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— FIORELLO LAGUARDIA

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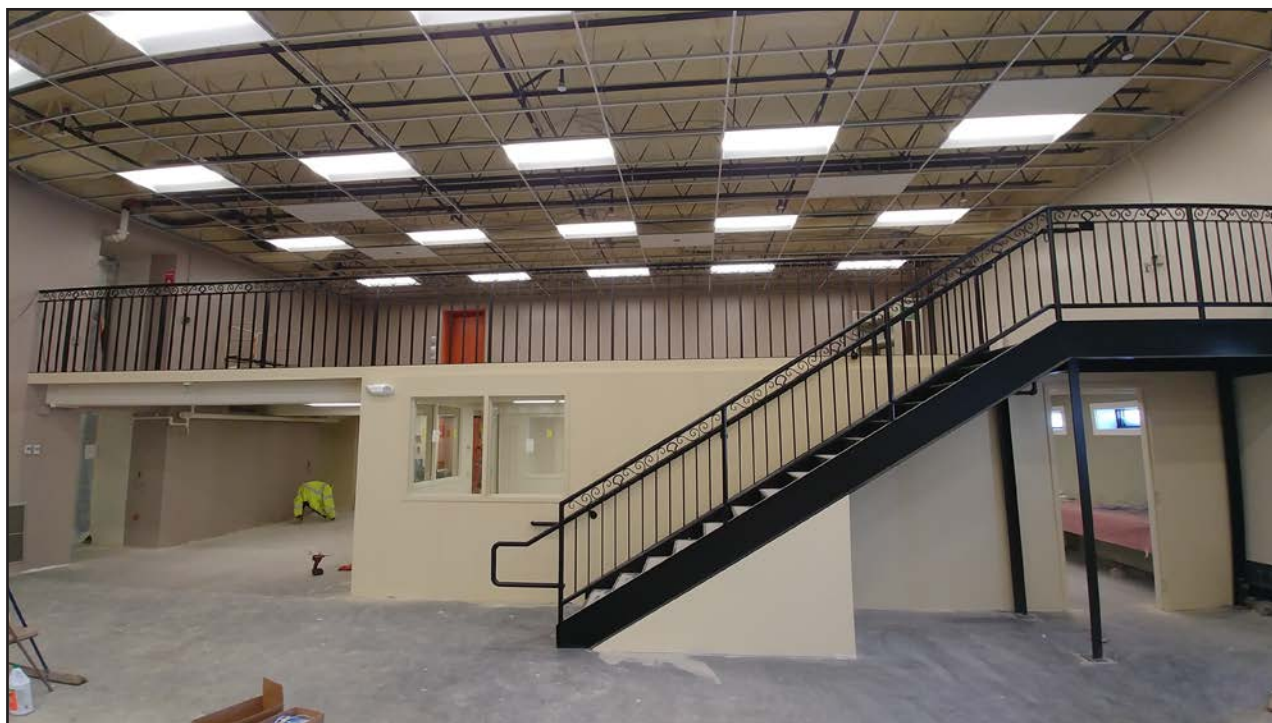
## Westfield Athenaeum receives sizeable donation for renovations

By DAN DESROCHERS  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Athenaeum received a large donation last week to help with their renovation efforts and putting the total raised at over \$1.5 million.

The Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum gave \$80,000 to the

Daniel Paquette, director of the Westfield Athenaeum



A portion of the reference area being renovated at the Westfield Athenaeum.

Westfield Athenaeum, which will go toward creating a quiet study area, as well as remote frequency identification (RFID) tags to improve security and cataloging. The donation comes on behalf of the late Maria Hall, Athenaeum Director Dan Paquette said.

"The Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum recently received a large bequest in memory of Maria Hall, who was a West Springfield resident, but grew up in Westfield," Paquette said via email. "Maria made donations to both the Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum and the West Springfield Library. She was an avid reader and loved to discuss books."

Paquette said that the total raised now is over \$1.5 million, and puts the fundraising, which began in August 2016, close to its goal, with just about \$100,000 left to raise.

The quiet study room that will be created will provide patrons with a place where they may be able to read, research or do other activities in a quieter and more secluded environment. The room will also be named in honor of Hall.

"It's been amazing seeing the response from the community but also the donations from the Friends," Paquette said. "This is a great way to remember Maria Hall and that she'll be a part of the project forever."

In addition to the quiet study room, Paquette said that RFID tags will be purchased and utilized on the library's collection. These will help to deter theft, which is a concern Paquette said, as well as cataloging and tracking books and other items in the collection.

In addition, Paquette said that RFID technology could also one day allow the library to invest in and install self-checkout machines.

According to Paquette, the library's renovations, which includes improving handicap access, a reference area and an improved children's library, are at about 85 percent complete. He hopes to have it all done by the late spring or early summer, with the reference area hopefully opening by early spring.



An elevator for improved handicap access at the Westfield Athenaeum.

## Superintendent's Corner

Winter has certainly arrived in full force with extreme cold, a decent sized snowstorm, and enough wind to last for the next several weeks. Thankfully we at least missed some of the weather—which occurred during the holiday break—in terms of school but we still have a distance to go before we see spring. To date, we've missed three days of school with two of those days being 'blizzard bag' days where work was provided to students in order to have that day count as a school day.

We continue to get questions about blizzard bag days and have noticed a number of other districts have implemented the idea in various permutations. To recap briefly, blizzard bag days are classroom/teacher driven assignments that either relate to what's happening at that time in the curriculum or is part of a longer-term project that's tied to the curriculum but not necessarily what is being covered in the classroom at that time. Assignments are designed to be similar in difficulty to other class activities and must be completed completely as they count for both a class grade and as an attendance day. Students have five days after the assignment is given to complete the work, essentially meaning that they always have a weekend in which to do the work. Assignments vary between grade levels and content area and are made available in hard-copy (and often electronically) for students. Assignments, whenever possible, are provided prior to the cancellation of school.

Blizzard bag days will not be invoked back-to-back; therefore, last week's cancellation of school on both Thursday and Friday means that only Thursday was a blizzard bag day while Friday's cancellation will have to be made up in June. The district also doesn't assign blizzard bags during midyear examinations and aims to avoid more than two blizzard bag assignments in any given week. Teachers have improved the instructions for blizzard bag assignments since the first implementation over a year ago. Teachers also monitor emails or other electronic communication methods (this depends on what they are using in individual classrooms) during the snow day in case students have questions about the assignments. Teachers have also provided additional support and assistance over the five days that students have to complete the assignments. Hopefully, the use of blizzard bags this year will provide ongoing education for our students as well as requiring fewer days be made up at the end of June (last year we had eight school cancellations and had to add three days to the end of school in June).

We're all aware that it's not unusual to have 6 to 8 cancellations per year, in addition to late starts and early releases (of which we've had one each at this writing). In fact, as I write this column the weather forecasts are already talking of another impending snowstorm for next week so I anticipate some more disruptions of the school week as we move forward.

Hopefully everyone managed to make it through this last storm and cold snap without significant problems. While it's certainly nice to have four seasons (five if you count mud season) here in New England, I've heard a number of people who wish this winter didn't have to be quite so cold, and I can't say I disagree with that sentiment. Also kudos to our highway crews for their work at keeping our roads open during these difficult winter weather conditions.



Nagai Torres is happy to receive gifts on Three Kings Day. (Photo submitted)



Three Kings Day celebration and dinner was held Saturday for the families at St. Mary's High School. (Photo submitted)

## Three Kings Day celebrated with recent arrivals from Puerto Rico

By AMY PORTER  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – Three Kings Day or Epiphany on January 6 is one of the most important holidays on the Puerto Rican calendar. It is the day, rather than Christmas, that most families exchange presents. Children also gather grass, hay or straw for the Magi's horses or camels, and look to the Magi instead of Santa Claus to bring them presents.

The children and families from Puerto Rico staying

at the Quality Inn in Westfield, who recently fled the hurricane-ravaged island, were not disappointed, thanks to volunteers from St. Mary's Parish.

"On Friday, myself and Zoria Santos delivered gifts for the children to the hotel. They were donated by a Westfield family (Dianne Hodges). The parents gave them to the children Saturday in the morning; day of Epiphany as goes the tradition," said Jaquelyn Luna.

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## Southwick resident wins big on Keno

By GREG FITZPATRICK  
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – On November 16, 2017, a Southwick resident hit big playing Keno. The Massachusetts State Lottery sent out a release last week that Southwick resident Edward Hepburn hit for \$160,010 on Keno.

Hepburn won by hitting all nine numbers in a nine spot that

had a bonus of 4X. The release also indicated that Hepburn played 30 draws and won another \$10 on a separate draw.

Using a combination of birth dates for his winning numbers, Hepburn decided to receive a one-time payment of \$160,010 (less tax withholdings).

Hepburn bought the winning



Edward Hepburn of Southwick is shown accepting his winnings on KENO in November 2017. (Photo courtesy of Massachusetts State Lottery)

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# AROUND TOWN

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## Where is The Westfield News?




Westfield resident Cynthia Neary proudly displays her copy of the Westfield News during her recent visit to Stockholm, Sweden. The tower in the right background is Stadshuset, Stockholm's City Hall. Every December the Nobel Prizes are awarded at a banquet in Stadshuset. Remember, when you're traveling take a copy of The Westfield News with you and get a picture of yourself with it and send it to [pressreleases@thewestfieldnews.com](mailto:pressreleases@thewestfieldnews.com) with a brief description of who's in the picture and where you are. Keep reading The Westfield News to find out where the news will show up next!



## Livestrong At The YMCA

WESTFIELD — The YMCA of Greater Westfield is committed to serving individuals and their families living with, through and beyond cancer. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a free 12-week exercise program for adult cancer survivors who are currently in or have completed treatment and are physically deconditioned. Developed by Stanford University, this specially designed program has proven to help survivors regain strength, overcome fatigue, and enhance functional ability to do everyday tasks. Beginning January 22nd, the class will meet twice a week, for 12 weeks on Monday & Wednesday; 1:00PM-2:30PM to strength train and improve cardiovascular function. **Must register by January 12.** Space is limited. For more information, visit [www.westfieldymca.org](http://www.westfieldymca.org) or contact: Cindy Agan, Health & Wellness Director, at the YMCA of Greater Westfield 1.413.568.8631 or [cagan@westfieldymca.org](mailto:cagan@westfieldymca.org)

## 22 STORM NEWS TEAM LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 Mostly Cloudy.	 Mainly Sunny.	 Mainly Sunny.
25-26	31-36	30-35

**WEATHER DISCUSSION**  
Today, mostly cloudy with snow developing late. High 29F. Chance of snow 70%. Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A few flurries or snow showers possible. Low 26F. Tuesday, some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. High 36F. Tuesday Night, clear skies. Low 13F. Wednesday, sunny despite a few clouds. High around 35F.

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**TODAY**

7:20 a.m. SUNRISE	4:37 p.m. SUNSET	9 hours 16 Minutes LENGTH OF DAY
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## ODDS & ENDS

### Postal carriers say aggressive turkeys stopping mail service

ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (AP) — Postal carriers say a rafter of aggressive wild turkeys have prevented them from delivering mail to more than two dozen homes in a Cleveland suburb.

Cleveland.com reports residents on a number of streets in Rocky River have had to pick up their mail at the post office because the turkeys have created unsafe conditions for carriers to deliver to their homes.

Rocky River Mayor Pam Bobst said the problem has persisted for the last three weeks. She said city ordinances don't allow for the turkeys to be eradicated.

The city has instead sent letters to people asking them to stop putting out bird feed in the hope the turkeys will go elsewhere.

A U.S. Postal Service spokesman says some carriers have been pecked but none have been injured.

## LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

MassCash  
09-12-14-20-32  
Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million  
Numbers Evening  
0-2-2-5  
Numbers Midday  
9-1-4-5  
Powerball  
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million



**CONNECTICUT**

Cash 5  
10-12-14-16-33  
Lucky For Life  
11-12-19-28-46, Lucky Ball: 4  
Lucky Links Day  
01-02-09-10-11-14-16-22  
Lucky Links Night  
02-03-12-16-17-19-20-21  
Play3 Day 0-1-8  
Play3 Night 6-7-9  
Play4 Day 3-8-4-0  
Play4 Night 5-8-1-5

## TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS MONDAY, JAN. 8, THE EIGHTH DAY OF 2018. THERE ARE 357 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On Jan. 8, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

**ON THIS DATE:**  
In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.

In 1815, the last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.

In 1867, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in overriding President Andrew Johnson's veto of the District of Columbia Suffrage Bill, giving black men in the nation's capital the right to vote.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1968, the Otis Redding single "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer's death in a plane crash.

In 1976, Chinese premier Zhou Enlai, 77, died in Beijing.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

In 1998, Ramzi Yousef (RAHM'-zee YOO'-sef), the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In 2011, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed, 12 others also injured. (Gunman Jared Lee Loughner (LAWF'-nur) was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years.)

### TEN YEARS AGO:

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton powered to victory in New Hampshire's 2008 Democratic primary in a startling upset, defeating Sen. Barack Obama and resurrecting her bid for the White House; Sen. John McCain defeated his Republican rivals to move back into contention for the GOP nomination. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Steven L. Jordan, the only officer charged in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, was cleared of criminal wrongdoing. Paintings by Pablo Picasso and Brazilian painter Candido Portinari, stolen from Brazil's Sao Paulo Museum in December 2007, were recovered.

### FIVE YEARS AGO:

Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and her husband, Mark Kelly, launched a political action committee aimed at curbing gun violence as her Arizona hometown paused to mark the second anniversary of the deadly shooting rampage.

### ONE YEAR AGO:

A Palestinian truck driver rammed his vehicle into a crowd of Israeli soldiers, killing at least four people in one of the deadliest attacks of a year and half-long wave of violence (the driver was shot dead). "La La Land" won seven Golden Globe Awards, including best motion picture, comedy or musical, while "Moonlight" was recognized as best movie drama; Meryl Streep, accepting a lifetime achievement award, criticized President-elect Donald Trump without mentioning him by name.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 95. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 90. CBS newsmen Charles Osgood is 85. Singer Shirley Bassey is 81. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 80. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 77. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 76. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 76. Singer Juanita Cowart Motley (The Marvelettes) is 74. Actress Kathleen Noone is 73. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 72. Movie director John McTiernan is 67. Actress Harriet Sansom Harris is 63. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is 60. Singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith is 54. Actress Maria Pitillo (pih-TIHL'-loh) is 53. Actress Michelle Forbes is 53. Singer R. Kelly is 51. Rock musician Jeff Abercrombie (Fuel) is 49. Actress Ami Dolenz is 49. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 45. Country singer Tift Merritt is 43. Actress-rock singer Jenny Lewis is 42. Actress Amber Benson is 41. Actor Scott Whyte is 40. Singer-songwriter Erin McCarley is 39. Actress Sarah Polley is 39. Actress Rachel Nichols is 38. Actress Gaby Hoffman is 36. Rock musician Disashi Lumumbo-Kasongo (dih-SAH'-shee LUHM'-uhm-boh kuh-SAHN'-goh) (Gym Class Heroes) is 35. Actor Freddie Stroma is 31.

