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Volunteers needed to help with tax returns in hilltowns

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent

HILLTOWNS – Volunteers are needed to help prepare tax returns for low-to-moderate income individuals in the hilltowns. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be offering tax preparation assistance beginning in February through mid-April to qualified households earning $54,000 or less.

"By volunteering for just a few hours a week from early February through mid-April, you could help to provide thousands of dollars in benefits for working, income-eligible individuals and families in the hilltowns," said VITA Program Coordinator Michele Kenney.

Kenney said no experience is necessary, as volunteers will receive training and materials appropriate for their position. Training will be held at the end of January at a time and location to be announced. There is no risk to volunteers, as they are covered under the Volunteer Protection Act and are not accountable for tax returns filed to the IRS. Three volunteer positions are available: Greeters, tax preparers, and checkers.

Greeters help create a welcoming atmosphere at VITA sites while also helping to check in families and individuals accessing VITA services. While tax training is not required for greeters, a positive attitude is critical to being effective in this important role. Tax preparers work with filers to prepare their federal and state income tax returns. Volunteers receive free, in-depth training and must pass an IRS certification test. Checkers scan each return for accuracy and completeness. Volunteers with tax preparing experience are more suited for this position.

The two locations being offered to families for tax preparation in the southern hilltowns include the Huntington Food Pantry on 63 Old Chester Road on Thursdays, and the Village Enterprise Center, 26 Main Street Chester on Friday mornings, so volunteers must have time available during the day. Kenney said college students and seniors are encouraged to participate as volunteers.

Volunteers as well as families who are interested in information about getting their taxes done may call and leave a message for Program Coordinator Michele Kenney at the Hilltown CDC, at 413-296-4536 x 100, or by email at MicheleK@hilltownCDC.org.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is made possible through a partnership of the HIltown Community Development Corporation and the Berkshire County United Way.

The Village Enterprise Center at 25 Main Street in Chester, one of the locations for VITA tax preparation.

Trash Pickup Update: January 5, 2018

WESTFIELD — The Department of Public Works would like to notify residents on the Wednesday/Thursday trash pick-up schedule that they will b**e working through Saturday to catch up on trash pick-up.** The weather has caused some delay, and they are working on it as best they can. Please leave your barrels out and they will get to them. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

An image of Park Square in Westfield taken mid-day on Thursday Jan. 4, 2018 shows very few cars and plenty of snow. **(Photo submitted)**

Local communities tackle Winter Storm Grayson

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – With some parts of Western Massachusetts getting nearly a foot of snow from Winter Storm Grayson, local public works departments were out in full force.

According to the city of Westfield's Assistant Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Francis Cain, crew members started pre-treating the roads around 4 a.m. on Thursday. Westfield DPW had contractors arrive around 11 a.m. and all of the workers were out in the city, plowing and treating roads until 9 p.m.

While Cain pointed out that the storm included a lighter snow with not as much as ice, DPW workers still had to overcome the powerful winds.

"You had to deal with the drift," said Cain.

Westfield schools cancelled classes Thursday and initially issued a two-hour delay on Friday before the school day was ultimately cancelled. City operations were also shut down by Westfield Mayor Brian Sullivan on Thursday, with City Hall closing at 12:30 p.m. and the scheduled City Council meeting that night being moved to Monday, Jan. 8.

Also, the Westfield DPW reported through the city's website that they will be continuing to collect trash from the Wednesday-Thursday pick-up schedule through Saturday.

Doug Roberts, the DPW Director in Granville, echoed Cain's description of the storm. While Roberts mentioned that every storm has its own unique obstacles, he felt that his crew had a successful experience on Thursday.

"Our operations went pretty smooth," said Roberts. "Roads were kept passable and made safe soon after the storm ended."

Being a small community of around 1,500 people, Roberts doesn't contract out, instead he uses five or six full-time and part-time employees in the DPW to assist him in the storms.

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Third arrest made in Dec. 16 assault case

By DAN DESROCHERS
Correspondent

WESTFIELD–According to Westfield Police, they have made a third arrest in connection to a Dec. 16 assault that sent one person to the hospital.

According to Westfield Police Capt. Michael McCabe, Westfield Police arrested Andrew R. McGuire, 22, of Springfield, in connection with the alleged assault that took place Dec. 16. McGuire was charged with assault and battery with serious bodily injury, while also being arrested on three additional arrest warrants.

According to McCabe, police were reportedly informed of McGuire's location at an address in Westfield, which prompted police to locate and arrest him.

Previously, police arrested Carlos Noel, 18, and John A. Sein, III, 21, both of Westfield, in relation to the Dec. 16 assault, with Noel also facing additional charges related to an alleged Dec. 21 assault, as well.

Noel and Sein, III, were both arraigned on Dec. 26 at Westfield District Court on charges of unarmed robbery, assault and battery serious bodily injury and assault and battery with dangerous weapon in relation to the Dec. 16 incident. In addition, Noel was also arraigned on a charge of assault and battery serious bodily injury for the Dec. 21 incident.

Regarding the Dec. 16 incident, police previously reported that the alleged victim of the assault reported the incident to police at their Washington Street station around 7:30 p.m., Dec. 16. According to police, the victim was reportedly assaulted at East Bartlett Street and

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City Council preview, Jan. 8

By DAN DESROCHERS
Correspondent

WESTFIELD—The first full City Council meeting of the new year, which includes a new president and committee assignments, is now scheduled for Monday evening.

The City Council will meet Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., with communications from Mayor Brian Sullivan beginning at 6:30 p.m. in City Council chambers at City Hall. The meeting was rescheduled to Monday after Winter Storm Grayson froze much of the Northeast on Thursday forcing City Hall to close and subsequently a rescheduling of the City Council.

Among the items on the agenda are several from At-Large Councilor Dave Flaherty, as well as several appointments from Sullivan.

First, in "Communications from the Mayor," Sullivan is expected to request the appointment or reappointment of several individuals in various capacities in the city.

Among those are the reappointment of Historical Commission Chairperson Cindy Gaylord and Ward Five member of the Parks and Recreation Commission Michael Tirell. Also to the Parks and Recreation Commission in Ward Two, Meagan Laramee is expected to be submitted for appointment.

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Newly elected City Council President John J. Beltrandi, III. **(Photo by Amy Porter)**

Granville offering warming shelter to the community

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent

GRANVILLE – The National Weather Service is predicting very cold temperatures along with high winds until late Saturday night. This forecast has prompted Granville Emergency Services to open a warming shelter at the Granville Town Hall.

According to the Granville Fire Department, the shelter opened on Friday at 9 a.m. and will run as long as necessary. The shelter will run 24 hours a day with Granville EMS members on hand.

Directly from the Granville Fire social media page, it states, "If you are in need of the shelter but are unable to get there, please contact our dispatch center (413-586-1508) and ask them to have someone assist."

Westfield Police seek applicants for Citizen Police Academy

By DAN DESROCHERS
Correspondent

WESTFIELD—Police are looking for residents to join them for their Citizen Police Academy starting on Jan. 30.

The Westfield Police Department is accepting applications from those interested for the next Citizen Police Academy, which begins on Jan. 30

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Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce – January After 5 Connection

WESTFIELD — **January 10, 2018 (5 – 7 pm)** Join us for our January After 5 Connection hosted by Armbrook Village, 551 North Road, Westfield, MA. Free for Chamber members, $10 Potential Members (cash/credit paid at the door). Refreshments will be served. 50/50 Raffle to benefit our Chamber Scholarship fund! Bring your business cards and make connections! On-line registration will be made available @ www.westfieldbiz.org. For more information, please call Pam at the Chamber at 413.568.1618.

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.

Allen Bird Club day trips

LUDLOW — The Allen Bird Club is planning several day trips to seek out winter birds this January. On Saturday, January 6, there will be a full day trip to Plymouth, Sandwich, and Falmouth, Massachusetts to look for seabirds, ducks and wintering songbirds. All are invited to come including beginners. Meet in the commuter lot behind McDonald's near the Mass Turnpike entrance in Ludlow at 6:30 a.m.

On Sunday, January 14, there will be a half-day trip to check out local "hotline" birds.

For both these trips, go to the club website at www.allenbirdclub.org for more details and the trip leader's contact information. Dress warmly, bring a snack and drinks, and binoculars, if you have them, and always check the website before you leave to make sure there have not been changes or a cancellation.

You will also find a list of birding activities and programs through August, 2018 on the website and more information about the club.

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. 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.

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

Today, sunny with gusty winds. High 4F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph. Tonight, A mostly clear sky. Low of -11F. Winds NW at 10 to 20 mph. Sunday, mainly sunny. High 14F. Sunday Night, considerable cloudiness. Low 7F. Monday, cloudy. Areas of freezing rain possible. High 32F. Monday Night, cloudy with snow. Low 27F.

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Man alleges bobcat attack; condo owner says it was housecat

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Florida contractor says he was attacked by a bobcat inside a woman's condo, but the animal's owner says her feline is no predator, just a 10-pound domestic longhair kitty named Calli.

The contractor, Marcos Hernandez, filed a lawsuit in Tampa on Dec. 19, alleging condo owner Christine Lee illegally kept a bobcat inside her unit. He said a bobcat scratched him on May 16, causing serious injuries after he entered the condo

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Christine Lee holds her long-haired house cat, Calli, in her condominium in downtown Tampa, Fla., on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2017. In a lawsuit, a contractor alleges that he was attacked by a bobcat while working in the condo. **(Dan Sullivan/The Tampa Bay Times via AP)**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2018. There are 359 days left in the year.

On Jan. 6, 1968, a surgical team at Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, California, led by Dr. Norman Shumway performed the first U.S. adult heart transplant, placing the heart of a 43-year-old man in a 54-year-old patient (the recipient died 15 days later).

ON THIS DATE:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce at the First Presbyterian Church in Rye, New York.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate voted 88-4 to establish an 11-member panel to hold public hearings on the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1993, authorities rescued Jennifer Stolpa and her infant son, Clayton, after Jennifer's husband, James, succeeded in reaching help, ending the family's eight-day ordeal after becoming lost in the snow-covered Nevada desert. Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, 75, died in Englewood, New Jersey; ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev died in suburban Paris at age 54.

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, but denied any advance knowledge about the assault.)

In 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

TEN YEARS AGO:

In a video posted on the Internet, al-Qaida's American-born spokesman, Adam Gadahn, urged fighters to meet President George W. Bush with bombs during his upcoming Mideast visit. Mikhail Saakashvili was declared winner of a second term as Georgia's president.

FIVE YEARS AGO:

President Barack Obama returned to Washington after a winter vacation in Hawaii that was interrupted by the "fiscal cliff" crisis. In his first public speech in six months, a defiant Syrian President Bashar Assad rallied a cheering crowd to fight the uprising against his authoritarian rule, dismissing any chance of dialogue with what he called "murderous criminals." The NHL and the players' association agreed on a tentative pact to end a 113-day lockout.

ONE YEAR AGO:

Congress certified Donald Trump's presidential victory over the objections of a handful of House Democrats, with Vice President Joe Biden pronouncing, "It is over." An arriving airline passenger pulled a gun from his luggage and opened fire in the baggage claim area at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida, killing five people and wounding eight. (A suspect is in custody.) Actresses Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher were laid to rest together at Forest Lawn Memorial Park - Hollywood Hills. Tilikum the orca died after more than two decades at SeaWorld Orlando, where he gained notoriety for killing a trainer.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Country musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky) is 69. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 68. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 67. Singer Jett Williams is 65. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 63. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 61. Actor Scott Bryce is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kathy Sledge is 59. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet) is 58. Movie director John Singleton is 50. Actor Aron Eisenberg is 49. Actor Norman Reedus is 49. TV personality Julie Chen is 48. Actor Danny Pintauro (TV: "Who's the Boss?") is 42. Actress Cristela Alonzo is 39. Actress Rinko Kikuchi (RINK'-oh kih-KOO'chee) is 37. Actor Eddie Redmayne is 36. Retired NBA All-Star Gilbert Arenas is 36. Actress-comedian Kate McKinnon is 34. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 32.

Rep. Velis' weekly update

REP. JOHN VELIS

Hello Westfield and Happy New Year! Hope you all got through this week's "bomb cyclone" okay. The weather has been pretty nasty, but that hasn't stopped my busy schedule this week.

I started the week on Tuesday with the inauguration of the Westfield City Government. It was a wonderful ceremony and a great reminder of how important our local government truly is. I consider it one of my core duties to stay updated on city matters and the work that goes on in our City Hall. Cooperation between all levels of government is essential to running an efficient operation, and I make sure that I am always available to all our City officials for any issue that may require state involvement. Our community is best served when state, local, and federal officials are working in tandem, and I'm happy to have such a great working relationship with those in City Hall. Again, congratulations to all who were sworn in, and I look forward to continuing to work with each and every one of you in the coming years.

On Wednesday, the House officially reconvened for the 2018 session. It's exciting to be back to work after the holidays and I am looking forward to a very busy session. Thankfully, Massachusetts is one of the few states that has a 2-year long session, so all of the progress made by bills last year will continue until January 2019. There are lots of issues on our agenda, many of which I have talked about before, including criminal justice reform and the 2019 State budget. In addition, I'm hoping that we will be able to pass some key legislation regarding wiretap reform and online retaliation by ex-partners after a break-up. I will also continue to push for several of my own bills, and would love to hear from you if there are any priorities that you have regarding state legislation, as well. I always love to hear what my constituents are thinking and feeling, so please don't hesitate to reach out!

Finally, I ended my week on Friday with a very important meeting between legislators and administration at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. I know people often hear reports about the operations at the Soldiers' Home, so it was nice to be able to have a constructive dialogue about the goings on at the Home. The meeting was extremely productive, and I was impressed with many of the things that the staff had to say about the direction of the institution. Although the Soliders' Home isn't in my district, all my Western Mass colleagues and myself take great interest in making sure that the Home is well represented. Many of our constituents are housed there, and as Veterans, it is our duty to make sure that they are receiving the best care possible. I am looking forward to working with them as the year goes on to make sure they have all the resources necessary to continue caring for some of our most important citizens.

That's it for this week. I will be at Army Drill this weekend, but will be back in action on Monday. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or issues. We can be reached at john.velis@mahouse.gov or (413) 572-3920. Have a great weekend!

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School bus driver pleads guilty in 3rd-grader's death

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — A former school bus driver has pleaded guilty in the death of a Massachusetts third-grader who became trapped in his bus door.

Prosecutors say 71-year-old Tendzin Parsons, of Hawley, was sentenced to a year in jail Friday after pleading guilty to negligent motor vehicle homicide in the death of 9-year-old Summer Steele in October 2016.

Authorities say Summer was getting off the bus near her Plainfield home when the doors closed and Parsons started driving away. She became stuck and was dragged a short distance before the bus ran over her. Her father witnessed it.

