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A possible trade agreement between Philadelphia and companies from China is receiving criticism from Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto. Peduto says the Trans-Pacific Partnership would do harm to Pennsylvania's steel industry. Outgoing Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter has been lobbying President Obama to get a deal done because it will bring his city higher-paying jobs.

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Authorities are looking for whomever is responsible for shooting a cat with an arrow in Fayette County. Someone shot a stray cat with a "mini-arrow" last week on Fox Lane in Dunbar Township. Whomever is responsible will likely face animal cruelty charges.

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No one is hurt following an eight car crash in Fayette County. It happened Sunday evening on County Line Road in Saltlick. Icy roads are believed to have been a factor in the crash.

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A Latrobe man is facing charges for allegedly damaging a police car. David Wingrove was staggering along Main Street in Mount Pleasant last month and eventually laid down on the road. Officers attempted to take him into custody but Wingrove struggled and tried to kick out a window in the police car.

Even PennDOT isn't immune to bad weather driving mishaps. The icy roads were so slippery yesterday, a PennDOT truck tipped over, spilling salt on Dille Run Road in Morris Township.

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Teachers in the Washington School District have a two-year contract. The group reached an agreement with the district this week to extend the current contract through the 2018-19 school year. Terms will reportedly remain the same. Superintendent Roberta DiLorenzo says the district is extremely grateful to everyone who met to develop a fair deal.

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A man is awaiting sentencing after being convicted of a double stabbing outside a Franklin Township bar. Joseph Adams received the guilty verdict last week in connection to the March incident at Buddy's Tavern. Adams got into a fight with the victims and stabbed them multiple times.

A man is facing charges after crashing his truck into a home in Washington. The driver was caught on video smashing into the Locust Avenue residence early Saturday. The footage shows the suspect leaving the scene but the homeowners put the surveillance video on Facebook and he turned himself in a short time later.

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A woman is charged following a dispute at the Latrobe Health and Rehab Center in Unity Township. Mary Gindlesperger got into an argument with Patricia Hoffman over the weekend, regarding the heat in one of the rooms at the center. The argument escalated and that's when Gindlesperger allegedly hit Hoffman in the head with her radio.

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Officials are releasing more information about a mine accident that killed a man near Mt. Morris. Jeremy Neice was reportedly working at Dana Mining's 4 West Mine Saturday when he was pinned by falling material. Mine operations were suspended after the accident but have since resumed. It was the second fatality at the mine in the last year.

A Washington man is facing charges after his son was found alone outside without a coat, socks or shoes. James Grusofski left his three children in the car while he went into a friend's house to watch a football game Saturday night. After the game, Grusofski reportedly drove home and then realized his four-year-old was not in the vehicle. The boy was later found wandering alone in the 30-degree weather.

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The lawyer for a Jeannette teen accused of shooting his classmate and then taking a selfie with the dead body, is filing a motion to dismiss the first degree murder charge against him. Maxwell Morton's lawyer filed the motion yesterday say the killing was an accident.

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Lottery officials are urging people to check their Cash 5 tickets. A 450-thousand-dollar ticket was reportedly sold Friday at the Washington Giant Eagle. Winners have one year from the date of the drawing to come forward.

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Parts of western Pennsylvania are bracing for a winter storm this weekend. A winter storm warning is in effect for parts of Greene, Westmoreland and Fayette counties from tomorrow afternoon until early Sunday morning. A winter weather advisory is also in effect for parts of Washington, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties from tomorrow afternoon until Saturday night.

Two people are dead following a one car crash in Westmoreland County. A sport utility vehicle left Bethel Church Road in Cook Township yesterday, crashed into a tree and caught fire, killing both people inside.

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A man is facing charges after allegedly vandalizing grave sites at the West Newton Cemetery. Stephen Wilson is accused of knocking over two tombstones and damaging five others earlier this month. The incident, which was caught on video, caused 25-hundred-dollars-worth of damage.

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Three arrests are made in connection with a deadly shooting in Latrobe. Twenty-year-old Zachery McGrath, 17-year-old Colin Gearhart and 17-year-old Austin Krinock are facing charges in connection with the death of 20-year-old Daniel McNerny. The shooting allegedly stemmed from a drug-related robbery gone wrong.

