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Town to close road during bridge project

By GREG FITZPATRICK
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SOUTHWICK – At Tuesday night’s Select Board meeting, the board approved a request from Department of Public Works Director Randy Brown pertaining to the closing of North Loomis Street for a short period of time when the Shurtleff Brook bridge project is underway.
In December, the Select Board signed off on the \$116,000 contract for Gill Engineering to do the project. The Shurtleff Brook Bridge is a 100-year old span on North Loomis Street that measures 16 ft. long and 20 ft. wide. According to Brown, the current bridge is not salvageable for several reasons, but primarily because it is so narrow that it can’t accommodate two travel lanes without putting vehicles or pedestrians in danger.
The new bridge is planned to be 19 ft. long and 32 ft. wide, and the road will be realigned and widened to properly accommodate vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
In late March, the town received a \$500,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation’s Municipal Small Bridge Program. Mass DOT accepts bridges into the program that are municipally owned, 10 to 20 feet in length, and are being replaced or preserved.
Brown also pointed out that another \$325,000 will be used on the project from funds approved by the town at the last annual town meeting.
Brown is unsure as to the exact date the construction project will begin, but the approval from the Select Board now officially allows him to close North Loomis Street when that time comes.



Southwick DPW Director Randy Brown. (Photo by Greg Fitzpatrick)

Historical Commission addresses demolition of hundred year old buildings

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – City Clerk Karen Fanion met with the Historical Commission on Monday, to answer questions about how the commission might be notified before a building older than 100 years is demolished.
President Cynthia Gaylord said they were concerned because a house on Franklin Street had been razed without their knowledge. She said that one may not have been savable, but there are many other such buildings in the city.
Fanion said in order to redefine the process to include notification to the commission they would need to have a City Councilor make a motion that would then be referred to the Legislative & Ordinance sub-committee and to the Law Department. Fanion suggested contacting their liaison on the City Council, who is currently David Flaherty.
In other business, Carol Martin and Ray Casella of Casella Design Associates came before the commission to present their designs for the handicap accessible ramp for the side of the Westfield Museum building. Casella said they are working with the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) to meet specifications, and are also taking great pains to match the historic look of the building, which has a preservation restriction attached to it.
“We hope to move quickly on this, and begin construction this construction season. We will be looking to you for approvals,” Martin said. She said they have several layers of approval to go through, and requested a letter from the commission on the presentation.
Dick Patterson was also reconfirmed as the official Wyben school house representative. Patterson, who Gaylord said has put many hours into the restoration of the lone remaining one-room schoolhouse in the city, had to leave the meeting due to a schedule conflict. At-large Councilor Dan Allie remained to discuss several school house issues with the commission.
Allie said he helped Patterson get permission from the city to erect a temporary sign during upcoming work on the school house that will list the Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee’s support of the project, with additional space for future donors.
Allie said the curb cut to the building was also approved,



Highland teacher Patricia Wysocki addresses the School Committee on Tuesday.

School Committee gets input on redistricting plan Report cards, ELL programs areas of concern

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – The final review of the Westfield Public Schools redistricting plan was held on Tuesday during a joint meeting of the Education and Technology, and Curriculum and Instruction subcommittees, before a possible vote to proceed at Monday’s School Committee meeting.
Timothy O’Connor, who chairs Curriculum and Instruction, presided over the meeting, which began with a recap of the plans for the elementary, intermediate and middle schools which are available on the district website at www.schoolsofwestfield.org.
While the overall plan did not receive any challenges from either the committees or during public participation, several areas of concern were raised. These were chiefly regarding the programs for English language learners, and the decision to split the report cards in the intermediate school to having fifth graders receive the standards-based report cards presently given in the elementary schools, and the sixth graders receive the numerical-based grading system.
School Committee member Heather Sullivan said she was nervous to have everything in place for ELL programs in Munger Hill elementary and in North Middle School, which will house the fifth and sixth graders. The plan calls for replicating the ELL program at Highland elementary at Munger Hill, and splitting the population of new English language learners between the two

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Busy agenda for March 1 Council meeting