Parsons told police he thought all children were clear and was focused on his next stop.

Parsons had rejected the same plea deal in September because he did not want to serve jail time.

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 or contact: Cindy Agan, Health & Wellness Director, at the YMCA of Greater Westfield 1.413.568.8631 or cagan@westfieldymca.org

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Holly, DSH, is a big girl with a lots of love to give. She is a gentle lady and would love a lap to curl up on. Come in to Westfield Animal Shelter to meet Holly!
~ WANDA ~
Wanda, a 3 year old pitbull mix, loves to lounge on her dog bed. She enjoys snuggling and going on leisurely walks. Wanda can be nervous with new people so a quieter home would be best. Wanda would prefer to have all the attention focused on her so no kids please. Come to Westfield Animal Shelter to meet Wanda!

For more information please call (413) 564-3129 or stop by the
Westfield Regional Animal Shelter 178 Apremont Way, Westfield, MA

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
Men's Coffee at PSC Building at 7:45 am
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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I'd like to take a moment to thank all of those who plowed our streets over the past couple days. That truly is a thankless job. As we are all dealing with our own properties these men and women are doing the best they can under terrible conditions to maintain our roadways then they have to go home and tackle their own personal properties.

Here we go Westfield residents, the city's budget process will be starting soon. Pay attention to the big cuts you were promised during the campaign. Did you get your tax bill? How was that increase you got?

COMMENT

AP Interview: Tillerson eyes fix to keep US in Iran deal

By MATTHEW LEE and JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is working with key lawmakers on a legislative fix that could enable the United States to remain in the Iran nuclear deal, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday.

The changes to the U.S. law codifying America's participation the 2015 agreement could come as early as next week or shortly thereafter, Tillerson said. President Donald Trump faces a series of deadlines in the coming days about how to proceed with an accord he describes as terrible and too soft on Iran. While the talks involving administration officials and members of Congress wouldn't strengthen any restrictions on Iran's nuclear activity, as Trump also wants, they could result in face-saving measures that would persuade him to stay in the deal.

"The president said he is either going to fix it or cancel it," Tillerson told the AP as he sat in front of a fireplace in his State Department office suite. "We are in the process of trying to deliver on the promise he made to fix it."

In a wide-ranging interview, Tillerson also chastised the European Union for failing to voice support for protesters in Iran. On North Korea, the former Exxon Mobil CEO said rare talks next week between South Korea and the North about the Olympics could offer clues about Pyongyang's willingness to discuss broader issues, including its nuclear weapons.

Trump hasn't made a decision about what he'll do on Iran next week, when he must decide yet again whether to certify Tehran's compliance with the nuclear pact and continue granting its economy relief from years-old U.S. sanctions. In October, Trump declined to certify Iran's compliance, saying the sanctions relief was disproportionate to Iran's concessions and that the agreement wasn't in America's national interests.

Nonetheless, Trump waived the sanctions for another three months. And he left the ultimate decision on staying in or quitting the deal for later while urging Congress to change the U.S. law concerning the certification. Trump's aides have said the president loathes having to give a thumbs-up to Iran every three months.

Tillerson said the administration was speaking with congressional leaders "on a very active basis" about a fix. He suggested Trump might be inclined to preserve the deal by waiving sanctions again on Jan. 12 if there were signs Congress would act in short order.

"I don't want to suggest we're across the finish line on anything yet," Tillerson said.

Getting agreement in Congress on such a short timeline would be extremely challenging. A congressional aide confirmed there has been significant progress in discussions between key lawmakers and the administration, but the aide said negotiations haven't started on a specific text.

Republican Sen. Bob Corker and Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin, the top lawmakers on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, visited the White House on Thursday to discuss the matter with national security adviser H.R. McMaster, an aide familiar with the meeting said. The aide wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the possible legislation and demanded anonymity.

One option lawmakers are discussing with the White House is removing the requirement that Trump certify Iranian compliance. Another possibility is changing the law so certification occurs far less often, officials said. Any changes would have to get significant support among Republicans, including many die-hard opponents of the nuclear deal, and some Democrats who largely support it.

It's unclear if changing the so-called Iran Nuclear Review Act will be enough to prevent Trump from tearing up the "worst deal ever," as he has time and again threatened. Tillerson said the administration's approach has been to first fix the U.S. law that governs how the U.S. adheres to the deal, and then work with European allies that helped broker the accord to address its shortcomings. Those flaws, Trump says, include the fact that key nuclear restrictions on Iran expire after several years, and the lack of restrictions on Iran's ballistic missile testing.

Trump's next Iran deadlines come as his administration is showing support for protesters in Iran demonstrating against government mismanagement, economic problems and corruption. Some individual European countries have joined the U.S. in backing the protesters, but Tillerson lamented a lack of similar support from the 28-nation EU.

"We're a bit disappointed that the European Union has not taken a more definitive stance in supporting those voices in the country that are calling for reform," he said.

Tillerson also was cautious about next week's inter-Korean talks, the first such meeting in two years. He said the meeting could be a platform for the North to indicate interest in talks with the U.S.

Your paycheck may be going up soon because of tax cuts

By MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of working Americans should start seeing fatter paychecks as early as next month, Republican leaders say, as a result of the recently passed tax law.

But the precise timing hasn't been fixed yet. And some employees should be aware that less money withheld doesn't necessarily mean that their tax burden will shrink next year.

The massive Republican tax legislation, signed into law last month by President Donald Trump, kicked in Jan. 1. Billed as a huge benefit for the stressed middle class, it brings the biggest overhaul of the U.S. tax code in three decades, reaching into every corner of American society and the economy. The $1.5 trillion package provides generous tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest Americans, and more modest reductions for middle- and low-income individuals and families.

A look at how working taxpayers could be affected:

WHAT ABOUT THOSE FATTER PAYCHECKS?

That was the promise from the Republican architects of the tax plan. Deflecting criticism of the deeply unpopular legislation, they insisted Americans will come to love the new tax law when they see their heftier paychecks this year — with less money withheld in anticipation of lower income taxes.

"In February, look at your paychecks, because you'll see the tax relief we delivered," said Rep. Kevin Brady, head of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The Internal Revenue Service says employees could see "changes" in their paychecks as early as February. The agency first has to issue the new withholding tables for employers, reflecting the changes in tax rates for different income levels under the new law. That's expected to happen sometime this month to give companies and payroll service providers — and their computer systems — time to adjust. Such a massive, universal change feels something like turning around an aircraft carrier.

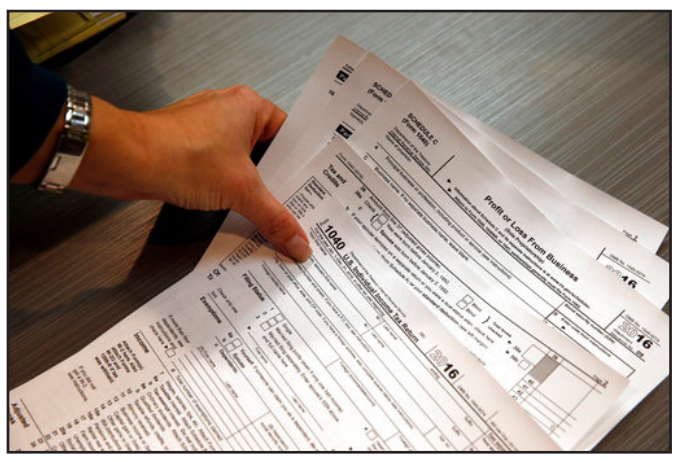
In the meantime, the pre-Jan. 1 tax rates and withholding amounts will continue to apply.

OF COURSE IT'S COMPLICATED

The IRS is "overwhelmed" by the changes in the complex new law and now is trying to get out the most important information first, said Melissa Labant, director of tax policy and advocacy at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"The withholding tables are at the top or near the top of the list of priorities," she said.

She asks employees to be patient. One thing they can do: Consider updating their Form W-4 "employee's withholding allowing certificate," filed with their company, to make sure their information is up to date. Labant advises that should only be done, though, after the IRS updates the Form W-4 — also timing unknown.



In this Jan. 14, 2017 file photo, tax professional and tax preparation firm owner Alicia Utley reaches for hard copies of tax forms while working to stay caught up at the start of the tax season rush in her offices at Infinite Tax Solutions, in Boulder, Colo. Millions of working Americans should start seeing fatter paychecks as early as next month, the IRS says, as a result of the recently passed tax law. **(AP Photo/ Brennan Linsley)**

Taxpayers can also use the form to request that their employer withhold additional taxes. That may make sense if, for example, they have substantial outside income such as interest, dividends or capital gains on the sale of assets or investments.

DON'T ASSUME

The tax cuts for corporations under the new law are permanent, while those for individuals and families expire in 2026.

Nonpartisan tax experts project that the law will bring lower taxes for the great majority of Americans, though not all.

But reduced tax rates don't necessarily mean a lower tax bill for 2018. The new law is complicated. There are significant limitations on long-cherished deductions, such as the federal deduction for state income, property and sales taxes. There are new tax credits but other mainstays — like the $4,050 personal exemption — are gone. The standard deduction is doubled, to $24,000 for couples, but that means it no longer makes sense for many people to itemize and claim other deductions.

That also means employees can't assume that the new, lower withholding rates will cover everything they owe Uncle Sam for this year.

NEXT YEAR'S RECKONING

Taxpayers won't file their 2018 returns until next year, in accordance with normal procedure. That's too late for taxpayers to have refunds in hand, or checks paid to the IRS, under the new law before they vote in the midterm elections this November. Trump and the Republicans are counting on the tax law to give them a boost in the elections.

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Eugene C. Libardi

BRADENTON, FL – Eugene C. Libardi age 78, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Dec. 28, 2017 in Bradenton, Florida. He was born in Westfield, Massachusetts to Carl Libardi and Margaret Libardi-Gagnon. He was a CPA for Chapin, Libardi and Huckowitz. Gene loved fishing, hunting, boating and bowling.

Gene is survived by his wife of 37 years, Marlene Pease Libardi, his children; Eugene C. Libardi Jr (Tina), Julie Osowski (Walter), Christine Libardi (Jeff), Kendra Rybacki (John), Wilford Morton, Craig Morton (Cheryl), Dana Morton (Kristi) and Carl Fairweather (Melanie). He also leaves his sister, Terri Gorman (Mike) and 18 grandchildren, Alex, Ashlee, Tyler, Taylor, Austin, Delanie, Anthony, Serena, Amanda, Logan, Brianna, Nicholas, Kayla, Zackery, Kaycee, Tyler, Madison and Brendan.

Services will be private and will be held in Massachusetts at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Gene's name to the Alzheimer's Association or Holy Family Parrish in Russell, MA

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court

Dec. 28, 2017

Rigoberto B. Castillo, 43, of 47 Broad St., Apt. A1, Westfield, was released on his personal recognizance pending a Feb. 14, 2018 hearing after being arraigned on charges of identity fraud and larceny under $250 by false pretense, brought by Westfield Police.

Todd C. Moton, 42, of 193 East St., Dalton, had charges of unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and Mass Pike speeding dismissed nolle prosequi, brought by State Police Westfield.

Lauren A. Ryan, 35, of 10 Sterling St., Westfield, was released on her personal recognizance pending a Feb. 14 hearing after being arraigned on charges of operating under influence of liquor or .08 percent and Mass Pike—marked lanes violation, brought by State Police Westfield.

Dec. 29, 2017

Davian J. Brown, 25, of 72 Meadow St., Apt. 2R, Westfield, had a charge of operating under influence of liquor or .08 percent admission to sufficient facts found but continued without a finding with probation until Dec. 28, 2018, with fees assessed, while a charge of leave scene of property damage had admission to sufficient facts found but continued without a finding until Dec. 28, 2018 and a charge of marked lanes violation found not responsible brought by Russell State Police.

Kayla A. Fuller, 23, of 30a Lois St., Lee, had a charge of wanton destruction of property admission to sufficient facts found but continued without a finding until June 29, 2018, fees assessed, brought by Westfield State University Police.

Housecat

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to conduct a fire safety inspection.

Hernandez was in the condo alone, Lee said, something that shouldn't have happened. She said an employee from the building was supposed to accompany him inside.

"This has gotten so blown out of proportion, it's ridiculous," Lee said.

According to the lawsuit, Hernandez said he was attacked by an unleashed bobcat and suffered permanent injuries. He's seeking a jury trial and unspecified damages. Hernandez said Lee had a duty to provide a safe environment and failed to warn him about the bobcat.

Lee said that's nonsense. She only has a fluffy, tortoiseshell-colored housecat and a sleeker black cat named Max. She doesn't know which cat may have scratched Hernandez, but Max's color would likely rule him out.

She has not yet retained an attorney.

"I'm not denying he got scratched, what he was doing to get scratched, I don't know," she said, adding that when she arrived home that day, Calli was "cowering and scared." Max was underneath her bed.

Calli, who is 3 1/2, is friendly, Lee said. But "just like any animal, she is guarded. If they feel threatened, they may attack, scratch or bite."

Soon after the incident, she was informed by building management that Hernandez had been scratched, but she hadn't heard of the lawsuit until this week, when the Tampa Bay Times first wrote about the case and took a photo of Calli. Hernandez is also suing the condo building's owner.

Lee said she has never owned a bobcat.

"A bobcat does look much different than this. They're much bigger than this 10-pound little thing," she said. "It's a litigious society and here we are."

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, wild bobcats in the state are about twice the size of a domestic cat, up to about 35 pounds. They are tan to yellowish brown, with dark spots. A wildlife official visited Lee's apartment on Thursday, the newspaper report.

Hernandez' attorney's office said they were not going to comment at this time.

A woman pauses carrying a shovel filled with snow to a pile at the end of her block in the South Boston neighborhood of Boston, Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. Frigid temperatures, some that could feel as cold as minus 30 degrees, moved across the East Coast on Friday as the region attempted to clean up from a massive winter storm. **(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)**

Storm gone, but cold will stick around through weekend

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Frigid temperatures, some that felt as cold as minus 30 degrees, moved across the East Coast on Friday as the region dug out from a massive winter storm that brought more than a foot of snow, hurricane-force winds and coastal flooding a day earlier.

Forecasters predicted strong winds and record-breaking cold air to hang around through the weekend.

Jess Flarity, a 32-year-old visiting a friend in Concord, New Hampshire, said the deep chill reminded him of his time in Alaska.

"I've been in minus 60 before so minus 20 doesn't frighten me," he said as he waited for a bus back to Boston Friday. "But I did have to prepare, bring some extra cold weather gear — gloves, boots and those kinds of things."

In Portland, Maine, Jeanne Paterak said the cold snap revived her worries about the impact of climate change. "We are seeing some historic temperatures and everyone will be vulnerable," she said as she stocked up on milk, vegetables and juice at a supermarket Friday morning.

