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**A full slate of Friday night football**  
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**IDA AFTERMATH**

## 'We are at ground zero'

More than 100 families sought emergency shelter in Coatesville as tropical storm hit city

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**COATESVILLE** » On Wednesday, more than 100 families became displaced from their homes as rainfall from Ida, a tropical storm, caused historic floodwaters to reach both residential and commercial buildings in the heart

of the city.

The sections of Coatesville hit hardest by the flooding occurred on Fifth, Sixth and Olive streets. Floodwaters reached as high as the octagons of stop signs at some intersections.

"Coatesville is a valley, and we are at ground zero," said Coatesville City Manager James Logan.

"Funding for infrastructure is a necessity, not a luxury for our residents."

Three months ago, in June, Coatesville experienced significant storm damage when seven inches of rain fell in an hour, Logan said.

"Hurricane Ida delivered up

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Emergency first responders worked overnight to help others. Responders included Coatesville Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 3790 and law enforcement from City of Coatesville Police Department, among others including city staff, regional emergency teams, and trained volunteers.

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**INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

## REMEMBERING THOSE LOST TO ADDICTION



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Luminaria bags spelled out "HOPE" at Tuesday's "Light the Night" Evening of Remembrance and Hope at the historic courthouse.

Pinwheels, luminarias placed outside Historic Courthouse in remembrance of accidental drug overdose victims

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**WEST CHESTER** » One hundred and one 2020 Chester County accidental overdose victims were remembered, Tuesday, during "International Overdose Day."

One hundred and one purple pinwheels representing the 101 lost lives were displayed in front of the Chester County Justice Center, the county's Government Ser-

vices Center and the Historic Courthouse.

A special "Night of Light" event featuring hand-inscribed luminarias formed the word "HOPE" while lighting the steps at the Historic Courthouse. Several speakers, including the county commissioners, addressed about 120 people who remembered the lives of those lost to overdose, while acknowledging the grief felt by families and friends.

As dusk settled in and rain threatened, mother Cathie O'Donnell talked about her

son Shane who passed away from an overdose in 2013.

"We learned a lot," O'Donnell said. "We were there for him every step of the way."

"It was a constant struggle mentally and physically."

Still, the mother had another message.

"Shane is no longer in pain, he is no longer suffering," she said. "I lost a piece of me when Shane died."

"Now our guardian angel is watching over us every day."

Not just the lives lost were recognized, but the audience was told to remember the

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**BUSINESS**  
**Robust hiring slows down in August**

America's employers added just 235,000 jobs in August, a surprisingly weak gain after two months of robust hiring. PAGE A4



**OPINION**  
**COVID testing in schools is smart**

The Wolf administration announced a plan to provide free testing in K-12 schools, statewide, this fall. PAGE A7