By AMY PORTER
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WESTFIELD – Under “Communications from the Mayor” on the City Council’s March 1 agenda are several requests for appropriations within divisions of the Department of Public Works, including an appropriation of \$857,120 from the Water Division for supplies, capital equipment, small equipment and replacement equipment; and \$331,000 from the Wastewater Division for purchase of services and supplies. Transfers of several other amounts within the DPW, Fire Department and Ambulance are being requested to cover prior year expenses.
Mayor Brian P. Sullivan is also requesting a Bond Order in the amount of \$13 million to be used for water wells, connector and water tanks.
City Council president John J. Beltrandi, III said the bond request is for construction of a treatment plan with a cross-over and connection to the City of Springfield. He said the work is needed due to shutting down the wells and going through the process with the Barnes Aquifer. “We have to get in front of this, because we have to give the residents clean water,” Beltrandi said. He said all of the requests from the Mayor will be referred to committees for review.
Being submitted for reappointments are Matthew D. Barnes of the Water Commission, Thomas H. Pereira of the Board of Public Works, Sara Unger of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Joseph B. Mitchell as the City Advancement Officer.
Several sub-committees will be reporting to the City Council on items covered in their meetings over the last two weeks. The Finance Committee, which meets on Wednesday, will review a transfer of \$3,000 within the Airport Department from the capital project account to the overtime account. Sullivan said at the Feb. 15 meeting the funds were needed to pay for snow and ice clearing from this winter.
The Legislative & Ordinance Committee, which met on Tuesday, will discuss a resolution from the City Council to Senator Donald Humason and Representative John C. Velis, supporting any and all efforts to review and strengthen the State’s Sex Offender Registry.
The resolution is a response to the city’s elimination of its local ordinance at the request of the Law Department due to a decision by the State Supreme Court which ruled that local municipalities could not limit areas of residency for sex offenders, according to L&O chair Ralph J. Figy. It urges the state Legislature to amend the statute and allow for municipalities to enact ordinances limiting where within a city or town a sex offender can reside. It also asks Humason and Velis to initiate and/or support any such legislative effort. Figy said the Supreme Court ruled that the Legislature would have to act to change the law.
The L&O Committee will also bring an amendment to the City Council ordinance to change the start time of the meetings from 7 p.m. to no earlier than 6:30 p.m., for a first reading on Thursday.

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The Westfield City Council 2018 Legislative & Ordinance Committee.

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THIS THURSDAY...
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Schools

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schools.

Denise Ruzsala, director of assessment and accountability said there are a large number of teachers in the system with ELL endorsement, as well as mandated learning time requirements for the students per day. “It took a long time to put together the program at Highland,” Ruzsala said, adding that it won’t happen overnight at Munger Hill.

Katherine Bourque, principal of North Middle School, also said there are more ELL classes being offered in that school now.

Sullivan also asked if there is a catch for students in grades five and six who may be struggling in inclusive classes. Martha von Mering, the district’s new administrator of special services said they are looking at all of the programming from pre-K through 12, and there are lower than 6 percent of students who require substantially separate development programs. She said these programs may be housed in one of the middle schools.

Von Mering said the district will be replicating ELL programs and also RISE programs in the schools. “While we’re moving toward inclusion, we can’t throw out all the Individualized Education Plans (IEP) that we have now,” she said. Ruzsala said the plans call for special education teachers to work with core teachers.

Highland teacher Patricia Wysocki also said she was concerned about the preparation of the teachers at Munger Hill for the ELL students. “At Highland, we know people because of their stories,” she said. She asked the School Committee to put real thought into the ELL move to Munger Hill, and to include Highland teachers in the process.

Parents also spoke up regarding the 5/6 grade school plans. Heather Talbot said she was happy with the plans,

and will have three children in three different schools, Abner Gibbs, the intermediate and the middle school. Her one area of disagreement was with report cards. “I am concerned about the division of reports cards in that (5/6 grade) school,” Talbot said. She said she wasn’t a fan of the standards-based report cards that were implemented in the elementary schools a few years ago and asked when the students go into fifth grade, that they be given the numerical grading system along with the sixth graders.

WPS Superintendent Stefan Czaporowski said the grading system is one of the items that will be discussed at a meeting on March 1 to work out more details of the plan, including elementary school dismissal times.