The arctic blast could make temperatures feel as low as minus 15 degrees to minus 25 from Philadelphia to Boston and make residents of states like Maryland and Virginia shiver from temperatures ranging from 10 degrees to 15 degrees. The wind chill could make it feel like minus 35 degrees in the Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts, the National Weather Service said.

Thursday's storm packed wind gusts of more than 70 mph (113 kph) and dumped as much as 18 inches (46 centimeters) of snow in some places.

It caused school and business closings, airline and rail service cancellations or reductions and thousands of utilities outages, many of them restored quickly. Some ferry services also had to be shut down.

Flights resumed at airports along the East Coast after hundreds were canceled Thursday.

Massachusetts officials said the storm caused more than 1 million gallons of untreated sewage to spill into Nantucket Harbor after a huge sewer main break. In Gloucester, north of Boston, an estimated 50 cars were destroyed in a school parking lot after a storm surge submerged the lot under a few feet of salt water.

In New Jersey, gusty winds carried flames from a vacant building across the street to two other buildings Friday morning. The flames also spread to two structures adjacent to the vacant building, damaging a total of five in Newark. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries.

In the South, the winter weather forced portable toilets to be put in place outside Mississippi's Capitol after pipes burst and it caused iguanas to become sluggish and topple from trees in South Florida. Residents of southeast Georgia were treated to a rare half foot of snow (15 centimeters).

In New England, powerful winds brought coastal flooding that reached historic levels in some communities.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration confirmed Friday that water levels in Boston broke the record set during a massive blizzard in 1978.

The flooding sent large trash containers floating down Boston streets, forced the shutdown of a subway station as water cascaded down the steps and prompted rescues of people trapped in cars and homes by rapidly rising waters in several Massachusetts communities.

In Scituate, south of Boston, residents were spending Friday trying to dry out their basements before more frigid temperatures arrived.

Longtime resident Dianne Davis said her home was completely surrounded by ocean water that eventually filled her basement.

"I've never been afraid, but when the water was coming up over my front steps, that's when I said ... 'OK this is getting serious.'" said Davis.

At least 10 people died in weather-related accidents, including a 13-year-old girl who was sickened by carbon monoxide in an apartment building in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

In Massachusetts, a worker suffered cardiac arrest and died Friday while clearing snow at a Massachusetts Water Resources Authority facility. Two people died of cardiac arrest during the storm Thursday on New York's Long Island, officials said. And in Maine, authorities on Friday said they're still searching for a clammer who disappeared during the blizzard.

Sunday morning was expected to bring the coldest temperatures from Portland, Maine, to Washington, D.C. More seasonable weather is expected to return early next week with temperatures in the high 30s and near 40s.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report

Friday, Dec. 29, 2017

12:38 p.m.: Accident, North Elm Street. Police received a report of a two-vehicle accident with airbag deployment, and an off-duty officer there also reported injuries. A 2004 GMC Envoy and a 2012 Nissan Rogue were involved. Police reported two people were transported via Westfield Fire ambulance and personnel to Baystate Noble Hospital for injuries.

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017

11:27 a.m.: Accident, Woodland Avenue. Police received a report of a person who struck their neighbor's fence with a vehicle. According to police, the accelerator pedal had been mistaken for the brake pedal.

3:31 p.m.: Shoplifting, Meadow's Market Meadow Street. Police received a report of a person who had allegedly shoplifted an item from the store. Police report the incident is under investigation.

5:30 p.m.: Larceny, Union Street. Police received a report that a flatscreen TV that was stored under a bed allegedly missing, as well as other items. Police reported no forced entry. The incident is under investigation.

6:26 p.m.: Shoplifting and arrest, Walmart Springfield Road. Police received a report from the loss prevention at Walmart of a male party with them who allegedly attempted to walk out of the store with about $35 worth of merchandise. Police also reported the suspect allegedly had "tools to enhance shoplifting," including a knife and magnets. Police arrested **Gary J. Harnden**, 29, of Westfield, and charged him with shoplifting using a shielding device.

RELIGIOUS DIRECTORY

Email your notices of religious events and listings to pressreleases@thewestfieldnews.com

Advent Christian Church
11 Washington Street
Westfield, MA 01085
Phone: (413) 568-1020
Email: info@westfieldadventchristian.com
www.westfieldadventchristian.com
Pastor Merle Beal
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Praise and Worship Service
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Friday: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group for grades 5-8

Baha'i Community of Westfield
Sundays - 10 a.m. to 12 noon worship and study classes for children and adults at Daniel Jordan Baha'i School in March Memorial Chapel, Springfield College. Open to the public.
The second and fourth
Fridays of every month at 7 p.m.
Westfield study and discussion meetings
Call 568-3403.

Central Baptist Church
115 Elm St., Westfield, MA 01085
Phone - (413) 568-0429
Email:cbcabc@comcast.net
website: http://www.centralbaptist churchwestfield.com

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sunday - Worship Hour - 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Christ Church United Methodist
222 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077
Pastor Rev. Ken Blanchard
Phone - (413) 569-5206
Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.
Handicapped accessible.
Air conditioned. Nursery available.

Christ Lutheran Church
568 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077
Rev. Jeff King, Pastor
Phone - (413) 569-5151
Sunday - 8:15, 9:15, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.
11 a.m. - Contemporary Worship with Children's Hour and CLC Live with Children's Hour. Childcare available.
Thursday evenings - Weekender's Worship - 7 p.m.

Christ The King
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
297 Russell Road, Westfield, MA 01085
Rev. Jason S. Steele, Pastor
Office Phone - (413) 572-0676
ctkwestfield.org
Weekly Calendar of Events:
Sunday - Worship Service - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages - 11 a.m.
Monday - Men's Group - Sons of Thunder - 7 p.m.
Tuesday - Women's Bible Study
Wednesday - Beginners Bible Study
- 7 p.m.
Childcare is available.

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement
36 Court St., Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-5461
www.atonementwestfield.net
Parking off Pleasant Street
The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud, Rector
Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 8 am and 10 am
First Tuesdays of the month:
6:00 pm Healing and Holy Eucharist
6:45 pm Tavern Theology
Wednesdays:
Holy Eucharist and Healing at 12:15 pm

Congregation Ahavas Achim
Interfaith Center at Westfield
State University
577 Western Avenue, P.O. Box 334,
Westfield, MA 01086
Rabbi Efraim Eisen.
Phone - (413) 572-8570
www.congregationahavasachim.org/
email: ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com
Friday or Saturday Sabbath Services 10 a.m.or 7:15 p.m. - 2 times/month and Holiday Services.
Call for dates. An Oneg Shabbat follows the service and new members are always welcome.
Monday Hebrew School - 5 to 7 p.m.
Sunday School
Adult Study Group.

Faith Bible Church
370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA 01001
Phone - 413-786-1681
Pastor: Rick Donofrio
Sunday School for all ages 9:30am
Worship Services 10:30am
Children's Service 10:30am
Fellowship/Refreshments-12:30am
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6:30 pm

First Congregational Church of Westfield
18 Broad Street, Westfield, MA 01085
Phone - (413) 568-2833
Fax - (413) 568-2835
Website: churchonthegreen.org
Email :office@churchonthegreen.org
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9a.m.-1p.m.
Rev. Elva Merry Pawle, Pastor
Tracy Gervais , Church School Coordinator
Allan Taylor, Minister of Music
Worship Service : Sunday's 10 AM
Church School Sunday 10 AM
Childcare Available - Handicap Accessible
Fellowship Hour 11 AM

First Spiritual Church
33-37 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105
Rev. John Sullivan, Pastor
Phone - (413) 238-4495
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m., Sermon, Healing Service, Spirit Communication.

First United Methodist Church
(A Stephen's Ministry Church)
16 Court Street
Westfield MA 01085
413-568-5818
Rev. Bruce T. Arbour
Email:FUMC01085@JUNO.COM
Worship Service : Sunday's 10 a.m.
Sunday School: Sunday 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour: every Sunday 11 a.m.
Childcare Available-Handicap Accessible

Grace Lutheran Church
1552 Westfield Street,
West Springfield,
MA 01089
Phone - 413-734-9268
Website -
http://www.gracelutheranonline.com
The Rev. John Marquis, Pastor
E-Mail -pastorwhite@ gracelutheranonline.com
Margit Mikuski, Administrative Assistant
mmikuski@gracelutheranonline.com
Sunday service - 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday – 9 a.m. - Bible Study
Wednesday service - 6 p.m.

Granville Federated Church
American Baptist
& United Church of Christ
16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034
Phone - (413) 357-8583
10 a.m. - Worship Service, Sunday School to run concurrently with Worship Service. Childcare available
11 a.m. - Coffee Hour
Monday - 8 p.m. - AA Meeting
Thursday - 7 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice
First Saturday - 6 p.m. - Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall
Third Sunday - 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Breakfast Served in Fellowship Hall
Third Wednesday - 12 noon - Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
Fourth Sunday - 11:15 a.m. - Adult Study Program led by Rev. Patrick McMahon.

Holy Family Parish
5 Main Street -
PO Box 405
Russell, MA 01071-0405
Phone/FAX 413-862-4418
Saturday Vigil at 5 p.m. -
Sunday Mass at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
335 Elm St., Westfield MA 01085
Rev. René L. Parent, M.S., Pastor
Deacon Charles Wainwright
Phone: (413) 568-1506 Fax: (413) 572-2533
Website: www.holytrinitywestfield.com
Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil - 4 p.m.
Sunday - 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Polish) and 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Monday - Thursday - 12:10 p.m.
Communion Service: Friday - 12:10 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday -
3 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment
Handicapped accessible

Hope Community Church
152 South Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA. 01030
413.786.2445
Pastor Brad Peterson
Sunday morning worship begins at 10 a.m.
Contemporary worship, life oriented messages, from the Bible, nursery and children's church available, classes for all ages. Weekly home groups and Bible studies, active youth group, special activities for families, men, women, and children.
For more information, call the church office 413-786-2445, weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon. Please leave a message any other time.
Valley Community Church and Agawam Church of The Bible merged May 2010 to become Hope Community Church

Huntington Evangelical Church
17 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050
Rev. L. Charles Cinelli, Pastor
Phone - (413) 667-5774
Sunday Worship - 9:00 am during the summer months & 10:00 am following Labor Day
Children's Church downstairs during the service except during the summer months.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
117 Southwick Road, Westfield, MA 01085
Phone (413) 568-1780
English: Wednesday & Thursday - 7-8:45 p.m.; Sunday 10-11:46 a.m. & 1-2:45 p.m.
Russian: Tuesday - 7-8:45 p.m.;
Saturday 4-5:45 p.m.

Montgomery Community Church
Main Road-Montgomery, MA
Pastor Howard R. Noe
Phone - (413) 862-3284 Office
Nondenominational Services every Sunday 9-10 a.m., with Coffee Fellowship following all services.
Weekly Men and Women's Bible Studies available.

Mountain View Baptist Church
310 Apremont Way
Holyoke, MA 01040
Pastor Chad E. Correia
413-532-0381
Email: http://www.mvbaptist.com
Sunday Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Study - 10 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 7 p.m.
Thursday - Visitation & Soul Winning - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday - Buss Calling & Soul Winning - 10 a.m.

New Life Christian Center
157 Dartmouth Street
Westfield, MA 01085
Senior Pastor. Rev. Wayne D. Hartsgrove
Phone (413) 568-1588
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Family Night on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Youth Night is Fridays at 6:30 pm
Life Groups every other Thursday at 6:30 pm and every other Sunday at 6:00 pm

New Life Worship Center
118 Meadow Street
Westfield, MA 01085
413-562-0344
http://www.nlwcofwestfield.org
Pastor Gene C. Pelkey
Sundays - 10 a.m. - Worship and Sunday School.
Wednesdays - 7 p.m. - Bible Study.
Men's and Ladies prayer groups (call for schedules)
Changed Into His Image Class (call for schedules)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish
127 Holyoke Road
Westfield, MA 01085
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 489
Westfield, MA 01086-0489
Pastor: Rev. Daniel S. Pacholec
Deacon Paul Federici
Deacon Paul Briere
Pastoral Minister: Mary Federici
Parish/Religious Education Office: (413) 562-3450
Parish Fax: (413) 562-9875
www.diospringfield.org/olbs
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 4 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 7, 8:30, 11 a.m.
Monday-Wednesday: 7 a.m. Communion Service Thursday & Friday: 7 a.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
Confession: Saturday 3:15- 3:45 p.m.
Handicapped accessible.

Our Lady of the Lake Church
Sheep Pasture Road
Southwick, MA 01077
Parish Pastoral/Administrative Staff
Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Dorsch 569-0161
Deacon: Rev. Mr. David Przybylowski
Religious Education: Lynda Daniele 569-0162
Administrative secretary:
Joanne Campagnari - 569-0161
Office Hours: Mon.-Wed.: 8:30 - 3:30;
Thurs. 8:30-noon
Office, household assistant and
Sacristan: Stella Onyski
MASS SCHEDULE
Sat. 5 p.m. (vigil), Sun., 8, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Penance/confession: Saturdays 4:15-4:45; Wed. before 7 p.m. Mass and by appointment.
Baptisms: Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Arrange with Pastor and a pre- Baptism meeting is scheduled.
Marriage: Arrangements should be made with pastor prior to any reception arrangements as early as one year in advance
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:
1st Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Marian Cenacle of Prayer:
Saturdays 7:30-8:30
Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Thursdays 7 p.m.
St. Jude Novena after
Wednesday 7 p.m. Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena after
Tuesday morning Mass
Chapel of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary,
Friday 3-3:34
Home and hospital visits. Please call rectory
Anointing of the Sick. Please call the pastor
Prayer Line: for special intentions.
Call Marian at 569-6244
Bible Study: Tuesdays 9:15 a.m.
at rectory meeting room

Pilgrim Evangelical Covenant Church
605 Salmon Brook Street,
Route 10 and 202, Granby, CT 06035
Rev. Dennis Anderson, Pastor
Phone: (860) 653-3800
Fax: (860) 653-9984
Handicap Accessible.
Schedule: Sunday School - 9 am, Adult - Youth - Children.
Sunday Praise and Worship - 10:30 a.m., Infant and toddler care available.
Men's Group Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., the 2nd Saturday of each month.
Call for a Youth Group schedule of events.
You can visit us on the web at:
http://www.pilgrimcovenantchurch.org.

Pioneer Valley Assembly of God
Huntington, MA 01050
Rev. Chuck Vanasse
Phone - (413) 667-3196
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Service of Worship
Weekly Bible Study. Call for information.