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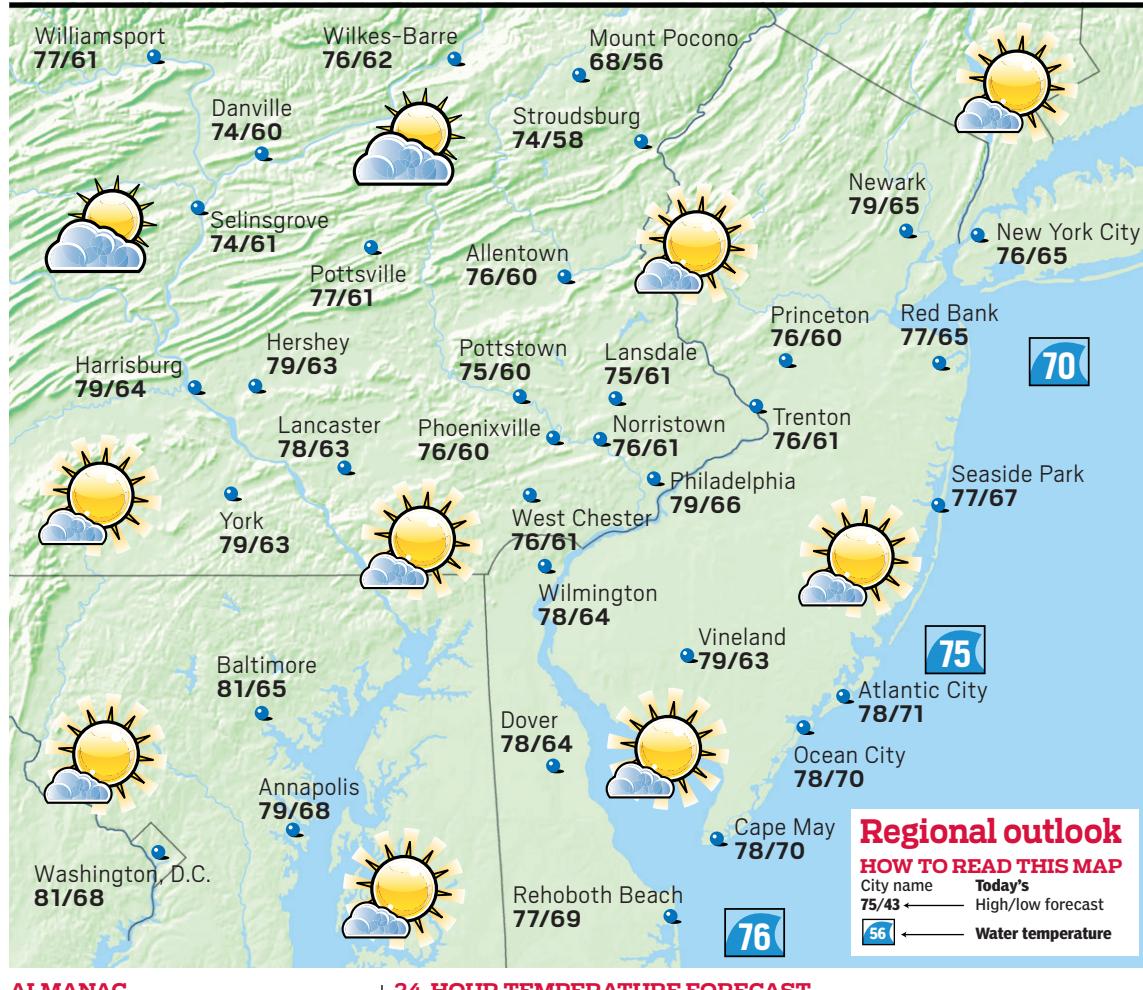
**Open Hearth announces campaign for new HQ**

The building, located in Phoenixville, will serve as home to Open Hearth's programs and community building initiatives. PAGE A3

**GO MOBILE**

**Reading your e-paper just got a lot easier**

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**ALMANAC**

Statistics through 2 p.m. yesterday

**Temperatures**

High/low	69°/49°
Normal high/low	83°/65°
Record high	100° (1953)
Record low	51° (1967)

**Precipitation**

24 hours through 2 p.m. yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	5.38"
Normal month to date	0.49"
Year to date	34.58"
Normal year to date	30.41"

**TODAY'S UV INDEX**

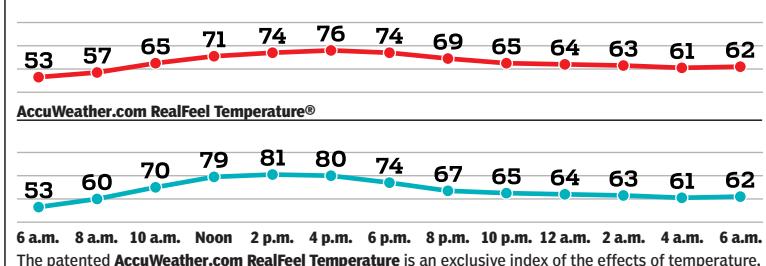
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8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
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**SUN AND MOON**

