 12 (Sottile 5).
Steals: WS 8 (Brown 2, Jefferson 2), RIV 3 (Antoniacci, Tilberry,
Spindler). Tumovers: WS 9, RIV 14. Blocks: WS 6 (Jefferson 3),
RIV 5 (Slaboda 3). Fouled out: Sottile, Tilberry.

Shenandoah Valley 39, Old Forge 31

points as Old Forge fell to Shenandoah Valley in the Senator Rhodes Tournament.

loss

At Mahanoy City, Jen Regan scored 10

Lindsey Welsh added eight points in the

Allison Wargo scored a game-high 20 points for the victors and was a perfect

1st Period-1, Binghamton, Kostka 1 (Rumble, Rodewald), 5:03 (PP). 2, W-B/ Scranton, Kostopoulos 9 (Guentzel, Blueger), 13:07. Penalties-Warsofsky Wbs (hooking), 3:28; Blunden Bng (hooking), 8:45; Akeson Bng (tripping), 16:28

16:28.

2nd Period-3, Binghamton, Blunden 4
(Paul, Harpur), 6:07. 4, Binghamton, Carlisle 2 (Lepine, Varone), 14:01. 5, W-B/
Scranton, Guentzel 13 (Kristo), 14:25. 6,
Binghamton, Rodewald 8 (Nehring,
Rumble), 16:47. 7, W-B/Scranton, Sundyvist 13 (Wilson, Warsofsky), 17:38.
Penalties-Englund Bng (interference),
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6:45.

3rd Period-8, W-B/Scranton, Wilson
6 (Sundqvist), 0:11. 9, W-B/Scranton,
Guentzel 14 (Percy), 3:35 (PP). Penalties-Robinson Bng (slashing), 3:28; Porter Wbs (roughing), 7:36; Paul Bng
(boarding), 7:36; Guentzel Wbs (holding),
14:04.

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Shots on Goal-W-B/Scranton 14-1713-44. Binghamton 10-13-9-3-9.2
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Scranton 1 / 4; Binghamton 1 / 2.
(32 shots-28 saves). Binghamton,
O'Connor 7-10-1 (44 shots-39 saves).
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Referees-Michael Mullen (7), Evgenii
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Romasko (39) Linesmen-John Everett (82), Jud Rit-

1. Penguins LW Jake

– goal, assist 3. Senators RW Jack Rodegoal, assist

By the numbers - 20-point seasons for

Penguins captain Tom Kosto-poulos in his Wilkes-Barre/ . Scranton career. His first-pe riod goal Monday gave him 20 points (9G-11A) in 28 games this season.

Penguins lineup

F - Dominik Simon-Kevin Porter-Tom Kostopoulos Jake Guentzel-Teddy Blueger-Danny Kristo Garrett Wilson-Oskar Sundqvist-Josh Archibald Jarrett Burton-Jean-Sebas-

tien Dea-Ryan Haggerty

D - David Warsofsky-Lukas Bengtsson

Tim Erixon-Stuart Percy Cameron Gaunce-Ethan Prow

G - Casey DeSmith Tristan Jarry

Healthy scratches - Barry Goers, Reid Gardiner, Pat McGrath, Tom Sestito, Sahir Gill

Injury report

Thomas Di Pauli (upperbody, out seven-to-nine weeks), Carter Rowney (upper-body; day-to-day)

Up Next

Springfield at Penguins When: 7:05, tonight Where: Mohegan Sun Are-

Mike O'Brien will have the broadcast on 103.1 FM and 910, 930, 980 AM and on AHL Live at www.theAHL.com

About the Thunderbirds:

Springfield (11-11-3-2) has gone 5-4-1-0 over its last 10 games and sits in sixth place in the Atlantic Division. . Thunderbirds' goaltender Reto Berra is tied for second in the AHL with three shutouts this season. ... Sena Acolatse is tied for second in the league with four fighting majors. ... Springfield has gone 6-6-2-1 on the road. . The Thunderbirds' power play (13.8 %) and offense (67 goals) rank sixth and

Atlantic Division. - SETH LAKSO

AHL standings

seventh, respectively, in the

Penguins Lehigh Val. Hershey Providence Bridgeport Springfield Hartford

"I'd like to say that was

there and win the third.' Guentzel's second of the

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WBS PENGUINS GAME REPORT

Penguins 5, Binghamton 4

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Note: Two points for a team winning in overtime r shootout the team losing in overtime r shootout receives one which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns.

Monday's Games

St. John's 2, Toronto 1 Hartford 5, Bridgeport 2 Providence 4, Albany 2 Rochester 5, Syracuse 1 Hershey 5, Lehigh Valley 2 Penguins 5, Binghamton 4 Chicago 5, Milwaukee 2 Iowa 4, Rockford 1 San Jose 4, Stockton 3 Tucson at San Diego, (n) Bakersfield at Ontario, (n

Today's Games Providence at Hartford, 7 p.m. Ontario at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games Springfield at Bristol, 7 p.m. Grand Rapids at Cleveland, 7 p.m Hershey at Syracuse, 7 p.m. St. John's at Utica. 7 p.m Toronto at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m. Lehigh Valley at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. Iowa at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Chicago at Rockford, 8 p.m. San Jose at Bakersfield, 9 p.m

Tucson at Stockton, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Game

San Diego at Texas, 7:30 p.m.

Guentzel - two goals, as "Coach Ciullo told me I needed to get to the basket more, so I did that," Jefferson 2. Penguins C Oskar Sunsaid.

Offor 10 at the foul line.

Shenandoah Valley — A. Wargo 5 10-10 20, C. Teaschenko 2 2-3 6, V. Donovan 1 1-1 4, M. Michalik 1 1-3 4, S. Parker 1 0-0 2, J. Monahan 1 0-0 2, E. Demalis 0 1-3 1, O. Gallo 0 0-0 0, K. Moncreif 0-0 0. Totals: 11 15-20 39.

Old Forge (3-3) — J. Regan 5 0-0 10, L. Welsh 1 6-6 8, A. Nocera 15-87, M. Florovito 1 0-0 2, J. Kuckla 1 0-0 2, C. Holzman 0 1-2 1, A. Bound 0 1-4 1, A. Osieski 0 0-0 0, K. VanFleet 0 0-0 0. Totals: 913-20 31

nandoah Valley 3-point goals: V. Donovan (SV) 1, M. Michalik (SV) 1.

Del Rio has no regret about call for pass

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Oakland QB Derek Carr suffered a leg injury on the play that ended his

BY JOSH DUBOW ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Two days after losing star quarterback Derek Carr to a broken leg that dealt a serious blow to Oakland's Super Bowl hopes, Raiders coach Jack Del Rio has no regrets about the decision to pass the ball with a 19-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Del Rio said Monday that the decision to stay aggressive with 11 minutes left Saturday and Oakland leading Indianapolis, 33-14, was val-

RAIDERS

idated when the Colts rallied within eight points before losing

You won by one score basically," Del Rio said. "Andrew Luck, people here in the Bay Area have a pretty good understanding of what he's capable of. I know I do. We felt like you had to keep the pedal down on that opponent and that quarterback and that game. You're talking about a team facing elimination."

The decision to pass on a secondand-18 proved harmful when usually reliable left tackle Donald Penn lost his footing and allowed his first sack of the season. Trent Cole twisted Carr to the ground and broke his right leg on the sack .

Now, instead of looking to roll into their first playoff berth since 2002 behind Carr and a high-powered offense, the Raiders (12-3) hand the reins to West Scranton and Penn State graduate Matt McGloin. The 2013 undrafted free agent hasn't started a game since that year.

McGloin will get his first test Sunday in Denver when the Raiders can clinch the AFC West and a first-round bye with a victory over the Broncos, or if Kansas City loses in San Diego. If Oakland loses the game and the division, the Raiders will open the postseason on wild-card weekend at AFC South champion Houston.

With so much still at stake, the Raiders have no time to feel bad for their fate

"It's a tough game, and things happen in this game. It's all about the team, it's all about us moving on with the next opportunity and pulling together as a group of men and sacrificing and pulling for each other, and all those things," Del Rio said. "That doesn't change. It doesn't change regardless of who it is. It's about the team. It's about us winning, and it's not in any way meant to be insensitive."

McGloin has thrown 55 passes since making six starts late in the 2013 season. He won his debut start at Houston before losing the final five and returning to the role of backup after Carr was drafted the following year

But McGloin did have to deliver a few key throws to seal the victory over the Colts. He converted a third-down pass to Andre Holmes on his first drive to help burn about two minutes off the clock before the Raiders punted.

Then, with Oakland protecting an eight-point lead just before the twominute warning, McGloin converted another third-down pass when he hit Amari Cooper for a 19-yard gain on third-and-8. The Raiders then took three knees to run out the clock.

"Really competitive guy. Really attacks his preparation. A little bit fearless. I think he's got a little bit of a chip on his shoulder, I'd say," Del Rio said. "We expect our guys when they step in and play to play well, and we expect to win with them. I mean, he made a couple of nice throws at the end there.

STEELERS

players have big role

BY WILL GRAVES ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — The image of Antonio Brown's seemingly elastic left arm fighting off a pair of tacklers to stretch the ball across the goal line and send the Pittsburgh Steelers into the playoffs will live on. One more highly GIF-able moment in the star wide receiver's weekly dance with the improbable.

Zoom out, though, and the picture gets crowded by the guys who played vital parts in the drive that saved Pittsburgh's season. a group of "who's that?" players forced to grow up on the job for arguably the NFL's hottest team.

Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger threw eight passes of consequence during the 10-play masterpiece that moved the Steelers 75 yards in 69 seconds. Sure, two went to Brown, but three went to back up tight end Jesse James, thrust back into the starting lineup with Ladarius Green out with a concussion. One went to rookie Demarcus Ayers, who deftly stepped out of bounds to stop the clock after the first catch of his career, a 9-yard gain that pushed Pittsburgh (10-5) to the end of field-goal range. One went to undrafted first-year player Eli Rogers, whose leaping grab pushed the Steelers inside the red zone. Still another went to practice squad graduate Cobi Hamilton.

Oh, and all that came after third-string tight end Xavier Grimble hauled in a leaping 20-vard touchdown from Roethlisberger in the first quarter.

This is not the group Roethlisberger thought he would have his disposal when the season opened. Yet there they were, delivering with a division title hanging in the balance in a raucous 31-27 victory.



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With teammate Zack Martin blocking the Lions' Glover Quin, Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott is on his way to the end zone for a touchdown in the second half of Monday night's game as quarterback Dak Prescott

Bryant, Elliott help **Cowboys tame Lions**

Dallas' win keeps Detroit's playoff hopes on hold.

> BY SCHUYLER DIXON ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas Dez Bryant threw his first career touchdown pass between a pair of scoring catches, Ezekiel Elliott ran for two TDs and the Dallas Cowboys kept Detroit from clinching a playoff spot with a 42-21 win over the Lions on Monday night.

With home-field advantage already wrapped up, the Cowboys (13-2) didn't let up in their seventh straight home win while matching their franchise record in victories, reached two other times.

late in the third quarter, when Bryant took a reverse pitch from Dak Prescott and tucked the ball as if planning to run before pulling up and tossing a lefty lob to Jason Witten for an easy 10-yard score and a 35-21 lead.

Witten, the normally stoic 14th-year tight end, flashed Bryant's celebratory when the often-exuberant receiver made the signal in his direction after the touchdown.

Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford lost in a visit to his hometown team again, after a wild-card defeat two years ago.

While the Lions (9-6) missed a chance to clinch a playoff berth with their sec-

still control their postseason fate. Detroit plays Green Bay (9-6) for the NFC North title in the finale Sunday.

Elliott, the NFL rushing leader, had a 55-yard touchdown run in the first half and finished with 80 yards on 12 carries. He has 15 touchdowns rushing, two behind league-leading LeGarrette Blount of New England.