Parent Jackie Rudzik also said she was there for the same reason, to request the numerical grading system for fifth graders. “I never understood the new report card whatsoever,” Rudzik said.

Parent Matt Talbot also spoke up. He said with the two grades in one school, whether it wouldn’t be more difficult to generate two report cards. “I would love to see real grades,” he said.

After the meeting, Susan Dargie, director of curriculum and instruction said she has heard the feedback. “We are going to be putting a committee together to examine the standards-based report card,” she said, adding, “We need to do more to refine these as tools for communicating with parents.”

At the close of the meeting, Czaporowski said he hopes to vote on the plan at the March 5 School Committee meeting in order to begin the budget process, which is already one month behind last year. A final sub-committee meeting will be held immediately prior to the School Committee meeting on March 5 to recommend the vote.



Parents Heather Talbot and Jackie Rudzik asked for a different report card for fifth graders.

22STORM
NEWS TEAM

LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT



Cloudy.

37-38

THURSDAY



Afternoon showers.

49-53

FRIDAY



Rain, snow showers.

35-38

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Today, partly cloudy skies. High 59F. Tonight, Cloudy. Low 37F. Thursday, partly cloudy early followed by increasing clouds with showers developing. High 53F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph. Thursday Night, rain. Becoming windy late. Low around 35F. Winds NE at 20 to 30 mph. Friday Windy with rain mixing with and changing to snow showers in the afternoon. High 36F.

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TODAY

6:29 a.m.
SUNRISE

5:40 p.m.
SUNSET

11 hours 11 Minutes
LENGTH OF DAY

ODDS & ENDS

Man charged with eluding police in stolen U-Haul ... again

STANDISH, Maine (AP) — A Maine man has been arrested for the second time in a year on charges he led police on a chase in a stolen U-Haul truck.

The Portland Press Herald reports a Cumberland County Sheriff’s deputy tried to stop a U-Haul driven at high speeds by 41-year-old William Wyman in Standish Sunday night. Police say Wyman and the stolen truck were later found.

Authorities say the Portland man had minor injuries and the vehicle sustained minor damage.

Wyman faces multiple charges including theft of a motor vehicle and failure to stop for a police officer. He is being held on bail.

He was previously charged with eluding officers and reckless conduct after police say he crashed into two vehicles last Halloween while driving a stolen U-Haul truck before he was apprehended.

LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT’S NUMBERS
MASSACHUSETTS

MassCash
10-11-23-24-27
Mega Millions
10-17-21-38-43, Mega Ball: 23, Megaplier: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$222 million
Numbers Evening
7-0-6-9
Numbers Midday
7-0-4-0
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$293 million



CONNECTICUT

Cash 5 01-11-12-20-26
Lotto
02-11-15-19-31-42
Estimated jackpot: \$1.7 million
Lucky Links Day
02-08-10-12-13-14-17-19
Lucky Links Night
02-07-10-12-13-17-18-21
Play3 Day 1-6-5
Play3 Night 7-8-4
Play4 Day 4-1-4-6
Play4 Night 8-6-6-0

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28, THE 59TH DAY OF 2018. THERE ARE 306 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

THE JEWISH HOLIDAY PURIM BEGINS AT SUNSET.

On Feb. 28, 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

ON THIS DATE:

- In 1784, John Wesley, the co-founder of Methodism, chartered the first Methodist Church in the United States in Leesburg, Virginia.
- In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.
- In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

- In 1917, The Associated Press reported that the United States had obtained a diplomatic communication sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to a German official in Mexico proposing a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the U.S. enter World War I. (Outrage over the telegram helped propel America into the conflict.)
- In 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth were attacked by Japanese forces during the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait;

- both were sunk shortly after midnight on March 1 with a total loss of more than 1,000 men.
- In 1958, a school bus clipped a truck near Prestonburg, Kentucky, and plunged down an embankment into the Big Sandy River; 22 children managed to escape, but 26 other children and the bus driver drowned.
- In 1960, a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California, the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia, 9-4.
- In 1968, “Soul on Ice” by Eldridge Cleaver was published by McGraw-Hill.
- In 1975, 42 people were killed in London’s Underground when a train smashed into the end of a tunnel.
- In 1988, the 15th Olympic Winter Games held its closing ceremony in Calgary, Canada.
- In 1996, Britain’s Princess Diana agreed to divorce Prince Charles. (Their 15-year marriage officially ended in August 1996; Diana died in a car crash in Paris a year after that.)
- TEN YEARS AGO:
President George W. Bush told a White House news conference the country was not recession-bound; Democratic candidate Barack Obama said the economy was “on the brink of a recession” and blamed economic policies espoused by Bush and Republican presidential con-