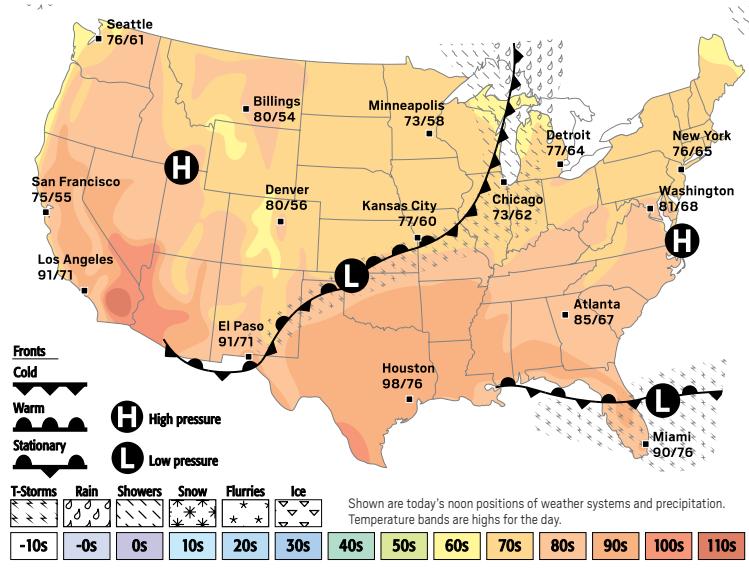
Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Today 6:32 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	3:32 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Sunday 6:33 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	4:40 a.m.	7:11 p.m.

Hours of sunlight	12 hr., 56 min.	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 28
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**24-HOUR TEMPERATURE FORECAST****Regional outlook**

**HOW TO READ THIS MAP**  
 City name: Newark  
 Today's High/low forecast: 79°/65°  
 Water temperature: 77°/67°

**National forecast****NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	72/55/pc	69/58/pc	Los Angeles	91/71/5	92/66/5
Albuquerque	86/64/pc	87/62/pc	Louisville	80/70/0	80/62/sh
Anchorage	59/52/c	60/53/c	Manchester, NH	78/57/s	74/65/c
Atlanta	85/67/pc	87/71/pc	Memphis	91/74/pc	87/69/t
Billings	80/54/s	89/69/pc	Minneapolis	90/76/t	90/77/t
Birmingham	87/67/pc	88/70/pc	Milwaukee	74/61/pc	80/59/pc
Bismarck	79/48/pc	81/55/pc	Minneapolis	73/58/pc	75/53/pc
Boise	89/57/s	92/59/s	Nashville	87/70/pc	83/67/t
Boston	79/63/s	75/67/c	New Orleans	89/75/pc	89/75/pc
Buffalo	78/66/pc	76/62/c	Norfolk	80/65/s	84/69/pc
Charleston, SC	85/66/s	86/71/pc	Oklahoma City	94/68/pc	82/62/t
Charleston, WV	81/65/pc	74/63/c	Omaha	78/57/pc	82/61/pc
Charlotte	85/62/s	87/66/pc	Orlando	91/76/s	92/75/t
Cheyenne	78/51/s	83/54/s	Phoenix	103/83/pc	103/81/pc
Chicago	73/62/sh	80/60/s	Portland, ME	76/53/s	70/61/c
Cincinnati	76/65/pc	77/60/pc	Raleigh	85/63/pc	84/58/s
Cleveland	79/64/c	76/60/c	Rapid City	76/52/s	86/55/s
Columbia, SC	86/63/s	89/69/pc	Reno	92/53/s	95/57/s
Dallas	98/78/pc	94/73/pc	Sacramento	93/58/s	95/62/s
Denver	80/56/s	87/59/s	St. Louis	77/66/t	81/63/pc
Des Moines	76/57/pc	82/59/s	Salt Lake City	87/59/s	91/62/s
Detroit	77/64/c	78/59/pc	San Antonio	98/75/pc	98/77/pc
El Paso	91/71/pc	87/68/t	San Diego	82/69/pc	79/71/s
Fairbanks	66/48/pc	63/45/c	San Francisco	75/55/pc	76/58/s
Fargo	76/51/pc	73/54/pc	San Jose	85/59/s	87/61/s
Grand Rapids	74/61/c	78/58/pc	San Juan, PR	91/81/pc	91/81/s
Greensboro	82/61/s	84/66/c	Seattle	76/61/c	75/54/pc
Hartford	77/57/pc	74/64/c	Spokane	83/57/pc	83/55/s
Honolulu	86/74/pc	86/73/pc	Springfield, IL	74/61/t	80/57/pc
Houston	98/76/pc	98/76/pc	Tampa	89/77/t	87/77/pc
Indianapolis	70/66/pc	79/61/pc	Tulsa	94/70/t	84/66/pc
Jackson, MS	92/70/pc	91/70/pc	Tucson	95/74/pc	96/73/pc
Kansas City	77/60/t	82/63/s	Washington, DC	81/68/pc	78/69/c
Las Vegas	100/78/s	104/83/s	Wichita	82/63/t	83/61/s
Little Rock	95/75/pc	86/68/t			