The first-year sensation known as "Zeke," who is 177 yards shy of Eric Dickerson's 33-year-old rookie rushing record of 1.808 yards, was almost upstaged by Detroit's "double-Z" — Zach Zenner.

The little-known undrafted back in his second year out of South Dakota State, filling in with Theo Riddick The biggest sign they were ond straight loss following sidelined for a third straight by Johnson Bademosi.

had a career-high 64 yards and two touchdowns at halftime. But Zenner faded in the second half, finishing with 67 yards.

Stafford had a 1-yard scoring plunge, but was sacked four times. He was 26 of 46 for 260 yards, including an interception that set up Elliott's 1-yard touchdown early in the third quarter to

break a 21-all halftime tie. Prescott tied Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger (2004) for the most wins by a rookie quarterback in the Super Bowl era with 13. He was 15 of 20 for 212 yards with three touchdowns, including Bryant's juggling 25-yard grab in the end zone when he fought off pass interference

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| x-Kansas City | 11 | 4 | 0 | .733 | 352 | 284 | | | | | |
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| Minnesota | 7 | 8 | 0 | .467 | 289 | 297 | | | | | |
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Dec. 22 Game
Philadelphia 24, M.Y. Giants 19
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New England 41, N.Y. Jets 3
Jacksonville 38, Tennessee 17
Washington 41, Chicago 21
Green Bay 38, Minnessota 25
Cleveland 20, San Diego 17
Atlanta 32, Carolina 16
Miami 34, Buffalo 31, OT
Oakland 33, Indianapolis 25
New Orleans 31, Tampa Bay 24
San Francisco 22, Los Angeles 21
Arizona 34, Seattle 31
Houston 12, Cincinnati 10
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 31, Baltimore 27
Kansas City 33, Denver 10
Monday's Game
Dallas 42, Detroit 21
Jan. 1 Games
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
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Jets place QB Petty on injured reserve

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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. -Bryce Petty has been placed on injured reserve by the New York Jets, ending the second-year quarterback's short stint as the starting quarterback. Petty tore the labrum in

his left shoulder Saturday against New England while tackling Malcolm Butler following a second-quarter turnover. He went on IR on Monday, and the Jets claimed outside linebacker Corev Lemonier off waivers from Detroit.

Petty made four starts this season and appeared in five contests, completing 56.4 percent of his passes for 809 yards with three touchdowns and seven interceptions. Starter Ryan Fitzpatrick was benched so the Jets (4-11) could take a look at

ROUNDUP

Petty, but they didn't win any of his starts.

Fitzpatrick is expected to start Sunday's finale against Buffalo, with second-round draft pick Christian Hackenberg likely to be active for the first time.

49ers

At Santa Clara, Calif., San Francisco running back Carlos Hyde has a torn MCL in his left knee and will miss the season finale against Seattle.

Hyde got hurt in Saturday's win over the Los Angeles Rams when he was hit by cornerback E.J. Gaines. Coach Chip Kelly said Mon-

day that Hyde will not need surgery and will be available for the offseason program. Hyde finishes the season 12

yards shy of his first career

1 000-yard rushing season. He averaged 4.6 yards per carry and scored nine touchdowns overall in his third season out of Ohio State.

Texans

At Houston, the Texans are sticking with Tom Savage at quarterback Sunday against the Tennessee Titans. Savage made his first

career start in place of Brock Osweiler on Saturday night in a 12-10 win over the Bengals that allowed the Texans to clinch the AFC South.

Osweiler was benched in the second quarter two weeks ago against Jacksonville and Savage took over to help the Texans rally for a

21-20 victory. Coach Bill O'Brien said early last week that Osweiler

would remain on the bench,

but wouldn't say then if Sav-

On Monday he said that

Savage would start in the regular-season finale against Tennessee, but didn't say anything about Houston's playoff game

Savage struggled in the first half against the Bengals, but picked it up in the second half to finish with 176 yards passing and help the Texans to the victory

plate inserted over the break

by Dr. Bob Anderson in

Titans At Nashville, Tenn., quarfinale. terback Marcus Mariota will have surgery Wednesday for his broken right leg, and

coach Mike Mularkey said the recovery process will take four to five months. Mularkey said Monday that Mariota will have a

age would start the rest of the season. Charlotte, North Carolina. Mariota was hurt Satur-

day when sacked during a 38-17 loss to Jacksonville. Trainers placed an air cast on his leg before he was carted off the field. This is the second straight season Mariota has missed the season finale because of an injury.

Jaguars

At Jacksonville, Fla., the Jaguars placed running back T.J. Yeldon on injured reserve before their season

Yeldon injured his left ankle in Saturday's victory against Tennessee and would not have been ready to play at Indianapolis on Sunday. To replace him on the 53-man roster, Jacksonville (3-12) claimed running back Daryl Richardson off

waivers from Pittsburgh.

SUMMARY

Cowboys 42, Lions 21

First Quarter
Dal — Butler 21 pass from Prescott (Bailey kick), 9:57.
Det — Zenner 7 run (Prater kick), 5:23.
Dal — Elilott 55 run (Bailey kick), 2:49.
Second Quarter
Det — Stafford 1 run (Prater kick), 13:32.
Det — Zenner 5 run (Prater kick), 7:40.
Dal — Bryant 25 pass from Prescott (Bailey kick), 1:04.

Third Quarter

Third Quarter

Dal — Elliott 1 run (Bailey kick), 10:19.

Dal — Witten 10 pass from Bryant (Bailey kick), 4:03.

First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Retu Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost Punts Lost 2-7
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Penalties-Yards 5-62
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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Detroit, Zenner 12-67, Washington 7-22, Stafford 1-1. Dallas, Elliott 12-80, D.McFadden 14-49, Prescott 4-35.

PASSING — Detroit, Stafford 26-46-1-260. Dal-PASSING — Detroit, Stafford 26-46-1-260. Dal-las, Prescott 15-20-0-212, Bryant 1-10-10. RECEIVING — Detroit, Ebron 8-33, Tate 6-58, Boldin 5-33, Zenner 2-25, M. Jones 1-16, Roberts 1-14, Junes 1-9, Mulligan 1-8, Washington 1-4. Dallas, Bryant 4-70, T.Williams 4-61, Beasley 4-25, Witten 2-33, Butler 1-12, Iliotti 1-12. MISSED FIELD GOALS — Detroit, Prater 47.

CALENDAR

Sunday — Regular season ends. Jan. 7-8 — Wild-card playoff games. Jan. 14-15 — Division playoff games Jan. 21-22 — Conference champion

ships. Jan. 29 — Pro Bowl, Orlando, Fla. Feb. 5 — Super Bowl, Houston. Feb. 28-March 6 — Combine, India

napolis.

March 1 — Deadline for clubs to designate franchise or transition players. March 9 — Free agency begins.

Blocked FG helps Mississippi State prevail

Bulldogs hold off Miami (Ohio) in St. Petersburg Bowl.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Nick Fitzgerald rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns and Mississippi State held off Miami (Ohio), 17-16, with help from a blocked field goal in the closing seconds of the St. Petersburg Bowl on Monday.

Nelson Adams got a hand on Nick Dowd's potential game-winning 37-yard field goal that would have helped Miami finish a stunning turnaround from a 0-6 start to the season to a winning record.

Instead, both the Bulldogs (6-7) and RedHawks (6-7)

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finished with losing marks.

Fitzgerald, who led the Southeastern Conference in total offense, scored on runs of 2 and 44 yards on the way to his eighth 100-yard rushing performance of the season. The redshirt sophomore also completed 13 of 26 passes for 126 yards.

Gus Ragland threw for 257 yards and two touchdowns for Miami.

Quick Lane Bowl

At Detroit, Patrick Towles threw two touchdown passes and caught a pass for a score in the first half, helping Boston College build a big lead in a 36-30 win over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl.

The Eagles (7-6) led by 16 at halftime, 23 points early in the third quarter and had to force Boston College to turn the ball over on downs late in the game to seal the victory.

The Terrapins (6-7) had the ball at their 35 with 1:48 left, but didn't gain a yard before Harold Landry helped to finish them off with a possession-ending sack.

Boston College was ahead, 29-13. at halftime after Towles threw a 49-yard TD pass to Michael Walker. On a reverse and pass from receiver Jeff Smith, the quarterback scored on a 20-yard TD catch in the second quarter.

The Terrapins made some big plays on offense, but four turnovers, sacks and poor field position proved to be costly.



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Boston College running back Jon Hilliman (32) dives into the end zone ahead of Maryland defensive back Alvin Hill to score a touchdown during the first half of the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit on Monday. Boston College won, 36-30.

Independence Bowl

down passes from Ryan Finley, Nyheim Hines returned a At Shreveport, La., Jaylen kickoff for a 100-yard touch-At Shreveport, La., Jaylen kickoff for a 100-yard touch-dores' offense struggled for Samuels caught three touch-down and North Carolina most of the night.

State beat Vanderbilt, 41-17, in the Independence Bowl.

North Carolina State (7-6) won three of its final four games to finish with a winning record. The Wolfpack built a 28-3 lead by midway through the third quarter largely thanks to Samuels' touchdown catches of 9, 55 and 17 yards — and then held off a brief Vanderbilt rally.

Finley completed 19 of 30 passes for 235 yards. Samuels' three touchdown catches were an Independence Bowl record.

Vanderbilt (6-7) had a lot of momentum going into the game thanks to surprising wins over Mississippi and Tennessee to end the regular season. But the Commo-

TODAY'S GAMES

Heart of Dallas Bowl

North Texas (5-7) vs. Army (7-5), noon WHAT'S AT STAKE — In a bowl for the

first time since 2010, Army gets a chance to avenge one of its losses in the only bowl rematch of a 2016 regular-season game. The Black Knights had seven turnovers in a 35-18 home loss to North Texas on Oct. 22. North Texas lost four of its five games after that, but got a bowl berth because of its NCAA high Academic Progress Rate score when there weren't enough bowl-eligible teams

PLAYERS TO WATCH — North Texas:

Safety Kishawn McClain led the Mean Green with 86 tackles. He also had three interceptions and forced two fumbles. Army: LBs Jeremy Timpf and Andrew King. Timpf leads the team with 97 tackles (10 for losses) and two interceptions. King has 93 tackles, five sacks and two fumble recoveries.

FACTS & FIGURES — This is the second

time North Texas has gone to a bowl game with five wins in the regular season. The Mean Green were 5-6 and Sun Belt champions in 2001 to earn a berth in the New Orleans Bowl. ... Army has the nation's second-best rushing offense, with 328 yards per game. The Black Knights are only 68 yards shy of breaking the 4,000-yard mark

The seven turnovers by Army accounted for one-third of the 21 North Texas forced all season. ... Army is playing in Texas for the third time this year. The Black Knights won at UTEP, but lost to Notre Dame at San Antonio's Alamodome last month.

Military Bowl

Temple (10-3) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 3:30 p.m. WHAT'S AT STAKE — Temple is looking to cap a highly successful season with its schoolrecord 11th win. The Owls won the American Athletic Conference title under coach Matt Rhule, who left for Baylor. Temple subsequently hired Florida defensive coordinator Geoff Collins, but interim coach Ed Foley will be on the sideline looking to bring the Owls their first bowl victory since 2011 and eighth straight win in 2016. Wake Forest is seeking to put a positive spin on a season marred by the scandal in which broadcaster Tommy Elrod leaked or attempted to leak game plan information to at least three opponents.

PLAYERS TO WATCH — Temple: RB Jahad

Thomas. The senior had six straight games with at least two touchdowns and finished with 19 TDs, raising his career total to 39. He ranks third in school history with 30 rushing touchdowns and is sixth with 2,564 yards rushing. Wake Forest: SS Jessie Bates III. The redshirt freshman picked off five passes and returned two for scores. He has 93 tackles, including team highs against Tulane (8), Indiana (8), N.C. State (15), Louisville (13) and Clemson (12). FACTS & FIGURES — The only other time

these teams met, Temple prevailed, 36-0, in 1930. ... The Owls are playing bowl games in back-to-back seasons for first time. They lost to Toledo last year in the Boca Raton Bowl. ... Wake Forest is playing in a bowl game for the first time since 2011, when it lost in the Music City Bowl. ... Both teams lost to Army.