## Westfield Farmers' Market Extended

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Farmers' Market will have three Winter Markets to be held inside the Church of the Atonement, 36 Court Street. **The next date is February 10. The hours are 10 am to 3 pm.**

As we have had all summer, we feature 25 to 30 local vendors and crafters selling all sorts of fresh produce and other products. There will also be music, thanks to a grant from the Westfield Cultural Council. SNAP and HIP benefits are accepted, and we will match up to \$5.00 when SNAP tokens are purchased at the Market Table. For more information please visit our web page at [www.westfield-farmersmarket.net](http://www.westfield-farmersmarket.net) or call 562-5431 x101.

## Learning through Play

Are you looking for a playgroup? If so, join us at "Learning through Play": a free, drop-in playgroup for parents/caregivers and children ages 5 and under presented by the Westfield CFCE grant in collaboration with the Fort Meadow Early Childhood Center. Friday Mornings 10:00-11:00 am at Fort Meadow ECC 35 White St. Westfield, MA 01085

Some areas of development to be explored include: Early Literacy, Beginning Math, Science, Art, Small and Large Motor Development. For more information, please call the CFCE office at 568-5242

## Self-Defense at YMCA

WESTFIELD — Awareness, Safety and Protect, Self-Defense Series at the YMCA of Greater Westfield will consist of three Sunday afternoon's for woman only. Each Sunday you will get workouts that will maximum physical efficiency and self-confidence to help deal with a variety of situations. You will learn how to quickly disable an attacker and learn how to take advantage of time and space. You will learn various stances, striking motions, kicks, choke holds, and other defense techniques to help protect yourself. Learn to prepare for the unexpected! The instructor, Catlin McCue, is a certified R.A.D., rape aggression defense, instructor. This program is based on realistic self-defense tactics taught for woman only. **The Sunday dates are January 7, 14, and 21 from 12:15PM to 1:30PM.** Girls 14 and 15 of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration is required. Space is limited. For more info, contact Cindy Agan, Fitness Director, P. 413. 568.8631 or Email: [cagan@westfieldymca.org](mailto:cagan@westfieldymca.org)

## Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce – January Mayor's Coffee Hour

WESTFIELD — **January 8, 2018 (8 – 9 am)** Please join us for our monthly Mayor's Coffee Hour with Westfield Mayor Brian Sullivan hosted by Western Massachusetts Hospital, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA. This event is free and open to the public. Please call the Chamber office at 413.568.1618 to register for this event so we may give our host a head count.

# Westfield Democratic City Committee monthly meeting

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Democratic City Committee will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, January 11, 2018** at the Boys and Girls Club in Westfield. The business session starts at 6pm followed by a speaker from Voter Choice Massachusetts at 7pm who will be discussing Ranked Choice Voting (RCV.) Ranked Choice Voting is an upgrade to the way that we vote. Instead of choosing just one candidate on your ballot, RCV allows you to rank multiple candidates in the order you prefer them (1, 2, 3, and so on). 3.7 million Americans live in communities that use RCV. Ranking your choices allows you to vote honestly for any candidate, while still allowing you to vote for a "backup" choice. If your first choice doesn't get strong support, your vote transfers to your backup candidate. This means that your vote always stays intact and can never be "thrown away". RCV liberates you from being pressured to vote for a "lesser of two evils" front-runner, and eliminates the problem of "spoiler" candidates and similar candidates splitting the vote. RCV incentivizes positive campaigns by requiring candidates to appeal to a broader base of voters in order to win. Finally, because the ranking is essentially a runoff conducted instantly right on the ballot, RCV allows cities and towns to combine the preliminary and the final election into a single "instant runoff" election. Doing so boosts voter turnout and saves cities and towns money. Voter Choice Massachusetts is an advocacy group that has been spearheading the RCV option for MA elections. The presentation is open to all. Please join us! For additional information contact Kathryn Martin at [KWM@westfieldmassdems.org](mailto:KWM@westfieldmassdems.org).

## Three Kings Day

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Later that evening the families were picked up at the hotel by bus and brought to St. Mary's High School for the traditional Three King's Day dinner and celebration where children were given gifts.

"This is a gathering the Latin community (one of the many ministry groups) at St. Mary's Parish puts on every year for Epiphany. We have a dinner, live music, and gifts for the children from 0 to 15 years. It is a way for the whole church to have fellowship and celebrate part of our cultural tradition. Some of the Puerto Rican evacuees here in Westfield have been attending the Sunday Spanish Mass at 11:30 but they were all invited to join us for this evening," Luna said.

The volunteers at St. Mary's have been making sure the families, many of whom lost everything in the storm, feel at home and welcome since their arrival in Westfield.

## Keno

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Keno ticket at the Country Mart on Little River Road in Westfield. As a result of Hepburn's winnings, Country Mart earn a \$1,600.10 bonus for the sale.

When speaking to the Westfield News, Hepburn mentioned that he plays a lot of numbers on Keno with the most numbers he can.

"I just happened to get lucky," said Hepburn.

Hepburn also added that he has hit for around \$12,000 and \$25,000 on Keno in the past.

## Our Community

### Food Pantry Mobile Van

Our Community Food Pantry serving Southwick, Granville & Tolland is proud to announce that our Mobile Van serving Granville and Tolland weekly, will begin **January 10, 2018**. Pick-up times are Wed. in Tolland at the Emergency/Safety complex 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm, and Granville at the Town Hall 1:45pm – 2:15pm. Our program is based on income eligibility. Applications will be available at the pick-up locations, or by calling 569-9876.

### Environmental Leadership Scholarships for Massachusetts High School Seniors

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards collegiate scholarships of up to \$20K to eight to ten students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. As Thoreau Scholars, these select high school seniors may enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally-related field.

Thoreau Scholars have studied a wide variety of environmentally-related areas, including biology, epidemiology, oceanography, international affairs and environmental law. Scholar alumni have formed companies and organizations including the animation company, Oxbow, with clients including WildAmerica and the Center for Food Safety, satellite imagery startup CrowdAI, and the nonprofit energy organization Equitable Origin.

To learn more about the Henry David Thoreau Foundation and the Thoreau Scholarship, please visit [www.thoreauscholar.org](http://www.thoreauscholar.org). Information about the scholarships and how to apply will be mailed to guidance counselors and science teachers at all Massachusetts high schools. An online application will be available in October. Students have until February 1st to apply.

### CSF Scholarship Application Deadline March 18th

WESTFIELD — The CSF Westfield Dollars for Scholars Board of Directors announces that beginning February 1st high school seniors and college students in undergraduate studies residing in Westfield may apply for college scholarships online through the website, <http://csfwestfield.dollarsforscholars.org>. Students will have the ability to create online profiles, which allow them to apply for and be matched to multiple scholarships on both the local & national level for the 2018-2019 school year. We encourage prospective college students to begin developing online profiles now to assure that you are alerted of scholarship opportunities in advance of deadlines. CSF awards are need and merit based. Applications must be completed, the 2018-2019 SAR report from the FAFSA and most recent academic transcript uploaded into the Additional Documents section, and submitted by March 18, 2018.

## Government Meetings

MONDAY, JAN. 8

### SOUTHWICK

Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:15 pm

### BLANDFORD

Assessor's Meeting at 6 pm  
Conservation Commission at 6 pm  
Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm  
Zoning Board Meeting at 7 pm

### TOLLAND

Board of Selectmen at 5 pm

### CHESTER

Conservation Commission Meeting at 5 pm  
Board of Health Meeting at 6 pm  
Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 pm  
Planning Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

### SOUTHWICK

Planning Board Public Hearing at 7:15 pm

### TOLLAND

Council on Aging at 9 am  
Conserv Comm Open Office Hours & Business Meeting at 3 pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

### SOUTHWICK

Agricultural Commission Meeting at

## Christmas Tree Disposal Drop Off Locations

WESTFIELD — The City will this year be providing drop off locations where residents can drop off holiday trees for disposal at their leisure. **There will no longer be curbside service for holiday tree disposal.** The City will monitor the sites so that we are able to get an accurate count on how many trees collected, and to ensure there is space for further drop offs. All trees will be chipped, and repurposed; therefore the trees should be free of lights, ornaments, tinsel, etc.

Drop off locations and hours are as follows:



- CITY HALL**  
59 Court Street  
Back Parking Lot  
7 days, 24 hours
- HAMPTON PONDS PLAYGROUND**  
121 Old Stage Road  
7 days, 24 hours
- HIGHWAY GARAGE, DPW**  
12 Ponders Hollow Road  
7 am - 3 pm  
Monday - Friday
- LITTLE RIVER FIRE STATION**  
366 Little River Road  
Back Parking Area  
7 days, 24 hours
- TWISS STREET TRANSFER STATION**  
37 Twiss Street  
No sticker needed. Can drop off tree only.  
Monday - Friday, 7 am - 2:45 pm  
Saturday, 7 am - 2:45 pm

Drop off areas at each location will be clearly marked. Residents will be able to dispose of their trees at these locations **from December 26, 2017 - January 31, 2018.**

If there are any questions, please contact City Hall, 572-6201.

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# COMMENT



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## UN envoy says no change in US position on N. Korea talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's U.N. ambassador said Sunday the administration isn't changing its conditions regarding talks with North Korea amid growing tensions over the North's nuclear and missile programs.

Nikki Haley made clear that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un would first need to stop weapons testing for a "significant amount of time."

Trump had said on Saturday that he was open to talking to Kim. It appeared to be a softening of rhetoric, given that Trump lectured Secretary of State Rex Tillerson last year that it would be a waste of time "trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man," Trump's nickname for Kim.

But Haley insisted that Trump was reiterating his past position in his comments from Camp David over the weekend.

"There is no turnaround," she said. "What he has basically said is 'yes, there could be a time where we talk to North Korea,' but a lot of things have to happen before that actually takes place.

They have to stop testing. They have to be willing to talk about banning their nuclear weapons."

"It's a dangerous situation," Haley added.

Trump's comments came as the first formal talks between North and South in more than two years are set to take place in a border town Tuesday; the rivals are trying to find ways to cooperate on the Winter Olympics that begin next month in the South. Tensions are high because of the North's nuclear and missile programs.

Haley said it was her understanding that the two sides were limiting their talks to the Olympics, "but you know, those two countries have to get along."

"That's good for the United States that they can at least start getting back into talks," she said.

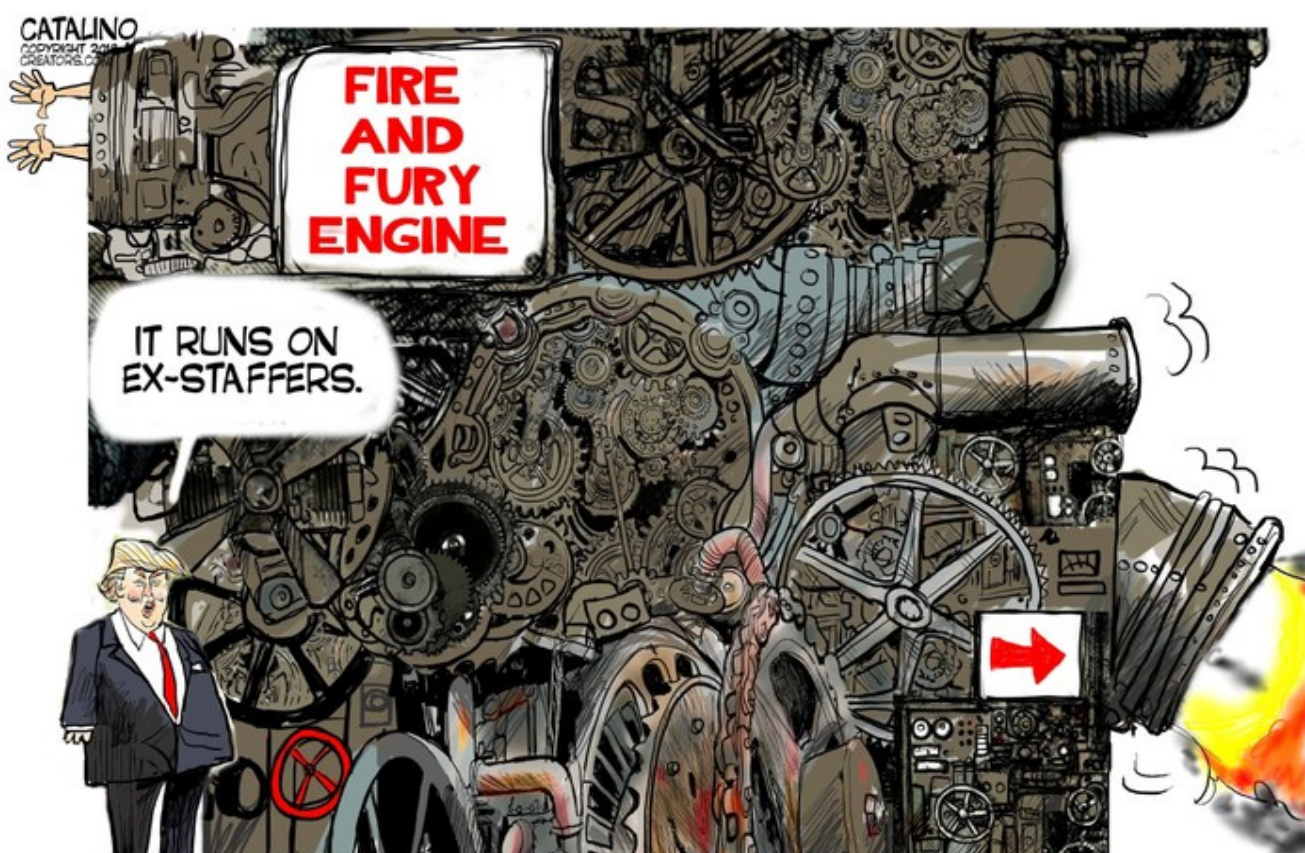
The Trump administration has agreed to delay joint military exercises with South Korea until after the Olympics. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis insisted the move was a practical necessity to accommodate the Olympics and was not a political gesture.

In recent weeks, Trump and Kim have traded barbs about their arsenals and the "nuclear button" on their desks, raising fears the two countries could be drawing closer to war.

On Sunday, CIA Director Mike Pompeo stressed his view that an attack from North Korea was not imminent, though the North appeared to be a few months away from reaching the capability of putting a U.S. city at risk of a nuclear attack. Pompeo defended Trump's tweets as appropriate and "consistent" with U.S. goals of denuclearizing the Korean peninsula.

"The president has made very clear that we're going to do everything we can to do that in a way that doesn't involve military action," Pompeo said, "but has equally made clear that we're not going to stand for allowing Kim Jong Un to hold Los Angeles, or Denver, or New York at risk."

Expressing skepticism that North Korea was sincere in trying to improve relations, Pompeo added: "We'll just have to wait and see how the conversations go Tuesday."



## Foreign meddling in 2018 elections a concern, CIA chief says

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director Mike Pompeo (pahm-PAY'-oh) says he's concerned about continued efforts by Russia and others to undermine American elections, including this year's contests, but says such meddling isn't new.

Pompeo tells CBS' "Face the Nation" that there are "many foes who want to undermine Western democracy."

He says there's "this Washington-based focus on Russian interference," but he wants to "make sure we broaden the conversation."