- tender John McCain. Defense Secretary Robert Gates told his Turkish counterpart that Turkey should end its offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq as soon as possible. Mike Smith, lead singer for the British band the Dave Clark Five, died outside London at age 64.
- FIVE YEARS AGO:
Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate. (Benedict was succeeded the following month by Pope Francis.) Bradley Manning, the Army private arrested in the biggest leak of classified information in U.S. history, pleaded guilty at Fort Meade, Maryland, to 10 charges involving illegal possession or distribution of classified material. (Manning, who later adopted the female identity Chelsea Manning, was sentenced to up to 35 years in prison after being convicted of additional charges in a court-martial, but had her sentence commuted in 2017 by President Barack Obama.)
- ONE YEAR AGO:
Heralding a “new chapter of American greatness,” President Donald Trump issued a broad call for overhauling the nation’s health care system and significantly boosting military spending in an hourlong speech to a joint session of Congress. Dozens of tornadoes began touching down in the upper Midwest and northern Arkansas, killing at least three people. Amazon’s cloud-computing service, Amazon Web Services, experienced a five-hour outage in its eastern U.S. region, causing unprecedented and widespread problems for thousands of websites and apps.

Form a Team
and Join the
Lip Sync Battle!

WESTFELD — Get ready for an afternoon of fun and laughter! The Friends of the Westfield Senior Center will hold the first ever Westfield ‘Lip Sync Battle’ on Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. Imagine fifteen different local ‘acts’ lip syncing popular and familiar tunes. Individuals, groups, organizations, and families are invited to form a team, select a song, and prepare for their Senior Center stage performance. This event is multigenerational. Children, adults, and seniors are encouraged to participate. Teams will play for the local charity of their choice. First and second place winners will be determined by the audience with the winnings benefiting their particular charity. Sponsors for the event are the Arbors at Westfield and Keenan Law Offices. To register and ‘perform,’ please contact Tina Gorman at the Senior Center at 562-6435.

Hampton Ponds
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Dinner

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First Congregational Church to Offer
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The First Congregational Church, 18 Broad Street, Westfield will once again offer their famous Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, Saturday March 10th at 5:30 PM. First Church dinners have become a favorite to area residents and this dinner is always a sell-out. Tickets are now on sale from the church office. They are \$12.50 for adult’s children 10 and under are free. The menu will consist of corned beef, cabbage, Irish potatoes, boiled potatoes, carrots, rolls, butter, dessert and beverage. Come and join everyone for a grand night out. Call the Church Office at 568-2833 for reservations.

Council Meeting

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The Zoning, Planning and Development and Long Range Finance committee will report on items discussed at their March 1 meeting prior to the start of the City Council.

Under Unfinished Business is the request of an appropriation of \$41,723 from Free Cash to the Technology Center, Purchase of Services account. At the Feb. 18 meeting, Finance sub-committee chair Dan Allie reported a 3-0 vote for no recommendation from his committee for the transfer. Allie said the IT budget was cut \$100,000 during the budget vote in the City Council last June, and had saved \$48,000 in expenses and salary. Allie said IT Manager Lenore Bernashe was in front of his committee on Feb. 14 to request the funds to pay for licenses coming due. He also reported that IT previously had five technicians, and now has three.

Finance Committee member Matthew Emmershy said the committee voted no recommendation, because they had no specifics from the previous Finance Committee as to where the cuts were supposed to come from. On a motion from At-large Councilor David Flaherty, the transfer was tabled to the March 1 meeting.

Rounding out the agenda for Thursday’s meeting are eleven motions from City Councilors. Seven pertain to the creation of a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for road and sidewalk repair and maintenance, the Local Options Meals Tax and the Local Option Occupancy Tax.