Holiday Bowl

Minnesota (84) vs. Washington St. (84), 7 p.m. WHAT'S AT STAKE — The Gophers are trying to regroup after backing down from their threat to skip this game if 10 teammates suspended after a sexual assault investigation weren't reinstated. Their boycott lasted less than 36 hours, with university leadership never blinking. The players backed down amid pressure from many who read details of the allegations. Now they face a high-flying Cougars team that sandwiched eight straight wins around season-opening losses to Eastern Washington of the FCS and Boise State, and regular season-ending

losses to Colorado and Washington.

PLAYERS TO WATCH — Minnesota: RB Rodney Smith has rushed for 1,084 yards and 15 touchdowns, and DL Steven Richard son has seven sacks. Washington State: WR Gabe Marks was All-Pac-12 first team after finishing second in the conference with 85 catches and 13 touchdowns, and third with 867 yards.

FACTS & FIGURES — The Gophers are in a bowl for a fifth straight year, tying a program record. ... Minnesota is in a California bowl for the first time since the 1962 Rose Bowl. ... The Cougars are 7-5 in bowls and have played in the Holiday twice, beating Texas, 28-20, in 2003 and losing to BYU, 38-36. in 1981. Leach also brought Texas Tech to the Holiday Bowl in 2004, beating California, 45-31. . The schools last met in 1988, when Dennis Erickson's Washington State team won, 41-9, in the second game of the season.

Cactus Bowl

Baylor (6-6) vs. Boise State (10-2), 10:15 p.m. WHAT'S AT STAKE — Boise State is looking for another win in the desert. The Broncos have had success here before, starting with their attention-grabbing win over Oklahoma in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl. Boise State also won at the Fiesta Bowl in 2010 and 2014. Baylor is hoping for a positive end to a difficult season. The Bears lost quarterback Seth Russell to a season-ending ankle injury and closed the

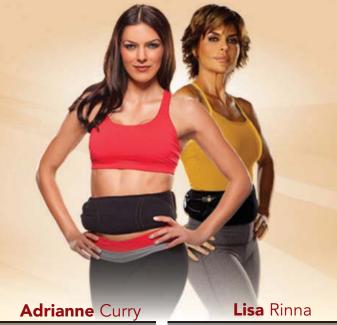
regular season with six straight losses

PLAYERS TO WATCH — Baylor: QB Zach Smith. The heralded freshman was thrust into a difficult spot when Russell went down against Oklahoma on Nov. 12. Smith threw for over 1,100 yards in nine games - three - but also had some rough moments as the Bears had trouble protecting him. Boise State: RB Jeremy McNichols. Boise State's passing game gets most of the attention, but McNichols helps keep opposing defenses honest. The junior enters the Cactus Bowl as the national leader with 27 touchdowns, fifth in both rushing yards (1,663) and all-purpose yards (2,185). FACTS & FIGURES — Boise State is in its

15th straight bowl game, tied for sixth nationally. This year's seniors need one win to become the 15th straight group to win 40 games in their careers..... Interim coach Jim Grobe will be coaching his last game at Baylor — Matt Rhule was hired earlier this month. ... KD Cannon led Baylor with 73 receptions, 989 yards and 11 TDs.

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Villanova remains No. 1

UConn unanimous atop women's poll

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Villanova starts its fourth week as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press Top 25 and the ranked teams stay the same from the last poll except for Florida, which replaces fellow Southeastern Conference member South Carolina.

The Wildcats (12-0) received 56 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel to maintain its big lead over UCLA (13-0), which received three No. 1 votes.

Kansas (11-1) was third, followed by Baylor (12-0), which got the other six first-place

Duke remained fifth while Louisville jumped from 10th to sixth following its 73-70 vic-

tory over Kentucky last week. Gonzaga is seventh followed by Kentucky, North

Carolina and Creighton. West Virginia is again No. 11, followed by Virginia, Butler, Wisconsin, Purdue, Indi ana, Xavier, Arizona, Saint Mary's and Florida State.

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 25, total points based on 25 points for

a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking Record Pts

1. Villanova (56) 12-0 1,614
2. UCLA (3) 13-0 1,518

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11-2 10-1 12-1 11-2 13-0

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23. Cincinnat 10-2 207 24
24. Notre Dame 10-2 204 25
25. Florida 9-3 76
Others receiving votes: Maryland 40,
Virginia Tech 37, Seton Hall 18, Clemson
12, Minnesota 8, Miami 8, Oklahoma
St. 7, Northwestern 5, South Carolina
4, UNC Wilmington 3, Arkansas 3, Iowa
St. 2.

3. Kansas 4. Baylor (6) 5. Duke 6. Louisville 7. Gonzaga

8. Kentucky 9. North Carolina 10. Creighton 11. West Virginia 12. Virginia

13. Butler

14. Wisconsin 15. Purdue 16. Indiana 17. Xavier

18. Arizona 19. Saint Mary's (Cal) 20. Florida St. 21. Oregon 22. Southern Cal

TOP 25 BASKETBALL

are Oregon, Southern California, Cincinnati, Notre Dame and Florida.

Florida (9-3) returns to the Top 25 after two weeks out of the rankings. The Gators come back in off a 94-71 victory over Arkansas-Little Rock in their first game in the renovated O'Connell Center. They had played their first 11 games on the road or at neutral sites.

South Carolina (9-2) was anked for four weeks, reaching as high as No. 16. The Gamecocks lost, 62-60, last week to instate rival Clemson.

Kansas is ranked for the 150th consecutive poll, a streak that started Feb. 3, 2009. The second-longest cur rent streak is 86 polls by Arizona. The all-time record is 221 consecutive polls by UCLA from 1966-80.

Women

UConn is still the unani-

ated Press women's basketball poll.

The Huskies received all 33 first-place votes again after beating then-No. 12 Ohio State and Nebraska to stretch their winning streak to 86 consecutive games. UConn faces No. 4 Maryland on Thursday. A victory would be the team's 30th straight on the road tving the NCAA record. It would also leave them three victories short of matching the 90-game overall winning streak the school set from 2008-11.

Notre Dame, Baylor, Maryland and Mississippi State followed UConn in the poll again. The top 11 teams remain unchanged as most teams had a light week of games because of the

holidays. California entered the Top 25 for the first time this season after topping then-No. 20 Oklahoma in a tournament in Las Vegas. The unbeaten Bears open up Pac-12 play this weekend. Kansas State fell out of the

The last five ranked teams mous No. 1 atop The Associ-

USA TODAY MEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today me college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 25, points based on 25 points for a

first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record Pts

1. Villanova (27) 12-0 771

AP WOMEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with firs place votes in parentheses, records throu Dec. 25, total points based on 25 points of first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Pv | | Record | Pts | P |
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| 1. Villanova (27) | 12-0 | 771 | 1 | 1. UConn (33) | 11-0 | 825 | |
| 2. UCLA (2) | 13-0 | 736 | 2 | Notre Dame | 11-1 | 767 | : |
| 3. Kansas (1) | 11-1 | 695 | 3 | 3. Baylor | 11-1 | 759 | |
| 4. Baylor | 12-0 | 656 | 6 | 4. Maryland | 12-0 | 740 | |
| 5. Duke (1) | 12-1 | 641 | 4 | Mississippi St. | 13-0 | 679 | . ! |
| 6. Gonzaga | 12-0 | 600 | 7 | South Carolina | | 664 | - |
| 7. Louisville | 11-1 | 560 | 11 | Florida St. | 12-1 | 629 | |
| 8. Kentucky | 10-2 | 537 | 5 | 8. Louisville | 12-2 | 593 | |
| 9. Creighton | 12-0 | 531 | 9 | Washington | 12-1 | 539 | |
| North Carolina | | 522 | 8 | 10. UCLA | 9-2 | 517 | 10 |
| 11. Virginia | 10-1 | 454 | 10 | 11. Miami | 11-1 | 473 | 11 |
| 12. West Virginia | 11-1 | 438 | 12 | West Virginia | 12-0 | 451 | 13 |
| 13. Butler | 11-1 | 397 | 13 | 13. Stanford | 9-2 | 408 | 14 |
| 14. Wisconsin | 11-2 | 347 | 14 | 14. Ohio St. | 10-4 | 400 | 12 |
| 15. Purdue | 11-2 | 331 | 15 | 15. Duke | 11-1 | 310 | 17 |
| 16. Indiana | 10-2 | 285 | 16 | 16. Texas | 6-4 | 272 | 16 |
| 17. Xavier | 10-2 | 277 | 17 | 17. Kentucky | 9-3 | 251 | 18 |
| 18. Arizona | 11-2 | 232 | 18 | 18. Arizona St. | 9-2 | 247 | 2 |
| 19. Saint Mary's | 10-1 | 214 | 19 | 19. Virginia Tech | 12-0 | 227 | 23 |
| 20. Florida State | 12-1 | 161 | 22 | 20. Colorado | 10-1 | 188 | 1! |
| 21. Oregon | 11-2 | 148 | 21 | 21. California | 12-0 | 159 | - |
| 22. Southern Cal | 13-0 | 136 | 25 | 22. Oregon St. | 10-1 | 147 | 2 |
| 23. Cincinnati | 10-2 | 93 | 23 | 23. South Florida | 10-1 | 117 | 2 |
| 24. Notre Dame | 10-2 | 92 | 24 | 24. Oklahoma | 9-3 | 112 | 20 |
| 25. South Carolina | | 57 | 20 | 25. Syracuse | 9-4 | 76 | 19 |
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Every home should have first-aid kit

Our young son fell off his skateboard recently, and the items my wife and I needed to tend to his cuts and scrapes were scattered throughout the house. Now we want to assemble a home first-aid kit. What should it contain?

A well-stocked first-aid kit is an important safety feature for every home. And while first-aid kits are available for purchase, you can easily put one together yourself.

Take an afternoon to evaluate your family needs, make a list, then hit your local drugstore.

With a home first-aid kit, you're preparing to deal with three basic types of medical issues — injury, infection and allergy.

Everyday injuries include scrapes, cuts, splinters, burns, sprains and stings. Infections may range from an inflamed wound to fever, a sore throat or the flu. You'll also want to be prepared for common allergic reactions such as the rash from poison oak and poison ivy and itching and swelling from insect stings.

It's important that if anyone in your family has severe food allergies or a respiratory condition such as asthma, you stock a backup of the appropriate medication. Mark each item with its expiration date and replace as needed. It's a good idea to keep a separate checklist, which will make it easy to know when it's time to replace that inhaler or EpiPen.

So how do you build a first-aid kit?

Start with a container such as a plastic storage tub, a tackle box or a tote bag with separate compart-ments. It should be easy to open, easy to carry, and have enough room for everything to be organized and recognizable at a glance.

Delegate one compartment for personal items—those allergy medications we talked about or backup doses of any other vital medications your family members may need. You'll also want to include a list of emergency phone numbers. For a family of four to

deal with common emergencies, you should have:

- Two absorbent compress dressings.
- 25 adhesive bandages of assorted sizes.
- One adhesive cloth
- Antibiotic ointment
- and antiseptic wipes. ■ Ibuprofen.
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- Non-latex gloves. ■ Hydrocortisone ointment.
- A pair of scissors and a set of tweezers.
- A 3-inch and a 4-inch roller bandage.
- 10 sterile gauze pads (3 by 3 inches and 4 by 4
- An oral thermometer that is not glass and does not contain mercury.
- Two triangular bandages.
- A good first-aid instruction booklet. It's also wise to consider a version of this kit for your

ASK THE DOCTORS is write ten by Robert Ashley, M.D., Eve Glazier, M.D., and Elizabeth Ko, M.D. Send questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o Media Relations, UCLA Health, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA, 90095.