Pompeo says the CIA and other agencies are working to prevent possible efforts to target the 2018 congressional midterm elections. He's not specifying details, but says Russian meddling goes back decades.

He says the national security team is dedicated to keeping "American elections safe and secure and democratic" and "we're going to work against the Russians or any others who threaten that very outcome."

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## On health care, Democrats are shifting to offense

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are shifting to offense on health care, emboldened by successes in defending the Affordable Care Act. They say their ultimate goal is a government guarantee of affordable coverage for all.

With Republicans unable to agree on a vision for health care, Democrats are debating ideas that range from single-payer, government-run care for all, to new insurance options anchored in popular programs like Medicare or Medicaid. There's also widespread support for authorizing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, an idea once advocated by candidate Donald Trump, which has languished since he was elected president.

Democrats are hoping to winnow down the options during the 2018 campaign season, providing clarity for their 2020 presidential candidate. In polls, health care remains a top priority for the public, particularly for Democrats and independents.

"We're tired of just playing defense," said Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., the party's 2016 vice presidential candidate. "It is now time to talk about the next big idea. It is a good time for everybody to put their big ideas on the table." His offering: "Medicare-X," a public insurance plan to be initially deployed in communities that lack private insurer competition.

Rising Democratic ambitions come as a cloud of uncertainty lingers over former President Barack Obama's health law. While major provisions have survived the GOP onslaught, some Republicans are vowing to go for repeal again. Congress has ended the health law's requirement that most people get coverage, and that's expected to lead to higher premiums in 2019. But bipartisan legislation to stabilize insurance markets doesn't seem to be getting traction.

Obama's former health secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, says she sees Democrats reclaiming a core belief that health care should be a right guaranteed under law.

"Coverage for all is as much of an organizing principle for Democrats as eliminating Obamacare is for Republicans," said Sebelius. "But it turned out that (Republicans) didn't have any idea what that meant. I think Democrats have a much clearer vision."

Time will tell. Here's a sample of ideas under debate by Democrats and others on the political left:

—Medicare for All: Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders made single-payer, government-run health care the cornerstone of his campaign for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination. It remains the most talked-about health care idea on the left. Financing would be funneled through the tax system. Individuals wouldn't have to worry about deductibles, copays or narrow provider networks. Although state-level attempts to enact single-payer care have foundered because of the large tax increases needed, about one-third of Sanders' Democratic colleagues in the Senate are co-sponsoring his latest bill.

—Medicare-X: The legislation from Sens. Kaine, and Michael Bennet, D-Col., would allow individuals in communities lacking insurer competition to buy into a new public plan built on Medicare's provider network and reimbursement rates. Medicare would be empowered to negotiate prescription drug prices. Medicare-X would be available as an option through HealthCare.gov and state health insurance markets. Enrollees could receive financial assistance for premiums and copays through the Obama health law. Eventually, Medicare-X would be offered everywhere for individuals and small businesses.

—Medicare Part E: Yale University political scientist Jacob Hacker has proposed a new public health insurance plan based on Medicare, for people who don't have access to job-based coverage meeting certain standards. It would be financed partly with taxes on companies that don't provide insurance. Consumers would pay income-based premiums. Hospitals and doctors would be reimbursed based on Medicare rates, generally lower than what private insurance pays. "The crucial part of this is that you have guaranteed health insurance, just like you have guaranteed Medicare or Social Security," said Hacker. He's working with Democrats in Congress to turn the concept into legislation.

—Medicaid Buy-In: Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., have introduced legislation that would allow states to open their Medicaid programs up to people willing to pay premiums. Although Medicaid started out as insurance for the poor, it has grown to cover about 75 million people, making it the largest government health program. Most beneficiaries are now enrolled in private insurance plans designed for the Medicaid market.

Expect more ideas as the year unfolds, said Neera Tanden, president of the Center for American Progress and a former top aide to Obama as well as Hillary Clinton. "Democrats are much more comfortable with an expansionist view," said Tanden. "Almost every Democrat is talking about truly universal health care."

Some Republicans are taking note. In a recent floor speech, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said "it's interesting listening to Democrats, because they think they have good ideas and they're just proven wrong by the facts."

Barrasso aimed his criticism at Sanders' single-payer plan. "Democrats who are pushing for a Washington takeover of America's health care are still not coming clean about the rationing of care that it would cause," he said.

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# POLICE LOGS

## WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report  
Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

**9:52 a.m.:** Suspicious (other) and arrest, Michael Drive. Police received a report from an off-duty officer of a minivan that went into the backyard of a property on Michael Drive. The property previously had a fire and was being reconstructed, according to the report. Police reported that two parties were detained at the location. Police eventually reported arresting **Eduard Kostyushko**, 26, of Westfield, and **Ihar Stepanov Kot**, 37, of West Springfield. Kostyushko was charged with breaking and entering building daytime for felony and trespass, and Kot was charged with breaking and entering building daytime for felony, possession class A drug and trespass.

**10:15 a.m.:** Accident, South Broad Street and West Silver Street. Police received a report of a two-vehicle accident. A 2011 Toyota Highlander and a 2011 Kia Sorrento were involved. No injuries reported and no tow trucks requested.

**1:08 p.m.:** Robbery and arrest, East Main Street. Police received a report that a person was to exchange someone a cellular phone that they arranged through a mobile app. According to the alleged victim, a male had allegedly pulled up at the determined meeting place, got out of the vehicle and "ripped the phone" out of the alleged victim's hands and fled the scene. A license plate was provided to the police, as well as a description. Police later reported that **Jacob J. Baez**, 28, of West Springfield, was arrested in West Springfield and charged with unarmed robbery.

**3:54 p.m.:** Accident, Holyoke Road. Police received a report of a vehicle that struck a pole. No injuries were initially reported but vehicle was in a ditch. Black ice was reportedly the cause, according to police. A tow truck was requested and later, Westfield Fire ambulance and personnel transported one person to Baystate Noble Hospital.

## Commuter train hits stuck truck south of Boston; no injuries

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP)** — A commuter train has struck a truck that was left on the tracks about 20 miles south of Boston.

No injuries have been reported.

Joe Pesaturo, spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, says the train on the Kingston/Plymouth line hit the truck at about 7:30 a.m. Monday in South Weymouth. He says no one was in the truck at the time, and that the crossing wasn't damaged.

He says none of the 19 people on the train at the time of the crash was injured.

Transit Police Superintendent Richard Sullivan tells The Boston Globe that the truck broke down on the tracks.

He says an investigation is ongoing.

## Broken pipe disrupts travel in downtown Boston

**BOSTON (AP)** — One of the busier streets in downtown Boston is closed after water gushed from a broken pipe.

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission says it's working to control the leak that has left Congress Street closed on Monday from New Sudbury to State Street. Officials are urging motorists and pedestrians to avoid the area.

The commission initially said on Twitter that the early morning break was in a water main, but later said it may have involved a fire hydrant pipe.

The area where the water flowed is behind City Hall and in front of Faneuil Hall. Some of the water froze on sidewalks making it treacherous for people on foot.

## Police: Driver involved in fatal hit-and-run turns self in

**BARNSTABLE, Mass. (AP)** — Massachusetts police say a Centerville woman turned herself in to authorities in connection with a fatal hit-and-run.

The Barnstable Police Department says 33-year-old Sarah Hunt told police she was the driver in the hit-and-run Friday night that killed 62-year-old John Pina. The Cape Cod Times reports Hunt turned herself in Saturday.

Police say Pina suffered severe trauma from being struck by a vehicle that fled the scene. He was taken to the hospital where was pronounced dead.

Pina's cousin, Vanessa Santiago-Anderson says the family will always wonder if anything could have been done to save him, but says she doesn't feel any anger toward Hunt.

Hunt is scheduled to be arraigned Monday in District Court in Barnstable on multiple charges, including motor



*Ice floats in the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan with Jersey City, N.J., visible across the river, Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, as bitterly cold temperatures continued through the weekend in New York. The blast of arctic air that engulfed portions of the East Coast broke more cold temperature records in several cities, but weather experts say a warm-up is coming Monday. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens)*

## Blast of arctic air breaks records; Temperatures set to rise

**BOSTON (AP)** — The blast of arctic air that engulfed portions of the East Coast broke cold temperature records from Maine to West Virginia and stunned sea turtles in Florida — although a warm-up is coming Monday.

Burlington, Vermont, and Portland, Maine set records, with Burlington falling to minus 20, beating a 1923 record by a degree, and Portland recording minus 11, also a degree below a 1941 record.

The National Weather Service said Worcester, Massachusetts, which fell to minus 9, and Providence, Rhode Island, which dropped to minus 3, also set record lows, as did Hartford, Connecticut, where the temperature dropped to minus 9, smashing a 1912 record.

Boston tied a low-temperature record set more than a century ago in 1896 of minus 2.

Record-low temperatures were also set in parts of West Virginia.

The extended period of severe cold has begun to get on the nerves of even the flintiest of New Englanders.

Evan Premo, of Marshfield, Vermont, stopped into a Capitol Grounds coffee shop in Montpelier for lunch Sunday with his two young sons, aged 5 and 3.

"We've been stir crazy because we spend so much time outside always so yeah, it's a challenge," said Premo.

Cleveland has also been dealing with two weeks of frigid temperatures.

Arthur Bassett, who manages a coffee shop in downtown Cleveland, said Sunday the cold temperatures are what people in northeastern Ohio have come to expect.

"Clevelanders have toughness engrained in them," Bassett said. "You deal with this."

The good news is the bone-numbing air is set to push out of the region.

By Monday, Boston temperatures should return to a more seasonable low 30s. The mercury will continue to rise and Boston could see temperatures in the mid-40s by Thursday and as high as the low-50s on Friday.

Many Northeast residents endured jaw-clenching temperatures and brutal wind chills over the weekend as cleanup continued from the storm that dropped as much as 18 inches (46 centimeters) of snow in some places on Thursday.

As aviation crews at South Carolina's busiest airport, Charleston International Airport, struggled to clear runways of snow and ice so they could be reopened, in New England water main breaks, frozen hydrants and burst pipes created new headaches for officials.

The temperature registered minus 37 Saturday at the Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire, one of the coldest places on the planet. The wind chill was 93. It tied with Armstrong, Ontario, as the second coldest spot in

the world.

Meteorologist Mike Carmon said people at the observatory were "layering up as much as we can."

The chilly winter blast did not spare Florida, where rescuers rushed to save hundreds of young sea turtles stunned by the cold. State wildlife officials said they had rescued more than 100. The Gulf World Marine Institute in Panama City Beach said it had treated 200 turtles by Thursday evening.

In New Jersey, George Jenkins was working Sunday morning to get rid of some stubborn icy spots on his driveway of his Toms River home.

"The ice usually isn't a problem here at the (Jersey) shore, because it usually goes away a day or so after a storm. But it's been so darn cold lately, I can't get rid of

it," he said.

And in Atlanta, forecasters warned a mix of low temperatures and precipitation could create icy road conditions there, where the College Football Playoff National Championship will be held Monday night.

Traffic is expected to be heavy as thousands of out-of-towners converge on the city and as security is tightened for President Donald Trump, who is scheduled to attend the big game.

Some of those benefiting from the deep freeze are hardy diners hoping to land a table at Boston's hottest restaurants.

Owners told the Boston Globe that reservations have been down with fewer patrons willing to suit up in layers of clothes and shiver on sidewalks waiting for a table to open up.



*Fishing trawlers sit on the frozen harbor of Lake Montauk surrounded by thin sheets of ice Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, in Montauk, N.Y. The blast of arctic air that engulfed portions of the East Coast broke cold temperature records from Maine to West Virginia. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)*

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# BUSINESS FINANCIAL

## New president for Six Flags Great Adventure

JACKSON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's Six Flags Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor amusement park has a new president.

John Winkler succeeds Neal Thurman, who has taken over as park president of Six Flags Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor in California. In a news release Monday, the company says Winkler comes to the Jackson park with a focus on team member development and "a passion for incorporating technology into delivering outstanding guest service."

Winkler served as park president for six years at Six Flags New England in Agawam, Massachusetts.

Winkler started working for Six Flags as a front-line team member at Astroworld in 1983 and advanced through the ranks.

## France: Macron's government pledges to fight gender wage gap

PARIS (AP) — France's top women's rights official says the government is working on a "tough, concrete" plan to make companies more transparent about the pay gap between men and women.

Marlene Schiappa, secretary of state for women's rights, lamented Monday on Europe-1 radio that France's many laws on equal pay "don't work."

Schiappa's office couldn't provide details of the French government plan, but she suggested requiring companies to release salary averages for men and women employees, and to use software to analyze disparities.

She also welcomed a new German measure allowing women to find out whether male colleagues are earning more, calling it a "good idea."

Schiappa said she is working with EU counterparts on possible Europe-wide pay transparency measures.

She spoke after the BBC's China editor resigned over compensation disparity.

## UK rail passengers face disruption in conductor dispute

LONDON (AP) — Rail passengers in some parts of England are facing travel disruptions this week after workers at five train companies supported strikes over the role of conductors responsible for safety on board.

The long-running dispute involves members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union and the companies. Strikes are set for Monday, Wednesday and Friday on South Western Railway, Arriva Rail North, Merseyrail and Greater Anglia, while the strike on Southern is Monday.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling is being urged to convene a summit to resolve the dispute over plans to make train doors driver-operated only. Rail companies say this will be more efficient. Unions say this will hurt safety.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan, says "It's a new year but it's the same old story for London's hard-pressed rail passengers."

## Greek leader: bond market return in 2018 'important target'

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's prime minister says a full return to markets in 2018 remains an "important target," with the country's bailout funding formally ending in August.

At a Cabinet meeting Monday, Alexis Tsipras cited a steady drop in public borrowing rates as the yield on 10-year bonds remain under 4 percent, touching the lowest level in over a decade.

Greece has depended on international rescue loans since 2010, but the government is at odds with the country's central bank governor, who supports retaining a post-bailout precautionary credit line from lenders.



Kohl's is reporting a 6.9 percent surge in sales for November and December, joining other traditional retailers in a strong holiday rally. (AP photo)

## Kohl's joins holiday party, dept stores show staying power

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Kohl's is reporting a 6.9 percent surge in sales for November and December, joining other traditional retailers in a strong holiday rally.

Kohl's boosted its earnings forecast for the entire year and shares jumped 7.5 percent before the opening bell Monday.

Macy's and J.C. Penney already reported strong holiday sales growth, hinting that traditional department stores have figured out how to at least slow inroads made by Amazon.com as they boost their presence online.

Kohl's Corp. now expects annual, adjusted per-share earnings of \$3.98 to \$4.08, well above its prior outlook of between \$3.60 and \$3.80 per share.

It's also much better than Wall Street projections of \$3.79 per share, according to a poll by FactSet.

## Apple investors urge action to curb child gadget addiction

NEW YORK (AP) —

Two major Apple investors have urged the iPhone maker to take action to curb growing smartphone addiction among children, highlighting growing concern about the effects of gadgets and social media on youngsters.

New York-based Jana Partners LLC and the California State Teachers' Retirement System, or CalSTRS, said Monday in an open letter to Apple that the company must offer more choices and tools to help children fight addiction to its devices.