A hit and run crash in Westmoreland County is under investigation. It happened yesterday near the intersection of Route 22 and 981. The driver kept going on Route 22 and hit a second vehicle near the intersection with 119.

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People in Fayette County are continuing to dig out from this weekend's snow storm. Two feet of snow fell in Fayette County over the weekend. Several school districts in the county including the Uniontown and Connellsville school districts are closed for today.

A woman in Westmoreland County is facing animal cruelty charges. Faun Dillon is accused of neglecting five horses in her care. Two of the five horses reportedly died as a result of the neglect.

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An ex-Redstone Township police officer is going to be on probation for three years for punching a suspect during a traffic stop and then lying about it. Norman Howard received the sentence yesterday and was ordered to serve six months on house arrest and complete 75 hours of community service. He is also never allowed to work in law enforcement again.

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A ski resort in Westmoreland County is getting new life. Triblive.com reports yesterday was the ground breaking ceremony at the Laurel Mountain Ski Resort in Ligonier Township. The renovation project is being made possible through more than six-million-dollars in state funds.

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A fire in Donora is now being called suspicious. The flames erupted early yesterday in a vacant house on Linden Way and quickly spread to the Mon Valley Youth & Teen Association building. No injuries were reported but the youth center sustained heavy smoke damage and all activities are canceled until further notice.

Getting cash from an ATM will soon be one of the many things you can do with your smartphone. JPMorgan Chase is upgrading its ATMs this year and one of those upgrades will allow customers to use smartphones to withdraw money. It will happen in two phases.

A woman is facing arson charges after allegedly setting her apartment on fire in Washington. Martha Midili was charged yesterday for the incident, which occurred earlier this month at Washington Arbors. Officials say Midili allegedly lit a towel on fire, and the flames spread to a wall, carpet and door. The fire was extinguished quickly but two people were taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

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A deadly two car crash is under investigation in Washington County. A 61-year-old man died after his vehicle veered into oncoming traffic last night on Route 18 in Smith Township. The man reportedly wasn't wearing a seatbelt.

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The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County says there's nothing wrong with its water. After recent complaints from community members about cloudy water, Executive Director Chris Kerr explained it happens every winter. Kerr says the water holds more oxygen because it's cold and when it heats up at the faucet, the oxygen is released, causing it to look cloudy.

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A jury is deadlocked on a wrongful amputation malpractice lawsuit in Fayette County. A judge declared a mistrial yesterday but officials have not said if the case will be retried. Shanna Hiles filed the suit against a Uniontown Hospital emergency doctor, claiming he should have recognized that she was suffering from compartment syndrome, and not acute alcohol intoxication. Hiles passed out with her legs folded under her body for 12 hours but the doctor was unable to get her medical history because she was so drunk.

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Authorities are identifying the victim killed in a rollover crash in Westmoreland County. Tracy Coleman died following a crash Friday afternoon on Toll Route 66 near New Stanton. Coleman was ejected from his car. He was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

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Service workers at a Washington County hospital are threatening to strike. About 400 cafeteria, housekeeping and maintenance employees at Washington Hospital have been without a contract since Saturday. They say they want higher wages and health care coverage. The administration says its goal is to provide great patient care and good jobs for the community. The unionized workers say they'll strike February 16th and 17th if a contract agreement isn't reached by then.

A popular winter weather event is being cancelled in Fayette County. Organizers are canceling Winterfest at Ohiopyle State Park that was set for this Saturday. The event which offers sledding, cross country skiing and snowshoeing is being canceled because there is no snow.

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A man is facing charges after allegedly stealing from a Greensburg store and then fighting with police. Ronald Reese was caught taking several items from the Greensburg Shop and Save earlier this week. An employee saw him and called police, but when officers arrived, he struggled with them and had to be restrained.

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The former Monsour Medical Center in Jeannette is coming down piece by piece. A three-thousand pound wrecking ball could begin demolishing the building as soon as next week. Before that happens however, a crane has to finish removing metal panels from the exterior of the tower.