Out of this world greetings planned

Organization wants to say "hello" to distant planets.

BY LISA M. KRIEGER THE MERCURY NEWS

After decades of fruitless scanning the skies for alien messages, scientists say it's time to try a basic rule of eti-quette: Say "hello" first.

A new San Francisco based organization called METI, or Messaging Extra Terrestrial Intelligence, plans to send signals to distant planets, rather than waiting for them to call Earth.

By the end of 2018, the project aims to send some conversation-starters via radio or laser signals to a

rocky planet circling Proxima Centauri, the nearest star other than the sun, and then to more distant destinations, hundreds or thousands of light years away. It would be the first effort

to send powerful, repeated and intentional messages into space, targeting the same stars over months or years.

"If we want to start an exchange over the course of many generations, we want to learn and share information," said Douglas Vakoch, president of METI and former director of Interstellar

Message Composition at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute in Mountain View, California, known as SETI.

Founded last year, METI will host two workshops next year, one in Paris and the other in St. Louis. It also plans to start raising the \$1 million needed annually to staff and build or borrow a powerful transmitter in a remote location.

Part of the mission will be to figure out how to craft the perct message to say "Hello."

Like much else in science. the project has turned contro-

versial. Some ask: If aliens are hostile, do we really want them to know where we are?

We shouldn't draw attention to ourselves, say science fiction writer David Brin and theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking.

"We have almost zero idea of whether aliens are likely to be dangerous," physicist Mark Buchanan wrote in the journal Nature Physics.

Other experts say it's worth waiting until we're better conversationalists and, then, use well-established groups with international consultation.

'Babbling babies are not

adult conversation." said Andrew Fraknoi, chairman of the astronomy department at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. "Listening and learning is how children become adults, and why not try that for a while?"

Others endorse the effort. 'I'd be happy to see this done," said Seth Shostak, senior astronomer with the SETI Institute. "I think there's something to be learned, nothing to be feared, and at least the possibility of discovering something truly revolutionary: We have company nearby.'



JIM WILSON / THE NEW YORK TIMES

Matthew Krummel, a researcher at the University of California, San Francisco, looks at immune cells in organs and tissues in his lab on campus. Dr. Krummel co-published a paper in 1995 showing tumors could be eliminated with the use of immuno-

'We are playing with fire'

An unleashed immune system can attack cancer, and organs

BY MATT RICHTEL
THE NEW YORK TIMES

As Chuck Peal lay in a Waterbury, Connecticut, emergency room one Sunday in early September, doctors furiously tried to make sense of his symptoms. Peal, 61, appeared to be dying and

they were not sure why.

He slipped in and out of consciousness, his blood pressure plummeted, his potassium levels soared and his blood sugar spiked to 10 times the normal level. A doctor suspected a heart attack, but uncertainty left him urgently researching the situation on his

This was not a heart attack. Mr. Peal's body was attacking itself, a severe reaction by his immune system that was a side effect of a seemingly miraculous cancer treatment aimed at saving his life.

In the seven weeks prior, doctors at Yale University had comhated Mr. Peal's melanoma with two of the most promising drugs in cancer treatment today. These medicines work by stimulating the immune system to attack cancer as ferociously as it does other threats, like viruses and bacteria.

Serious risks

Immunotherapy drugs have been hailed as a breakthrough in cancer treatment, attracting billions of research dollars and offering new hope to patients out of options. But as their use grows, doctors are finding that they pose serious risks that stem from the very thing that makes them effective. An unleashed immune system can attack healthy, vital organs, notably the bowel, the liver and the lungs, but also the kidneys, the adrenal and pituitary glands, the pancreas and, in rare cases, the heart.

Doctors at Yale believe immunotherapy is causing a new type of acute-onset diabetes, with at least 17 cases there so far, Mr. Peal's among them. In cancer clin-

ics around the world, and in drug trials, myriad other side effects are showing up. Studies are finding that severe reactions occur nearly 20 percent of the time with certain drugs, and in more than half of patients when some drugs are used in combination

Rare side effects

Another recent paper found that 30 percent of patients experienced "interesting, rare or unex-pected side effects," with a quarter of reactions described as severe, life-threatening or requiring hospitalization. Some patients have died, including five in recent months in clinical trials of a new immunotherapy drug being test-

ed by Juno Therapeutics Inc. The upshot, oncologists and immunologists say, is that the medical field must be more vigilant as these drugs soar in popularity. And they say more research is needed into who is likely to have reactions and how to treat them

Dr. John Timmerman, an oncologist and immunotherapy researcher at the University of



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Chuck Peal, who was treated for melanoma with immunotherapy drugs, developed acute-onset diabetes, which doctors believe was an effect of the immunotherapy drugs, hailed as a breakthrough in cancer treatment.

effects. The woman's immunotherapy drugs had successfully therapy as God's gift, the chosen "melted away" her cancer, he elixir, the cure for cancer," he said, but some weeks later, she got "We are playing with fire," said cold and flu-like symptoms, and died in the emergency room from an inflammatory response that Dr. Timmerman described as "a California, Los Angeles, who mass riot, an uprising" of her

recently lost a patient to side immune system. "We've heard about immuno-

said.

We haven't heard much about the collateral damage." Despite the warnings, physi-

cians like Dr. Timmerman remain hugely supportive of drugs that are saving the lives of people who would otherwise die. Far better to cope with diabetes, hepatitis or arthritis, the thinking goes, than to die. Most reactions are not nearly so bad and are treatable.

The rub, doctors and researchers say, is that the medical system - from front-line nurses to oncologists to emergency rooms too often caught off guard. This is happening for a number of reasons: The drugs are new so many side effects just have not been seen. Symptoms appear at random, sometimes months after treatment, and can initially seem innocuous. Finally, oncologists are trying to treat patients with a combination of two or more immunotherapy drugs, hoping for more effective treatment but sometimes getting amplified



Dr. Harriet Kluger, a Yale oncologist, at the Smilow Cancer Hospital in New Haven, Conn. Dr. Kluger, along with other doctors at Yale, believe immunotherapy drugs, which have been hailed as a breakthrough in cancer treatment, are also the cause of other potentially life-threatening health risks.

FUNERAL NOTICES

AVERSA, ELIZABETH "BETTE," Camp Hill, Mass, today, 11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Catholic Visitation, 10 to 11:30, church. Interment will be in Gate Cemetery Heaven Contributions: the Central Foundation of Pennsylvania and to the Good Church. Funeral Shepherd Catholic Arrangements: Neill Inc., Camp

Condolences: neillcamphill.com. **BELLES, LESLIE C.,** Baylors
Lake, celebration of life, today, 6 p.m., Anthony P. Litwin Jr. Funeral Homes Inc., 33 Reynolds St., Factoryville. Calling hours, 4 to 6 p.m. Contributions: Fleetville Fire Company, P.O. Box 6, Fleetville, PA

BRYK, VINCENT "CHUCKY," Dupont, today, 9:30 a.m., Kiesinger Funeral Services Inc., 255 McAlpine St., Duryea. Mass, 10, Sacred Heart of Jesus Sacred Heart of Church, Lackawanna Avenue,

CASTELLANO. PETER A.. Dunmore, today, Carlucci-Golden-DeSantis Funeral Home 318 E. Drinker St., Dunmore. Mass, 9:30 a.m., St. Rocco's Church, Luke Avenue and Kurtz Street, Dunmore. Interment, St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow. Condolences: DunmoreFuneralHome.com

CHALK, ROBERT D., Covington Twp., Mass, Wednesday, 11 a.m., St. Catherine of Siena Church, 220 Church St., Moscow, by the Rev. Robert J. Simon. Cremation, Strauch's Pocono Cremation, Goulds Goulds Grematory, Goulds G Gouldsboro Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements: Brian Arthur Strauch Funeral Homes and Cremation Services LLC in Spring Brook Twp. Condolences: funeral home website

acebook page.

DENTE, BIAGIO A., Pittston, Wednesday, Mass, 11:30 a.m., Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, 535 N. Main St., Pittston. Calling hours, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to service, church. Interment, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton. Arrangements: Paul F. Leonard Funeral Home, Pittston Donations: Elaine L. Dente, R.Ph. Memorial Scholarship c/o UNICO, Scranton Foundation, P.C 278 Dunmore, PA 18512. PO. Box

GRAHAM, RICHARD O., JR., Tunkhannock, memorial service, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Harding-Litwin Funeral Home, 123 W. Litwin Fulleria Frome, Tunkhannock. Interment, private. Calling hours, Wednesday, 6 to 7. Donations: American Cancer Society or to ancer Soul Oncology Drug Program. Medical Assistance Condolences: funeral home

GUTHRIE, JAMES RUSSELL, memorial service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, cranton, by the Rev. Rebect sarnes. Donations: ACL ACLU. Barnes. Arrangements: Solfanelli-Fiorillo Funeral Home Inc., 1030 N. Main Condolences: Ave., Scranton. funeral home website.

HALL, MARION "MARE"
CALCIANO, Whites Crossing, Wednesday. noon. Carlucci-Golden-DeSantis Funeral Home Inc., 318 E. Drinker St., Dunmore. Interment, Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst Twp. Calling hours, today, 5 to 8 p.m., funeral home. Condolences: NEPAfuneralhome.

HOBAN, JOSEPH M., Olyphant, formerly Peckville, Monday, Robert Decker Funeral Home, Peckville, by John Bertone, Ph.D., son-in-law. Pallbearers: Lindsey Tice, grandaughter; Ketan Kriefski, Justin and Christian Bertone, Brent Hoban and David grandsons; and Linus Interment. Hoban brother.

rospect Hill Cemetery, Pecky MARY GIBBONS, Peckville, formerly of West Scranton, Mass, today, 9:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Church, 1403 lackson St West Scranton Interment, Cathedral Cemetery, West Scranton. Arrangements: Carl J. Savino Jr. Funeral Home, 157 S. Main Ave., West Scranton. Go directly to church Tuesday morning. Contributions: Hospice Sacred Heart Inpatient 00 William St., Dunmore, of the Unit, 100 William St., Dunmore, PA 18510, or the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, 967 Griffin Pond Road, South Abington Twp., PA

HUNTER. ROY G., Wavmart. calling hours, Wednesday, 4 to 7 p.m., Jenkins Funeral Home, 269 Belmont St., Waymart. Interment, Donations: Waymart Legion Post 889, P.O. Donations: Box 395, Waymart, PA 18472.

KALINOWSKI, EDWARD P., Dickson City, calling hours, today, 5 to 8 p.m., Frank T. Mazur Funeral Home Inc., 601 Dundaff St., Dickson City. Blessing service, this evening. Condolences: funeral home website.

MASKO, JOHN ROBERT, Blakely, Wednesday, 10 a.m., John J. Turko & Sons Funeral Home, Dickson City, by the Very Rev. Paul Schellbach. Interment, Saints Orthodox Cemetery, Peckville. Calling hours, today, Parastas, to 7 p.m. Parast Contributions: his family.

McGRAW, EDWARD P., West Scranton, Mass, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton St., West Scranton Calling hours, Wednesday, 9:30 Mass, church. Interment, Cemetery. Abington Hills Contributions: St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton St., Scranton, PA 18504. Arrangements: Vanston and James Funeral Home, Ash Street, Scranton. Condolences: vanstonandjames.com.

MELISKY, THOMAS J., SR., Vest Scranton, today, 9 a.m., Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 125 N Main Ave Scranton Mass St. Paul of the Cross Parish 1217 Prospect Ave., Scranton, by the Rev. Scott P. Sterowski, pas Interment, Sac sh Cemetery, Sacred Scranton. Condolences: funeral home

MEGHAN ELIZABETH, Dunmore, calling hours, today, 5 to 7 p.m., Albert P. O'Donnell Funeral Home, 2025 Green Ridge St., Dunmore. Mass, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows Church, South State Street, Clarks Summit.