"There is a developing consensus around the world including Silicon Valley that the potential long-term consequences of new technologies need to be factored in at the outset, and no company can outsource that responsibility," the letter said. "Apple can play a defining role in signaling to the industry that paying special attention to the health and development of the next generation is both good business and the right thing to do."

The two investors collectively control \$2 billion worth of Apple shares.



In this Dec. 17, 2017, photo, a baby girl plays with a mobile phone while riding in a New York subway. Two major Apple investors have urged the iPhone maker to take action to curb growing smartphone use among children, highlighting growing concern about the effects of gadgets and social media on youngsters. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

Among their proposals to Apple: establish an expert committee including child development specialists; offer Apple's vast information to researchers; and enhance mobile device software so that parents have more options to protect their children's health.

The letter cited various studies and surveys on how the heavy usage of smartphones and social media negatively affects children's mental and physical health. Examples include distractions by digital technologies in the classroom, a decreased ability of students to focus on educational tasks, and higher risks of suicide and depression.

The investors' call reflects growing concerns around the world about what the long-term impact will be of using mobile devices and social media, especially for those who start to use smartphones at an early age.

While tech companies have not acknowledged openly that their gadgets may be addictive, some Silicon Valley insiders have begun to speak to media about how gadgets, mobile applications and social media sites are designed to be addictive and to keep users' attention as long as possible.

## BBC's China editor resigns over gender pay gap dispute

BEIJING (AP) — The BBC's China editor has resigned her position in Beijing in protest over what she called a failure to sufficiently address a gap in compensation between men and women at the public broadcaster.

Carrie Gracie's departure is the latest aftershock from the BBC's forced publication last year of pay levels for its top earners that showed two-thirds of those in the top bracket were men.

Presenting the corporation's flagship "Today" program on Monday alongside John Humphrys, the BBC's highest-paid news broadcaster, Gracie said the support she'd received for her decision had been "very moving" and showed the degree of frustration among many over the issue of equal pay.

"I think the scale of feeling, not just among BBC women but also just more widely across the country and also internationally, the support that I've had in the last few hours over this, I think it does speak to the depth of hunger for an equal, fair and transparent pay system," she said.

"And the other thing I'd like to say is that what is lovely for me is that people are mentioning my China work, because I would not wish to be remembered forever as the woman who complained about money."

A 30-year veteran of the BBC who speaks fluent Chinese, Gracie said in a statement on her website addressed to BBC viewers that she

could no longer perform her job at a high level while battling with bosses over pay equality.

Gracie said she learned that two of the BBC's four international editors — both men — made at least 50 percent more than their two female counterparts. She said she was not seeking more money for herself, but only demanding that the BBC observe British law requiring equal pay for equal work.

Gracie said she would stay with the BBC and "return to my former post in the TV newsroom where I expect to be paid equally."

"The BBC must admit the problem, apologize and set in place an equal, fair and transparent pay structure," Gracie wrote.

Rather than waste money on an "unwinnable court fight against female staff, the BBC should immediately agree to independent arbitration to settle individual cases," she wrote.

The BBC on Monday quoted a spokeswoman as reaffirming its commitment to equal pay and saying a separate report on pay for on-air staff would be issued in the "not too distant future."

"A significant number of organizations have now published their gender pay figures showing that we are performing considerably better than many and are well below the national average."

"Alongside that, we have already conducted an independent judge-led audit of pay for rank and file staff which showed 'no systemic discrimination against women,'" the statement

said.

Gracie, who took on the newly created job of China editor four years ago, said women at the BBC were running out of "patience and good will" in the face of what she called a "divide and rule" approach and a continuing refusal by the corporation to admit to discriminatory policies. She said those who complained faced the threat of retaliation and even dismissal, while others were either bogged down in arbitration talks or offered new pay packages on condition the terms remained secret.

"Despite the BBC's public insistence that my appointment demonstrated its commitment to gender equality, and despite my own insistence that equality was a condition of taking up the post, my managers had yet again judged that women's work was worth much less than men's," she wrote.

Gracie's move received voluble praise online from her colleagues, with veteran BBC journalist Lyse Doucet tweeting, "Brilliant Brave."

Other senior women at the BBC offered support, including Clare Balding, Emily Maitlis and Sarah Montague.

The list published last year showed that two-thirds of the BBC's highest earners were men, with the highest-paid woman earning less than a quarter of the highest-earning male star. Many BBC men were also found to be receiving far higher salaries than women in comparable jobs.

## Global stocks rise after strong Wall Street

BEIJING (AP) — Global stock markets mostly rose Monday following a record-setting week on Wall Street and as traders looked ahead to data releases from China, Japan and the eurozone.

KEEPING SCORE: Germany's DAX rose 0.3 percent to 13,354 and France's CAC 40 gained 0.3 percent to 5,485. London's FTSE 100, however, was off 0.2 percent at 7,709 amid expectations of a government cabinet reshuffle. On Wall Street, where stocks have been on the longest new year winning streak in eight years, the future for the Dow Jones industrial average was flat while the S&P 500 index was down 0.1 percent.

WEEK AHEAD: India reports trade on Wednesday, with forecasters expecting solid gains, while China reports a flurry of data including inflation and bank loan growth. The eurozone reports factory output growth on Thursday. On Friday, China is due to release December trade, with a double-digit rise expected following a weak 2017, while the United States reports monthly inflation.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "This is a big week of event risk," Chris Weston of IG said in a report, pointing to emerging markets trade and U.S. inflation. Weston said investors also are looking forward to U.S. earnings later this week, but the picture is "a little more challenging" as companies bring forward charges for repatriating cash under Washington's tax changes. "This reporting season could be a catalyst, but it does promise to be somewhat messier than prior quarters, not to mention sentiment towards U.S. equities is already sky high."

ASIA'S DAY: The Shanghai Composite Index rose 0.5 percent to 3,409.48 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.3 percent to 30,899.53. Seoul's Kospi advanced 0.6 percent to 2,513.28 and India's Sensex added 0.5 percent to 34,338.08. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 edged up 0.1 percent to 6,130.40 and benchmarks in Taiwan and most of Southeast Asia also rose. New Zealand the Philippines declined.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 20 cents to \$61.64 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 57 cents on Friday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 13 cents to \$67.75 in London. It fell 45 cents the previous session.

CURRENCY: The dollar edged down to 113.03 yen from Friday's 113.07 yen. The euro declined to \$1.1971 from \$1.2032.



**JP Noda stocks cannabis at The Apothecarium shortly before the store opened for its first day of recreational marijuana sales on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, in San Francisco. The announcement that the U.S. Department of Justice would no longer adopt a "hands-off" approach to states that have legalized marijuana use initially sent some in the industry into a tailspin, just days after the \$7 billion California recreational weed market opened for business.**  
(AP Photo/Noah Berger)

# High or Dry? California legal pot to test supply pipeline

By **MICHAEL R. BLOOD**  
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Most Californians with an urge to smoke a joint will enter the state's legal marijuana marketplace through a single doorway — at a retail shop.

But out of view of those day-to-day sales, the state is ushering in a sprawling, untested system to move pot from place to place that will also serve as a collection point for taxes, a gateway for testing and a packaging center for the plant's fragrant buds.

The so-called marijuana distributor is a kind of skeleton connecting the state's emerging industry of growers, sellers and manufacturers. It's envisioned as a vast back office where the grunt work of keeping track of cannabis and getting it from farms to store shelves will take place.

But just days after legal sales began, there are concerns that not enough companies are licensed and ready to transport pot. Some predict that within weeks, cannabis could be marooned at fields and warehouses while dispensary shelves go barren.

"There's going to be huge bottleneck in the distribution network in California at some point," said Terry Blevins, CEO of a security firm and a part-owner of a marijuana distribution company in Southern California.

Billions of dollars of pot will need to move through the market in 2018, and "I don't believe there are enough businesses to handle it," he said.

California's new market was rattled Thursday when the Trump administration signaled a more aggressive approach to marijuana prosecutions, lifting an Obama-era policy that kept federal authorities from cracking down on the pot trade in states where the drug is legal.

The impact of Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision is uncertain. But some predict it could discourage businesses from entering the distribution system, while making those in it extremely cautious about what growers and sellers they work with, narrowing the pipeline for moving goods. Flow Kana CEO Michael Steinmetz,

whose company distributes cannabis products from small, outdoor farmers, said a slow rollout of licenses has resulted in a limited pool of distributors.

A patchwork of rules has emerged so far, with some cities allowing legal sales and others banning all commercial pot activity. Los Angeles — the state's biggest market — has yet to authorize any licenses, though the first could be issued next week.

Kana Flow, which is developing a new distribution center on the site of a former Mendocino County winery, transports cannabis for about 100 local producers.

While many retailers stocked up in advance of legal sales, "I do think we are going to see a big reduction in supply," Steinmetz predicted.

A crimp in the supply chain, if it happens, would reprise what occurred in Nevada last year, when the start of legal sales saw a surge in demand with too few licenses to distribute it.

Pot distribution in California has long been an informal and largely hidden business, with arrangements made between growers and sellers. The move to the new system will be a major transformation: Under California law, pot can be transported only by companies holding a distributor license.

In the past, "it was all trust and handshakes," Los Angeles dispensary owner Jerred Kiloh said. "Growers would drive it down in their Toyota Tacoma."

California's top pot regulator, Lori Ajax, said in an interview last month that a decision to make distributor licenses broadly available should help keep pot moving from farms to storefronts.

Under a 2015 law for medicinal pot, the distributor was envisioned as an independent entity that could not hold licenses in other categories, such as growing or selling.

But that changed in later legislation for the new market, and now pot distributors can be stand-alone companies or part of another one. That means a grower could also become a

distributor, providing proper licenses are issued.

"I'm feeling pretty good that we are going to be OK," Ajax said.

The uncertainty surrounding the distribution pipeline is just one question mark as California attempts to transform its longstanding medicinal and illegal marijuana markets into a multibillion-dollar regulated system.

It will take many months, if not years, for the market estimated to reach \$7 billion to evolve.

Legal sales began Jan. 1 without a vast computer system for businesses to use to track plants from seed to sale. State licenses issued so far are temporary and will have to be redone later this year.

Few banks want to do business with pot companies since the drug remains illegal federally, forcing many growers and sellers to operate in cash. And consumers are complaining about hefty new taxes.

Industry experts say California's distribution model — part of its effort to keep a tight clamp on regulation — is unusual in the U.S.

Along with transporting pot, a distributor has a range of responsibilities, including collecting state excise taxes from any retailers they supply and cultivation taxes from growers whose product they move.

Distributors also arrange for laboratory testing to make sure the pot isn't tainted, and may also package and label pot for sale.

It's the "traffic light on the industry," cannabis attorney Robert Raich said.

Some of those entering the business have experience in transportation, including in the alcohol industry. But others might not realize the complexity of the new system, or be unfamiliar with how the pot market functions.

"That's where there is going to be a lot of confusion. They haven't taken taxes before. They don't know how to deal with all the logistics of this supply chain," Kiloh said.

In the past, retailers could "sit in their business and wait for sellers to come to them."

# Trump promoting rural development, attending football game

By **ZEKE MILLER**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is promoting his administration's plans to boost economic development in rural communities — and reserving a seat at the national college football championship game.

Trump is set Monday to become the first president in a quarter century to address the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation. With the trip to Nashville, Tennessee, he will unveil a report the White House says will include proposals to stimulate a segment of the national economy that has lagged others.

Central to the report will be the assessment that the "provider for an equalization among rural America is connectivity; that high-speed internet should remain a high priority for the administration," said Ray Starling, the special assistant to the president for agriculture, trade and food assistance. The report calls for expediting federal permitting to allow for broadband internet expansion in rural areas and for making it easier for providers to place cell towers on federal lands.

Starling said Trump will use the appearance to highlight the impact of the tax overhaul on farmers and small businesses. The president will also take credit for working to roll back the Obama administration's controversial interpretation of the Clean Water Act, which greatly expanded the list of bodies of water subject to federal regulation. The Farm Bureau ran a public relations campaign against the rule and called it "dangerous and unlawful."

The Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Task Force report will also highlight the importance of addressing the opioid crisis, which has disproportionately impacted rural communities, Starling said.

Briefing reporters Friday before the president's speech, Starling said Trump will call on Congress to renew the farm bill this year. The massive federal legislation funds federal agriculture and food policy, and provides for rural communities.

Trump formed the task force, which includes representatives from Cabinet agencies and independent agencies like the Federal Communications Commission, in an April executive order.

From Nashville, Trump will travel to Atlanta to watch Alabama's Crimson Tide and Georgia's Bulldogs face off Monday night in the College Football Playoff National Championship. The game is set for Mercedes-Benz Stadium, the new \$1.5 billion home field of the Atlanta Falcons.

ESPN, which is televising the game, said Sunday that it appeared unlikely Trump would be interviewed during the game. Stephanie Druley, ESPN senior vice president for events and studio programs, said the network had been in contact with the White House and that she did not "get the sense" that an interview would be arranged.

Trump criticized ESPN in October in response to "SportsCenter" host Jemelle Hill tweeting that the president was a "white supremacist."

A network often seeks an interview with the president when he attends a game it's televising.

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# Ford adds diesel engine

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is offering a diesel engine in its F-150 pickup for the first time.

Heavy duty trucks like the F-250 or F-350 have always had diesel engines, but full-size trucks like the F-150 have not. Ford is hoping to gain some customers from rivals Ram and Nissan, which both offer diesels in their full-size trucks.

The F-150 is the best-selling vehicle in the U.S.

Ford expects the F-150 to get 30 miles per gallon on the highway with the new 3.0-liter V6 diesel and a 10-speed transmission. That's 4 mpg better than the current most efficient gasoline-powered F-150.

The company offers six engine choices for the F-150. It says the diesel is targeted at customers who tow or haul big loads and want better fuel economy.

Ford expects around 5 percent of F-150 buyers will opt for the diesel, which costs \$4,000 on the Lariat and Platinum versions or \$3,000 on the King Ranch.

Here are more details about the F-150 diesel:

— Customers can order a diesel F-150 starting this month. Deliveries will begin in the spring.

— The diesel will put out 250 horsepower and 440 pound-feet of torque.

— It can tow up to 11,400 pounds and has a 2,020-pound payload capacity.

— Ford says the team that designed the 6.7-liter Power Stroke V8 diesel for its heavy-duty trucks designed the engine for the F-150.

— Retail customers can only get the diesel on higher trim levels. Fleet customers will be able to opt for it on the lower XL and XLT trims.