**INTERNATIONAL CITIES**

Athens	85/72/s	84/72/t	Montreal	77/61/pc	72/61/sh
Baghdad	106/75/pc	109/75/pc	Moscow	51/41/r	50/38/c
Bangkok	88/78/t	87/77/t	Nairobi	75/53/c	77/56/pc
Beijing	77/68/t	77/67/t	Nassau	89/79/t	90/79/pc
Berlin	70/52/pc	69/49/s	New Delhi	88/80/t	91/81/sh
Buenos Aires	59/55/c	62/56/pc	Oslo	61/45/pc	66/47/pc
Cairo	94/76/s	93/74/s	Panama City	87/72/pc	85/74/s
Dublin	64/55/c	68/57/c	Paris	80/62/s	82/61/pc
Hong Kong	87/80/s	88/81/t	Rio de Janeiro	82/70/s	80/71/s
Istanbul	78/66/pc	77/69/pc	Rome	80/64/t	83/63/s
Jerusalem	82/66/s	82/65/s	San Juan	91/81/pc	91/81/s
Johannesburg	77/55/s	76/58/s	Seoul	83/65/pc	82/67/pc
La Paz	94/72/s	93/73/pc	Stockholm	55/37/pc	60/45/pc
London	69/57/pc	74/57/pc	Sydney	71/60/sh	65/49/pc
Madrid	87/62/pc	90/67/pc	Tokyo	75/69/sh	75/68/r
Manila	90/79/t	91/78/t	Toronto	75/64/pc	78/60/pc
Mexico City	71/59/t	70/59/t	Vancouver	67/57/t	68/55/pc

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

**Aqua**

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loss of power. Aqua has successfully returned a portion of the Pickering East plant online, but as the flood waters began to subside over the past few hours, utility professionals have been able to assess the extent of damage, which is greater than previously thought. The utility says it is apparent that it will take some time for full recovery to take place and asks customers to take all possible measures to curtail water use until further notice. Those who have automatic sprinklers were advised to turn them off. Customers were notified earlier today through emails,

voice mails and text messages.

"The remnants of Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc throughout southeastern Pennsylvania," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca. "And our thoughts and prayers are with all of the people devastated by terrible flooding, tornadoes and high winds. Our employees are working tirelessly to restore full water supply to serve the families, businesses and communities who rely on us, and we appreciate our customers' cooperation by conserving water."

Aqua Pennsylvania serves approximately 1.4 million people in 32 counties throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Specializing in other parts of its interconnected southeastern Pennsylvania water system to increase supply to the Pickering service

**Coatesville**

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to seven feet of flood water over six hours that damaged more than 60 homes and rental properties," said Logan on Friday. "95 percent of those properties housed renters who may be displaced anywhere from weeks to months."

By Thursday, the city issued a state of emergency. The governor of Pennsylvania also issued a state of emergency for Chester County.

Gov. Tom Wolf toured parts of the region on Friday, however he did not visit Coatesville. A few miles shy of the city, Wolf met with local, state and regional officials in Downingtown to observe the damage caused by Ida. There was one storm-related death reported in Downingtown.

There were reports of deaths in Coatesville