PIERRE, SHIRLEY K., Covington Twp., today, 10:30 a.m., Brian Arthur Strauch Funeral Homes and Cremation Services LLC, 3 First St., Spring Brook Twp., by Pastor Eric Luczak. Interment, Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst Twp. Donations: Daleville United Methodist Church, 423 Dorantown Road, Covington Twp., PA 18444. Condolences: funeral website or Facebook

GREGORY, RACAVICH, Peckville, today, 7 p.m., Robert E. Decker Funeral Home, 702 River St., Peckville. Calling hours, today 5 to 7. Interment, private, Union

emetery, Peckville.

STADNITSKI, JUNE, Dickson City, no public calling hours. Memorial liturgy, Wednesday, 10 a.m., SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, River Street, Olyphant. Arrangements, Frank T. Mazur Funeral Home Inc., 601 Dundaff St., Dickson City. Condolences: funeral home

WENKOSKY, FRANK, Hamlin, today, 7 p.m., James Wilson Funeral Home, 143 Gravity Road, Lake Ariel. Calling hours, today, 4 p.m. Interment. Salem Cemetery, Hamlin. Contributions: favorite Condolences: jameswilsonfuner alhome.com.

Our lives go on without you,

but nothing is the same.

We have to hide our heartaches

when someone speaks your name.

Sad are the hearts that love you,

silent the tears that fall,

living our lives without you

is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us,

vour heart was kind and true.

And when we needed someone.

we could always count on you.

The special years will not return

when we were all together,

but with the love within our hearts.

you will walk with us forever.

We love and miss you

always.

Donna and Bob &

Bobby and Edie



Pettinato, Sr. Dec. 27, 2015

We really miss you, Papa And wish that you were here, o hug us with your loving arm and lend a kindly ear.

Life goes on as always but things seem out of place now that we can't call you or see your smiling face. Although it's really painful to think that you are gone, know you're in a better place when all is said and done. We never will forget you and we'll never be apart, in all the special memories We keep inside our hearts.

Love You Always. Your grandchildren, Marissa, Jennifer, John, Christina, Danny, Rob, Amanda and Great-Grandchildren.

Pani Martha Zeleniak

December 25, 2016

Pani Martha Zeleniak, 93, of Taylor, peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday morning. Pani Martha was married for 57 years to the late Monsignor John Zeleniak, who died in 1999. Together they served parishes in Ambridge and Nesquehoning, before accepting the pastorship at St. George's Orthodox Church in Taylor in 1952. They served Taylor and the greater Scranton community for over 40 years. Pani Martha was born

Dec. 10, 1923, to the late John and Martha Bodrucki in Elizabeth, N.J. She was a beloved and respected member of the St. George's Orthodox Church community Throughout her 74 years of service, she was recognized as the longest-serving pani (priest's wife) in the American Carpatho Russian Orthodox Diocese.

Pani Martha was known for her love of people and her talents in the kitchen. which she combined to spread love for others. Her cooking and baking skills won recognition both locally and nationally. She appeared many times in various Times-Tribune recipe features. She was most famous for her banana cakes, which she considered her "credit card" of love and thanks to her many friends and helpers. Over the years, many hundreds were freely given to charities and friends throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

Pani Martha remained active late in life. She was a regular participant in the Taylor Senior Citizens group. She was an avid read er, reading more than 50 books a year for many years. She enjoyed doing the daily crossword puzzles after reading the newspaper, calling and visiting her many friends, especially those who were homebound or ailing and using her computers to surf the internet for information, play games and keep in touch with her friends near and far. Pani Martha



loved simple wisdom and sayings. Among her favorites was "one day at a time," which she spoke many times a day. She was a kind, gentle and generous friend to all and made it a point to do something nice for someone every day. She will be missed

by many. Pani Martha is survived by her daughter, Martha and husband, James Podobinski, Port Washington, N.Y.; sons, James and wife, Patricia, Newton Twp.; Michael and wife, Nancy, Dunmore; Daniel and wife, Sheila, Taylor; grandchildren, Kathryn, Ann, Matthew and Daniel; great-grandchildren, Katelyn and Leo and their parents, Michael and Jeannette Zap pel; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers, John Babin, George Bodrucki; sister, Ann Warhol; and granddaughter, Abigail Zappel.

Family and friends are invited to attend her funeral service Friday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m. at St. George's Orthodox Church, 743 S. Keyser Ave., Taylor, by the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Mark Leasure. pastor. Burial will follow in St. George's Cemetery, Taylor. Family and friends may call at St. George's Orthodox Church on Thursday, Dec. 29, from 3 to 7 p.m. Panikhida services will begin at 7.

Memorial contributions in Pani Martha's memory may be made to St. George's Orthodox Church.

Arrangements and care provided by Semian Funeral Home, 704 Union St., Taylor.

Visit www.semiancares. com to share memories or offer condolences to Pani Martha's family.

Dylan M. Gatens

December 21, 2016

Dylan M. Gatens, three months old, Covington Twp., was taken to heaven Wednesday at the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, following an illness.

Born Sept. 19, 2016, in Scranton, she is the beloved daughter of Keegan and Lauren (Tomeo) Gatens.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her big sisters, Reagan A. Gatens, Quinn M. Gatens and Rhyan C. Gatens; her paternal grandmother, Karen F. Gatens; her maternal grandparents, Patrick A, and Mary E. Tomeo; and Janet A. (Sienkiewicz) Tomeo; cousins, aunts and uncles.

Our beautiful baby girl brought abundant amounts of joy into our lives in the short time that she spent with us.

Thursday at noon in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 220 Church St., Moscow.

Friends will be received In Loving Memory

Robert D.

Kelly, Jr.

12/04/1949 – 12/27/2014

I think of you in silence

and often speak your name.

All I have are memories and

your picture in a frame.

Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part.

God has you in His keeping,

I have you in my heart.

Miss and Love You Forever, Your Loving Fiancée, Linda



Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Interment will be held at Holy Ghost Cemetery in Moscow.

Arrangements by Duffy & Snowdon Funeral Home of Moscow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dylan Gatens Memorial Fund, c/o Pearl Harbor survivor. Fidelity Bank, Blakely and PA 18512. For online condolences,

visit the funeral home website.



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Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

I love you to pieces Gram, our family needs you now more than ever. Wish you were here!

Love, Nicole and Charlie

Wanda K. Riggi

November 5, 2016

Wanda K. Riggi, 85, Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Dalton, Pa., went home to Jesus on Nov. 5, 2016. She died peacefully in her sleep after a short illness with her family by her side.

Born Jan. 19, 1931, she was the voungest daughter of Adam and Mary (Gostyla) Solaski. Wanda graduated from Taylor High School, Taylor, Pa. She worked as a dental assistant and later at the International Correspondence School, Scranton, Pa., in the electrical engineering department before raising a family.

Wanda was a Christian and member of the Assembly of God Church, Clarks Green, Pa., for over 30 years. Wanda enjoyed vacationing at the Village of the Four Seasons in the '60s and '70s, where she learned to ski and play tennis. She was an avid golfer and had a hole-in-one at Elmhurst Country Club. In later years, she enjoyed walking around Lake Scranton with her dog, visiting family at Lake Winola and wintering at Jensen Beach, Fla., and Tamarac, Fla.

Affectionately called "Nonnie" by her grandchildren, Wanda was a fun-loving and devoted mother who loved her family She loved cruising with family and friends and traveled the world. She was fortunate to see many of the national parks and ski areas in the United States and Europe. She visited Israel, Egypt, South America, Alaska, Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand. She was an excellent cook, and enjoyed entertaining at her home. In her youth, she had a beautiful singing voice and was once called from the audience to sing on stage with the Sammy Kaye Orchestra during a concert. In later years, Wanda was not afraid to join the band and sing at her children's weddings.

She is survived by her three children, Vincent N. (Jane), Clarks Summit, Pa.;



Diane C. (James Smith). Pembroke Pines, Fla.; and Katherine M. (David Draper), Dalton. Also surviving are five grandchildren, James V. Riggi, Dunmore, Pa.; Delia K. Riggi, Long Beach, Calif.: Matthew A. Riggi, Scranton, Pa.; Lee V. Draper (Jessica), West Covina, Calif.; and Gordon A. Draper, Dalton, Pa. Also surviving are brothers in-law, Nicholas Riggi, Scranton, Pa.; Thomas Riggi, Dunmore, Pa.; and Anthony Riggi, Boca Raton, Fla.; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Josephine Aurigemma, Trumbull, Conn.; Ida Ostrowski, Trumbull, Conn.; and Kathryn Lastowsky, Palmerton, a.; and brother, Henry Solaski, Scranton, Pa.; infant brother, Joseph Solaski, Taylor, Pa.; and former husband, Vincent J. Riggi, Pocono Farms Tobyhanna. Pa., with whom she shared many wonderful memories and joys of raising her children and grandchildren.

Cremation will be held in Florida and burial at Dunmore Cemetery, Dunmore, Pa. Family and friends may attend a celebration of life on Dec. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Country Club of Scranton, Clarks Summit, Pa.

Donations in her loving memory may be made to the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, 967 Griffin Pond Road, South Abington Twp., PA 18411.

John A. Greco

December 25, 2016

John "Al" Greco, 94, of Old Forge, died Sunday at the Gino Merli Veterans

Center, Scranton. John was married to the former Frances A. Talarico, who died on Dec. 7, 1981.

Born in Old Forge, he was the son of the late John J. and Mary Carlucci Greco. John was a 1939 graduate of Old Forge High School, and was a Navy veteran, having served from 1940-1946. John served in the Pacific Theater aboard the naval destroyer USS Long, the attack transport USS McCracken and the air craft carrier USS Shangri-La. He was honorably discharged in 1946 from the Navy, earning the rank of petty officer first class. John earned seven stars on his Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbons and was recently honored at the Lackawanna County Courthouse as a

Before retirement, he was outdoor power equipment salesman for the McCulloch Corp., Tuscon, Ariz., all its Eastern states distributors and the Lawn and Golf Corp., Phoenixville. John has been the recipient of many outstanding sales achievement awards throughout his career and was also a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War. In addition, John was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish. Old Forge, where he served as an usher and a member of its

Holy Name Society The family wishes to thank the staff at the Gino Merli Veterans Center, Dr. Armondo Sallavanti and Dr. Kather-



ine Sallavanti for the compassionate care given to Al.

John is survived by his daughter, Maria Szymanski: son, Robert Greco and wife, Mary Kay, Old Forge; three grandchildren, Michael Szymanski and fiancée, Elizabeth Dorsey, Scranton; Robert E. Greco, Philadelphia; Gretchen Greco Holland and husband, Dan; and greatgrandson, Hudson Alfonso Holland, Old Forge; cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Anthony, Dominick and law, Mike Szymanski.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Prince of Peace Parish, St. Mary's Church, 123 W. Grace St., Old Forge. Interment, Old Forge Cemetery. Full military services will be by the AMVETS Honor Guard.

Relatives and friends may call at the church Wednesday from 9 to 10. Memorial contributions

may be made to the Gino Merli Veterans Center, 401 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Funeral arrangements

have been entrusted to the Louis V. Ciuccio Funeral Home, 145 Moosic Road, Old Forge.

Richard Osenkarski

of Old Forge, died Friday.

A blessing service will until time of service. Interbe Thursday at 11 a.m. at ment, St. Joseph's Ceme-Kiesinger Funeral Services tery, Duryea.

December 23, 2016 Richard Osenkarski, 52. Inc., Durvea, Friends may call Thursday from 10

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Claire N. Fox

December 25, 2016

Claire N. Fox, 88, of Scranton, died early morning on Christmas Day in the Mountain View Care Center in Scranton. She was preceded in death in 2012 by the love of her life, John P. "Jack" Fox, with whom she shared 62 wonderful years of marriage.