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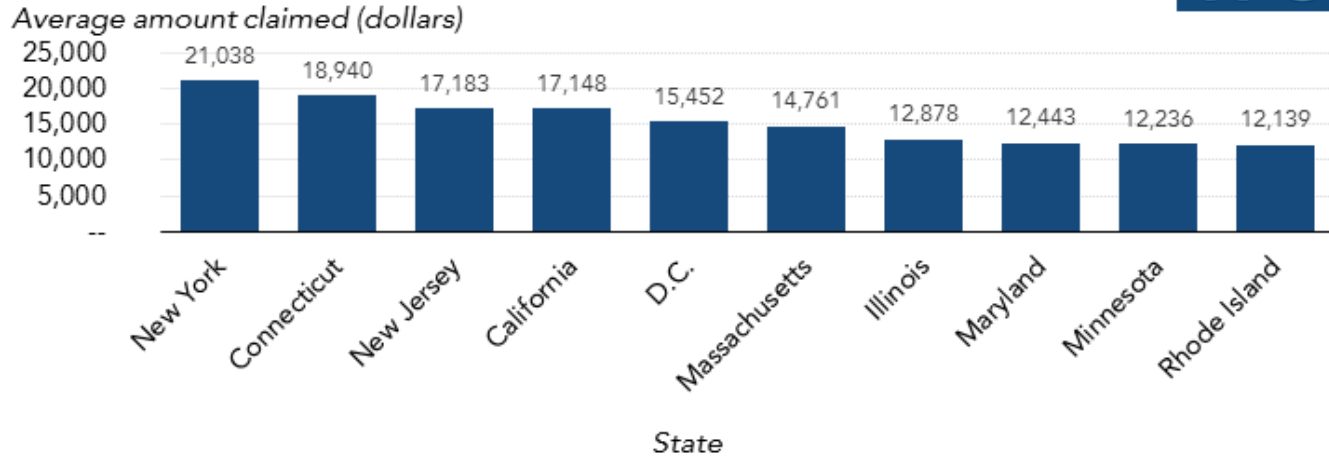
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### Top Ten States with Highest State and Local Taxes



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# Why states may get away with creative income tax maneuvers

**By DANIEL HEMEL**  
*University of Chicago*  
(THE CONVERSATION) Fearing that the new tax law will make it harder for them to raise enough revenue for public schools and other vital services, high-tax states such as California, New Jersey and New York are wasting no time in fighting back.

Other states are likely to follow suit as the benefits of these actions become clear, setting the stage for a bitter legal dispute over federal and state taxation.

As a tax law professor who researches the interactions between federal and state tax systems, I believe these initiatives are likely to succeed in softening the impact of the new tax law on residents of high-tax states.

## Bypass the SALT

At issue is a new US\$10,000 cap on the amount of money Americans may deduct on their federal income tax returns for what they pay in state and local taxes.

What's more, because the new law rolls all personal exemptions into an enlarged standard deduction, millions of households will stop itemizing on their returns. Consequently, the number of taxpayers claiming the "SALT" deduction is likely to fall by around two-thirds.

This SALT constraint will take the biggest toll on residents of states where residents are most reliant on the current deduction. New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and California top that list.

As a result, experts predict that voters in those states will become more resistant to existing taxes and more apt to oppose future increases. That could be particularly problematic for states – like Illinois and New Jersey – with severely underfunded pension plans.

The new limitations on the SALT deduction may even make it harder for high-tax states to attract talented, high-earning and mobile workers, leading to less dynamic state and local economies.

## Two switcheroos

Two main strategies to bypass this constraint are taking shape.

First, New York is considering a proposal to shift some of its revenue-raising from personal income taxes to payroll taxes. The reason it would want to do that is because payroll taxes charged to employers – unlike personal income taxes – remain fully deductible under the new federal tax law.

Second, California and New Jersey, as well as New York, are considering plans to grant tax credits to taxpayers who donate to state-affiliated institutions, such as public schools, hospitals and parks.

These donations would be voluntary, and the resulting credits could be used to offset state and local income and property tax liabilities.

This is feasible because the tax overhaul left the charitable contribution deduction intact and the IRS has already indicated that donations to state charitable credit programs should be treated for federal tax purposes as charitable

contributions rather than state and local tax payments.

Anyone who hits the US\$10,000 SALT cap could benefit from programs of this sort. Those taxpayers could replace some or all of their nondeductible state tax payments with deductible charitable contributions.

Not only would these initiatives alleviate the added federal burden for some taxpayers, they could make it easier for state and local governments to raise revenue in the future because residents could pay for public schools and other services with tax-deductible dollars.

## Payroll please

Here's how the payroll tax change, which New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo mentioned in his State of the State speech, would work.

Let's say your employer pays you \$100,000 a year and you pay \$5,000 in state personal income taxes, leaving \$95,000 before federal taxes and other charges.

What if instead your employer paid you \$95,000 in wages and also paid a \$5,000 payroll tax to the state? Your employer would be no worse off, with its out-of-pocket cost still totaling \$100,000, and the new tax law preserves an employer's ability to deduct payroll taxes from their own tax bills.

And you generally would be no worse off either, as you would still have \$95,000 before dealing with your federal tax bill.

Indeed, you would most likely fare better financially once federal taxes are factored in. The federal government would tax you on \$95,000, whereas you would be taxed on the full \$100,000 if the state did not adopt the payroll tax workaround and if you could not claim a SALT deduction.

That would be the case if you claim the standard deduction – as at least nine-tenths of taxpayers will – or if you hit the \$10,000 SALT cap based on property taxes alone. Depending on your federal tax bracket, the savings could increase your after-tax income by anywhere from 0.6 percent to 3.1 percent.

States adopting this approach do not need to repeal their personal income taxes entirely. Their income taxes still would apply to earnings from sources other than wages, such as investment or self-employment income. But they would not tax workers on wages that already have been subject to an employer-side payroll tax.

Implementing this change would be relatively straightforward in states like Illinois, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, which have flat personal income tax rates. It would be somewhat more complicated to pull this off in states such as New York and California, which have highly progressive rate structures.

But this can almost certainly be done through a system of refundable credits, and the potential savings for state residents would be dramatic. In New York, for example, an average household might save around \$1,200 per year on its federal taxes.

## Charity begins at home

And here's how the charitable credit idea would work: Say your state offers you a 90-cent credit against state taxes for every dollar you give to an in-state university or local community college. The IRS determined in a memo in 2011 addressing a similar program in Missouri that the full \$1 donation would be a deductible charitable contribution, notwithstanding the state tax credit you get in return.

For someone in the 37 percent federal income tax bracket, this means their \$1 donation would generate 90 cents in state tax benefits and 37 cents in federal tax benefits. That's a \$1.27 after-tax return on a \$1 investment.

More than a dozen states already have implemented tax credit programs like this to finance private school vouchers. Nothing would stop them from extending these programs to finance state universities, community colleges, K-12 public schools, hospitals, parks and more.

Indeed, California Senate President Kevin de León already has introduced a bill along these lines. New York's Gov. Cuomo has expressed interest in the idea too, as has New Jersey Gov.-elect Phil Murphy.

## Lingering questions

The payroll tax idea would work best for the majority of workers who earn wage income and who will claim the standard deduction under the new federal tax law. The charitable contribution credit, in contrast, would be more likely to benefit higher-income households who continue to itemize deductions for federal purposes.

States can adopt both because the two approaches are not mutually exclusive.

Theoretically, the IRS could challenge either approach. But a well-designed state plan should hold up in court. With respect to the payroll tax workaround, Congress has explicitly said that taxes paid by employers should remain deductible, and nothing requires states to tax the wage income of their residents.

Seven states already have no state income tax, and two more have income taxes that exclude wages. There is no legal obstacle preventing additional states from reducing their reliance on income tax revenue and shifting toward employer-side payroll taxes.

The IRS of course could revoke its 2011 memo that blessed the charitable arrangements already out there. But decades of judicial precedent, which the agency on its own can't undo, supported that memo. Moreover, with similar tax credit programs that finance private school vouchers popular among the Republican Party's base, GOP lawmakers may resist moves to end such credit arrangements.

How many states will ultimately adopt proposals along these lines? It's too soon to say, but for now, it looks like states that choose to fight back against the SALT rollback will have the upper hand.

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  - 8-9 am:** Conversations with Pete Cowles
  - SATURDAYS**
  - 6-10am:** Polka Jammer Network, with Billy Belina

## High court lets tribe's Massachusetts gambling hall proceed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Native American tribe will be able to go ahead with its plans for a gambling hall on Martha's Vineyard after the Supreme Court declined to get involved in the dispute.

The Supreme Court said Monday that it would not take up the case involving the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe. That leaves in place a lower court ruling favoring the tribe, which had proposed a facility with 300 electronic bingo machines and live bingo. It hasn't proposed offering slot machines or casino table games such as blackjack or roulette.

Massachusetts and the Martha's Vineyard town of Aquinnah opposed the gambling hall. They argued that a 1980s agreement granting the tribe nearly 500 acres (202 hectares) had specifically prohibited gambling. The tribe argued a federal law effectively repealed that gambling prohibition.

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# SPORTS

## ST MARY'S VS. GREENFIELD JV HOCKEY



Case Viamari (10), Matt Brady (1), Trent Viamari (5), Aaron Blanchard (17), Austin Wolfe (25), Quinn Powers (6), Nick Langlois (2), Liam McKellick (18), Dan McKellick (24), Bryce St. Martin (9)



Trent Viamari (5) checks the offense.

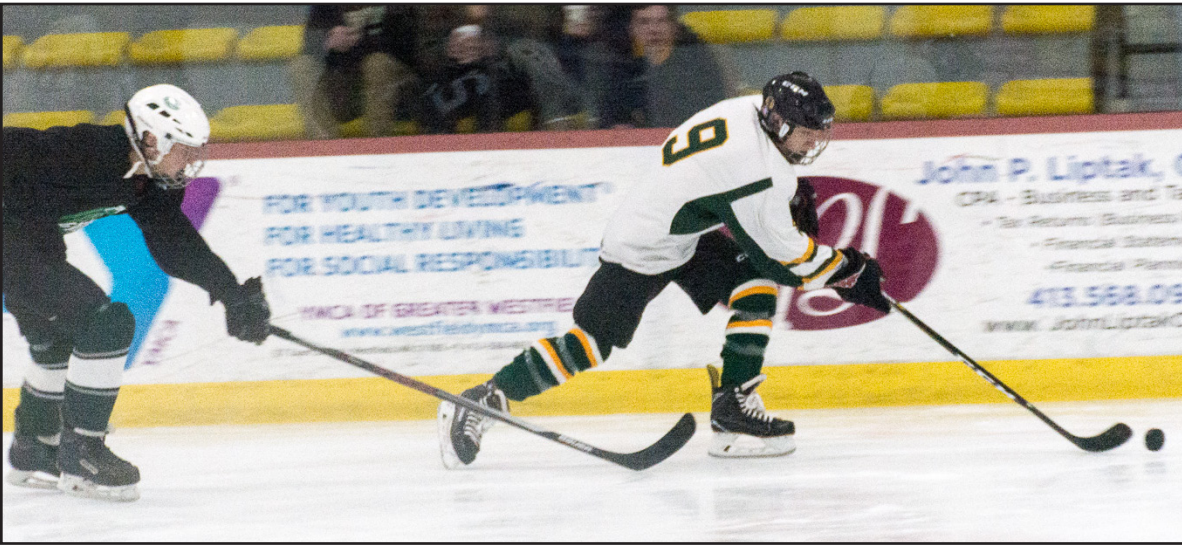


Aaron Blanchard (17) goes through the middle



Austin Wolfe (25) gets ready to pass the puck.

Nick Langlois (2) sets up for a shot.



Bryce St. Martin (9) streaks past Greenfield.



Quinn Powers (6) keeps his eye on Greenfield.



Dan McKellick (24) makes a quick pass.



Case Viamari (10) watches the play.

# WESTFIELD STATE SPORTS SCHEDULES

## 2017-2018 Westfield State Men's-Women's Indoor Track and Field

### DAY DATE EVENT LOCATION

Saturday Jan. 20 Maroon & White Classic  
Springfield College- Springfield, Mass.  
Saturday Jan. 27 Massasoit Classic  
Springfield College- Springfield, Mass.  
Fri.-Sat. Feb 2-3 NEICAAA  
Championship  
Reggie Lewis Center- Boston, Mass.  
Saturday Feb. 3 Wesleyan University  
Invitational II  
Wesleyan University- Middletown, Conn.  
Saturday Feb. 10 MASCAC/Alliance  
Championships  
Rhode Island College- Providence, RI  
Fri.-Sat. Feb. 16-17 New England  
Division III Finals (W)  
Springfield- Springfield, Mass.;  
M) Middlebury – Middlebury, Vt.  
Sat. Feb. 24 TBD  
Saturday March 3 Tufts Final Qualifying  
Meet  
Tufts University- Medford, Mass.  
Fri.-Sat. March 9-10 NCAA Division III  
Championships  
CrossPlex- Birmingham, Ala.

## 2017-2018 Westfield State University Men's Basketball Schedule

### DAY DATE OPPONENT TIME

Sat Jan. 13 BRIDGEWATER STATE 3:00  
Wed Jan. 17 FRAMINGHAM STATE 7:30  
Sat Jan. 20 at Salem State 3:00  
Tues Jan. 23 at Fitchburg State 7:30  
Thur Jan. 25 WORCESTER STATE 7:30  
Sat Jan. 27 MCLA 3:00  
Sat Feb. 3 at Bridgewater State 3:00  
Wed Feb. 7 at Framingham State 8:00  
Sat Feb. 10 SALEM STATE 3:00  
Wed Feb. 14 FITCHBURG STATE 7:30  
Sat Feb. 17 at Worcester State 3:00  
Tues Feb. 20 MASCAC Quarterfinals TBA  
Thur Feb. 22 MASCAC Semifinals TBA  
Sat Feb. 24 MASCAC Championship TBA

## 2017-2018 Westfield State University Women's Basketball Schedule

Sat 1:00 Jan. 13 BRIDGEWATER STATE Wed Feb. 7 at Framingham State 6:00  
Feb. 10 SALEM STATE 1:00  
Wed 5:30 Jan. 17 FRAMINGHAM STATE Wed Feb. 14 FITCHBURG STATE 5:30  
Feb. 17 at Worcester State 1:00  
Sat Jan. 20 at Salem State 1:00  
Tues Jan. 23 at Fitchburg State 5:30  
Thur Jan. 25 WORCESTER STATE  
Sat Jan. 27 MCLA 1:00  
Sat Feb. 3 at Bridgewater State 1:00  
Tues TBA Feb. 20 MASCAC Quarterfinals  
Thur TBA Feb. 22 MASCAC Semifinals TBA  
Sat TBA Feb. 24 MASCAC Championship

## 2017-2018 Westfield State University Women's Swimming & Diving Schedule

Fri Jan. 19 at Saint Joseph, CT 5:00  
Sat Jan. 27 WESTERN CONNECTICUT 1:00  
Sun Jan. 28 at Rhode Island College (at Bryant) 1:00  
Sat Feb. 3 LEC Championships 11:00 a.m.  
@ UMass Dartmouth  
Fri Feb. 16 New England Championships  
Sat Feb. 17 New England Championships  
Sun Feb. 18 New England Championships  
@ University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

## 2017-2018 Westfield State Ice Hockey Schedule

Fri Jan. 12 at Martha's Vineyard Tournament vs Curry 3:00  
Sat Jan. 13 at Martha's Vineyard Tournament vs Salve Regina 1:00  
Thur Jan. 18 UMASS DARTMOUTH 7:35  
Sat Jan. 20 at Worcester State 3:30  
Thur Jan. 25 at Fitchburg State 7:00  
Sat Jan. 27 PLYMOUTH STATE 5:35  
Tues Jan. 30 FRAMINGHAM STATE 7:35  
Thur Feb. 1 SALEM STATE 7:35  
Thur Feb. 8 at Framingham State 7:30  
Sat Feb. 10 at UMass Dartmouth 4:30  
Thur Feb. 15 WORCESTER STATE 7:35  
Sat Feb. 17 FITCHBURG STATE 5:35  
Tues Feb. 20 at Plymouth State 6:00  
Sat Feb. 24 MASCAC Quarterfinals TBD  
Tues Feb. 27 MASCAC Semifinals TBD  
Sat March 3 MASCAC Championship TBD