Motions of Councilors Surprise, Emmershy, Babinski, Burns, Allie and Flaherty break down the creation of the fund into four parts: acceptance of the MGL Chapter 40 Section 5B which speaks to creation of Special Purpose Stabilization Funds; establishment of such a fund for road and sidewalk repair and maintenance; dedication of the Local Option Meals Tax to the fund, and dedication of the Local Occupancy Tax to the fund. All request referral to L&O; and dedicating the funds, to L&O and the Law Department.

Figy said he suggested to the chair of Finance that they needed to simplify what was being asked of L&O regarding the original motion. “It was very confusing, and I really don’t think that’s the way we should do business. We need to vote on one item at a time,” he said.

Councilors Surprise, Emmershy, Morganelli and Flaherty also have motions for immediate consideration for a resolution and referral asking the Mayor for an order dedicating 100 percent of the Local Option Meals Tax and Occupancy Tax to the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.

The same councilors also have a motion for the Law Department to prepare appropriate orders and/or resolutions, within 20 days, for the City Council to rescind the Local Option Meals Tax, for a referral to the Law Department and L&O.

Beltrandi said there are a few councilors who are trying to set up a Stabilization Fund. “It will come out of committee, and fall where it falls,” he said. In terms of the motion to rescind the Local Option Meals Tax, Beltrandi said that Councilor Flaherty had previously stated that if the Stabilization Fund is not set up, he would vote to rescind the tax. “I’m not in favor of that. I don’t think it’s a good idea,” Beltrandi said.

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TUESDAYS

6-8 am: WOW, It's Tuesday, with Bob Plasse

8-10am: Ken's Den, with Ken Stomski

WEDNESDAYS

6-8 am: Wake Up Wed., with Tina Gorman

8-10am: Wednesday Roll Call - Rotating Hosts

1st Wed On The Town with Mayor Brian Sullivan and Denny Atkins (8-10am)

2nd Wed Window into Westside with Mayor Wil Reichelt (8-9am)

Chamber Chatter with Kate Phelon (9-10am)

3rd Wed Everything Southwick with Selectman Joe Deedy (8-9am)

ArtsBeat with Mark Auerbach (9-10am)

4th Wed Rock on Westfield with Harry Rock (8-9am)

Boys and Girls Club Hour with Bill Parks (9-10am)

THURSDAYS

6-8 am: The Westfield News Radio Show, with host Patrick Berry

8-9 am: In The Flow with Rob & Joe: Westfield Tech. Academy's Rob Ollari & Joe Langone