A woman and her daughter are lucky to be alive following a car crash in Washington County. She woman crashed her vehicle into a tree on Tuesday in Canonsburg. The woman had reportedly overdosed on heroin but was able to be revived with the opioid reversing drug, Narcan.

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A couple is facing charges for allegedly selling heroin out of a New Stanton hotel. Mark Schofield and Rakell Greene were arrested Wednesday in a room at the Econo Lodge. The pair sold ten bags of heroin to a police informant.

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Police are investigating a suspected drug overdose in Jeannette. Detectives found heroin at the scene of the deadly overdose on South Fifth Street last week. None was labeled like the heroin involved in a rash of recent overdoses in Allegheny, Cambria and Washington counties but toxicology reports will not be done for several weeks.

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A Uniontown man is surrendering his dogs following accusations of neglect. Neighbors claim Cecil Cobbs does not feed his pets and leaves them outside with no shelter. Cobbs denies the allegations but has agreed to sign the dogs over so they can be put up for adoption.

Police are looking for two people who passed several counterfeit 100-dollar bills at a Hempfield Walmart. Officers say the couple bought hundreds of dollars-worth of merchandise at the Route 30 store Friday with the fake money. The bills have been turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.

Two former members of the trust that owns the historic Coyle Theater in Charleroi are trying to keep it from being sold. Nikki Sheppick and Kenneth Thompson filed a complaint yesterday morning to try to block the sale of the facility to the Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association. The lawsuit claims a majority of the trust board violated the group's bylaws when it agreed late last year to give MIDA the rights to the buildings.

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A man is facing charges for allegedly trying to rob the Yukon Market in South Huntingdon Township. Police say James Smith walked into the market late Saturday and demanded money. The clerk refused, told Smith to leave and pulled a gun from under the counter. Smith took off but police found him hiding about 200 yards from the market and say he was extremely intoxicated.

A Yukon man is facing charges for allegedly beating his wife. Derek Long reportedly came home drunk early Sunday and got into an argument with the victim. Long is accused of throwing a bar stool at her and then pushing her to the ground, causing her to hit her head. The victim also claims he hit her with a piece of wood.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is reminding people about the third annual Hoodie Hoo Day in downtown Charleroi. The chamber says people dress in bright colors and go outside to shout "Hoodie Hoo" into the sky at noon on February 20th.

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The Turnpike Commission is apologizing for the backup on the Turnpike that left hundreds of people stranded during the height of winter storm Jonas. Turnpike Chairman Sean Logan says he is sorry for the incident, claiming no Pennsylvanian should have to endure those conditions on any state road.

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Police are investigating an apparent murder-suicide in Nemaquin. Few details have been released but initial reports suggest Lou Drotus killed his wife Mary Sue, before taking his own life in a March Avenue home. Mr. Drotus called 911 before he killed himself.

A man accused of shooting and critically injuring his cousin at an apartment in Wilkins Township, is turning himself in. Timothy Brown turned himself yesterday. He faces charges including attempted homicide, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment. The shooting reportedly happened after a scuffle between the two escalated.

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Officials are investigating an accident in Bullskin Township. A driver reportedly lost control of his vehicle yesterday and went off a bridge on Metzgar Road. His vehicle landed in the creek below but he was able to escape on his own.

Mayor Bob Kepics is warning people to be on the lookout for coyotes in Monongahela. At the council meeting on Wednesday, Kepics said the coyotes have been spotted in the Mounds area and along Ridge Road near Black Diamond. The mayor recommends that people watch their pets closely and carry a stick while walking.

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A bicyclist accused of impeding traffic in several cases in Westmoreland County is being released on bond. David Smith of Hempfield was released on 15 thousand dollar's bond last week on the condition that he not ride his bicycle while awaiting trial. The prosecution is filing a motion to consolidate the cases.

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Charges are not going to be filed against an SCI-Greene inmate who allegedly stabbed a corrections officer. Officials say they decided against charges after a recent conversation with the Greene County district attorney and the victim. The inmate is already serving a life sentence with no parole.

A man is facing charges following a police chase in Connellsville. Police reportedly tried to stop James Albright for a code violation Monday, but he refused to pull over. Officers say he sped away on Route 711 during hazardous road conditions, and eventually lost control and crashed. His passenger was injured and had to be taken to the hospital.