# HIGH SCHOOL 2017 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

### WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

**Mon., Jan. 8, 2018**  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Longmeadow, 5:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Longmeadow, 7 p.m.  
JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY at Longmeadow, Cyr Arena, 8:10 p.m.  
**Tues., Jan. 9, 2018**  
SKIING @ Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at Northampton High School, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Northampton High School, 7 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 10, 2018**  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Amherst-Pelham, 5:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Amherst-Pelham, 7 p.m.  
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Minnechaug, Amelia Park Arena, 7 p.m.  
WRESTLING at East Longmeadow, 7 p.m.  
**Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018**  
SKIING @ Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
**Fri., Jan. 12, 2018**  
SWIMMING at Belchertown, Chestnut Hill Community School Pool, 4 p.m.  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Pope Francis, 5:30 p.m.  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL at Mount Greylock High School, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Pope Francis, 7 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Mount Greylock High School, 7 p.m.  
SWIMMING at Belchertown, Chestnut Hill Community School Pool, 4 p.m.  
**Sat., Jan. 13, 2018**  
WRESTLING at Ludlow Duals, 9 a.m.  
BOYS ICE HOCKEY at Agawam, Olympia Ice Center (West Springfield), 4:30 p.m.  
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (Longmeadow Co-Op) vs. Leominster, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
**Sun., Jan. 14, 2018**  
JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Minnechaug, Amelia Park Ice Arena, 6:10 p.m.  
**Mon., Jan. 15, 2018**  
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (Longmeadow Co-Op) at Wellesley, Babson Skating Center, 3:40 p.m.  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Watertown, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Watertown, 7 p.m.  
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. West Springfield, Amelia Park Ice Arena, noon

### SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Mon., Jan. 8, 2018**  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. McCann Tech, 5:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. McCann Tech, 7 p.m.  
**Tues., Jan. 9, 2018**  
SKIING at Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Mahar, 5:30 p.m.  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL at Turners Falls, 6 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Mahar, 7 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Turners Falls, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 10, 2018**  
WRESTLING at West Springfield High School, 7 p.m.  
**Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018**  
SKIING at Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Athol, 6 p.m.  
**Fri., Jan. 12, 2018**  
INDOOR TRACK vs. TBD, Smith College, 3:45 p.m.  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at Monson, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Monson, 7 p.m.  
**Sat., Jan. 13, 2018**  
WRESTLING at The Gilbert School, 10 a.m.  
**Sun., Jan. 14, 2018**  
JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. South Hadley, Cyr Arena, 5:30 p.m.  
**Mon., Jan. 15, 2018**  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL at Greenfield, 4:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Greenfield, 6 p.m.  
**Tues., Jan. 16, 2018**  
WRESTLING vs. South Hadley, 7 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 17, 2018**  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Renaissance, 5:30 p.m.  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL at Pioneer Valley Regional, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Renaissance, 7 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Pioneer Valley Regional, 7 p.m.  
**Thurs., Jan. 18, 2018**  
SKIING @ Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Mahar, 5:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Mahar, 7 p.m.  
**Fri., Jan. 19, 2018**  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at Easthampton, 5:30 p.m.  
INDOOR TRACK @ Smith College (Northampton), 6:45 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Easthampton, 7 p.m.

### GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Mon., Jan. 8, 2018**  
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Commerce, 5 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Commerce, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tues., Jan. 9, 2018**  
SKIING @ Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Pathfinder, 5 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Pathfinder, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 10, 2018**  
WRESTLING vs. Sabis, 6 p.m.  
**Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018**  
SKIING @ Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
**Fri., Jan. 12, 2018**  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at Baystate Academy Charter Public School, South End Community Center, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Baystate Academy Charter Public School, South End Community Center, 7 p.m.  
**Sat., Jan. 13, 2018**  
WRESTLING @ Joe McCabe Invitational, Maple Hill High School, 10 a.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Falcons Winter Classic vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, Smith Academy, 2:30 p.m.  
**Sun., Jan. 14, 2018**  
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Falcons Winter Classic vs. TBD, Time TBD  
**Tues., Jan. 16, 2018**  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at Smith Vocational, 5 p.m.

### WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

**Mon., Jan. 8, 2018**  
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Hampden Charter School of Science, Dunbar Community Center, 7 p.m.  
**Tues., Jan. 9, 2018**  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at St. Mary's, Westfield Middle School, North, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at St. Mary's, Westfield Middle School North, 7 p.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 10, 2018**  
No Sports Scheduled  
**Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018**  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Smith Voke, 6 p.m.  
**Fri., Jan. 12, 2018**  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at McCann Tech High School, Time TBA  
BOYS BASKETBALL at McCann Tech High School, 7 p.m.  
**Tues., Feb. 16, 2018**  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Franklin Tech, 6 p.m.

### SAINT MARY HIGH SCHOOL

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BOYS JV ICE HOCKEY vs. at Amherst, Orr Rink (Amherst College), 6 p.m.  
**Tues., Jan. 9, 2018**  
SKIING @ Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Westfield Technical Academy, Westfield Middle School North, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Westfield Technical Academy, Westfield Middle School North, 7 p.m.  
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**Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018**  
SKIING @ Berkshire East, 5 p.m.  
**Fri., Jan. 12, 2018**  
JV BOYS BASKETBALL at Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 6:30 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Pioneer Valley Regional School, Westfield Middle School North, 6 p.m.  
**Sat., Jan. 13, 2018**  
BOYS JV ICE HOCKEY vs. Easthampton, Williston-Northampton School, 6 p.m.

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Moody Bey scored a career high 26 points as the Owls topped MCLA 104-87 in the MASCAC opener on Saturday. (WSU File Photo)

# Bey, Westfield State prevail

NORTH ADAMS – Westfield State's sophomore guard Moody Bey (Springfield / Monson) paced six players in double figures with a career high 26 point effort as the visiting Owls ran past the MCLA Trailblazers 104-87 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference opener at the Amsler Campus Center Gym Saturday afternoon.

The Owls improve to 7-7 and are now 1-0 in the conference. The Trailblazers fall to 3-8 and are 0-1 in

the MASCAC.

Bey was 8-15 from the floor and filled the stat sheet with 7 rebounds and 4 assists. He scored 16 points in the closing half of play.

The Owls led 42-34 at the half and quickly moved out to a sizeable 16 point lead in the second half. Each time Westfield would extend, MCLA would go on a spurt and stay in it. They would cut it to 7 points twice late, but Bey connected on a dagger three and the Owls would increase their lead

back to double digits as MCLA was forced to foul in the final minutes of play.

Owls' junior Marcus Collins (Cambridge / Rindge & Latin) had a strong game ending with 20 points and completing the double double with 11 rebounds. He chipped in with four assists and three steals. Junior teammate Peter Mafo (Lynn / Lynn Classical) scored 15 points before fouling out as he went 7-12 from the floor.

Westfield State's senior Allister Williams (Boston / Bedford) netted 12 points as did freshman Ty Sands (Waterbury, Conn. / Kennedy). Sophomore Anthony Reynolds (Springfield / Cathedral) rounded out the Owls' scoring with ten points.

MCLA was paced by Joe Wiggins' team best 17 point effort. Keiland Cross added 15 points for the Trailblazers. Ki-Shawn Monroe notched 13 points while Noah Yearsley added 11 in the loss.

The Owls shot a torrid 55% in the game, including a 61% clip in the decisive second half of play. Westfield went 8-17 from three point range in the win.

Westfield State will host Bridgewater State in a conference match on January 13th at 3:00 p.m. The Trailblazers are back in action and continue MASCAC play on January 10th when they head to Bridgewater State. – Courtesy of Westfield State University Sports

## Westfield State University Owls fly past MCLA

NORTH ADAMS – Sophomore guard Chelsea Moussette (Southampton / Hampshire Regional) scored a career high 20 points on a perfect 7-7 day shooting to lead the Westfield State women's basketball team to a convincing 101-62 win over MCLA in their first Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference match of the season at the Amsler Campus Center Gym Saturday afternoon.

The Owls improve to 7-6 overall and are now 1-0 in the MASCAC. MCLA drops their fourth straight in falling to 4-8 overall and are 0-1 in the conference.

Moussette was 5-5 from three point land and collected 14 of her 20 points in the opening half of play.

In the opening half, Westfield asserted pressure early. The Owls jumped out to a 7-0 lead and never

trailed. They would open up a 14-2 lead after the first 6:26 of game action. MCLA would close the margin to 20-12 with time ticking down in the first quarter, but an Allison Hester (Sutton, Mass) triple made it 23-12 after one.

MCLA's Sam Gawron connected on a jumper with 7:46 left in the first half to pull within ten again at 28-18, but the Owls responded with a 13-2 spurt to seize a 41-20 lead, their largest of the half. Westfield would eventually take a 49-32 halftime lead after forcing 19 Trailblazer turnovers.

Junior Kierra McCarthy (Ludlow, Mass.) and Moussette combined for 30 of Westfield's 49 first half points. The duo were a combined 7-7 from three point range. Westfield was never threatened in the closing half of play.

In total, the Owls placed four players in double

figures. McCarthy added 18 points and grabbed six rebounds, while freshman Melissa Gray (Peabody, Mass.) (13), and junior Lucy Barrett (Williamstown / Mt. Greylock) (11) rounded out the leading scorers for the Owls.

The Owls shot 44% from the floor and were the beneficiary of 41 MCLA turnovers. They collected 29 steals in the game.

MCLA was paced by the trio of Emily Moulton, Erika Ryan, and Kylah Langston. They all ended with 14 points. The points were career best efforts from Ryan and Langston. Both players completed the double double as Langston grabbed 11 boards while Ryan added ten.

Westfield State will host Bridgewater State in a conference match on January 13th at 1:00 p.m. MCLA is back in action Monday night hosting



Chelsea Moussette scored a career high 20 points on a perfect 7-7 day shooting to lead the Owls to a 101-62 MASCAC win over MCLA. (Courtesy of WSU Sports)

## Salem State holds off WSU

SALEM – Callum Hofford (Woodbridge, Ontario) netted two goals as Salem State defeated Westfield State 5-2 in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) matchup on Saturday afternoon at Rockett Arena. The Vikings even their record at 6-6-1 and go to 3-4 in the MASCCAC while the Owls slip to 3-7-1 and 1-6 in conference.

Salem State's Derek Makimaa (Swartz Creek, Mich.) broke the ice with his seventh goal of the season, a slap shot from the left face-off circle that beat Kameron Limburg (Howell, Mich.) at 6:54 of the first. Limburg made a great save later in the period to keep the deficit at one goal as he denied Eric Rogorzanski (Barnstable, Mass.), from point-blank range. Westfield State's Danny Ferri (Chelmsford, Mass.) nearly tied the game with 4:00 minutes remaining in the first, but Jason Pucciarelli (Newmarket, Ontario) made a spectacular save for the Vikings. A late penalty set up Hofford, who trickled in a shot through the legs of Limburg on the power play, with just eight seconds remaining in the period as the Vikings entered the first intermission with a 2-0 lead.

Hofford's wrist from the blue line made it 3-0 in favor of Salem State 6:32 into the second. Casey Miller (Billerica, Mass.) made it 4-0 when he beat Limburg glove side after creating a turnover near center ice later in the period.

Bryan Holmberg (Indian Trail, N.C.) replaced Limburg in goal to start the third for Westfield State. The Owls quickly cut into the lead as Robert Neuwirth (Zlin, Czech Republic) rifled home a shot just twenty-eight seconds into the period. Adam Blackman (Mansfield, Mass.) drew Westfield State close

when he beat Pucciarelli glove side to make the score 4-2 with less than eight minutes remaining. However, with Holmberg pulled, Parker Wood (Rochester Hills, Mich.) put the game out of reach for Salem State with an empty-netter with just over two minutes remaining.

Pucciarelli made 38 saves for Salem State in the win while Limburg stopped 17 in two periods. Holmberg played well in relief, stopping all nine Vikings' shots in the third. The Owls outshot Salem State 40-31 for the game. – Courtesy of Westfield State University Sports



Adam Blackman's goal helped Westfield cut into Salem's lead in a 5-2 loss. (Courtesy of WSU Sports)

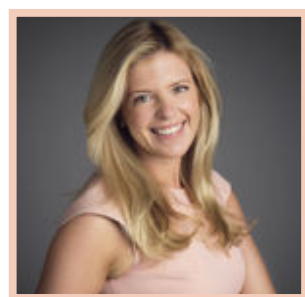
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## Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

### Shunned by Siblings

**Dear Annie:** I am a middle child with two elder brothers, a younger sister and a younger brother. They all get together and have dinner and movie dates or hang out with one another. I am always excluded. No phone call or text. They have been rude and unwelcoming for more than 15 years now. No idea why. I have finally told them that I think they have treated me poorly and I don't consider them brothers. My parents are flabbergasted, as well. It has truly broken my heart. How do I let go? -- Pushed Away

**Dear Pushed Away:** Before you let go, let out your feelings. I know you mentioned that you told them what you think -- but was it in an angry and hurt way or in an honest and gentle way? You don't get to choose your family, but you only get one, so I am all for trying to work out your differences. Feeling excluded never feels good. The fact that your parents are flabbergasted leads me to believe that there is some serious communication issue at play here. Seek out the help of a professional family therapist who can resolve this sibling misunderstanding.

**Dear Annie:** Your column about the gossiping in-laws struck a chord with us. Some folks resort to backbiting and malicious gossip for vicarious excitement and because they don't have positive self-images. My sister-in-law falls into that category.

For many years, she seemed like a sister to me -- only I eventually found out the ugly rumors she had spread, about me and many others. She even tried to break up my marriage (to her brother) by saying I'd had affairs all over the world while on business trips.

I avoided her (we live out of state) for several years but then confronted her directly in private during a family visit. She cried and cried, apologized and said she was ashamed. We will never be close, but because she has advanced cancer, I have forgiven her.

Malicious gossip is a stealthy type of bullying, as your target is unaware of the slander. I liked your advice to "Betrayed" (to have her husband talk to his relatives), Annie, but direct confrontation shames the individual and puts the power back where it belongs -- with the victim. If other family members don't like it, so be it. We can pick our friends, but not family or in-laws. One would be better off without them all than walking on eggshells.

Your columns are great. Thanks for all you do. -- Florida Villages Reader

**Dear Florida Villages Reader:** You make a great point. Perhaps it would be more effective for "Betrayed" to confront her in-laws than for her husband to talk to them. Bullies must be held accountable. Thank you for your insight.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com). To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

### HINTS FROM HELOISE

#### PET PAL

Dear Readers: Visit my website, [www.heloise.com](http://www.heloise.com), and click on "Pet of the Week" to meet our furry menagerie of funny friends! We love them!