9-10am: Superintendents' Spotlight with Stefan Czaporowski

FRIDAYS

6-8 am: JP's Talk about Town, with Jay Pagluica

8-9 am: Owls Sports Weekly with Devin Bates '18 and Anthony Swenson '18

8-9 am: Conversations with Pete Cowles

SATURDAYS

6-10am: Polka Jammer Network, with Billy Belina

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Government Meetings

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

SOUTHWICK

Agricultural Commission Meeting at 7 pm

BLANDFORD

Fire Department Meeting at 7 pm
Finance Committee at 7 pm

WESTFIELD

ZBA at 7:15 pm

HUNTINGTON

Selectboard at 6 pm

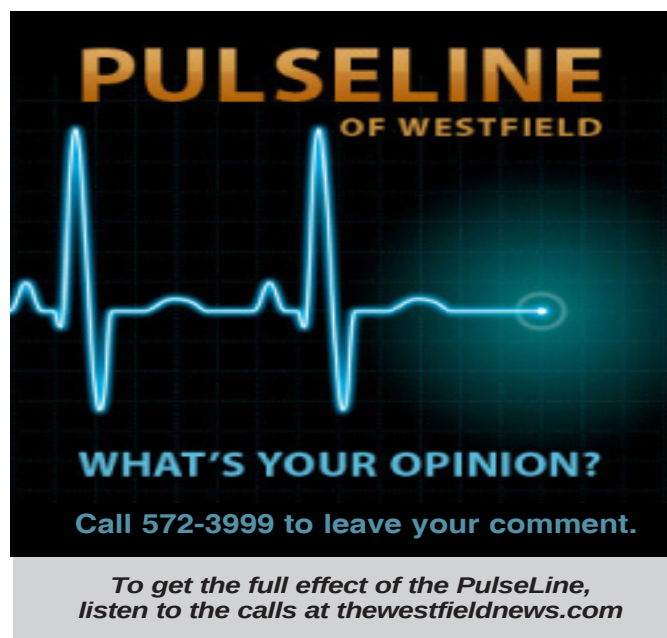
THURSDAY, MARCH 1

CHESTER

Municipal Light Department Meeting at 6 pm

Superintendent announces early retirement after ammo find

MEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts superintendent has announced he will retire early after it was revealed he knew about a gun ammunition magazine found at a middle school weeks before it was reported to police.
Medford Superintendent Roy Belson announced his retirement during a school committee meeting Tuesday. Belson will retire April 30, close to a month earlier than expected.
Many parents called for him to step down after it was revealed that he knew about a loaded gun magazine found at McGlynn Middle School in December.
Officials say Principal Jake Edwards threw the magazine away while cleaning his office Dec. 20. Edwards has since been placed on administrative leave.
Medford schools closed Monday for a staff review of security policies and a sweep of the building. Classes resumed Tuesday.



California leaders to protest scrapping of Clean Power Plan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California's top energy and environment officials were expected Wednesday to vociferously oppose a Trump administration effort to scrap an Obama-era policy aimed at fighting climate change by slashing emissions from coal-fired power plants.

The heads or top deputies of seven agencies, including the state's electrical grid operator, planned to testify at a federal Environmental Protection Agency hearing that repealing the policy ignores science and will endanger public health.

Hundreds of protesters ranging from schoolchildren to members of the American Lung Association also planned to rally at City Hall.

The EPA decided last year to repeal the Clean Power Plan, which required states to set goals for reducing carbon dioxide emissions from electrical generating plants by 2030. The policy aimed to push states to adopt cleaner forms of energy such as natural gas, wind and solar power.

However, because of regulatory procedures, it could take years for the administration to repeal the plan, and expected lawsuits and other legal challenges could delay that further.

California, already known for tough anti-smog laws, has firmly lined up in support of the plan. The state already is expected to exceed the required reductions. It is expected to get a third of its power from renewable energy sources by 2020.

Supreme Court hearing Minnesota polling place apparel case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Minnesota law that bars residents from wearing political clothing at the polls — from Donald Trump’s “Make America Great Again” hats to Democratic Party T-shirts and union buttons — is being debated at the Supreme Court.

Opponents say the law is overly broad. But Minnesota has defended it as a reasonable restriction that keeps order at polling places and prevents voter intimidation.

Other states have similar laws, so the case being argued before the justices Wednesday has the potential to have an impact beyond Minnesota.

The sides disagree about which states have laws like Minnesota's, which says a "political badge, political button or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary or election day." But both sides identify about 10 states with similar laws.

Minnesota elections officials have interpreted the state's law to mean voters can't wear anything to the polls with the name of a candidate or political party or supporting or opposing an issue on the ballot. They have said it also means voters can't wear clothing promoting a group with recognizable political views, such as the tea party, AFL-CIO or MoveOn.org. Other states have narrower laws banning "campaign" apparel, clothing that supports a specific candidate or ballot issue.

Attorney Daniel Rogan, who is arguing the case for Minnesota, says he doesn't know of anyone ever issued a fine allowed under the Minnesota law.

The case is *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky*, 16-1435.



In this Feb. 16, 2018, photo, Andy Cilek poses with a Tea Party shirt at his home in Eden Prairie, Minn. Cilek was one of two voters who defied elections officials after he was asked to cover up a tea-party shirt and button. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

COMMENT



School security *in the* Future

Echo of Obamacare: Democrats divided over vow to repeal tax law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans spent much of the last decade firing up their base with a vow to repeal President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. But when it came to doing the deed, they found promises much easier than execution.

Democrats may be starting down the same path on taxes.

From New Mexico to New York, high-profile liberals are calling for the repeal of the Republican tax plan that President Donald Trump signed into law just two months ago. They're betting big that the message will resonate with voters in the midterm elections in November and provide the sort of clear, populist economic message some Democrats worry has been missing. But others, including red-state Democrats, are clearly queasy about the strategy, mindful that repealing a government benefit once it takes hold is far easier said than done — and not always popular.