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A fourth person is facing charges in connection to a deadly shooting in Latrobe. Robert Stewart Jr. was arrested Sunday and is accused of helping Zachery McGrath hide the gun used to kill the victim during a drug-related robbery last month. Two 17-year-olds have also been charged as accomplices.

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A Scottdale gas station is getting a big bonus for selling a winning million-dollar lottery ticket. The Cash 5 ticket was sold at the Water Street Sunoco and matched all five balls in Monday's drawing. Officials say the winner has one year to claim the prize.

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A former U.S. Steel employee is getting more than five-million dollars from a discrimination case against the company. The verdict came down Tuesday for Albert Gucker, who claimed U.S. Steel violated the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Gucker was dismissed in 2011 because he had lifting restrictions due to his arthritic knees.

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An armed robbery is under investigation in Westmoreland County. Police are looking to question Jackie Williams in connection with an armed robbery outside the Sheetz gas station in New Kensington. According to the Tarentum Borough Police Department Facebook page, Williams is wanted for his involvement in a recent string of gas station incidents.

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2/29/16 PHIL / SCOTT / 104.3 NEWS 550

A man is dead following a rock-climbing accident in Dunbar Township. The climber reportedly fell yesterday at Coll's Cove along Kingpin Hill Road.

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3/1/16 PHIL / SCOTT / 104.3 NEWS 550

A 14-year-old is facing charges after police found him with a loaded handgun in Washington. Officers responded to the city's west end early Sunday after getting a report of shots fired. The suspect told police that he found the weapon on Ewing Street.

No one is hurt following a vehicle fire in Westmoreland County. A tanker truck caught fire early this morning on Toll 66 in Hempfield. Crews were able to use foam to put out the fire.

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A former Connellsville police officer, accused of accepting sexual favors from a minor, is now facing new charges. Ryan Reese was originally charged with engaging in sex acts with the teen in exchange for dropping drug charges against her.

Waynesburg University is inviting potential students to its upcoming "Spring Visitation Days." The event will be held on campus on April 2nd and then again on the 16th. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. in Roberts Chapel and then there will be tours and presentations on admission, scholarships and financial aid.

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Officials are investigating a suspicious fire in Springfield Township. Firefighters from four departments were called to the blaze, which broke out Monday in an unoccupied home on George Grimm Road. No injuries were reported but the residence suffered severe damage and a partial collapse.

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Two people are in custody in connection to an abduction and rape in Uniontown. Isiah Colbert and Bobby Jo Mack approached the victim while she was using an ATM on Pittsburgh Street over the weekend. The pair reportedly assaulted her and forced her to withdraw money at multiple ATMs. The victim says the duo then drove her to an isolated spot on Hopwood-Coolspring Road and raped her before leaving her alone in the woods.

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Mouths will soon be watering in Washington County. Washington County Restaurant Week kicks off on Monday. Restaurant Week offers lunch and dinner deals at 27 participating restaurants.

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Authorities are investigating after a missing East Pittsburgh man was found dead. The body of Richard Dewall Jr. was found yesterday. He had last been seen on February 25th in East Pittsburgh.

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A man whose son allegedly stabbed a police K-9 and was shot and killed by police, is in police custody. Bruce Kelley Sr. was arrested by Port Authority Police last night in Wilkinsburg, and is facing charges including defiant trespass, public intoxication and prohibited offensive weapons. He was reportedly in possession of brass knuckles with an attached knife at the time of his arrest.

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A Greensburg man is recovering after being shot during a home invasion. The victim told police two people kicked in the door to his Highland Avenue home early Saturday morning and then one of them shot him in the leg. His wound was not life-threatening.

Police are looking for a man in connection to an armed bank robbery in Connellsville. The suspect reportedly walked into the Glass Cap Federal Credit Union on Pittsburgh Street yesterday, displayed a gun and demanded money. After getting more than a thousand dollars, he took off. Witnesses say he is a six-foot-tall white man with glasses.