Pioneer Valley Baptist Church
265 Ponders Hollow Road, Westfield, MA 01085
(corner of Tannery and Shaker Road)
Phone - (413) 562-3376
Pastor James Montoro
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service – 7 p.m. We provide bus transportation for those in need of transportation.
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Tuesday
6:30 PM Scouts Meeting
6:30 PM Bell Choir
Wednesday

7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday
6:30 PM Mid-Week Service
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Father Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Pastor
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Rev. Daniel Brunton, in Residence
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Confessions - Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. (lower church)
Saturday Mass - 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
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Saturday Mass - 4 p.m.
Saturday Confessions - 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass- 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Friday evening, 6 p.m.
Saturday evening, 5 p.m.
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Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday - 10 a.m., Worship Service and Sunday School for preschool through high school.
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Westfield, MA 01085
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http://www.wordgrace.us
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Wednesday evening, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday - 7 p.m., Bible Study.

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An Interdenominational Church
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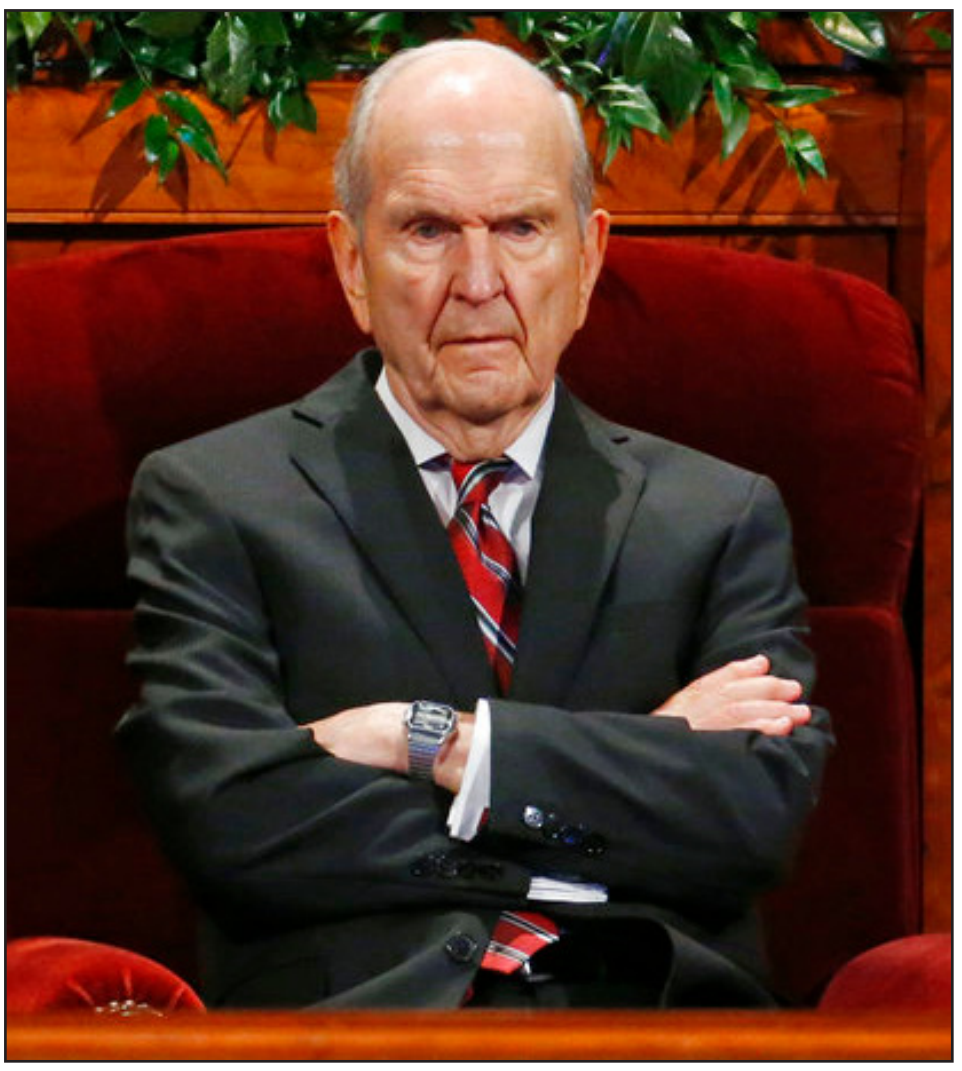
Church president was familiar face to generations of Mormons

The Mormon church president started as the youngest church apostle ever in 1963 at the age of 36, making him a face of the faith for decades



In this Sept. 30, 2017, file photo, Russell M. Nelson, president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints looks on before the start of the two-day Mormon church conference, in Salt Lake City. President Thomas S. Monson, of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the 16th president of the Mormon church, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, after nine years in office. He was 90. The next president was not immediately named, but the job is expected to go to next longest-tenured member of the church's governing Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Nelson, per church protocol. **(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer, File)**

By BRADY MCCOMBS
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For more than 50 years, Thomas S. Monson served in top leadership councils for the Mormon church — making him a well-known face and personality to multiple generations of Mormons.

A church bishop at the age of 22, the Salt Lake City native became the youngest church apostle in a half century when he was named to the post in 1963 at the age of 36. He served as a counselor for three church presidents before assuming the role of the top leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February 2008.

Tuesday night, 90-year-old Monson died at his home in Salt Lake City, according to church spokesman Eric Hawkins.

As president of the nearly 16-million member faith, Monson was considered a prophet who led the church through revelation from God in collaboration with two top counselors and members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

The next president was not immediately named, but the job is expected to go to the next longest-tenured member of the church's governing Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Russell M. Nelson, per church protocol.

Monson's presidency was marked by his noticeably low profile during a time of intense publicity for the church, including the 2008 and 2012 campaigns of Mormon Mitt Romney for President. Monson's most public acts were appearances at church conferences and devotionals as well as dedications of church temples.

Monson will also be remembered for his emphasis on humanitarian work; leading the faith's involvement in the passage of gay marriage ban in California in 2008; continuing the church's push to be more transparent about its past; and lowering the minimum age for missionaries.

Mormons considered Monson a warm, caring, endearing and approachable leader, said Patrick Mason, associate professor of religion at Claremont Graduate University in California. He was known for dropping everything to make hospital visits to people in need. His speeches at the faith's twice-yearly conferences often focused on parables of human struggles resolved through faith.

He put an emphasis on the humanitarian ethic of Mormons, evidenced by his expansion of the church's disaster relief programs around the world, said Armand Mauss, a retired professor of sociology and religious studies at Washington State University.

Monson often credited his mother, Gladys Condie Monson, for fostering his compassion. He said that during his childhood in the Depression of the 1930s their house in Salt Lake City was known to hobos riding the railroads as a place to get a meal and a kind word.

"President Monson always seemed more interested in what we do with our religion rather than in what we believe," Mauss said.

A World War II veteran, Monson served in the Navy and spent a year overseas before returning to get a business degree at the University of Utah and a master's degree in business administration from the church-owned Brigham Young University.

Before being tabbed to join the faith's church's governing Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Monson worked for the church's secular businesses, primarily in advertising, printing and publishing including the Deseret Morning News.

Monson married Frances Beverly Johnson in 1948. The couple had three children, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Frances died in 2013 at the age of 85.

Throughout his life, Monson was an avid fisherman who also raised homing pigeons, specifically, roller pigeons who twirled as they flew. He was known for his love of show tunes, Boy Scouts and the Utah Jazz.

Monson's legacy will be tied to the church's efforts to hold tight to its opposition of same-sex marriage while encouraging members to be more open and compassionate toward gays and lesbians as acceptance for LGBT people increased across the county.

At Monson's urging, Mormons were vigorous campaign donors and volunteers in support of a measure to ban gay marriage in California in 2008. That prompted a backlash against the church that included vandalism of church buildings, protest marches and demonstrations outside church temples nationwide.

In subsequent years, the church began utilizing a softer tone on the issue. In 2015, the church backed an anti-discrimination law in Utah that gave unprecedented protections for gay and transgender people while also protecting religious freedoms.

But the faith came under fire again in the fall of 2015 when it banned baptisms for children living with gay parents, and instituted a requirement that those children disavow homosexual relationships before being allowed to serve a mission. The changes were designed to avoid putting children in a tug-of-war between their parents and church teachings, leaders said.

The revisions triggered anger, confusion and sadness for a growing faction of LGBT-supportive Mormons who were buoyed in recent years by church leaders' calls for more love and understanding for LGBT members.

One of the most memorable moments of Monson's tenure came in October 2012, when he announced at church conference that the minimum age to depart on missions was being lowered to 19 from 21 for women; and to 18 from 19 for men. The change triggered a historic influx of missionaries, and proved a milestone change for women by allowing many more to serve.

Taking the lead from the previous president, Gordon B. Hinckley, Monson also continued the church's push toward being more open about some of the most sensitive aspect of the faith's history and doctrine. A renovated church history museum reopened in 2015 with an exhibit acknowledging the faith's early polygamous practices, a year after the church published an essay that for the first time chronicled founder Joseph Smith's plural wives.

Other church essays issued during Monson's tenure addressed other sensitive topics: sacred undergarments worn by devout members; a past ban on black men in the lay clergy; and the misconception that Mormons are taught they will get their own planet in the afterlife.

The growth and globalization of the church continued under Monson, with membership swelling to nearly 15.9 million, with more than half outside the United States.

The Mormon church was founded in 1830 in upstate New York by Joseph Smith, who claimed he was visited by God and Jesus while praying in a grove of trees and was called to found the church. Members are known as Mormons because of the keystone scripture, the Book of Mormon.

Mormons believe they are called to share the word of God, specifically their own message of the restored Gospel, through their missionaries. There were 71,000 church missionaries serving around the world at the end of 2016.

Like his predecessors, Monson traveled the world, visiting countless countries to give speeches, dedicate temples and preach to Latter-day Saints. Under his watch, 27 new temples were planned or built.

Monson chose five new members to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, a top-governing body that sets policy and runs the worldwide faith's business operations. All five were white and from Utah — a fact that disappointed some Mormons who wanted to see a minority or person from outside the U.S. selected to acknowledge the globalization of the church.

The man expected to take Monson's seat, the 93-year-old Nelson, has been a church apostle since April 1984. Out of respect for Monson, his appointment will not be officially named until after his funeral services.

In keeping with tradition, Nelson will choose two new counselors from the Quorum of the Twelve who will join him to form a three-person "presidency" that is the top of the church's governing hierarchy. Monson's two counselors were Henry Eyring and Dieter Uchtdorf. They will go back to being regular members of the Quorum unless they are chosen again.

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Tuesday, January 9
10 am Music Together
Wednesday, Jan. 10
12:15 pm Healing & Holy Eucharist
7:00 pm OA Meeting
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6:30 pm Evensong
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Also, John Bowen is expected to have an appointment submitted to become a full-time Planning Board member. He currently serves as an alternate and would take the place of Carl Vincent, who previously resigned.

Then, there is a submission expected to appoint Peter Cowles, Jr., to the position of Media Systems Specialist, which is a new position within the city.

Sullivan is also expected to request an immediate consideration and acceptance for a little over $19,000 from Westfield Gas and Electric as an incentive payment. The money, according to Sullivan, is related to green initiatives being done at Westfield High School, North Middle School and the Twiss Street repair garage, to replace lighting.

Sullivan is also expected to submit a resolution related to a development agreement for the traffic light installation project on Springfield Road in front of the Shortstop Bar and Grill. This will "allow us to move forward with the Route 20 project," he said.

Then, in "Unfinished Business," the City Council is expected to perform its second reading and final passage related to an ordinance correcting their salaries, according to At-Large Councilor and new City Council President John J. Beltrandi, III.

Finally, in "Motions, Orders or Resolutions," several motions are expected to come forward from city councilors.

First, from Flaherty and Ward Five Councilor Andrew K. Surprise, a motion is expected to "establish a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund" that would utilize revenues collected from the city's Local Option Meals Tax and Room Occupancy Tax and dedicate them to road and sidewalk maintenance and repair.

Then, another motion from Flaherty is expected that would request internet browsing access be enabled on the computers city councilors use during meetings.

"The computers that we have sitting in front of us don't allow us to do that," Beltrandi said.

"It's just something that was never included in the system, really no reason why. Now it just needs to get to that next level," Beltrandi said.

Another motion expected from Flaherty is for a request of an updated Excel spreadsheet of the city's Capital Plan. The motion has a target date of the first City Council meeting in March.

Also, Flaherty is expected to request an edit to the rules of the City Council to regularly schedule the meetings of Legislative and Ordinance, Finance and Personnel Action Committees, as to reduce potential scheduling conflicts.

Beltrandi said that those three committees are among the most active, and "if those meetings are overlapping it doesn't give councilors a chance" to give input at those meetings.

"I want to see these committees do a lot more work than they have in the past, resolve issues before they get to the floor," Beltrandi said.

Also from Flaherty, another motion is expected that would ask the Charter and Rules Committee of the City Council to review the current city council rules, as well as collect edits and suggestions.

Finally, new At-Large Councilor Matt Emmershy is expected to propose a motion related to recording and broadcasting council's committee meetings.

"I think one of the things we struggle with is the ability to do it financially. Get it to a point where we can do it and it makes sense," Beltrandi said. "I think it needs to be done."

Storm Grayson

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Despite the fact that work crews in Westfield, Granville, and Southwick stopped their plowing efforts late Thursday night to rest, each town's employees and contractors were back at it before 4 a.m. on Friday to treat the roads again and clear off any more snow.

Randy Brown, the DPW Director for Southwick, noted that he had his entire crew out, along with 15 private contractors, to tackle Southwick's roads and he was pleased with how the workers fared with the storm.

"I think it went pretty well," said Brown. "The storm was a little difficult in terms of the wind but the guys are doing a pretty good job keeping snow off the roads the best they can."

In Westfield, the public works department will typically have to haul snow to a designated area in town. This prevents too much snow overcrowding sidewalks and streets. Cain said that workers are beginning to haul snow in the downtown section of Westfield and will bring it to a city-owned property on Cabot Road.

Dan Desrochers also contributed to this story.

In this May 3, 2017, file photo, former President Barack Obama speaks at a community event on the Presidential Center at the South Shore Cultural Center in Chicago. Construction is expected to start in 2018 on Barack Obama's presidential center in Chicago. The former president used his first public appearances since leaving the White House to visit his hometown several times in 2017 and reveal post-presidency plans to work with young people and details about the center. **(AP Photo/ Nam Y. Huh, File)**

Obama to speak at MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference

BOSTON (AP) — Former President Barack Obama will speak at the MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference on Feb. 23, though it's unclear what he plans to discuss.

The conference announced Friday night on Twitter that Obama, an avid sports fan, will make an appearance.