When pressed, some leading Democrats conceded that they'd repeal only certain portions of the tax law despite the implication that they'd go further.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, a 2016 presidential candidate who appeared last weekend in Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan as part of the “Repeal the Trump Tax” national tour, said “No” three times in an AP interview when asked whether he backed full repeal.

"I think what we have got to do is sit down and take a look at what kind of tax benefits would work best for small business, for working families and the middle class," Sanders said. "But what we must repeal completely is tax breaks that go to billionaires and to profitable large corporations that are in some cases are paying very little in taxes right now."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who may seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020 and was also featured on the repeal tour, offered a more aggressive position.

"Repeal this tax bill," Garcetti said. "It was passed by, and for, the Washington crowd and their rich friends. Corporations and billionaires are doing just fine."

The messaging challenge comes as the Republican tax overhaul emerges as a central issue in this year's midterm elections. More than health care, guns, or immigration, Republicans and Democrats both have embraced the tax debate. Each side believes it has the winning argument in a battle that will decide the balance of power in Washington for the last two years of Trump's first term.

The conservative Koch brothers' political network has already begun spending millions of dollars on TV ads and grassroots events to help improve the plan's popularity.

While Trump and many conservative leaders cheered the tax overhaul, it was among the least popular pieces of legislation in modern history when it became law in December. Not a single Democrat in the House or Senate voted for the tax plan, which overwhelmingly benefited the wealthy, but included modest savings for many middle-class and lower-income Americans.

"I would urge Democrats to embrace repeal. It is a simple clean message. It also captures essentially what most Democrats feel about this bill: It's bad," said Nicole Gill, whose liberal group, Tax March, coordinated the ongoing



In this Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, file photo, Senate Banking Committee ranking member Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., asks a question while testifying before the Senate Budget Committee regarding President Donald Trump's fiscal year 2019 budget proposal, in Washington. A number of high-profile liberals are calling for repeal of the Republican tax plan that President Donald Trump signed into law. But not all of them back full repeal, including Sanders. (AP Photo)



In this Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, file photo, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti speaks at the 2018 California Democrats State Convention in San Diego. A number of high-profile liberals are calling for repeal of the Republican tax plan that President Donald Trump signed into law, including Garcetti. (AP Photo/Denis Porov, File)

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Patricia J. Brochu

WESTFIELD — Patricia J. (Saltus) Brochu, 81, passed away on February 22, 2018 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Westfield to the late Harry and Jean (Nowak) Saltus and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School. Pat was a communicant of St. Peters Church and a member of the Rosary Sodality. She was an avid bowler, and square dancer with her husband, enjoyed working in the garden and outside. For 15 years she and her husband Armand played dominos with the Cline's on Saturday evenings. She also played cards and crocheted, but mostly loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Patricia is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Armand G. Brochu of Westfield, her loving daughters, Michelle P. Lesieur and her late husband Raymond and Melanie J. Brochu, both of Westfield, a sister Marsha Elefterakis of Northampton, her cherished grandchildren, Krystalee Ryan-Krieg and Kyle Beluzo and great grandchildren, Jack Ryan, Tyler Beluzo, Max Beluzo, Greysen Krieg and Charlette Beluzo. Her Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday at 10AM in St. Peter's Church State St. Westfield, and was followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southampton Rd.



Theda Hornung

MANSFIELD, MA — Theda (Markham) "Tedi" Hornung, age 79, of Mansfield, passed away peacefully, in the presence of her loving family on Monday, February 19, 2018 at the Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro. She was the beloved wife of Ronald J. Hornung, to whom she was wed on March 15, 1969. Born in Ware, MA on October 3, 1938, she was a loving daughter of the late Albert G. and Phyllis (Corry) Markham. Tedi grew up in Belchertown and Westfield, and was a graduate of Westfield High School. She furthered her education, attending Westfield State College. A resident of Mansfield for the past forty-four years, Mrs. Hornung was the founder of the Lorell Management Corporation in Norton, a company she proudly owned and operated with the assistance of her husband Ron. She also had a talent for making scrumptious gingerbread houses and was affectionately known to many as "the Gingerbread Lady." Tedi was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Norfolk and served on the churches Mission Committee. She was quite active in community affairs which included being the first female member of the Attleboro Rotary Club, where she served as a past president and secretary for life. She was also a former member and Chairman of the Executive Board of the United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton, and was a former member of the Board of Directors for the Community VNA in Attleboro. Tedi's favorite times by far were those spent with her adoring family, especially attending her grandchildren's events and cheering them on. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening and traveling.