Born in Dunmore, daughter of the late Martin and Pierina Mascolini Mataloni, she was a 1946 graduate of Dunmore High School and was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and its Altar and Rosary Society. Before her retirement at the age of 82, she was employed by Dean Phipps Auto Stores, Keystone City Residence, Mercy Hospital and by the Sunflower Corp. as a food demonstrator in various local supermarkets. She had been a member of the Secretaries of America, the Christian Marriage Encounter Group and also volunteered at the Deutsch Institute.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend who will be dearly missed.

Claire's family wishes to express its sincerest appreciation for all of the loving care given to their mother and grandmother at the Magical Court of the Mountain View Care Center.

Surviving are a son, Gary Fox and wife, Lynn, of Waverly Twp.; and daughter, Susan Kolankoski and husband, Robert, of Scranton; grandchildren, Elizabeth Demeck, of Scranton; Christopher Fox, of Scranton: Jessie Fox, of Bristol, R.I.; Kathryn Fox, of New York, N.Y.;



December 26, 2016

Elizabeth Roche of Dunmore died Monday peacefully at home. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Rob-

Born in Kenmare, Ireland, she was the daughter of the late John and Johanna Lyne McCarthy. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore.

She was a member of "the Greatest Generation" and met the love of her life, Bob Roche, during World War II, when she was employed as a nurse. After the war ended, she traveled to Pennsylvania, where she worked for Marywood University, the University of Scranton and as a loving caretaker for her grandchildren. She had a passion for Irish music, poetry, dancing and laughter. She loved her Irish heritage and loved to sing at any and all occasions.

Also surviving are three daughters, Patricia Powers, of Scranton; Maureen Furiosi, of Apalachin, N.Y.; and Sheila Theodorou, of Hackettstown. N.J.; five grandchildren, Melissa, James, Cara, Cristin and Elizabeth; and eight greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Panettieri

Mary Panettieri, 75, of Jessup, died Friday evening at Hospice of the Sacred Heart. Her husband of 49 years, Leonard Panettieri, died in 2014.

Born in Jessup, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Mary Guidos Burnetti. A graduate of Jessup High School, she was employed in Abington Heights School District and later at her husband's business, Lenny's Auto. Mary was a member of Christ the King Parish, St. Thomas

Aquinas Church, Archbald. She was a kind and loving wife, sister and friend who will be dearly missed by her

family and friends. Also surviving are two brothers, Joseph Burnetti and wife, Marilyn, Blakely and Albert Burnetti and wife, Fran, Olyphant; several

nieces, nephews and cousins. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Robert and Leonard Burnetti; and a



Thomas LaCapra and fiancée, Kirstin Knee, of Scranton: Holly LaCapra of Waverly Twp.; and Ryan LaCapra, of Waverly Twp.; greatgrandson, Evan LaCapra, of Scranton; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her beloved husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Kevin; and sister, Gloria Cerra.

The funeral will be Thursday from the Carlucci-Golden-DeSantis Funeral Home Inc., 318 E. Drinker St., Dunmore, with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, Taylor Avenue and East Gibson Street, Scranton. Interment to follow in Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that memorial contributions be made in Claire's name to the IHM Retirement Fund, c/o the IHM Center, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509.

To offer a condolence or for further information, visit www.TheDunmoreFuneral Home.com.



She was preceded in death hv 10 siblings Elizabeth will be dearly

missed by her family and friends.

The funeral will be Thursday from the Albert P. O'Donnell Funeral Home, 2025 Green Ridge St., Dunmore, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore. Interment, Dunmore Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. All those attending the funeral are asked to proceed directly to the church on Thursday

Memorial contributions may be made to Traditional Home Health and Hospice. 113 W. Drinker St., Dunmore,



sister, Catherine Froncek, The funeral will be Wednes-

day at 10 a.m. with Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Archbald. Interment will be private. Viewing hours will be from 9 to 10 on Wednesday at St. Thomas Church, Archbald.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Louis M. Margotta Funeral

Visit the funeral home website for online condolences or directions.

Anthony M. Nardella

December 24, 2016

Anthony M. Nardella of Dunmore, passed away Saturday,

Dec. 24, at the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center following an illness. His wife, the former Edith Fangio, preceded him in death.

Born in Scranton, he was the son of the late Louis and Angelina DePaldo Nardella. He was a proud Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, earning several medals and commendations. Before his retirement, he was employed as a supermarket manager by Food Fair Produce, and had also worked for the United States Post

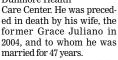
Tony was a strong advocate of education. Never having been afforded the opportunity of a formal education for himself, he made sure his children and grandchildren received the best education. He led by example, and at the age of 40 he worked hard and received his GED, an accomplishment he was very proud of.

Tony was a member of the generation very often referred to as the "Greatest Generation." He epitomized that generation, possessing the great values, God, family, strong work ethic and a vision of a better world. He was a member of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony Nardella and wife, Susan, Dunmore and Phila-

William J. Gilpin December 24, 2016

William J. Gilpin, 81, of Dun-more, died late Saturday in the Dunmore Health



Born in Moosic, son of the late Milton and Ann Swantek Gilpin, he was a graduate of Thaddeus Stevens College with a degree in electrical construction. He served in the Army from 1958-1960 as a fourth-grade specialist air defense missile fire control crewman. Additionally, he served in the active Army Reserve Corps for two and a half years. Before retirement, he had been employed by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport for over 21 years as a maintenance supervisor.

He was a loving and devoted husband enjoyed traveling with his wife, and also hunting, antique cars and World War II history. He was a member of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore, as well as the Tauras Club in Scranton.

Surviving are his sister, Shirley Gilpin Anderson, of New Jersey; nieces, nephew and cousins, including his caregivers, Paulette and

Lucille H. Esgro December 18, 2016

Lucille H. Esgro of North Scranton passed away Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, at Geisinger Community Medical Center following an illness. She was the widow of Frank Esgro.

Born in Madison Twp., she was the daughter of the late Julius and Pearl Benzeleski Barako. She was a longtime member of Holy Rosary Church, now Mary, Mother of God Parish, also a former member of the Columbus Club and the Zonta Club.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas (Ann) and Frank, Scranton; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Carol; a brother, Joseph.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Pinto; a son, James Esgro.

The funeral will be held Friday, Dec. 30, 2016, from the Solfanelli-Fiorillo Funeral Home Inc., 1030 N. Main Ave., Scranton, with Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of God Par-



delphia; Louis Nardella, M.D., and wife Henrika, Biloxi, Miss.; four grandchildren, Meiko, Andrew, Tristan and Barnaby; one great-grandson, Arthur James Nardella; two sisters, Mary Guzzi, Clarks Summit: and Jennie Stanilka. Scranton; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Charles, Michael, Samuel; three sisters, Lucy Natale, Raffaela "Fannie" Borgia and Nicholina Torchia.

The funeral will be held Wednesday from the Solfanelli-Fiorillo Funeral Home Inc., 1030 N. Main Ave., Scranton, with Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore. Interment with military honors will follow at St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow.

Family and friends may pay their respects today from to 7 p.m.

Visit the funeral home website for information or to send an online condolence.



Frank Berardelli, of Old Forge; and a brother-in-law, Bernard Juliano, Dunmore.

The funeral will be Thursday from the Carlucci-Golden-DeSantis Funeral Home Inc., 318 E. Drinker St., Dunmore, with Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Anthony of Padua Church, Smith Street, Dunmore.

Interment to follow in the Mount Carmel Cemetery, Dunmore.

Friends may call Wednes day from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that memorial contributions be made to the Compassionate Care Hospice Foundation Inc., 248 E. Chestnut Hill Road, Ste. 4, Newark, DE 19713.

To offer a condolence or for further information, visit www.TheDunmoreFuneral Home.com.

ish at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton. Entombment will follow at Cathedral Cemetery.

Family and friends may pay their respects Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Rosary Youth Baskethall Program. 316 William St., Scranton, PA 18508.

Visit the funeral home website for information or to send an online condolence.

Alfred Mursch Jr.

December 24, 2016



lengthy illness of multiple myeloma on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016, at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, surrounded by his family. Born Jan. 23, 1944, in

Scranton, he was the son of the late Alfred Sr. and Mary Krottenthaler Mursch. Al was a 1962 graduate of Scranton Technical High School, a sergeant of the Air Force, having served during the Vietnam Era, stationed at Lockland A.F. Base and Elmondorf A.F. Base in Anchorage, Alaska.

He was an avid motorcyclist and learned how to ride on a 1947 Indian Chief and also a 1940 Chief. Al was a member of the Matchless Owners Club of North America, the Velocette Owners Club of North America, American Motorcyclist Association, the Springfield Indian Motorcycle Club of North America, the Norton Owners Club of North America, the Pocono Crash Test Dummies Motorcycle Club and the Black Diamond Beemers, He also loved fly fishing, especially at the Roaring Brook and Butternut Creek. Before his retirement, he was



employed by Anemostat Products, Scranton Division for 35 years.

Alfred is survived by his sister, Mary Mursch Hendricks and her husband, Paul Hendricks Sr.; nephew, Paul Hendricks Jr.; nieces, Carolyn Diehl and Christine Chippa; and several great-nieces and greatnephews, all of Scranton.

Preceding him in death was his brother, Charles, who passed away at 13 months

The family would like to thank Dr. Carl Barcigian and his entire staff, and Dr. Richard Gratz for all the excellent care they provided.

Funeral arrangements will be privately held at the convenience of the family and are entrusted in the care of the Louis J. Rapoch Funeral Home, 420 Church St., Archbald.

For online condolence, visit RapochFuneralHome.com.

Shirley L. Marks

December 25, 2016

Shirley L. Marks, 80, of Scranton, died Sunday at Linwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Her companion, George Knight, died Born in Scranton, daugh-

ter of the late Stanley Marks and Hazel Obidinski, she was a member of Embury United Methodist Church and attended West Scranton High School. Before retirement, she was employed by Snyder Cigar.

Shirley enjoyed bingo, family picnics, music, dancing and a good party. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters, Robin Vogel and husband, Randy, Duryea; Helen Scanlon and husband, Brian, Pittston; a son, John "Peach" Marks and companion, Arielle Wilczek, Pittston; two sisters, Beverly Syrillo, Moscow; and Judy Keller, Taylor; day from 6 to 8.



Vogel, Gianna Marks and Zachary Scanlon; nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Thomas J. Hughes Funeral Home Inc., 1240 St. Ann St., Scranton, by the Rev Doug Posegate, pastor of Embury United Methodist Church. Interment, Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst.

Friends may call Wednes-

Phyllis P. Fowler

December 26, 2016

Phyllis P. Fowler of Bear Creek Twp. died Monday at the Timber Ridge Healthcare Center:

Born in Oak Creek, Colo., she was the daughter of the late Thurman and Pearl Bills Plew.

Surviving are daughters, Barbara Southward and husband, Roger, Bear Creek Twp.; and Henrietta Graves, Richland, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-

grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by son-in-law, Arthur Graves

Private funeral services and interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been

entrusted and are under the care of the Miller Bean Funeral Home Inc., 436 Cedar Ave., Scranton.

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SATURDAY

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In the sky: The bright star high in the east is known as Capella. Capella is the bright star in Auriga the Charioteer.