MIT has held the conference annually since 2007, hosting industry professionals to discuss the role of analytics in sports. This year, Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman are scheduled to speak, as are retired baseball star Alex Rodriguez, FiveThirtyEight founder Nate Silver and Los Angeles Clippers owner and former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

Obama routinely filled out NCAA Tournament brackets on ESPN during his presidency, and his White House press secretary, Josh Earnest, once said Obama would consider being part of the ownership group for an NBA franchise.

'Wonder Woman' director Patty Jenkins leads AFI Awards toast

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With the American Film Institute's annual luncheon Friday recognizing the best in film and television, Hollywood's awards season is officially underway.

The schmooze-y celebration at the Four Seasons Hotel brought together the casts and creators of 2017's most celebrated movies and TV shows, many of which are also in contention for the Golden Globe Awards on Sunday.

"Wonder Woman" director Patty Jenkins led the honorees in a toast, during which she quoted former Washington Post publisher Katharine Graham (who is played by Meryl Streep in Steven Spielberg's "The Post," an AFI honoree and best picture nominee at the Globes).

"To love what you do and feel that it matters, how could anything be more fun?" Jenkins said. "We love what we do. It doesn't always matter — and often it doesn't — but sometimes it does, so it's always worth it to try."

With winners announced in advance and no trophies to accept onstage, the AFI Awards are an opportunity for collegial confabulation.

"This is a place to be together as a community," said AFI president Bob Gazzale, "to consider the compendium and feel proud."

Actors, writers, directors and executives embraced the chance to chat, with superstar mashups spontaneously erupting throughout the room.

"Insecure" creator and star Issa Rae greeted Universal Pictures chief Donna Langley. Jenkins was part of a woman-power trio, chatting with Reese Witherspoon and "Lady Bird" writer-director Greta Gerwig. Witherspoon and "Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot shared a mutual admiration moment, with Gadot telling Witherspoon, "I'm such a big fan."

Guillermo del Toro made Spielberg laugh. Actress Saoirse Ronan met "Master of None" writer and actress Lena Waithe. Tom Hanks posed for a photo with "The Big Sick" screenwriters Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon, who playfully gave him posing tips.

Sterling K. Brown rearranged place cards at the "This Is Us" table so he could sit next to costar Chrissy Metz. Sam Rockwell did the same thing at the table for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," moving himself closer to actress Sandy Martin, who plays his mother in the film.

"Call Me By Your Name" stars Armie Hammer and Timothee Chalamet, both awards-season newcomers, stood together as they took in the celebrity-filled room.

Besides "Wonder Woman," ''The Post," ''Lady Bird," ''Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," ''The Big Sick" and "Call Me By Your Name," AFI named "The Florida Project," ''Get Out," ''Dunkirk" and "The Shape of Water" as its top films of 2017. Most are also up for best picture at the Globes.

AFI's TV picks also overlap with Globes nominees. Besides "Insecure," "'This Is Us" and "Master of None," AFI chose "Big Little Lies," ''The Crown," ''Feud: Bette and Joan," ''Game of Thrones," ''The Handmaid's Tale," ''The Good Place," and "Stranger Things 2." A special award was given to "The Vietnam War" TV documentary series.

Transgender inmate seeks rare transfer to female prison

By MICHAEL TARM
AP Legal Affairs Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A 26-year-old transgender woman serving a 10-year sentence in Illinois for burglary is seeking a rarely granted transfer to a female prison where she says she'll be less vulnerable to the kinds of sexual assault, taunting and beatings she's been subjected to in male prisons.

Deon "Strawberry" Hampton describes in a lawsuit filed last year asking for the transfer how guards and fellow inmates would regularly single her out for brutal treatment at the high-security prison in southern Illinois, Menard Correctional Center, and earlier at Pinckneyville Correctional Center.

A U.S. magistrate judge began a first-of-its-kind evidentiary hearing in Hampton's case Friday in Benton, southeast of St. Louis, to help the court decide whether to order the transfer. The hearing, which will last several days, is focused on Hampton's gender identity and on whether she could pose a risk to female inmates if moved.

While at the Pinckneyville prison, she alleges that guards made her and another transgender inmate perform sex acts on each other as the guards hurled slurs and laughed. When she was transferred to the higher security Menard, she says guards there warned they would retaliate for complaints she made about Pinckneyville guards.

Unable to comfortably represent herself as female in the male prison — where she can't wear her hair or nails long — has also been devastating psychologically, said one filing from her lawyers at the Chicago-based MacArthur Justice Center and the Uptown People's Law Center. "I feel inhuman," Hampton was quoted as saying.

While prison officials do have the option of assigning such male-to-female transgender inmates to women's prisons — it happens infrequently. Federal data from 2016 indicates there were no transgender prisoners in Illinois' two female prisons; there were 28 in the state's 24 male prisons.

Surveys support claims that transgender inmates are at greater risk of abuse.

The latest available Justice Department data estimates there were over 3,200 transgender inmates in state and federal prisons as of 2012. And nearly 40 percent reported being victims of sexual misconduct by other inmates and guards — compared to around 4 percent of the general prison reporting such abuse.

Some prisons and jails nationwide have faced similar legal challenges. Jennifer Picknelly, a transgender woman who in Massachusetts, sued a sheriff alleging she was mocked with anti-transgender slurs, extorted and raped while an inmate at a Hampden County jail for men in 2016. She recently agreed to drop the suit in exchange for a slightly earlier release.

Having a court decide where to send Hampton and other transgender inmates "would directly interfere with the operations of the (department) in a situation where Plaintiff is merely attempting to manipulate the system," Illinois Department of Corrections lawyers argued in a filing.

The same state filing casts doubt, not only on Hampton's accounts of abuse by guards, but on her gender identity — alleging that Hampton in initial sessions with prison health workers never claimed to be transgender and, in the words of the filing, "was ok with being male."

But a key witness for Hampton, clinical psychiatrist George Brown, said in a declaration to the court before Friday's hearing that Hampton shows all the features of someone convinced of their identity as a female, saying Hampton has identified as female since the age of 5.

He also challenged the department's contention that Hampton is a greater risk to women because she hasn't had sex reassignment surgery, saying such a view "conflicts with all reliable medical literature." He added Hampton's low testosterone levels due to previous hormone treatments meant she was "functionally chemically castrated."

A decision on the transfer request isn't expected for several weeks.

Applicants

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and will run until April 17, with space limited to 16 participants and applications due Jan. 26, at 4 p.m. Those who join gain an exclusive look at what Westfield police do on a day-to-day basis, from law enforcement procedures to investigation to gun handling.

"It gives you a lot more insight into law enforcement and the Westfield Police Department and what we do on a day-to-day basis; decision making process we go through, laws that have to be applied," Westfield Police Lt. Eric Hall said.

"It's an education, it lets us educate the public and allows those people to turn around and be ambassadors for us," Hall added.

The upcoming class will be the 17th such academy held by the department over a roughly 25-year period, Hall said.

The program runs for a total of 12 weeks, starting on Jan. 30, with all but one class occurring on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The one class not held on Tuesday will occur on a Saturday. It is free for those who sign up, with the only costs incurred would be for items or events for celebrating the experience, such as t-shirts or a banquet.

Classes included in the academy cover topics such as criminal law, financial crimes, drug identification, crime scene investigation, defensive tactics and firearm safety. A course also takes place on a firing range.

"Each week a different topic is taught by a different member of the police department," Hall said.

According to Hall, the academy fills quickly, so those interested are encouraged to sign up. Hall will also be creating a waiting list for the program from those who are not able to sign up in time, in case someone has to drop out of the course.

In order to be eligible to sign up, applicants must be 21 years of age or older, either live or work in Westfield, have no prior felony arrests and no misdemeanor arrests within the last two years. In addition, the police department's website notes that any other previous civil or criminal involvement will be evaluated case-by-case.

For the application, click here or visit the Westfield Police website under the "Departments" tab at the City of Westfield website. There, you can find a downloadable version of the application. Otherwise, applications can be picked up in person by stopping by the Westfield Police Department on Washington Street or the Community Police Resource Center on Elm Street, or you can contact Hall for more information by calling (413)642-9383, or by email at e.hall@cityofwestfield.org.

Third Arrest

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Phelps Avenue by three males.

According to an article in The Westfield News on Dec. 19, "Police reported that the victim claimed that one male party had approached him and initially threw him to the ground, then allegedly began punching him."

Then, police reported that two other males had allegedly begun to punch and kick the victim. In addition, $29 was reported as stolen from the victim.

The victim was transported to Baystate Medical Center for treatment of their injuries.

SPORTS

Giants interview Patriots coordinators Patricia, McDaniels

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

The New York Giants had the busiest day in their search for a new coach, interviewing New England Patriots coordinators Josh McDaniels and Matt Patricia.

McDaniels, the Patriots' offensive coordinator, met with new general manager Dave Gettleman, Giants co-owner John Mara and assistant general manager Kevin Abrams on Friday afternoon in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Patricia, the defensive coordinator, talked with the trio in the morning.

The Patriots have a first-round bye, allowing their coaching staff to be interviewed this week.

McDaniels has been a member of New England's coaching staff for all five of the Patriots' Super Bowl championships, including two as offensive coordinator. He has coached under Bill Belichick for 14 of the last 17 seasons.

This past season was his sixth in his second stint as New England's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. The Patriots led the NFL in total yards (394.2 per game) and were second in passing yards (276.1) and scoring (28.6 points).

McDaniels first served as an assistant with the Patriots from 2001-08, and played a key role on a staff that won three Super Bowl titles and four AFC championships.

McDaniels spent the 2009-10 seasons as coach of the Denver Broncos. He had an 8-8 record in his first season and was fired late in his second with a 3-9 record, finishing 11-17 overall.

In this Dec. 31, 2017, file photo, New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels watches from the sideline during the first half of the team's NFL football game against the New York Jets in Foxborough, Mass. The New York Giants had the busiest day in their search for a new head coach, interviewing Patriots coordinators McDaniels and Matt Patricia. McDaniels met with new general manager Dave Gettleman, Giants co-owner John Mara and assistant general manager Kevin Abrams on Friday afternoon, Jan. 5, in Foxborough. Patricia, the defensive coordinator, talked with the trio in the morning. **(AP Photo/Charles Krupa, File)**

He rejoined the Patriots in 2012 after spending a year as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach of the St. Louis Rams, who coincidentally were then coached by Steve Spagnuolo, who finished this season as the Giants interim coach after Ben McAdoo was fired on Dec. 4.

Spagnuolo interviewed for the Giants job on Wednesday.

A snowstorm forced the Giants to postpone a planned interview with recently fired Denver Broncos running backs coach Eric Studesville on Thursday. He will meet with the team next week. Coincidentally, he finished the 2010 season as the Broncos' interim coach after McDaniels was fired.

New York also plans to talk to Vikings offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur on Saturday. There were reports that Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz would meet with the team on Sunday, but that no longer is certain.

Patricia has been a member of the Patriots' coaching staff since 2004 and the defensive coordinator for the last six seasons. The 43-year-old has been a part of three of their five Super Bowl victories, as well as their losses to the Giants after the 2007 and '11 seasons.

The Patriots ranked 29th in yards allowed (366.0), but held opponents to an average of 18.5 points. Only one of the Patriots' final 12 opponents scored more than 24 points.

Patricia's 2016 defense finished No. 1 in the NFL by allowing 15.6 points per game.

Prior to joining the Patriots, Patricia spent six seasons coaching in college. He worked as an aeronautical engineer for two years before returning to coaching at Amherst in 1999. Patricia's first coaching experience came in 1996, when he served as a graduate assistant at RPI, where he was a center and guard.

On football: Terrell Owens belongs in Canton

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

When Pro Football Hall of Fame voters meet the day before the Super Bowl to choose the Class of 2018, the decision to select Terrell Owens should take less time than it does to microwave a bag of popcorn.

T.O. belongs in Canton. It's a no-brainer.

Owens is second to Jerry Rice in all-time receiving yards and third in touchdown catches behind Rice and Randy Moss, a finalist in his first year of eligibility.

No. 81 was a five-time All-Pro, a six-time Pro Bowl pick and one of the most entertaining players of his generation.

Owens deserved first-ballot induction. Case closed. Yet, he's been snubbed twice because voters are punishing him for his off-field and locker room "antics" during a sensational 15-year career.

But there is no "character clause" for the Pro Football Hall of Fame — and that's not saying Owens should fail it.

Owens was never arrested nor suspended by the NFL. He didn't have legal issues or drug problems.

Still, he's been kept out because of questionable behavior and the perception he was a malcontent.

Sure, Owens often spoke his mind and sometimes got under the skin of teammates and coaches. He threw some of his quarterbacks — Jeff Garcia, Donovan McNabb and Tony Romo — under a rapidly moving bus. He also defended Romo from criticism and famously cried once while doing it.

Owens should be judged for his value on the field. He made every one of the five teams he played for better. He wasn't the perfect teammate and he was disruptive at times, but when he stepped on the field, he was exceptional and durable.

Owens only missed 12 games in his long career, plus the nine he didn't play in 2005 after Andy Reid kicked him off the Philadelphia Eagles following a nasty feud with McNabb and a dispute with management over a new contract.

That came only several months after Owens helped McNabb have his best season, and then heroically returned from ankle surgery — against doctor's orders — to play in the Super Bowl. Owens would've been MVP of that game against the New England Patriots if McNabb didn't throw three interceptions in the 24-21 loss.

Anyone who covered the T.O. circus in Philadelphia and the aftermath knows Owens wasn't solely to blame for the way things went down. McNabb was overly sensitive and didn't like all the attention Owens received. McNabb was booed by Eagles fans at the 1999 draft and he never forgot it. The same fans embraced Owens from the second he arrived in Philadelphia after eight seasons in San Francisco. More than 20,000 people went to see his first practice of 2004 training camp at Lehigh University. That led to jealousy issues with McNabb that finally escalated a year later.

After things got ugly in Philly, the locker room was divided between McNabb supporters and Owens supporters. If the mess was entirely Owens' fault, some of the well-respected veterans who sided with him wouldn't have done so.

But it was easier for Reid to dismiss a 32-year-old receiver who wanted more money than a 28-year-old franchise quarterback who never ruffled any feathers.

Owens ended up in Dallas and had three excellent seasons with the Cowboys before he wore out his welcome. He played one year in Buffalo and one more in Cincinnati.

Those who argue that Owens bounced around the league because teams couldn't wait to get rid of him should consider that Rice played for three clubs, and Hall of Fame receiver James Lofton also played for five. Lofton is on the 48-member selection committee and voted for Owens last year.

This really shouldn't be a difficult decision. It certainly doesn't compare to the steroid dilemma Major League Baseball Hall of Fame voters face each year.

Terrell Owens is one of the greatest players in the history of the sport and earned the right to receive a gold jacket.

When he finally puts one on, getcha popcorn ready because it'll be the most must-see induction speech ever.