Send your pet picture, stats on your animal and an amusing anecdote to: [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com). -- Heloise



#### COOL HOT DRINK

Dear Heloise: I keep some stainless-steel spoons in the freezer. When I've brewed a piping-hot cup of coffee or tea, stirring with the frozen spoon can cool the drink down quickly. -- JoAnn P. in New York

#### INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Dear Heloise: During the colder winter months, we love to go to indoor flea markets. There's so much to see, and bargains galore! Here are some hints that our family has learned over the years:

\* Cash is king. Some places take checks and credit cards, but love cash.

\* You can wheel and deal and negotiate, but be willing to buy. Merchants will be more likely to work with you if you're a serious shopper.

\* Fitting rooms are scarce.  
\* Most items are sold "as is."  
\* Wear comfortable shoes.

-- Betty W., Fargo, N.D.

#### MAKE YOUR OWN SNOW

Dear Readers: Here's a fun project for the kids: Make your own snow if you live in a place where it does not snow. Kids love this do-it-yourself snow.

Take one box of baking soda and one full can of shaving cream, and, using your hands, mix together. It will feel like fresh, powdery snow, and you can add food coloring and glitter, but this is for outside only! -- Heloise

### UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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		1		5		8	7	6
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7			3				8	
6	4		2	5				
6	1	7		4		5		
		3		9			2	8
2	8		6	3	7	1		

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

#### Previous puzzle solution

9	7	2	3	4	8	5	1	6
8	5	4	7	6	1	9	3	2
3	6	1	9	5	2	7	4	8
5	2	6	4	8	7	3	9	1
1	8	7	6	9	3	4	2	5
4	3	9	1	2	5	8	6	7
6	9	5	2	7	4	1	8	3
7	4	3	8	1	6	2	5	9
2	1	8	5	3	9	6	7	4

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### TV Sports Tonight

#### Monday, Jan. 8 COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8:15 p.m.  
ESPN — College Football Playoff, championship game, Georgia vs. Alabama, at Atlanta (additional coverage available on ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPNEWS, ESPN Classic and SEC Network)

#### NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.  
NBA — Milwaukee at Indiana

#### SOCCER

2:30 p.m.  
FS2 — FA Cup, Brighton & Hove Albion vs. Crystal Palace

### On The Tube



In this Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, file photo, show attendees walk past the CES sign at CES International in Las Vegas. As the 2018 CES gadget show kicks off in Las Vegas, manufacturers are expected to unveil new ways for consumers to control their products with voice commands over smart speakers such as Amazon Echo. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

## What's on center stage at the CES tech show? Your voice

By ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

What's the hottest thing in the world of technology these days? Your voice.

Some of the most popular gadgets over the holiday season were smart speakers with digital assistants from Amazon and Google. Apple is coming out with its own speaker this year; Microsoft and Samsung have partnered on another.

As the annual CES gadget show kicks off in Las Vegas this week, manufacturers are expected to unveil even more voice-controlled devices — speakers and beyond — as Amazon and Google make their digital assistants available on a wider array of products. If these prove popular, you'll soon be able to order around much more of your house, including kitchen appliances, washing machines and other devices.

CES is expected to draw more than 170,000 people, as some 4,000 exhibitors showcase their wares over the equivalent of nearly 50 football fields, or more than 11 New York city blocks. The show formally opens Tuesday, with media previews starting Sunday.

While major tech companies such as Apple and Google typically don't make big announcements at CES, their technologies will be powering products and services from startups and other small companies. Expect more gadgets using Google's Android operating software and Google's digital assistant, for instance, and products that work with Apple's HomeKit, a smart-home system getting a boost with the coming launch of Apple's HomePod smart speaker.

Here's what else to expect at CES.

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Computers that learn your preferences and anticipate your needs are no longer the stuff of science fiction. Consumers are seeing practical applications in voice-assisted speakers such as the Amazon Echo and Google Home. These systems will get more useful as manufacturers design new ways to control their products with voice commands.

You might also see hints of where AI is heading. Steve Koenig, senior director of market research at CES organizer Consumer Technology Association, says that as more people use these AI systems, companies have more data to better train the machines.

Auto makers will also demonstrate self-driving vehicles propelled by AI. CES is increasing the space for self-driving technologies by more than a third this year. Startups are expected to unveil earphones that promise real-time translations of conversations in different languages, such as Google's Pixel Buds now do, though only for Google's Pixel phones. There are also conference sessions devoted to high-tech retailing, including the importance of collecting and analyzing data on customers.

#### SMART EVERYTHING

Cars, lights, washing machines and other everyday items are getting internet connections. That could mean checking what's left in your fridge from the grocery store, for instance. Expect more appliances and tasks for them to do online.

As more devices get connected, there's greater concern for security. We'll likely see more products and services designed to protect these smart-home devices from hacking.

Beyond that, companies will showcase the potential of smartening up entire cities so that maintenance crews can remotely detect roads needing repairs, and motorists can view and reserve parking spaces ahead of time. Better yet, how about traffic lights that aren't set with timers, but reflect actual traffic and pedestrian flows?

For the first time, CES has an area devoted to smart cities, with more than 40 companies set to exhibit. The smart-cities concept has been making the rounds at several tech shows, but what remains unanswered is when it will actually begin happening — and who will pay for it.

#### CONSUMER GADGETS

CES is typically when Samsung, LG and other manufacturers announce their TV lineups for the year. In a bid to get consumers to upgrade sooner, higher-end models will come with fancy technologies going by such names as "4K," "HDR" and "OLED." Many sets will come with voice controls. They will sit alongside basic sets that work just fine for regular viewing.

Don't expect new iPhones or flagship Galaxy models. Apple and Samsung typically announce those at their own events. But CES is the place for less-known and lower-cost Android phones, along with tablets, laptops and other personal computers, not to mention storage drives and other accessories.

There will also be virtual-reality and augmented-reality technologies, some aimed at sports fans who want to feel they're more part of the game.

And while a few companies like Apple and Fitbit are currently dominant in wearable devices, many startups are eager to challenge them with new approaches for tracking fitness and medical issues.

There should also be no shortage of flying drones overhead and scurrying robots underfoot. There will even be a robot that folds your laundry — though at a snail's pace of one shirt every two minutes.

#### BEHIND THE SCENES

Although CES is about consumer electronics, consumers will never see many of the technologies on display. Network-equipment makers, for instance, might use the show to display technologies for next-generation 5G wireless networks, which promise to be much faster than the existing 4G LTE. Phones that can take advantage of 5G won't be around for a few more years.

Gary Shapiro, the head of the Consumer Technology Association, said that given the changing nature of technology, about a third of CES is now about back-end business deals rather than direct-to-consumer products.

"Twenty years ago, people bought products sold at retail stores in very defined categories," he said. "Now every company and business defines itself as a tech company."

## Miss America raises maximum age of competitors to 25

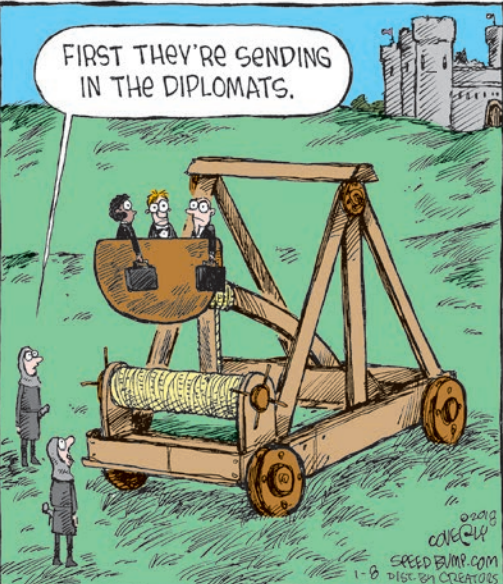
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The Miss America organization is raising the maximum age of contestants from 24 to 25. A spokeswoman told The Press of Atlantic City that the change takes effect with this year's contests. It's the first change to pageant rules since former Fox News Channel anchor and 1989 Miss America Gretchen Carlson became chairwoman of the organization's board of directors.

Spokeswoman Chelsea Mineur said Miss America officials drafted the new rule. It's meant to allow more young women pursuing advanced degrees to benefit from the program.

Carlson was named chairwoman on New Year's Day. That came less than two weeks after leaked emails surfaced showing CEO Sam Haskell and others disparaging the appearance and intellect of former Miss Americas.

# COMICS

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



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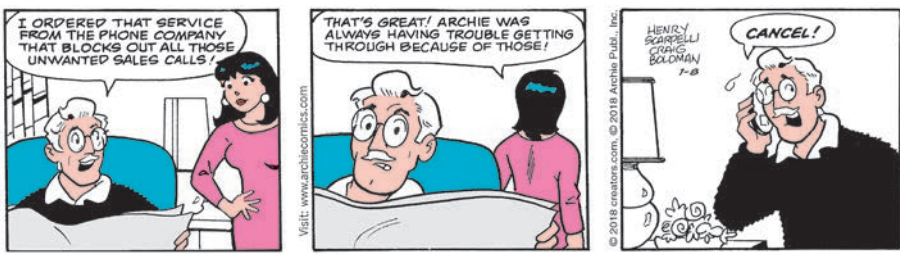


Bigfoot's weight, as elusive as the creature himself

DADDY'S HOME Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



ARCHIE Fernando Ruiz and Craig Boldman



## YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Jan. 8, 2018: This year you express a clear vision and a caring attitude. This combo can be unusually powerful. You seem to befriend others without a problem. You often have the final word in decision-making. If you are single, you could meet a potential suitor at nearly any point in the year, most likely through a friend. This person might surprise you as you get to know him or her better. If you are attached, the two of you need to emphasize what is positive in your relationship. You will work together to accomplish a mutual goal you have. LIBRA, though sometimes superficial, understands you well.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your energy soars in the morning, as you are cheered on by several successful conversations and happy comments. Expect some challenges in the evening, when you could have difficulty with a boss. Avoid a power play at all costs. Tonight: Do what you must.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Emphasize what is positive about your life, and use it to add to the quality of your day. Several close friends and/or loved ones draw out the best in you. You feel secure in their caring presence. If you hit a roadblock, detach and try to see the big picture. Tonight: Easy works.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your playful attitude attracts people who are emotionally in touch with themselves. You will see your mood reciprocated throughout the day. A matter that forces some creative brainstorming is likely to arise in the evening. Tonight: Avoid a control game if you can.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might be able to switch gears and head in a new direction, if you so choose. Remain sincere when dealing with a person who likes to wield the power. Stay centered, and don't accept any blame or responsibility that does not feel right. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You seem to say the right words to clear up a problem. You'll feel unusually good in a discussion regarding your personal life. Do not push too hard to get your way within the workplace or in your daily environment. Tonight: Put up your feet and relax, then decide.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to approach a personal matter differently from how you have in the past. A child or loved one will surprise you with his or her changing attitude. What seemed joyful before easily could transform into a power play. Tonight: Make an adjustment if need be.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You seem able to cover several bases at one time. Your multitasking abilities help you clear out a lot of work that normally you couldn't even fathom completing. Use this ability to the max. A family member might be disruptive unintentionally. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You will tell it like it is, or so your reputation would indicate. Nevertheless, you will deliver your message -- no matter how negative it might be -- with a big smile. Know that it probably will take the receiver a few moments to get what you are saying. Tonight: Out late.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You could be in a situation where you feel as if there is no turning back once you decide to head down a certain path. You mean to handle a financial matter with care, but you might not succeed as well as you'd like. Others also have their own ideas. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your smile goes a long way, and makes you a sure-bet winner. You understand a parent or boss better than even he or she does. Still, a difference of opinion could result in a rift. Avoid getting into a game of "who is right and who is wrong." Tonight: Others will notice you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your ability to negotiate will depend on the breadth of your vision and understanding. You will experience some flak and self-doubt as you seek out the correct path for the majority of people involved. Listen and identify with those around you. Tonight: Go for what you want.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You can't seem to keep communication as active as you might like. A power play could be the result of a misunderstanding, which is likely to take a long time to unwind and clear out. Understand what needs to happen to help you and others relax. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**BORN TODAY**  
Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking (1942), singer Elvis Presley (1935), singer/songwriter David Bowie (1947)

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

**Famous Hand**

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 3  
♥ J 3  
♦ 10 6 2  
♣ Q 10 8 6 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 8 6 5 2  
♥ K  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ K 9 7 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A  
♥ A Q 10 8 7 6 5 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ A J

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♠ Pass 3♠ Dble  
4♠ Pass Pass 5♥

Opening lead — seven of spades.

The United States won the 2017 open world bridge championship in Lyon, France, last summer, defeating a French team in the 128-board final by the slender margin of 2 IMPs. 278-276. The winning squad was comprised of Marty Fleisher, Joe Grupe, Chip Martel, Brad Moss, Jacek Pszczola and Michael Rosenberg.

The deal shown occurred in the final set of 16 deals, and proved critical to the American victory. Both North-South pairs wound up in five hearts.

When this lost, he was down one. At the other table, the French West elected to lead his singleton club, in effect taking the club finesse for Martel, South. After that start, declarer could lose only two diamonds and so wound up making five hearts for a score of 450, which, added to the plus 50 at the other table, gave the U.S. a pickup of 11 IMPs on the board.