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A fire is under investigation in Westmoreland County. Fire officials say the fire started early this morning at a home on Freeport Road in East Deer Township. The home was reportedly vacant, and no injuries were reported.

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A teenager is being charged with homicide by vehicle in connection to a deadly accident in South Union Township. Police say Rodney Harris was driving on Morgantown Road in 2014 when he lost control, hit another car and then a guardrail. Two other teenagers were killed and one was severely injured.

Two people are facing charges in connection to an armed robbery at California University's Vulcan Village. The suspects reportedly attacked a man at gunpoint yesterday and took his car keys. The victim got away unharmed, but so did the thieves. A subsequent investigation led police to Darius Rain and Brandon Washington who were in possession of a revolver and the victim's car keys.

A woman is facing charges following an altercation with security at the Trinity Point Walmart store. Ashley White was arrested Saturday after a loss-prevention officer saw her try to leave the store allegedly with a stolen mixer. White ran when guards confronted her and then began pushing and kicking them.

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State Police are increasing enforcement in construction zones on I-70. Officers will be looking for speeding and aggressive driving while crews widen the road to three lanes and finish up several other projects in the area. Troopers are warning drivers to be especially careful this spring and summer because there will be multiple work zones from New Stanton to Washington.

Police are looking for the man who robbed a Carmichaels bank. The suspect reportedly walked into the PNC branch on South Vine Street yesterday and demanded cash. After getting the money, he took off in a white Chevy Malibu.

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A Washington woman is awaiting sentencing after being found guilty of dealing heroin. Pamala Hasson was convicted Tuesday of selling eight stamp bags to a police informant. Hasson was suspected of previous drug sales, so police set up the controlled buy and took her into custody.

A Cumberland Township man is going to prison for having sexual relationships with two teenage girls. Brandon Dawson was sentenced to at least three years behind bars yesterday. He was charged with more than 70 counts related to illegal contact with the 15- and 13-year-old victims.

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A Uniontown couple is in custody in connection to the death of their toddler. Andrea Dusha and Michael Wright Jr. were arrested this week and are accused of neglecting the 23-month-old, who died in February. The child weighed just ten pounds when she passed away and was severely dehydrated. Officers claim the couple's home was in deplorable condition, had no running water or sewage and was filled with feces.

A Nemaocolin man is going to prison for sexually assaulting a teenager. Bailey Thorne was sentenced to eleven-to-23 months in prison this week, and will also be forced to register as a Megan's Law sex offender for 15 years. Thorne pleaded guilty to having a relationship with the 15-year-old victim. Thorne received the same sentence in 2014 for a similar case involving a 14-year-old girl.

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A Washington man is facing up to 20 years in prison for allegedly trafficking heroin and fentanyl. Quenten Vaden was indicted by a federal grand jury this week and is accused of possession and distribution. Officials say he could also be forced to pay a million-dollar fine.

A Connellsville man is facing charges after allegedly threatening a police officer. George Mitchell is accused of calling 911 Monday and hanging up. When police arrived to check on his welfare, he reportedly became aggressive, tried to spit on them and then threatened to murder them.

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Officials are investigating the cause of a barn fire that killed a dozen animals in South Park Township. The flames broke out at the Quest Stables yesterday morning. There were no human injuries but seven horses, two goats, one pig and multiple chickens died. Nearby Morning Star Stables is going to provide housing for the horses that were saved.

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The Greene County parents charged with starving their daughter to death are apparently no strangers to Children and Youth Services. Andrea Dusha and Michael Wright Jr. were evicted from their roach-infested Cumberland Township home last March, a year before their 23-month-old died in their filthy Uniontown residence.

A man is dead following a South Huntingdon Township house fire. The flames broke out in the Fitzhenry Road home early yesterday, killing James Harris.

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A female teacher in the Jeannette City School District is being investigated for alleged inappropriate behavior with a student. Few details have been released but Superintendent Matthew Hutchinson released a statement yesterday saying all appropriate steps are being taken to investigate the concerns. He also promised to take any and all action that may be warranted.

A man is facing charges for allegedly trying to rob a Speers bank. Aaron Huey is accused of going to the PNC on Pennsylvania Avenue Friday, dressed in a surgical mask and gloves. He was caught on video trying to enter the bank, but it was closed at the time. Police say he left in a white Malibu, which is the same type of car that was used in a robbery at a Greene County bank last week.