TERRELL OWENS

In this Dec. 11, 2017, file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown (84) celebrates a 39-38 win over the Baltimore Ravens in an NFL football game in Pittsburgh. In voting announced Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, Antonio Brown is one of four repeaters from last season on The Associated Press 2017 NFL All-Pro Team, and the only unanimous choice. **(AP Photo/Don Wright)**

McCoy, Brown big questions heading into postseason

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

Much of the NFL season seemed like a Hollywood sequel without the leading actors from the original as injuries claimed so many superstars, leaving the playoff field awash in postseason party crashers

Among them are the Buffalo Bills, who just might have to go into their first playoff game in 17 seasons with a running back who had never gained a single yard before last week.

The Pittsburgh Steelers are thankful they don't have a game this weekend, giving receiver Antonio Brown another week to heal from his torn left calf that has sidelined him for three weeks.

Brown is the only consensus All-Pro in the season of the injured superstar, a year that had such a devastating effect on many of the usual championship contenders such as Green Bay and Seattle and helped usher eight new teams into this year's playoff field.

The Packers' playoff hopes were crushed when Minnesota's Anthony Barr squashed Aaron Rodgers, breaking the quarterback's collarbone. The Seahawks turned into the "Legion of Whom? " with season-ending injuries to Richard Sherman and Kam Chancellor.

The Texans missed the playoffs after injuries to defenders J.J. Watt and Whitney Mercilus and sensational rookie Deshaun Watson, who was leading the league with 19 touchdown throws before he tore his right ACL in practice two days after Halloween.

Bills running back LeSean McCoy is hopeful he can play on a sprained ankle in Sunday's AFC wild-card game at Jacksonville, the franchise's first postseason kickoff since the "Music City Miracle" in 2000.

"I don't want to make any promises," said McCoy.

Nobody can this year, it seems.

Brown was a leading MVP candidate when he collided with Patriots DB Eric Rowe on Dec. 17 and hobbled off with a torn calf, then watched Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski rally in the fourth quarter for a crucial 24-21 win that gave New England the top seed in the AFC again despite losing Julian Edelman in the preseason.

The NFC's top seed is also missing a big name: second-year QB Carson Wentz, whose knee injury thrust backup Nick Foles into the starting job for the playoffs.

The Bills have no established running back behind McCoy on the depth chart. Marcus Murphy was promoted from the practice squad ahead of the Week 17 win over the Dolphins, rushing for 41 yards on seven carries. Buffalo also has veteran fullback/running back Mike Tolbert.

"I think we're moving in the right direction," Bills coach Sean McDermott said of McCoy. "Will we be able to get there in time? We'll see."

If not, they'll be without their most explosive and most consistent playmaker, one who finished the year with 1,138 rushing yards and six touchdowns. His absence would leave a hole in Buffalo's offensive attack; the Bills finished the regular season with the 31st-ranked passing attack in the league.

Other teams overcame big injuries to reach the playoffs, including the Vikings after rookie running back Dalvin Cook tore an ACL on Oct. 1 against the Lions, and the Panthers, who overcame the loss of longtime tight end Greg Olsen, who broke a foot against the Bills in September.

In addition to Edelman, the Patriots lost linebacker Dont'a Hightower to a torn chest muscle and the Chiefs lost Eric Berry to a ruptured left Achilles tendon.

The Rams lost All-Pro kicker Greg Zuerlein last month to a back injury and the Steelers lost linebacker Ryan Shazier to a spine injury last month that could end his career.

The Eagles were all the rage in the topsy-turvy NFL this season until Wentz tore his left ACL against the Rams on Dec. 10.

Wentz was a leading MVP candidate when he got hurt. The Eagles' passing game has struggled since Nick Foles took over. He's spending Philadelphia's bye week trying to develop more chemistry and consistency with his receivers.

"We've got some good work the last couple of weeks with Nick," coach Doug Pederson said. "We have to get better in the run game. That helps any quarterback obviously."

Wentz's injury continued a trend in which it seemed like a superstar would suffer a season-ending injury just about every weekend.

Even Joe Thomas, the Cleveland Browns' iron-man left tackle, got hurt in 2017.

Thomas suffered a torn triceps on Oct. 22 against Tennessee and underwent season-ending surgery.

Before he got hurt, the 10-time Pro Bowler had played every snap of his career, reaching 10,363 consecutive plays, believed to be a record.

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

Sat	Jan. 6	at Salem State	2:00
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

Sat., Jan. 6, 2018
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (Longmeadow Co-Op) at Austin Preparatory School, Essex Sport Center, 3:30 p.m.
BOYS ICE HOCKEY at Wachusett, Northstar Youth Forum, 6 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 7, 2018
JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY at Chicopee Comp, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 4:10 p.m.

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.

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sat., Jan. 6, 2018
WRESTLING @ Mt. Anthony Tournament, Mt. Anthony Union Hihg School, 10 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 7, 2018
JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Easthampton, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.

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.

GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sat., Jan. 6, 2018
WRESTLING @ Jamie Mormiel Invitational, RCS High School, 10 a.m.

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

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

Sat., Jan. 6, 2018
BOYS JV ICE HOCKEY vs. Greenfield, Amelia Park, 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8, 2018
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Smith Voke, Westfield Middle School North, 6:30 p.m.
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.

Wed., Jan. 10, 2018
GIRLS BASKETBALL at Commerce High School, 7 p.m.

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.

Marcus Smart scores 18, Boston tops Minnesota

By DOUG ALDEN
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Defense dominated as Boston went back-and-forth with Minnesota for three quarters.

The fourth belonged to the Celtics, who pulled away early in the final period and held off the Timberwolves 91-84 on Friday night.

"We just stuck with it and the defense came and gave us a victory," said Marcus Smart, who led Boston with 18 points. "Tonight was one of those games where every last one of us from the starters to the guys coming in off the bench were ready."

Smart scored 16 in the second half and fellow reserve Terry Rozier finished with 14 points for the Celtics, whose bench outscored Minnesota's 42-20.

"We played pretty good defense tonight. That's what pushed us over at the end," said Rozier, who added nine rebounds. "Once we locked in on the defensive end, we were fine. Create our offense by creating defense."

Kyrie Irving had 16 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, Aron Baynes had 11 points and 10 rebounds and Jaylen Brown also scored 11 for Boston, which has won five straight and six of seven.

Karl-Anthony Towns led the Timberwolves with 25 points and a career-high 23 rebounds. Jimmy Butler scored 14, Jamal Crawford had 13 points and Andrew Wiggins scored 10 for Minnesota, which lost back-to-back games for the first time since November.

"I think we did a pretty good job defensively making it hard on them. We just didn't make the shots we needed to make," Towns said. "We fought very hard offensively. It just was a funky night for us."

Boston had a rough night shooting, going 38 for 94 (40.4 percent) and making just 6 of 36 3-pointers. Minnesota also struggled, shooting 36.8 percent from the field.

"They are a good team," Minnesota coach Tom Thibodeau said. "You've got to play 48 minutes against them to win. We didn't do that. We had a little lull at the start of the fourth."

The Timberwolves, coming off a 98-97 loss at Brooklyn on Wednesday, faded early in the fourth after leading by as many as seven in what had been a tight game. The lead changed 14 times before Boston went up for good in the final period.

Irving drove for a layup with one second left in the third, starting a 10-2 run that allowed the Celtics to start pulling away. Baynes scored Boston's first four points of the final period, and Rozier banked in a shot and then added a 3-pointer with 8:02 left that gave the Celtics a 77-68 lead.

Boston continued its run, getting a dunk by Baynes followed by a steal by Smart that started a fast break and sent Smart to the line for two free throws that pushed the lead to 85-73 with 6:05 remaining.

PLAYING SMART

Boston coach Brad Stevens said Smart is a luxury to have coming off the bench for the Celtics. He scored 16 on Wednesday night as Boston beat Cleveland 102-88 in a rematch of the 2017 Eastern Conference finals, and then led Boston in scoring Friday when the Celtics needed a late push to pull away from Minnesota.

"Sometimes when we're struggling, I think the ball is going to find energy. And Marcus Smart has energy," Stevens said. "He's playing at a good level. We need him to continue to do so. Obviously, he's a really important part of our team."

REBOUNDING WOES

Towns pulled down more than half of the Timberwolves' 43 rebounds, and no other Minnesota player had more than four as Boston dominated the glass 56-43.

"We've just got to make a conscious effort to go get them. We can't just rely on Kat (Towns) to get every single rebound," Butler said. "He did a great job of it, but we've got to help him. He can't be everywhere on the floor."

TIP-INS

Timberwolves: Hadn't lost back-to-back games since Nov. 19 against Detroit and the following night at Charlotte. ... Lost their 11th straight at Boston. ... Towns had a double-double by halftime with 14 points and 13 rebounds in the first two quarters. His previous career high was 22 rebounds against Houston last Feb. 25, and the most he pulled down this season was 19 against Oklahoma City on Oct. 27.

Celtics: Aren't home again until Jan. 16, a stretch that includes a game in London against Philadelphia on Jan. 11. ... Boston swept the two games against Minnesota last season. ... The Celtics shot 20 percent (3 for 15) from 3-point range in the first half.

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: Host the New Orleans Pelicans on Saturday night.

Celtics: Visit the Brooklyn Nets on Saturday night.

Minnesota Timberwolves' Jamal Crawford (11) defends against Boston Celtics' Marcus Smart (36) during the second quarter of an NBA basketball in Boston, Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. **(AP Photo/ Michael Dwyer)**

Minnesota Timberwolves' Karl-Anthony Towns (32) is defended by Boston Celtics' Marcus Smart (36) during the second quarter of an NBA basketball in Boston, Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. The Celtics won 91-84. **(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)**

MARCUS SMART

IN OTHER NBA GAMES...

BULLS 127, MAVERICKS 124

DALLAS (AP) — Kris Dunn scored a career-high 32 points, Justin Holiday added 23 and the Chicago Bulls held off a frantic Dallas rally in a 127-124 victory over the Mavericks on Friday night.

Rookie Lauri Markkanen had 16 with an emphatic follow-up dunk during a surge that put the Bulls up 10 with 1:08 to play.

The Mavericks slowly trimmed the deficit with full-court pressure and fouls in the final minute. Dallas actually had a shot to tie, but Yogi Ferrell's 3-pointer at the buzzer was short. The teams combined for 35 points in the final 68 seconds.

Wesley Matthews led Dallas with 24 points and Harrison Barnes had 23 in a fitting matchup of teams having nearly identical seasons — miserable starts followed by respectable recoveries that pulled each out of last place in its conference.

76ERS 114, PISTONS 78

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid sparked Philadelphia to a mammoth lead in a romp over Detroit.

Embiid had 23 points and nine rebounds. Simmons had 19 points and nine assists to lead the Sixers to their fourth straight win, which moved them back to .500.

With 2 minutes left in the first half, Embiid and Simmons had combined for 26 points on 12-of-19 shooting. The Pistons had 26 points on 11-of-38 shooting.

The 76ers have a bad habit of blowing double-digit leads that crushed their push toward a more respectable spot in the standings. They wasted an 18-point lead in a loss to Portland. The Sixers turned a 22-point edge into a loss against Toronto. And they led by 16 points before Sacramento beat them.

The Sixers opened the game on a 15-2 run and, unlike their December collapses, they never let this one get close. They led 97-61 through three.

RAPTORS 129, BUCKS 110

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jonas Valanciunas scored all of his 20 points in the decisive third quarter and Toronto beat Milwaukee for the second time this week.

Toronto outscored Milwaukee 43-19 in the third quarter to win its fourth consecutive game, including a 131-127 overtime victory over the Bucks on Monday. The Raptors have won 10 of 12.

Valanciunas played the entire third quarter, going 8 of 9 and grabbing nine of his 13 rebounds, as the Raptors extended a two-point halftime lead to 104-78.

Serge Ibaka scored 17 of his team-high 21 points in the first half, and DeMar DeRozan, who scored 52 points in the Raptors' win over Milwaukee on Monday, had 14 of his 20 in the third.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 24 points for the Bucks. Malcolm Brogdon had 19 and Eric Bledsoe added 17.

HEAT 107, KNICKS 103, OT

MIAMI (AP) — Wayne Ellington scored 24 points, Goran Dragic added 19 and Miami survived a back-and-forth flurry in the final minutes to beat New York in overtime.

Josh Richardson scored 18 and Tyler Johnson added 16 for Miami, which went 19 for 20 from the foul line — 13 for 13 after halftime. The Heat set a franchise record by taking 42 3-pointers, and Ellington had another team all-time mark by attempting 16.

Doug McDermott's 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds left in regulation sent the game to overtime, and the Knicks led twice in the extra session. Miami finished the game on a 7-2 spurt, started by a 3 from Ellington with 2:22 remaining.

Courtney Lee scored 24 for New York, which got 20 from Michael Beasley and 15 from Kristaps Porzingis. The Knicks lost despite shooting 49 percent and holding the Heat to 40 percent.

SPURS 103, SUNS 89

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard and Manu Ginobili each scored 21 points, and San Antonio got its ninth straight home win over Phoenix.

Ginobili joined Vince Carter as the only 40-year-old players to score 20 points off the bench. He shot 7 for 10 from the field in setting a season high for points.

The Spurs were without starters LaMarcus Aldridge, who sat out for rest, and an injured Danny Green, but had 15 steals and six blocks against the Suns while shooting 47 percent.

Devin Booker had 21 points and Marquese Chriss added 12 for Phoenix.

NUGGETS 99, JAZZ 91

DENVER (AP) — Trey Lyles scored a career-high 26 points, Jamal Murray also had 26 points and Denver beat Utah.

Lyles also grabbed seven rebounds. He averaged 21 points and 7.5 rebounds in the two home games against his former team to help the Nuggets split the season series with the Jazz. Denver outscored the Jazz 38-16 in the third quarter after trailing by three at halftime.

Donovan Mitchell had 15 points, seven rebounds and seven assists, Ricky Rubio also scored 15 points and Derrick Favors had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Utah. The Jazz have lost 12 of 15 since starting the season 13-11.

The game was tied at 56 when Murray hit a 3-pointer, was fouled and made the free throw to start a 20-5 Denver run.

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Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Power of Attorney Turns Ugly

Dear Annie: I've been estranged from my twin brother for two years, since our sister died after her short battle with a terminal illness. When she was diagnosed, her family gave him power of attorney rights (property and health) during her remaining time. My brother managed her personal affairs and health care well, but unfortunately, he took his position of authority too seriously. Although our sister was in constant pain and requiring considerable medication, she was still able to listen, think and speak well enough to convey what she wanted. Her wishes did not agree with what our brother wanted her to do, and he expected the family and friends to support him. The rest of us felt that our sister's dying requests took precedence and that we would side with her. Needless to say, this caused a lot of arguments. However, we swallowed our pride and did the best we could to appease him. When she passed and the funeral services were over, we were all relieved, but the quarreling had caused significant damage to our relationships.