SUNDAY

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Wet weather will shift out of the region this morning. The rest of today will be dry with

New York City 57/34

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| Yesterday | 11.91' | 4.83' | | | | |
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| Flood stage | 27.0' | 22.0' | | | | |
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| Yesterday | 3.87' | 3.29' | | | | |

Tunkhannock Creek 2.14' Yesterday 24-hr change Flood stage

Source: Longway Planetarium

New Dec 29

Sun and Moon

Sunrise

Planets

Mercury

National Weather Billing 33/24 0 Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Snow showers will linger behind a front leaving the Northeast today. The front becoming stationary over the Southeast will produce showers. The air will be warm south of the front and chilly to the north. Snow will fly over the Northwest with rain near the coast. The Nation The World

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| Baltimore | 62/32/sh | 46/31/s | 48/30/r |
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| Boston | 54/31/sh | 41/30/s | 42/33/sn |
| Buffalo | 35/26/sf | 34/29/c | 37/26/sf |
| Charlotte | 69/45/c | 62/48/pc | 64/34/r |
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| Hartford | 53/27/pc | 39/24/pc | 38/27/sn |
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| Indianapolis | 40/26/s | 44/29/pc | 38/26/pc |
| Las Vegas | 51/38/s | 56/42/s | 58/44/s |
| Los Angeles | 69/48/s | 74/50/s | 74/56/pc |
| Louisville | 49/29/s | 52/36/pc | 46/30/pc |
| Miami | 83/69/pc | 83/68/pc | 84/66/pc |
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| New Orleans | 75/62/pc | 74/63/c | 67/44/c |
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| Naples | 83/65/s | 82/65/s | 80/59/s |
| Orlando | 83/62/pc | 82/61/pc | 81/48/pc |
| Philadelphia | 61/34/pc | 44/30/pc | 44/33/r |
| Phoenix | 69/46/s | 69/49/pc | 73/54/pc |
| Pittsburgh | 46/29/pc | 40/32/pc | 39/28/c |
| Portland, OR | 47/35/r | 46/33/c | 46/35/r |
| Raleigh | 72/45/c | 61/42/pc | 62/34/r |
| Rochester | 37/27/sf | 35/28/c | 39/30/sf |
| St. Louis | 46/32/s | 51/35/pc | 44/29/s |
| San Francisco | 56/42/s | 58/44/s | 60/45/s |
| Seattle | 45/38/sh | 46/38/c | 46/37/r |
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Additional obits on Pages B8-9

Edith Lynch

December 25, 2016

Edith Lynch, 96, of Taylor, died Sunday at Riverside Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Taylor.

She was born in Taylor, and was the daughter of the late Herbert and Lillian Painter Lynch. She was a graduate of Taylor High School, and before retirement had worked in the dietary department of the Scranton State Hospital. A lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church, she had served on the administrative board, was a member of the United Methodist Women and the Myrtle Powell Sunday School Class.

Surviving are nephews and nieces; and her great-nephew, Billy Decker, who

was the love of her life. She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Henrietta Lewis, Mary Saul, Martha Murray, Ruth Decker and Lil-

lian Lynch.



Church, 402 S. Main St., Taylor, with services by the Rev. Donald Roberts, pastor. Visitation will be Thursday at the church from 10 until the time of service. Interment will be at Milwaukee Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

First United Methodist

Arrangements are with the Jacob Davis Funeral Home, 422 S. Main St., Taylor.

an Lynch. made to the First United The funeral service will be Methodist Church, 402 S. Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Main St., Taylor, PA 18517.

Rose Mary Podhyski

December 25, 2016

Rose Mary "Tootsie" Podhyski, 83, of Greenfield Twp., died Christmas morning at home surrounded by her family. She was the wife of 57 years to Philip W. Podhyski.

Born Jan. 15, 1933, in Carbondale, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Frank and Catherine (Kutchmanich) Malinchak.

Rose Mary was a loving wife, mother and grandmoth er who will be dearly missed

by her family. The family wishes to thank the staff at Interim Home Health and Compassionate Care Hospice for their wonderful care to Rose Mary and her family during

this difficult time.

She is survived by one son, Philip F. Podhyski and wife, Lisa, of Fell Twp., Pa.; two daughters, Carol Podhyski, of Carbondale Twp., Pa.; and Diana Saxon and husband, Robert, of Greenfield Twp.; two grandchildren, Kaitlin Langan; and Philip Podhys- parisefuneralhome.com.



ki; two step-grandchildren, Kim Bingham and Kerianne Rogers; five step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Ann Gray, of Greenfield Twp.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Malinchak.

As per Rose Mary's wishes, she was cremated and private services were held for the family.

Cremation arrangements are under the care of the Carmine J. & Louis C. Parise Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc., Carbondale.

To share condolences and photos with Rose Mary's family, visit her book of ever-Podhvski and fiancé. Chris lasting memories at www.

Helen R. McHale

December 25, 2016

Helen R. McHale, 94, formerly of Carbondale, died Sunday at the Forest City Nursing Center. She was the widow of John M. McHale, who died in 1991.

Born in Simpson, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Theresa Popchick Lagoda. She attended Carbondale public schools and had been employed by several area dress factories. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, and had been involved with Serving Seniors, Scranton, Meals on Wheels and Fell Twp. Golden Age Club

throughout the years. She enjoyed her flower garden, and baking and cooking for her family and

friends. Surviving are a son, John McHale and wife, Patricia, Carbondale; a granddaughter, Erin and husband, John Mitchell, Carbondale; a sister, Wed Sophie Fofi, Carbondale; a.m. and nieces and nephews.



John, Michael, Joseph Stephen and Peter; and three sisters, Ann Hope, Martha Robinson and Marie Scher.

The funeral will be Wednesday from the Joseph W. Scotchlas Funeral Home Inc., 621 Main St., Simpson, with Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Rose of Lima Church, 6 N. Church St., Carbondale. Entombment will be in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Greenfield Twp. Friends may call Wednesday from 8:30 to 10

For directions or condo-She was also preceded lences, visit www.scotchlas in death by five brothers, funeralhome.com.

Pioneer astronomer Vera Rubin dies at 88

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRINCETON, N.J. — Vera Rubin, a pioneering astrono-



RUBIN Did groundbreaking work on dark matter

mer who helped find powerful evidence of dark matter, has died. her son said Monday.

She was 88. Allan Rubin, a professor of geosciences at Princeton University,

said his mother died Sunday night of natural causes. He said the Philadelphia native had been living

in the Princeton area. Ms. Rubin found that galaxies don't quite rotate the way they were predicted, and that lent support to the theorv that some other force was at work, namely dark matter.

Dark matter, which hasn't been directly observed, makes up 27 percent of universe as opposed to 5 percent of the universe being normal matter. Scientists better understand what dark matter isn't rather than what it is.

Ms. Rubin's scientific achievements earned her numerous awards and honors, including a National Medal of Science presented by President Bill Clinton in 1993 "for her pioneering research programs in observational cosmology."

Edna Mae Fisher

December 25, 2016

Scranton died unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016, at the home of her daughter.

Born in Scranton, she was the daughter of the late Jessie and Anna Mae Reeves Simms. She moved to Ohio, and was a graduate of Warren G. Harding Senior High School. Before her retirement, she was employed by Angelica Healthcare.

Edna was an avid bingo and casino player, and was a Miami Dolphins fan. Edna was a loving and caring mother and grandmother who lived for her grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are daughters,

Edna Mae Fisher of Lisa Fisher and fiancé, George McHale; Kimberly Fisher and partner, Dave Laguzzi: Hope Fisher and partner, Keith Edwards; and Heather Crawford, all of Scranton: son, Jessie Fisher and fiancée, Maria Graziano, Dupont; grandchildren, Aliesha, Robert, Samantha and Edrina: great-grandchildren. Averi Lynn and Grayson; brother, Douglas Simms, New York.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Miller Bean Funeral Home Inc., 436 Cedar Ave., Scranton, with the Rev. Darian N. Banks, pastor of Bethel AME Church, officiating. Interment will be at



the convenience of the family. Friends and family may pay their respects Thursday evening from 4 until service time.

Visit the funeral home website to leave an online condolence

Ann Algar George

December 26, 2016

Ann Algar George, 79, of Avoca, died Monday.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Church, Avoca. Friends may call Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Kiesinger Funeral Services Inc., Duryea. Go directly to the church Thursday Interment. St. Mary's Cemetery, Avoca.



Business

Some holiday gifts might not fly



Kyle Christy flies his DJI Phantom 4 drone in North Saint Paul, Minn., on Friday. Drones may draw scrutiny from airlines depending on the strength of their lithium-ion batteries.

Virtual reality headsets, drones at mercy of airlines

BY CHRISTINE NEGRONI THE NEW YORK TIMES

The presents have been unwrapped. The batteries have been charged. Chances are, a few of those new gizmos may be designed to make air travel less

stressful and more productive. Even so, when it is time to board the flight home after the holidays, some gifts simply might not fly

Devices powered by lithium-ion batteries can cause problems, and airlines balk at virtual reality headsets.

Last holiday season, hover boards went on airlines' own Do Not Fly lists because of

This year, expect drones to draw scrutiny, depending on the strength of their batteries.

Under the International Civil Aviation Organization's dangerous goods regulations, lithium-ion batteries with power greater than 100 watt-hours are not allowed on passenger aircraft without advance approval of the airline. Batteries with power greater than 160 watt-hours are not allowed in passenger carry-on or checked baggage.

Kyle Christy, 30, an auto repair manager with the state of Minnesota, said he often

their propensity to catch fire. flies with the drones he uses for his freelance job as an aerial photographer.

"A lot of drone batteries are based off milliamp hours," he said. "The airlines don't give the formulas to crunch the numbers to see if they fall under the proper watt-hour restrictions.

With their phones, tablets, cameras and laptops, many passengers carry several batterypowered devices onboard. On a wide-body jet, that could add up to more than 1,000 batteries in the passenger cabin. And sometimes they do catch fire.

That's why when the Sam-

sung Galaxy Note 7 smartphone was recalled in September, the U.S. Department of Transportation banned them from all flights.

Airline websites typically offer detailed lists of banned, restricted or dangerous goods. But it is difficult to keep up with the marketplace, as with this year's hot-selling virtual reality headsets.

Wearing the goggles and ear-covering headphones can make users oblivious to their surroundings. This is why some airlines have begun prohibiting their use during taxi, takeoff and landing.



WILSON RING / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Organizers want to make the Union Arena in Woodstock, Vt., the nation's first skating rink to go "net zero" on energy, meaning no costs spent on electricity or heating fuel.

Putting a chill on energy costs

Ice rinks across the country look for ways to lower — or eliminate — power bills.

BY WILSON RING ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOODSTOCK, Vt. — A small community skating rink that was once in danger of folding is working on a long-term plan to eliminate its biggest single expense — its energy bill — by becoming what its leaders believe would be the country's first with no

costs for electricity or heating fuel. The plan includes upgrading the existing equipment at Woodstock's Union Arena for efficiency, finding ways to reuse some of the heat generated by the power-sucking compressors used to make ice and, finally, buying solar panels that will be erected

While the long-term plan to eliminate the power bill, making the rink 'net zero," is in its early phases, the rink's electricity consumption from early November to early December was down 12.5 percent from the same period a year ago, said Harold Mayhew, the president of the Union Arena Board of directors and an architect who specializes in skating rinks.

"If you can make a hockey rink a net zero building, you can make anything net zero," said Mr. Mayhew, who designed the rink at Maine's Bowdoin "Utilities is what kills the rinks.'

Paul Moore

Board of Governors for Falmouth Youth Hockey in Massachusetts

College, which opened in 2009 and became the nation's first hockey rink to be certified by The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program, or LEED, that rates build-

ings for their energy efficiency. Energy costs are typically the largest bills for skating rinks, which use huge amounts of electricity to run the equipment that makes and maintains the ice used by hockey players, figure skaters and others, such as curlers

"Utilities is what kills the rinks," said Paul Moore, the chairman of the Board of Governors for Falmouth Youth Hockey in Massachusetts and the coach of the Falmouth High School hockey team. He has worked to reduce his facility's electric bill by installing 4,400 solar panels on the roof and in a nearby parking lot that produces just short of 1 megawatt of electricity, enough for about 164

Through a deal with a utility, the Falmouth facility is guaranteed for 10 years and \$85,000 a year savings on its electric bill, but it's not down to

"This has been huge for us," Mr. Moore said. "We're a nonprofit. The youth hockey organization owns the rink, so this allows us to continue our mission statement of keeping tuition low and keeping ice rates low.

Across the country, rinks large and small are always looking for ways to save energy and therefore money, said Kevin McLaughlin, the senior director of hockey develop-ment at USA Hockey, the organization that oversees most youth hockey programs in the country.

