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Raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research
Our second annual fundraising campaign is underway with the sale of our USA-made custom pink Local 570 shirts. October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month but our campaign to increase awareness and raise funds for breast cancer research will continue until all the shirts are sold. One hundred percent of the profits from the sale of the shirts will be donated. You can pick up your shirt by making a $20 donation so call or stop by the Local Union office today. Local 570 staff will be happy to help you.

Hoffa: New year brings big responsibility for voters
Jan. 3, 2020 | Today, America begins a very important year in its existence. Over the next 11 months, voters will decide who they want to lead this country and what they want its future to look like. The process will be tumultuous. But it is a critical decision that will have long-lasting implications for all who call this great nation home. The Teamsters are taking its role in helping to shape this country's path forward seriously… Detroit News

Two Teamster UPS drivers die in PA turnpike crash
Jan. 6, 2020 | The Teamsters Union mourns the loss of two Teamsters Local 776 members and UPS drivers, Dennis Kehler and Daniel Kepner, who were killed Sunday in an accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The pile-up involved several tractor-trailers that reportedly crashed after a tour bus was unable to negotiate a turn and hit an embankment. Five people were killed and 60 injured. Keller was a 28-year Teamster with UPS and Kepner was a five-year Teamster at the company... Local News

Local 992 UPS driver created wildly popular ‘UPS Dogs’ social media pages
Jan. 7, 2020 | When Sean McCarren, 44, started having little four-legged “fans” follow him around on his UPS route, he decided to start taking their photos. After collecting more than 60 pictures of dogs on his phone, he posted one on his personal Facebook page in 2013 just for fun. “Everybody got all excited about it, so I just went ahead and made a little Facebook page to share them all,” said McCarren, who lives in Martinsburg, W.Va., and works out of the Hagerstown UPS center. After he established the Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages, other UPS drivers started posting dogs that they see on their travels delivering packages. There were steady posts for several years, then in 2017, the pages took off. “It just went viral,” McCarren said... Herald Media [McCarren has been a member of Teamsters Local 992 in Hagerstown, MD since 2002.]

Attention drivers with CDLs: FMCSA doubles random drug testing rate to 50%
Jan. 9, 2020 | The U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has raised the random drug testing rate for controlled substances for commercial drivers to 50% from the current 25% of driver positions. The change went into effect Jan. 1... Truck News

Update: Contracts in Place at Toyota, Chef’s Warehouse; negotiations continue at AMR, others
Jan. 22, 2020 | A three-year contract approved by members at Toyota provides annual wage increases, maintenance of Health & Welfare, employer contribution increase to the 401k, a signing bonus and improvements to language provisions. Members at Chef's Warehouse approved a contract that included a significant... Local News

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