He's still blaming us for the problems we caused him. His behavior then and now exhibits traits of obsessive-compulsive personality disorder, and I feel that his immediate family should be aware of this and have him seek professional help. However, my family and friends say to just let it go and forget about it. What are your thoughts? -- In a Quandary in Illinois

Dear In a Quandary: I'm sorry for the loss of your sister and the estrangement of your brother. I'm sure that made the grieving process all the more difficult.

It's clear your twin's well-being is weighing heavily on your mind; otherwise, you wouldn't be researching his possible mental health issues. I'd encourage you to go directly to him with your concerns. Don't bring up the term "obsessive-compulsive personality disorder"; simply tell him that you're worried about him, that you love him and that you think he should get help. If he refuses to listen, at least you'll have the peace of knowing you tried.

Dear Annie: I always enjoy your column. I would like to add to your answer to "Desperately Need Help," who needs to separate from her husband. I write based on my knowledge as a (retired) family law attorney in North Carolina. In North Carolina -- and in most states, I suspect -- a spouse who can't afford an attorney but needs spousal support can ask the judge to order the supporting spouse to pay for the legal fees that the dependent spouse had to incur. My experience was that most judges were ready to issue such an order, and "Desperately Need Help" could certainly get advice from an attorney about that, seeing as the attorney, too, will want the work and will know how to get paid for it.

In most states, a spouse who is in court to get a fair share of the property probably cannot get the judge to order the other side to pay the legal fees -- because if there's property to be divided, then that's a source of money to pay the lawyer. This latter case probably describes one part of this reader's situation, seeing as there's a 401(k) to be divided. I'm not the advice columnist, but perhaps part of the recovery that "Desperately Need Help" needs is escaping a mindset of helplessness and recognizing that she does have the resources to get what she is owed. -- Retired NC Lawyer

Dear Retired NC Lawyer: And I'm not the lawyer -- so I always really appreciate hearing from one with regard to legal advice that might help my readers. I'm printing your letter, as I'm sure it will be of use to "Desperately Need Help" and many others. Thank you.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

ROTATION EXPLANATION

Dear Readers: Oh, the great CEILING FAN DIRECTION debate! In which direction should the ceiling fan rotate to make your room comfortable, and to lower your energy bill to save money? Here's the scoop:

In wintertime, the ceiling fan should rotate CLOCKWISE as you look up at it. This pushes down warm air that's up at the ceiling. Circulating warm air makes you feel warmer, so you can set the thermostat a bit lower.

When summer rolls around, the ceiling fan should rotate COUNTERCLOCKWISE as you look up at it. This will create a light breeze that you should feel. This won't lower the temperature in the room, but it will feel cooler.

Look for a switch on the motor, right below the blades. This will change the direction of the ceiling fan blades.

Note: If you have a cathedral or vaulted ceiling, changing the direction of the ceiling fan does not affect the temperature of the room, but will still move warm or cold air and help some.

This topic usually generates lots of discussion! So please, before writing, check your manual or online. -- Heloise

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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TV Sports Tonight

Saturday, Jan. 6

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon
BTN — Illinois at Michigan
ESPNEWS — East Carolina at UConn
FOX — Xavier at Providence
FSN — Creighton at Georgetown
NBCSN — UMass at Dayton
SEC — Alabama at Georgia
1 p.m.
CBS — Florida at Missouri
ESPN — North Carolina at Virginia
2 p.m.
FSN — DePaul at St. John's
ESPNU — Texas at Baylor
NBCSN — VCU at La Salle
2:15 p.m.
BTN — Nebraska at Purdue
SEC — LSU at Texas A&M
2:30 p.m.
FS1 — Seton Hall at Butler
3:15 p.m.
ESPN2 — Notre Dame at Syracuse
3:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Duquesne at Fordham
4 p.m.
ESPNU — Iowa St. at Oklahoma St.
ESPNEWS — Tulsa at Memphis
4:30 p.m.
SEC — Mississippi St. at Mississippi
5:15 p.m.
ESPN2 — Indiana at Minnesota
5:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Fresno St. at Colorado St.
6 p.m.
ESPNU — Arkansas at Auburn
6:45 p.m.
SEC — Vanderbilt at South Carolina
7:15 p.m.
ESPN2 — Oklahoma at West Virginia
8 p.m.
ESPN — Duke at NC State
ESPNU — St. Bonaventure at St. Joseph's
FS1 — Marquette at Villanova
9 p.m.
SEC — Kentucky at Tennessee
9:15 p.m.
ESPN2 — Kansas at TCU
10 p.m.
ESPNU — Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount
Midnight (Sunday)
ESPNU — UC Riverside at UC Santa Barbara

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Noon
ESPN2 — NCAA FCS Championship, North Dakota St. vs. James Madison, at Frisco, Texas

FIGURE SKATING

4 p.m.
NBC — U.S. Championships, Pairs' Free Skate, at San Jose, Calif.
8 p.m.
NBCSN — U.S. Championships, Mens' Free Skate, at San Jose, Calif.

FOOTBALL

1 p.m.
NBC — High school, U.S. Army All-American Bowl, at San Antonio
GOLF
3 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions, third round, at Kapalua, Hawaii

MOTOR SPORTS

10 p.m.
FS1 — AMA Monster Energy Supercross, at Anaheim, Calif.

NFL FOOTBALL

4:20 p.m.
ABC & ESPN — AFC Wild Card, Tennessee at Kansas City
8:15 p.m.
NBC — NFC Wild Card, Atlanta at L.A. Rams
RUGBY
10 a.m.
NBCSN — English Premiership, Northampton vs. Gloucester

SKIING

6 a.m.
NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Women's Giant Slalom, at Maribor, Slovenia

SOCCER

7:30 a.m.
FS1 — FA Cup, Fleetwood Town vs. Leicester City
9:50 a.m.
FS2 — FA Cup, Fulham vs. Southampton
10 a.m.
FS1 — FA Cup, Manchester City vs. Burnley
12:30 p.m.
FS1 — FA Cup, Norwich City vs. Chelsea

WINTER SPORTS

8:30 a.m.
NBCSN — IBSF World Cup Bobsleigh and Skeleton, Women's Bobsled, at Altenberg, Germany
6 p.m.
NBCSN — U.S. Olympic Trials: Speed Skating, Men's and Women's 1,500, at Milwaukee

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.
CBSSN — UMass at St. Bonaventure
1 p.m.
CBSSN — Saint Louis at Fordham
4:30 p.m.
BTN — Penn St. at Rutgers

Sunday, Jan. 7

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon
CBSSN — Temple at UCF
NBCSN — Davidson at George Mason
2 p.m.
CBSSN — Missouri St. at Illinois St.
4 p.m.
CBSSN — South Florida at Wichita St.
ESPNU — Loyola of Chicago at N. Iowa
4:30 p.m.
CBS — Michigan St. at Ohio St.
6 p.m.
ESPN2 — SMU at Cincinnati
ESPNU — Florida St. at Miami
8 p.m.
ESPNU — Arizona St. at Utah
FS1 — Iowa at Maryland
10 p.m.
FS1 — Southern Cal at Stanford

COLLEGE HOCKEY

3 p.m.
NBCSN — Michigan at Notre Dame

FIGURE SKATING

3 p.m.
NBC — U.S. Championships, Free Dance, at San Jose, Calif.
GOLF
6 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions, final round, at Kapalua, Hawaii

NBA BASKETBALL

9 p.m.
NBA — San Antonio at Portland

NFL FOOTBALL

1 p.m.
CBS — AFC Wild Card, Buffalo at Jacksonville
4:30 p.m.
FOX — NFC Wild Card, Carolina at New Orleans

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Boston at Pittsburgh

RUGBY

10 a.m.
NBCSN — English Premiership, Wasps vs. Saracens
SKIING
6 a.m.
NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Women's Slalom, at Maribor, Slovenia

SOCCER

9 a.m.
FS1 — FA Cup, Shrewsbury Town vs. West Ham
11 a.m.
FS1 — FA Cup, Nottingham Forest vs. Arsenal

WINTER SPORTS

6 p.m.
NBCSN — U.S. Olympic Trials: Speed Skating, Men's and Women's Mass Start, at Milwaukee

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon
ESPN2 — Ohio St. at Michigan
ESPNU — SMU at Temple
SEC — Vanderbilt at Tennessee
2 p.m.
BTN — Iowa at Illinois
ESPN2 — South Carolina at Missouri
ESPNU — Texas at Kansas St.
FS2 — Marquette at Creighton
SEC — Mississippi St. at LSU
3 p.m.
FSN — Texas Tech at TCU
4 p.m.
BTN — Michigan St. at Minnesota
ESPN2 — Stanford at Arizona St.
SEC — Alabama at Arkansas
6 p.m.
CBSSN — George Mason at George Washington

On The Tube

FX chief: Even peak TV can be a 'sideshow' to internet

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Television keeps churning out record numbers of original series but is being overshadowed by the internet's dubious distractions, FX Networks CEO John Landgraf said Friday.

Technology entrances people with "hourly doses of bite-size half-truths and click bait come-ons," Landgraf told a TV critics' meeting.

"To be honest, as incredible as television's become, it sometimes feels to me like a sideshow in what has become a daily three-ring media circus," he said.

Given concerns over society's shrinking attention span and "dwindling intolerance for dissent," he's glad when even his competitors' worthy and enlightening shows draw viewers, he said.

The veteran TV executive, who has made FX the unofficial accountant for so-called "Peak TV" numbers, said that the total number of cable, broadcast and streamed series hit an estimated high of 487 in 2017, a 7 percent increase over 2016's tally of 455. The 117 streamed series from outlets including Netflix and Amazon last year represented the biggest increase, 30 percent, over 2016.

In this Aug. 9, 2017 file photo, John Landgraf, CEO of FX Networks and FX Productions, participates in the executive panel during the FX Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. **(Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP, File)**

Landgraf was asked about the future of FX Networks as one of the elements of Rupert Murdoch's media empire that would be sold to Walt Disney Co. in a deal facing regulatory approval.

Last month, Disney said it was buying a large part of the Murdoch family's 21st Century Fox for about $52.4 billion in stock, including its film and TV studios and cable and international TV businesses. The deal doesn't include the Fox Broadcasting network and stations, Fox News Channel, Fox Business Network, FS1, FS2 and Big Ten Network.

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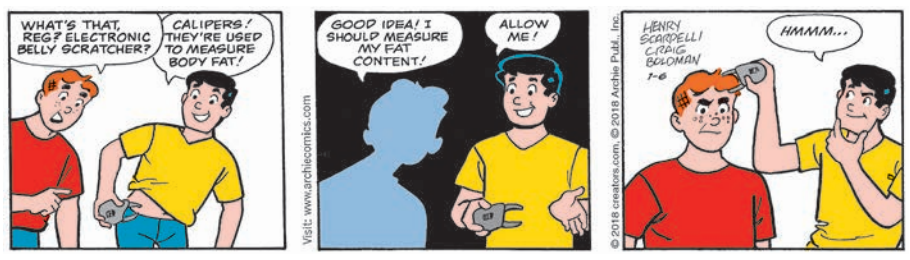

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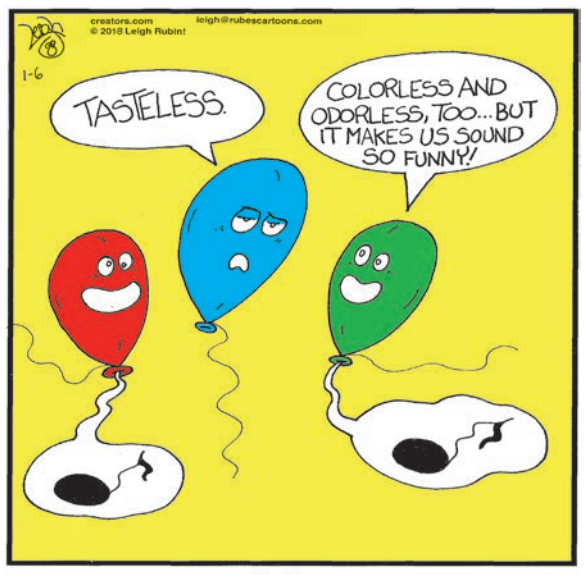

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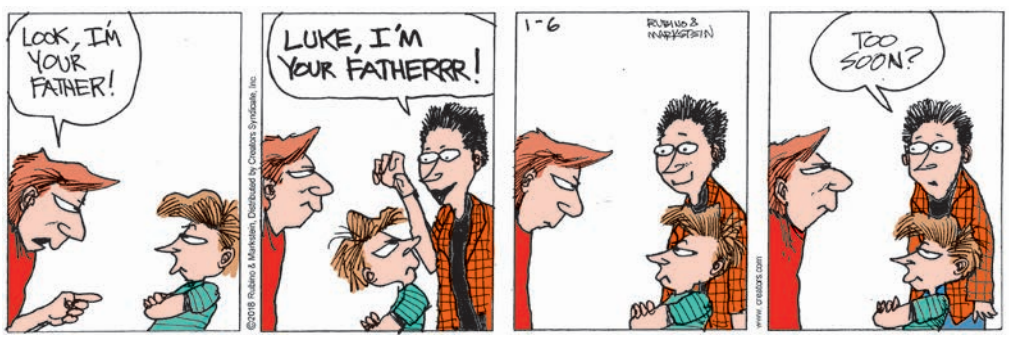

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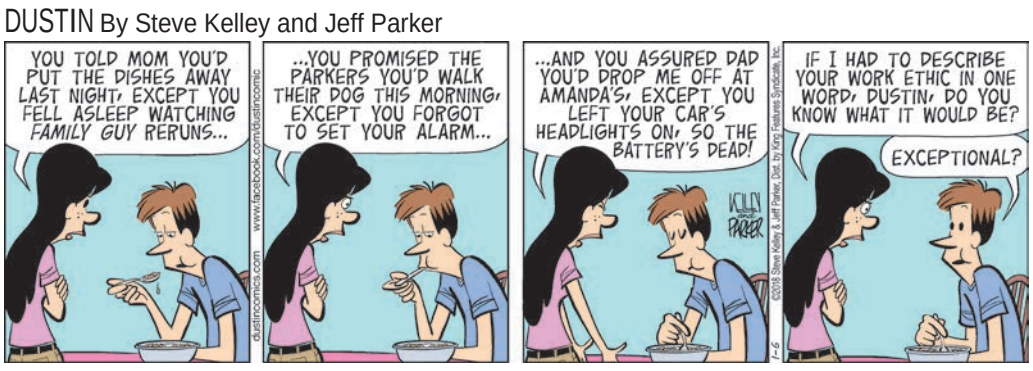