For example, he said, at the University of Colorado, excess heat from the skating rink's ice system is used to heat the water in the swimming pool. National Hockey League teams are also working to save energy, and the NHL's Greener Rinks initiative is sharing best practices with the small community rinks.

"Community rinks are the front lines of our game," said Omar Mitchell, NHL's vice president for corporate and social responsibility.

Middle class perseveres despite perils

BY ADAM BELZ MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

MINNEAPOLIS - Money's tight for Curtis Griesel, mostly because of the costs of health care and college tuition, but he still considers himself middle class.

Household income for Mr. Griesel, his wife and their three teenage sons is in the ballpark of the metro area median. They live in a Bloomington home built in 1955, don't own a lot of expensive things, can afford to pay their bills, travel and save a little money.

To Mr. Griesel, it's not getting harder to be middle class, it's getting harder to meet middle class expectations.

"I think our cultural expectations have elevated, and I think it's because of our consumer culture," he said.

Income for Americans in the middle rose at a modest but steady rate over the past 40 years, according to the Congressional Budget Office. And prices for consumer goods have dropped while quality has improved.

That economic reality contrasts with perceptions that the middle class has stagnated since the 1970s. Those perceptions have been shaped in part by politicians but also by the fact that the rich have fared even better, with bigger income gains.

Some economists try to cut through the political din to point this out, but it's been a futile effort. Nearly two-thirds of Americans believe government does too little to help the

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middle class, and politicians

are eager to agree. "There is a lot of bipartisan consensus about the fiction that the middle class is deteriorating," said Scott Winship, a visiting fellow at the Founda tion for Research on Equal Opportunity in Austin. Texas.

Nobody disputes that the recession and slow recovery have hurt middle-class incomes in the past 15 years. But when it comes to the longer-term story, the CBO and economists like Terry Fitzgerald at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis have arrived at a different conclusion: Middle class prosperity is gradually rising.

The CBO reported that aftertax income for households that are not in either the top or bottom 20 percent of Americans rose 41 percent from 1979 to 2013, taking into account the rise of health insurance as a form of compensation, more government payments to people, the smaller size of the typical household, and the lower federal taxes that middleincome Americans pay.

Department stores more like landlords

Macy's, Sears may invite other retailers to take their spaces.

BY SUZETTE PARMLEY

THE PHILADELPHIA INOUIRER PHILADELPHIA — Empty nesters often downsize into space better suited to their new needs. So do ailing department stores that sit empty due to new competition and the rise of digital shopping.

Last month, Macy's Inc. announced it was forming a strategic alliance with Brookfield Asset Management to increase the value of its real estate portfolio. That portfolio is getting trimmed as falling traffic means fewer bricks-andmortar stores.

Macy's — like Sears — is suddenly taking on more the



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The Macy's in Plymouth Meeting is nearly void of customers last month.

role of landlord than department store. Both are looking to profit by inviting other retailers - and even new-concept department stores - into their old spaces

Soon after Christmas, the parent of Macy's and Bloomingdale's is expected to identify 100

Macy's stores that will close in early 2017 — on top of 38 that closed earlier this year.

Enter Brookfield, which has experience in managing assets in retail, office, multifamily, industrial and hospitality.

Under the partnership, Brookfield has exclusive rights

for up to 24 months to create a "predevelopment plan" for each of about 50 Macy's stores. The retailer can add stores and land to the deal.

Sears, another faded mall anchor has also been in paring mode for the last few years. In July 2015, it created New York-based Seritage Growth Properties, an independent real estate investment trust, or REIT, to better manage its remaining assets.

Seritage gets 78 percent of its rent from Sears Holdings, which occupies all but 11 of 266 stores. Sears pays Seritage rent of \$4.31 per square foot on average, which is far below market rate.

Seritage aims to capture higher rates by slicing up Sears anchor stores into smaller spaces and re-leasing them.



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Dear Abby: I recently realized that my motherin-law stole several of my prized possessions. It seems that my husband's brothers, who helped us move when we lost our home, took the items (obviously at her request and with her approval) instead of placing them in the storage unit as instructed.

I am furious at her and my husband's brothers. How should I deal with this? I want to confront her and let her know that I am aware of her betraval, but my husband is a great man, and I hate to hurt him in this process.

When I told him I was aware that his mother had stolen from us, he said he would make it up to me and that his mother is old (she's 81) and I should let it go. However, every time I visit her home and see my things it hurts. How should I deal with this? I feel raped. -Furious in Tennessee

Dear Furious: If the items are replaceable, let your husband do as he promised. If they are heirlooms, you will either have to wait until she dies to reclaim them or go over there and demand that she give them back.

Dear Abby: I am a senioraged man who swims three times a week at a nearby fitness center. I shower there after each swim. Seldom do I use the shower in my apartment. My son has rep rimanded me strongly for not showering daily. He asserted that by not showering every day and by using a public facility when I do, I am practicing "very poor hygiene."

I believe that my hygiene routine is acceptable and in line with common practice, but I'm concerned that in order to visit with him in the future, I will first need to take a shower. Am I wrong here, or is he? - Not Showering Enough

Dear Not Showering: With apologies to William Shakespeare: To shower or not to shower, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of your son's criticism or to stand up for yourself (in a sea of sniping) is up to you.

From where I sit — far downwind — if you can pass the smell test, showering three times a week is all that's necessary for proper hygiene. Do not allow your son to shake your selfconfidence.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbbv.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A PERSONAL BELIEF

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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By Bil & Jeff Keane

Snowpack



"Boy, Grandma! Aren't you glad you have all of us to give presents to?

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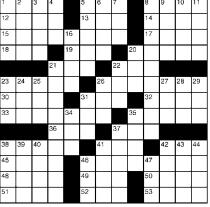
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Yesterday's answer 12-27



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

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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



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GOOD DAY

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By Charles M. Schulz



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MARMADUKE By Brad & Paul Anderson



"No, I am not trying to insult you by showing them a burglar alarm.

CLOSE TO HOME By John McPherson ONET

"I TOLD you to be sure to read the fine print in the airline's frequent-flier program!"

TELL YA WHAT.
I'LL GIVE YOU
THE INSIDER
DEAL: PAY
6 DOLLARS

SHIRT, GET THE SECOND ONE **FREE**

By Darby Conley

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By Parker & Hart

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By Smythe

By Smythe



WE'RE SURROUNDED!

CRANKSHAFT







DUSTIN NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET A HANDLE ON SPENDING.













WELL, WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT AND PLAY IN ALL THAT NEW SNOW?! I'M BORED WITH THE SNOW, BORED , WITH MY NEW SLED, AND BORED WITH MY NEW HOCKEY



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Chris Browne





BEETLE BAILEY

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By Brian and Greg Walker and Chance Browne





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By Scott Adams







Bipis New 'Year's Resolutions



JUDGE PARKER

By Francesco Marciuliano & Mike Manley





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE





By Lynn Johnston

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH ACROSS

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PICKLES



MAYBE THOSE SHOULD BE OUR PET NAMES FOR EACH OTHER...THE DARK SHADOW AND THE TALKING LUMP.



GARFIELD





By Brian Crane



MAYBE WE SHOULD PUTOUR GLASSES BACKON WHILE

Given the trump break, West would have defeated the contract by leading the club ace (or her low heart,

optimistic hope that her part-ner could ruff in quickly. She chose the three as a suitpreference signal for clubs. the lower-ranking of the other two side suits.

Now, though, declarer led a second high spade at trick two and discarded one club loser. Then South played a third spade. East would have done best to ruff with her heart ace and shift to a club, but she ruffed low. South overruffed, crossed to the board with a diamond and led another spade: ruff, overruff. Now declarer played a trump and got home with an overtrick, his only losers being the rounded-suit aces.

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE Aries (March 21-April 19): A short trip will change the way you see others or the beliefs you have lived by for

so long. Taurus (April 20-May 20): The incentive to match your purchases with discipline and hard work will pay off. Personal gains can be made.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Put in overtime or update your resume and send it out to interesting online job postings.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Reach out to the people you have worked with through past employment or someone you met during your school days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Playing games or helping put things together for someone who can't will put you in the spotlight and boost your

popularity.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
When faced with change, embrace the inevitable and use your intelligence to navigate your way through any situation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Short trips, visiting people you love and doing things with family members will enhance your day.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tune out if someone is using emotional blackmail to sway you. Stay fixed on what's important and what you enjoy doing the most. **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Consider what will make you happy and do whatever it takes to turn your dreams into a reality. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan.

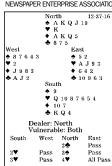
19): Rely on your intuition to help you make the best choice. Don't feel the need to follow what others do. Make your own plans. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make a difference and

lend a helping hand. What you do for others will turn into a rewarding experience for you. Pisces (Feb. 19-March

20): Getting together with peers outside of work or the classroom will give you a chance to build a stronger alliance that can help you in the future.

BRIDGE BY PHILLIP ALDER

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION



A.N. Onymous said, "A winner listens; a loser just waits until it is their turn to talk." Bridge winners know that

Opening lead: 🌢 3

Pass All Pass

some losers cannot wait; they must be eliminated immediately. In today's deal, how can South avoid four losers in his four-heart contract after West leads the spade three? Also, what were West's moreeffective leads, and what do you think of the auction?

I agree strongly with South's two-heart positive response. Here, over three hearts, North would have done best to sign off in three been really silly because the club suit might have been wide open.

but that would not be recom-mended). Then East could have sat back and waited for three trump tricks to fall into her lap. West led a spade in the

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LEGAL NOTICE

NEWTON TOWNSHIP

The Newton Township Board of Super-visors will gold a reorganization meet-ing on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:30PM at the Municipal Building, 1528 Newton Ransom Blvd., Clarks Summit, followed by a regular meeting.

The Newton Auditors will hold a reorganization meeting on a Wednesday, January 4, 2002 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Meeting.

The Newton Township Planning Commission will hold a work session at 7PM, followed by a reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017PM at the Municipal Building.

The Newton Township Zoning Board will hold a reorganization meeting Monday, January 9, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building.

Francine D. Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer Newton Township

MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Scott Township Board of Supervisors will hold its annual Reorganization Meeting and a Special Meeting for general purposes on Tuesday January 3, 2017, commencing at 7:00 p.m., The Scott Township Auditors will hold their Reorganization Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2017. The meetings will be held at the Joe Terry Civic Center, 1038 Montdale Road, Scott Township, PA 18447.

Tom Wicks, Secretary/Treasurer Scott Township

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a hearing with regard to the Conditional Use Application of Dr. Cynthia Edwards-Hawver seeking to use the property at 100-102 Lansdowne Avenue, TIN

Legal Notices

10012-020-00300, for placement of a professional office/psychological services has been scheduled before Clarks Summit Borough Council for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. The hearing will be stenographically reco

Virginia Kehoe, Manager Borough of Clarks Summit

Estate Notices

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- Holds regular conference calls with technology leads at the sites to ensure all are working towards standard platforms and using resources effectively
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Announcements

The Times-Tribune

The Times-Tribune would like to inform you about The Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, 53 P.S. 517.1, et seq., goes into effect July 1, 2009. The law applies to contractors who perform at least \$5,000 worth of home improvements a year. Contractors are required to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Attorney General's in order to obtain a registration number.

The Registration Number Must Appear In All Advertisements Circulated Within The Commonwealth.

The Law defines advertisements as any statement promoting home improvement services in a newspaper, periodical, pamphlet, circular, bill-board, sign, letterhead, business card or other printed materials.

All contractors currently advertising in The Times-Tribune should contact their representative to include their registration number in their ads.

The law allows consumers to verify a contractors registration with the Attorney General's Office by visiting the Attorney General's website or by calling the toll free contractor hottine, 1-888-520-680. You can learn more about the law and its requirements by visiting the Attorney General's website: http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/hic.aspx

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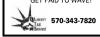
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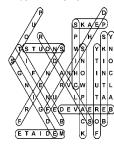
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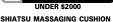
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