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A state trooper is on leave after he shot a suspect who was attempting to carjack a woman. The incident happened Monday night in South Greensburg and left Edward Gorinski dead. Gorinski was allegedly attempting to use a 22-caliber rifle to carjack the woman.

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A man is in custody after allegedly admitting to killing his wife in their Wilkinsburg home. Richard Katilius reportedly contacted his sister and brother-in-law early yesterday to tell them he had strangled Linda Katilius. The couple called police, who found the victim dead in the Old Gate Road residence. Mr. Katilius allegedly told police he was drinking red wine and doesn't know why he did it.

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Officials are investigating a death in Washington. John Halliwell was found in a window well between two buildings Saturday morning. Police believe he fell about 17 feet from a walkway, but are not sure exactly when or how.

No one is hurt following a house fire in Hampton Township. There was some sort of an explosion and fire in the basement of a home on Sample Court last night. Everyone inside the home at the time was able to get out safely.

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A man is in custody for allegedly shooting another man during a fight in Masontown. Donavin Moore was reportedly arguing with the victim inside Aunt Jean's Bar on Main Street Friday night. Witnesses claim the altercation spilled out into the street and then Moore pulled a gun and fired up to nine shots. The victim needed surgery but is in stable condition.

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A Donora woman is facing charges following a jaywalking incident. Police were patrolling near McKean Avenue early Friday, when they saw the suspect illegally crossing. After consenting to a search, the woman was found to be in possession of hypodermic needles, a stamp bag of heroin, a bundle of empty stamp bags, and a crack pipe.

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The former Fifth Avenue Hotel in Monessen is going to be demolished. The building was declared a public safety hazard last week. Bricks have been falling from the hotel and surrounding sidewalks have been fenced off for safety. Demolition is expected to cost more than 100-thousand dollars.

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Complete demolition of the former Monsour Medical Center is going to take a little longer than expected. High asbestos levels are causing delays and say the completion date is now April 30th.

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The Penn Hills School District is making some cuts. Yesterday, the school board approved a plan that would eliminate classes and 43 teaching positions. The teachers will be laid off at the end of the school year.

A man is facing charges following an attempted break in, in Westmoreland County. Michael Lange tried to use a stun gun to enter a home in Bell Township last week. He was unable to get in and was apprehended a short time later. He is facing several felony charges and is behind bars at the Westmoreland County Jail.

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The Connellsville Area School District is considering a plan that would send sixth-graders to the junior high school. The administration wants to have the new system ready for the 2016-17 school year and will ask the board to approve it at its next voting meeting. The administration has a plan to transition the sixth graders into the junior high, and will unveil it if the board votes in favor of the move.

More information is being released about a deadly accident in Penn Borough. The Westmoreland County coroner said yesterday that the man who crashed his car on Coal Street Monday committed suicide. The victim's name has not been released. The ruling was made based on evidence at the scene.

Two women are facing charges in connection to an assault and robbery in Redstone Township. Danielle Higinbotham and Angela Stanovich are each facing four felonies for the alleged crime, which occurred Monday. Police say the pair attacked Keli Brumley at her Hunter's Ridge apartment, sprayed her with mace and then beat her with a metal pole. They are also accused of taking 100 dollars.

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A man is dead following a one car crash in Westmoreland County. Jakeb Roberts was driving on Pandora Road in Derry Township yesterday evening when he went off the road, flipped his vehicle and was ejected. Roberts was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

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Gaming and Leisure Properties and Las Vegas-based Pinnacle Entertainment have struck a deal. Gaming and Leisure announced Tuesday that it is selling the operating assets of The Meadows Racetrack and Casino to Pinnacle for 138-million dollars. The companies will enter into a triple-net lease with an initial term of ten years, plus the option to renew.

Jeannette firefighters are going to be handing out smoke detectors. Firefighters and volunteers will deliver and install the alarms on April 9th as part of the American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign. The detectors and batteries are free of charge. Homeowners who need them, should call the Jeannette fire department.