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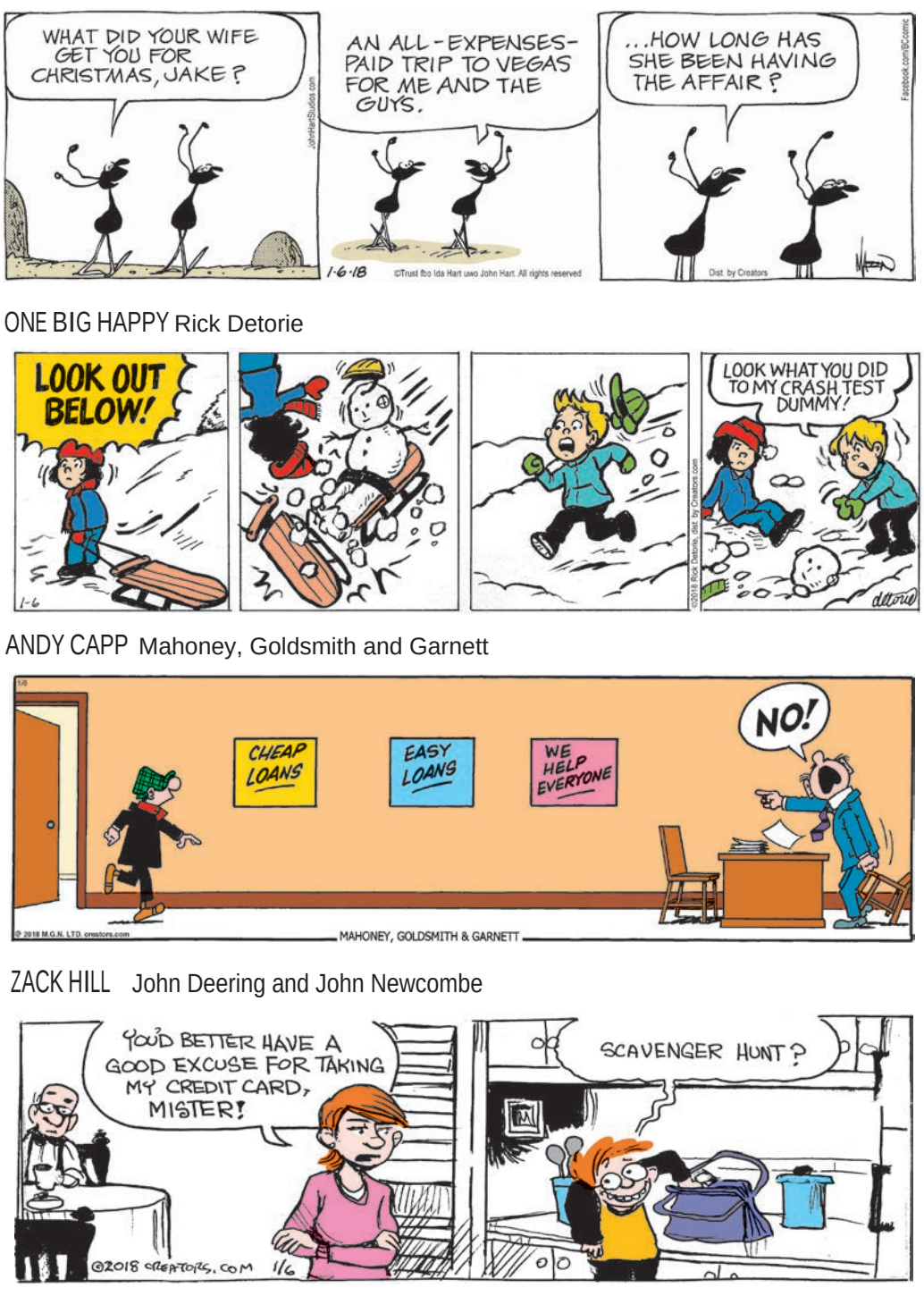

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018:

This year you often make the correct choices. Your communication skills have developed to a new level, where you can deliver bad news and no one even seems to realize it. You might have a tendency to have too much energy and pick fights. If you are single, you know when you are wanted. You are likely to have many potential suitors. If you are attached, the two of you often want to head in a new direction, though you might disagree about which way to go. Learn to experiment more and be less rigid. VIRGO could be very critical of your choices.

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)

★★★★ You might want to encourage a friend to meet up with you in the morning. Quality one-on-one time allows you both to express your concerns about a situation. Someone in charge could be unusually demanding; try not to take his or her comments personally. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination adds more fun and positivity to your day. You might need to avoid someone who pushes very hard to have his or her way, and wants to have control over what you are doing. You gain insight from what occurs. Open up to a loved one. Tonight: Fun and games.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Stay centered, and don't allow anyone to distract you. In fact, you might enjoy taking a few days or hours off. As a result, you'll feel renewed and happier about life in general. Though a situation might surprise or irritate you, you can work through it. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ How you see a personal matter could change radically because of better and clearer communication. You could be stunned by what an older person says. Use care with how you express your anger. A misunderstanding could be the problem. Tonight: Speak clearly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Be careful about how you spend your funds. The purchase of an item could cause you a problem. You might want to hold off for a few days before taking action. Your sense of humor plays a significant role in easing up tension. Tonight: Let someone else pick up the tab.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You beam in what you want right now. Just make sure you really want what you are pursuing. Laughter continues to play a significant role in what is occurring. How you see a situation could change, given some time. Worry less about what to do. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Continue playing it low-key. When others dominate, you see much more of what really makes them tick. A loved one's unpredictability takes you down a new path. Know what you want. A smile goes a long way in keeping a situation calm. Tonight: The action is at your pad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Zero in on what your friends are up to. Your ability to drive a point home emerges. Others often remember what you say. Listen well to what is being shared. If your opinion is strong or forceful, soften your words a bit. Tonight: Out and about where fun happens.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your instincts push you to take control of situations if they seem unproductive. Try not to do this too often, as it burdens you, and you might want to leave an opening for someone else to take over. A loved one surprises you. Tonight: Wherever you are, expect to be noticed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have a flair for the dramatic, though you often choose to tame down these characteristics. Remain sensitive to someone who might be from a different culture. You could be taken aback by this person's actions and choices. Tonight: Where you can be entertained.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Consider taking a more subtle role in planning. You express an offbeat personality that sometimes makes a loved one or close friend uncomfortable. Let this person create some fun plans for the two of you. Avoid making a snide comment at all costs. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Let go of a need to arrange plans and make the weekend work for you and others. At this moment, people seem to enjoy stepping up to the plate. You might shake your head for a long time when you see the cost of an unexpected development. Tonight: Try being a follower.

BORN TODAY

Actor Norman Reedus (1969), actress Kate McKinnon (1984), chef/TV personality Ree Drummond (1969)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Dangerous waters ahead

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 2
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ 10 5
♣ Q J 10 6 4

WEST
♠ A J 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ Q J 9 2
♣ K 8 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 4
♥ 9 5
♦ K 8 6 4 3
♣ 7 2

SOUTH
♠ K 9 6
♥ A Q J 7 2
♦ A 7
♣ A 9 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

This deal features a play that's easy enough to appreciate once the hand is over, but one that might easily be overlooked in actual practice.

When the deal occurred, South won the opening diamond lead with the ace and cashed the A-K of trumps. He then led dummy's queen of clubs and, after East followed low, let it ride.

West won with the king and returned a diamond to East's king. East then shifted to a spade, and the defense scored two spade tricks for down one.

While it is true that South was unlucky to find West with both the king of clubs and ace of spades, the fact remains that South was responsible for his own demise. Had he refused to take West's queen of diamonds with the ace at trick one, he would have overcome the unfriendly lie of the cards.

The purpose of ducking West's queen at the outset is to prevent him from later putting his partner on lead with a diamond. By severing this line of communication between the defenders, declarer assures the contract even if the club finesse loses and the spade ace is offside.

Let's say West continues with a diamond at trick two. Declarer wins, draws trumps as before and tries the club finesse. West takes his king but is helpless. A diamond return presents South with a ruff-and-discard; cashing the spade ace establishes South's king; and a club return allows declarer to discard two spades on dummy's clubs. All roads thus lead to at least 10 tricks.

Note that if East elects to overtake West's queen with the king at trick one, South can counter by taking his ace at once. The presence of dummy's ten ensures that East will at no point be able to gain the lead to return a spade through declarer's king.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals P

NASCAR THIS WEEK

The Daytona Beach News-Journal's Godwin Kelly & Ken Willis have covered NASCAR for nearly 60 years combined.
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CUP SERIES TOP-FIVE RACES

No. 2: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

Truex win at Homestead comes in second best

By Godwin Kelly
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This is the fourth of a five-part series featuring the five best Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races staged in 2017. This is race No. 2 on the list of NASCAR's best events.

In the Ford EcoBoost 400 there were 39 drivers racing for the win, but only four competing for the NASCAR Cup Series championship.

The Championship Round of the Cup Series playoffs was staged at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

NASCAR's version of the final four included Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Brad Keselowski.

Truex, who drives the No. 78 Furniture Row Racing Toyota, was the only driver in the group who did not have a Cup Series championship ring.

Since 2014, when the 16-driver playoff system was introduced, the Cup Series champion has won the season finale.

Truex kept that streak alive, thanks in part to the race running caution-free for the last 51 laps — all led by Truex, who is a master at maintaining track position.

The funny thing about all this is that Kyle Larson had the fastest car by far in the first half of the 267-lap race. He led four times for 145 laps, but as darkness fell over the 1.5-mile oval, the race played into Truex's hands.

"We just never gave up all day long," Truex said. "We didn't have the best car. I don't know how we won that thing. Never give up. Dig deep. I told my guys we were going to dig deeper than we ever have.

"With 20 to go, I thought I was done — they were all better than me on the long run all day long. I just found a way. I found a lane that I could use and I found a lane that was blocking enough of their air that they couldn't use it and just made it happen."

Truex, 37, got the win by beating his Toyota nemesis Kyle Busch by .681 seconds to the checkered flag. Busch won the Cup crown in 2015.

As for the other championship contenders, Harvick, who was champion in 2014, finished fourth and Keselowski, who nabbed his title in 2012, was seventh.

Truex was a late bloomer in this sport.

He didn't reach the championship-caliber driver status until the 2016 season. He has been racing in the Cup Series for a dozen years.

Martin Truex Jr., right, holds the NASCAR Cup Series championship trophy after winning the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway in November. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/ CHRIS GRAYTHEN]

The key for Truex and Furniture Row Racing was partnering with Joe Gibbs Racing, which is Toyota's lead race team.

Everything started to click at the start of the 2016 season. Truex scored four wins and about 10 near-misses, including losing the Daytona 500 by less than a foot to Denny Hamlin.

The team took that momentum into the 2017 season, and Truex won more races (eight) than he had the previous 11 years (seven), and of course, the championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"It's just overwhelming," Truex said. "To think about all the rough days and bad days, the days that couldn't run 20th, to be here, I never thought this day would come and to be here is so unbelievable."

Truex did not take all the credit for the big win at Homestead or the championship. He thanked everyone who had helped him along the way.

"This isn't about me," Truex said. "This is about so many people. I'm just glad I didn't let them all down. We've had the best team all year, and they deserve this.

"I'm just so thankful for all the help and these guys believing in me four year ago when we were running awful and just continuing to dig and find a way. They're the best in the business."

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Early reviews of Danica's entry into the literary world?

"Mind, body and food" will get you going, but rides for the two big 500-milers would carry Danica to better heights. [AP FILE]

So far, so good. Well, OK, I've only read one review, from a customer on Amazon, just after the book was released last week. But hey, it was better than getting out of the gate to a thumbs-down.

The book is called "Pretty Intense," and it centers on Danica Patrick's three keys to improvement: mind, body and food. Whatever she's been doing has certainly worked for her in terms of physical conditioning, and could obviously work for others. The challenge, of course, is reaching customers. Walk down the fitness aisle at Barnes & Noble. She's not hurting for competition in that genre.

What to do?

First, secure a team and car for the Daytona and Indy 500s, which was her stated plan for 2018 when announcing her retirement path back in November. Those two big races would provide promotional platforms. Without them, who knows if she has built enough of the all-important "brand equity" to successfully fuel her future endeavors. The racing career gave her visibility in real time, but is there an afterglow to utilize?

Did Kyle Larson miss a marketing memo?

Not sure, but we know his words won't be used in any NASCAR ad campaign. On a World of Outlaws promotional podcast last week, Kyle basically said he's in NASCAR because that's where the money is for racers. The sprint cars, however, is where his heart is strapped in. "I'd say that racing on the World of Outlaws tour full time is my main goal. NASCAR is just the step to get there." Maybe he was just being overly nice to the Outlaws folks, but still, some things are better left unsaid.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis @news-jrnl.com.

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We have a new year, which means we'll soon have a new season. What will be different? A lot. We'll discuss.

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March 11: Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix
March 18: Auto Club 400 at Fontana
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April 8: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas
April 15: Food City 500 at Bristol
April 21: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond
April 29: Geico 500 at Talladega
May 6: AAA 400 at Dover
May 12: Go Bowling 400 at Kansas
May 19: All Star Race at Charlotte
May 27: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte
June 3: Pocono 400
June 10: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan
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July 1: Chicago 400 at Chicagoland
July 7: Coke Zero 400 at Daytona
July 14: Quaker State 400 at Kentucky
July 22: New Hampshire 301
July 29: Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono
Aug. 5: 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen
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Nov. 18: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

How long before NASCAR has a series for electric cars?
GODSPEAK: Well, there's the Formula E Series, which is gaining momentum. NASCAR will have a separate electric series in the next decade.
KEN'S CALL: They'd give it big thought if some other oval-track outfit was prepared to beat them to it. Either NASCAR or IndyCar will try it by 2022. Just a hunch.

What new type of series would you most like to see?

GODSPEAK: How about a lot more road races? If they had five or six road races, they could crown a wine-and-cheese driving champion.
KEN'S CALL: A short, midsummer dirt-track schedule over six or eight Wednesday nights, with heavy emphasis on attracting guys like Kyle Larson, Clint Bowyer and, of course, Tony Stewart.

Is there a Tesla in NASCAR's future? [AP FILE]

Will you buy "Pretty Intense," Danica's new book?

GODSPEAK: I'm only 20 pages into "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. It looks like my private reading time will be tied up for quite a while.
KEN'S CALL: Like Euro jeans and hummus, some things just aren't in my demographic wheelhouse. I'll have to wait for the movie.

LEGAL NOTICES

January 6, 2017

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NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interest of
Levi J Collins
of **Southwick, MA**

Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **12/19/2016 by Shauna K Collins** of Agawam, MA will be held: **01//24/2017 08:15 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **50 State Street, 4th floor Springfield, MA 01103**
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