The outcome, of course, left the French to rue West's choice of lead at the second table, and Quantin's decision not to take the club finesse at the first table. A different choice at either table would have given the French the world title.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a logical game.  
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## CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS**

- 1 Passel
- 5 Dad's bro
- 8 Bloke
- 12 "Sorta"
- 14 "For — jolly good ..."
- 15 Security precaution
- 16 Cupid's alias
- 17 Author Fleming
- 18 Snow White's pals
- 20 Mettle
- 23 Incubator noise
- 24 Tart flavor
- 25 Judo maneuver
- 28 Cover
- 29 — -garde
- 30 Not "neath
- 32 Picture pendants
- 34 Nest setting
- 35 Employ
- 36 Intone

**DOWN**

- 1 Wd. division
- 2 Zodiac feline
- 3 Computer key
- 4 Coming to
- 5 Japanese noodle
- 6 SSE's opposite
- 7 De-nounces
- 8 Low-quality
- 9 Frau's mate
- 10 Starting
- 11 Go by
- 13 Minn. neighbor
- 19 Raised ridge
- 20 Cardinal cap letters

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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**Saturday's answer 1-8**

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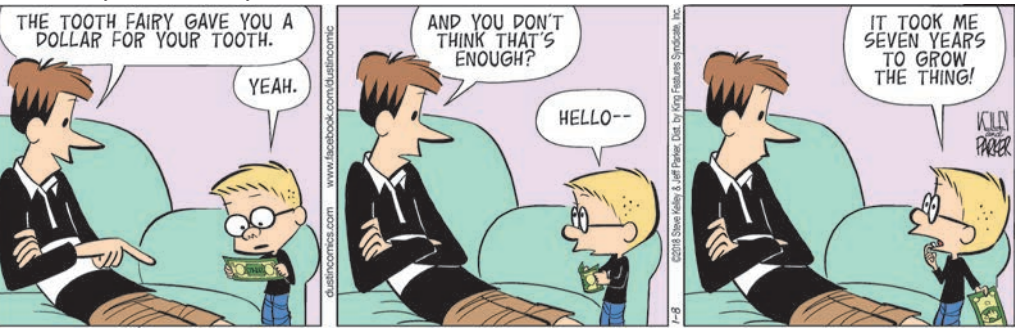
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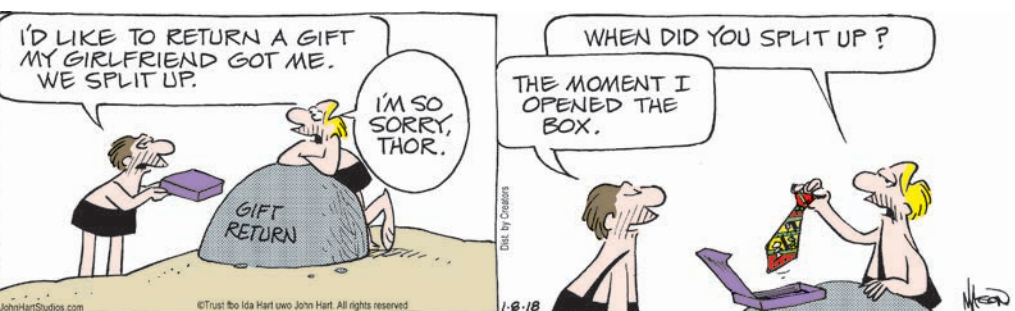
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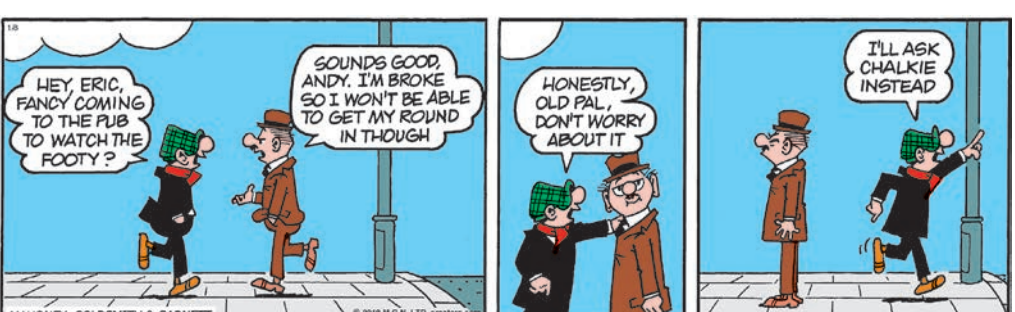
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# The Patriots are rested, recharged and rankled

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP Pro Football Writer

Recharged and rankled are the New England Patriots, who await a visit from the Tennessee Titans in the AFC divisional playoffs next weekend.

The Titans (10-7) are coming off their first playoff win in 14 seasons, a 22-21 thriller at Kansas City in the wild-card round Saturday that left the Chiefs winless at Arrowhead in the post-season since 1994.

The Patriots (13-3) are fresh off their eighth consecutive first-round bye as they seek their third title in four years.

They're not only refreshed but fired up after a report suggesting a fractured relationship that could break up the franchise's three most important pieces in QB Tom Brady, coach Bill Belichick and owner Robert Kraft.

Jacksonville (11-6), coming off its first playoff win in a decade, a 10-3 snoozer over Buffalo on Sunday, visits Pittsburgh (13-3) in the other AFC divisional playoff game (1:05 p.m. ET Sunday on CBS).

The Steelers are hoping the weekend off helps Antonio Brown return from a torn calf he sustained on Dec. 17 against New England.

The NFC's top seed, Philadelphia (13-3), hosts the defending conference champion Atlanta Falcons (11-6) on Saturday (4:35 p.m. ET on NBC) and the Minnesota Vikings (13-3) host the New Orleans Saints (4:40 p.m. ET Sunday on FOX).

The Saints (12-5) edged Carolina 31-26 Sunday night in the wild-card weekend finale.

The Falcons throttled the upstart Los Angeles Rams 26-13 Saturday night, sending the league's best comeback story of 2017 to a premature end.

The Patriots have won 11 of 12 after stumbling to a 2-2 start but the buzz around Boston isn't about their usual dominance but whether that excellence could be coming to an end soon.

Brady, Belichick and Kraft released a joint statement this weekend dismissing as "flat-out inaccurate" an ESPN report detailing an array of tension in New England between the triumphant triumvirate responsible for decorating team headquarters with five championship trophies.

One of the many things the Patriots are good at is navigating negativity.

Last year they overcame the loss of tight end Rob Gronkowski to win it all and they're trying to do the same this year without receiver Julian Edelman and linebacker Dont'a Hightower, two of their biggest stars.

The Titans came back from a 21-3 halftime deficit Saturday at Kansas City and in the process probably saved coach Mike Mularkey's job.

Team owner Amy Adams Strunk on Sunday said her coach isn't going anywhere after helping change the Titans' culture and leading them to their first playoff victory in 14 years.

The Titans opened as 13-point underdogs to the Patriots (8:15 p.m. ET on CBS).

"This is a good test for our football team," Mularkey said, "but these are the type of games you have to win."



In this Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) sits on the bench during the end of the second half at an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, in Miami Gardens, Fla. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky, File)

Or go home. The Titans needed an amazing comeback to get their latest win, which tied for the second-largest rally by a road team in the playoffs. Dallas also overcame an 18-point deficit in 1972 in the divisional round to beat San Francisco.

Only Detroit's rally from 20 points down in 1957 to beat the 49ers in the divisional round was bigger than Tennessee's comeback.

The other AFC game is a rematch of Week 5, when the Jaguars beat Pittsburgh 30-9. Ben Roethlisberger, who threw five interceptions in that game, has led Pittsburgh to 10 wins in 11 games since then with the lone loss coming against the Patriots, 24-21 last month when Brown got hurt and missed most of the showdown in Pittsburgh.

In Blake Bortles, the Steelers will face a quarterback who ran for more yards (88) than he threw for (87) Sunday and who put together one decent drive all day.

"We weren't sharp, we made some bad plays and did some stupid stuff, but we found a way to win and that's all that matters," said Bortles, whose TD pass to backup tight end Ben Koyack late in the third quarter was his best throw of the game and a gutsy call on fourth-and-goal from the 1.

Although they're the sixth seed, the Falcons are the only NFC team to make it back to the playoffs this year, and that edge in experience showed Saturday night in the Rams' first playoff game at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum since

1979. One year after advancing to the Super Bowl, the Falcons are "a battle-tested brotherhood," suggested coach Dan Quinn, who added Sunday "That kind of experience I thought certainly showed up last night."

After showing impressive poise against the Rams, it's on to Philadelphia, which is the NFC's top seed for the first time since 2004 but is led by backup quarterback Nick Foles following a season-ending knee injury to MVP hopeful Carson Wentz.

So, it's no surprise the Falcons opened as 2-point favorites on the road.

The Vikings are coming off a first-round playoff bye for the first time since 2000 and they'll face a Saints team that features Mark Ingram and rookie Alvin Kamara, who combined for 1,852 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns during the regular season but were quiet Sunday, managing just 45 yards on 19 carries but one of them was a 2-yard TD by Kamara.

The Vikings beat the Saints 29-19 on opening weekend when Sam Bradford and not Case Keenum was under center for Minnesota.

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AP Pro Football Writer Teresa M. Walker contributed.

# Malkin's overtime goal rallies Penguins to win over Bruins

By DAN SCIFO  
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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Penguins coach Mike Sullivan believes the bye week has arrived at a perfect time for his up-and-down team.

Pittsburgh took an early two-goal lead before the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions were forced to rally from a two-goal hole with the final three goals of the game against Boston. Evgeni Malkin's second goal of the game at 2:51 of overtime capped the rally, as the Penguins beat the Bruins 6-5 Sunday night.

"It will be both a mental and physical break for everybody and it should serve us well," Sullivan said of the team's mandatory five-day break. "I don't think it's a bad thing for us to get away from the game a little bit and recharge the batteries, so when we all come back we should be excited to play."

The Penguins, coming off a 4-0 win at the New York Islanders on Friday, got consecutive victories for the first time since Dec. 1-2 when they defeated Buffalo twice by a combined score of 9-1. The Penguins, who have just six wins in their last 11 games, moved into the second wild card spot in the Eastern Conference, but are one point ahead of three teams tied for last place in the Metropolitan Division.

"To get results at this time of year is critically important because you can see how tight the league and our division is," Sullivan said. "There was a lot of adversity tonight, but I thought our guys stayed with it."

Phil Kessel set up Malkin, who one-timed a shot over Tuukka Rask's pad during a 2-on-1 for the game-winner. Malkin and Kessel scored power-play goals in regulation, while Kris Letang, Jamie Oleksiak and Riley Sheahan also scored for Pittsburgh.

Matt Murray stopped all six shots he faced in relief of Tristan Jarry, who made 14 saves on 19 shots before he was pulled after the Bruins' fifth goal.

Sidney Crosby had three assists after getting a season-high four points against the Islanders. Crosby, with points in five straight against Boston, had four points in 11 games before the last two.

"We were down, but we felt like we did some good things," Crosby said. "I think we've been resilient. They capitalized on some mistakes, but we stuck with it. We're starting to play with some speed and purpose out there."

Brad Marchand, David Pastrnak, David Backes, Noel Acciari and Ryan Sponner all scored in regulation for Boston. The Bruins lost, but earned a point for the 11th straight game (8-0-3). Boston has now totaled 22 goals in its last four games.

Rask, who hasn't lost in regulation since Nov. 26, stopped 29 shots for Boston. Patrice Bergeron, who scored four goals one night earlier during a win against Carolina, briefly left in the first period after blocking a shot, but he returned. Bergeron, who played 18:12, said X-rays on his right foot were negative, but he needed stitches.

That didn't take away the sting of the loss. "We got the start we wanted, but then we got away from our game and they took it to us," Bergeron said. "There are some breakdowns that are uncharacteristic of us, but we stuck with it and we got a point out of it. Obviously, we know that we can be a lot better."

Both teams led two-goal leads slip away. Pittsburgh held a 3-1 advantage in the first period on goals by Oleksiak, Kessel and Letang. But Boston rallied with the next four goals from Marchand, Acciari, Pastrnak and Backes to open a 5-3 lead.

Malkin's power-play tally with 3.6 seconds to play in the second period pulled Pittsburgh within one and Sheahan's short-side goal off the rush 2:54 into the third period tied the score.

Murray stopped Marchand's penalty shot with 1:01 to play in regulation to force overtime, setting the stage for Malkin to end it.

"It's hard when you're up by two goals and then you end up being down the way we were," Sullivan said. "Just our ability to stay in it and respond is a great indicator of our team leadership."

NOTES: Penguins D Brian Dumoulin played after missing the previous two games with a concussion. ... Penguins D Chad Ruhwedel missed his sixth game with an upper-body injury. ... The Penguins scratched D Ian Cole and F Carter Rowney. Boston sat F Frank Vatrano and D Paul Postma. ... Pittsburgh reassigned D Frank Corrado to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the American Hockey League.

### UP NEXT

Bruins: Will take a mandatory five-day bye week before visiting Montreal on Saturday  
Penguins: Will also take a mandatory five-day bye week before hosting Detroit on Saturday

## NBA CAPSULES

# Curry has season-high 45 points, Warriors beat Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steph Curry scored a season-high 45 points without playing the fourth quarter and the Golden State Warriors ran away from the Los Angeles Clippers 121-105 on Saturday for their fourth straight victory.

Curry took advantage of the guard-depleted Clippers, making 11 of 21 shots, including 8 of 16 3-pointers, going against rookie Juwan Evans and G-League call-up Tyrone Wallace.

The Clippers' Blake Griffin suffered a concussion late in the first quarter when he stumbled driving into the lane from the right wing and hit his head on JaVale McGee's right elbow. Griffin fell to the floor immediately, and remained down for several minutes as team physicians tended to him. He walked off under his own power and went to the locker room.

Nick Young and JaVale McGee each scored 11 points, and Klay Thompson and David West added 10 apiece for Golden State, playing with Kevin Durant sidelined by a right calf strain. The Warriors improved to 17-2 since Nov. 27. They lost won 12th straight against the Clippers.

CAVALIERS 131, MAGIC 127  
ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — LeBron James had 33 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists to just miss a triple-double in Cleveland's victory over Orlando.

Kevin Love added 27 points, and Isaiah Thomas had 19 points and four assists in his first start since returning from a hip injury that delayed his Cavaliers debut. Dwayne Wade added 16 points.

Aaron Gordon led Orlando with 30 points, and Elfrid Payton had 20 points and five assists.

CELTICS 87, NETS 85  
NEW YORK (AP) — Jayson Tatum had a driving dunk and a 3-pointer on consecutive late possessions, pulling Boston out of a late hole against Brooklyn.

Playing without Al Horford because of a sore left knee, Boston won its sixth straight heading into its trip to London to face Philadelphia on Thursday.

The Celtics were trailing by one when Tatum got the ball and drove for a powerful slam that gave them an 84-83 lead. Kyrie Irving missed on Boston's next possession but wrestled the ball away from DeMarre Carroll and got it to Tatum in the corner and his 3 made it 87-83 with 45 seconds to play.

The Nets cut it two on Joe Harris' tip and chances to tie in the final seconds, but missed a series of shots near the basket, with DeMarre Carroll appearing to be injured during the

sequence. Irving finished with 21 points, and Tatum added 14.

Spencer Dinwiddie had 20 points for the Nets.

PISTONS 108, ROCKETS 101  
DETROIT (AP) — Tobias Harris scored 27 points and Detroit held off Houston.

Detroit is only four games over .500, but the Pistons have beaten Golden State, Boston, San Antonio, Minnesota and now Houston. The Rockets are without injured star James Harden, but the Pistons were missing their own standout, with Andre Drummond sidelined because of a right rib contusion.

BUCKS 110, WIZARDS 103  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 34 points and 12 rebounds, Eric Bledsoe added 21 points and Milwaukee pulled away late to beat Washington.

Antetokounmpo also had seven assists to help Milwaukee win for the fourth time in six games and snap Washington's four-game winning streak. Milwaukee guard Matthew Dellavedova was ejected for a flagrant 2 foul on Washington's Bradley Beal midway through the fourth quarter.

John Wall had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Wizards, but shot 0 for 5 from the floor in the fourth. Bradley Beal led Washington with 20 points.

TIMBERWOLVES 116, PELICANS 98  
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Karl-Anthony Towns and Jimmy Butler each scored 21 points, Andrew Wiggins added 20 and Minnesota cruised past New Orleans.

Towns went 7 for 11 from the field and had 16 rebounds for another strong effort after Friday's 25-point, 23-rebound career performance in Boston.

PACERS 125, BULLS 86  
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Victor Oladipo had 23 points and nine assists in three quarters in his return from a right knee injury in Indiana's victory over Chicago.

Oladipo also had six rebounds and five steals to help the Pacers end a five-game losing streak. He missed the previous four games. Domantas Sabonis added 22 points.

KINGS 106, NUGGETS 98  
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Forty-year-old Vince Carter scored 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter and Sacramento held off Denver Nuggets.

De'Aaron Fox had 18 points and seven assists, and Willie Cauley-Stein added 17 points.

Trey Lyles led Denver with 19 points.

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