In addition to her beloved husband of nearly forty-nine years, she is survived by her devoted children Corry L. Crump and her husband Alfred "Chip" of Mansfield, Jennifer L. Morrison and her husband Dave of North Attleboro, and Ronald "Jay" Hornung, Jr. and his wife Celeste of Easton. She was the cherished grandmother of Lexi Crump, Emily Crump, Neil Morrison, Nick Morrison, Madeline Hornung, Rebecca Hornung and the late Lauren Crump. She was the dear sister of Jean Hess of Indiana, Lois Pighetti and her husband David of Westfield, Al Markham and his wife Bobbi of Georgia, Anne Vitale and her husband Don of Florida, and Liz Kane and her husband Bill of Texas. She was the daughter-in-law of Mary Margaret Hornung of Ohio, and is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Her funeral service, to which relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend, will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 11:00 A.M. in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 63 Rockwood Road (Route 115), Norfolk. Burial will be private. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, March 1st from 5:00-8:00 P.M. at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home, 55 North Main St., Mansfield. In lieu of flowers, Tedi's family would prefer that donations in her memory be made to the Community VNA, 10 Emory St., Attleboro, MA 02703 or the Emmanuel Baptist Church Missionary Fund, P.O. Box 145, Norfolk, MA 02056 To send her family a message of condolence, please visit www.shermanjackson.com

Antique dealer admits museum artifact is a fake

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A man says he forged a museum artifact in Connecticut that was once described as a "treasure to behold for art and history buffs alike." Massachusetts antique dealer Harold Gordon tells The Hartford Courant he turned a plain writing desk into the "Bingham Family Civil War Memorial Secretary." The piece was said to be a gift given to a Civil War veteran in honor of his brother who was killed at the Battle of Antietam. Gordon says he sold the piece to a Connecticut antiques dealer because he needed the money. The dealer showed the piece at a 2015 Winter Antiques Show in New York, where it was purchased by the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. The museum said in a statement Monday it has been offered a full refund.

Antique And Modern Firearms Show

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Antique and collectable firearms, custom and utility knives, militaria, ammunition and related items. March 10-11, 2018 in Young Building at the Eastern States Exposition. Saturday, 9am – 5pm, Sunday, 9am – 3pm. General Admission: \$ 12, \$1 off coupon in newspapers and online at northeastgunshows.com. Children: Under 12, Free with parent/guardian.

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Unclaimed bodies pile up as payments wither, overdoses rise

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Who takes care of the unclaimed dead, the people who were homeless or estranged from family members, or who outlived all their kin, and left no assets behind? The answer is usually funeral homes that get reimbursed by state or local governments for the cost of cremation or burial. But payments are not keeping up with ever-rising expenses in some places, like Massachusetts, meaning the number of funeral homes willing to shoulder the burden is dwindling. In at least one state, West Virginia, drug overdose victims have used up nearly all the money set aside for the unclaimed dead. "These are human beings, someone's mother, father, sister, brother," said Peter Stefan, a funeral director in his 70s who buries dozens of unclaimed bodies a year in central Massachusetts. "What do you do with these people? If I leave this place this way, the poor won't have too many options." The \$1,110 reimbursement for funeral directors who bury the indigent and unclaimed in Massachusetts hasn't risen in 35 years. The total cost for their time, the casket, transportation of the corpse and a burial plot can be double that, they say. Cremation is cheaper, but that's impossible if, as is required in some places including Massachusetts, funeral directors can't find kin to sign off. That leaves them scrambling to find discounts or covering some costs themselves. "As long as you have two or three funeral homes that are willing to do this, it's not a problem," said Robert Lawler, a Boston funeral director who buries about 100 unclaimed bodies a year. "But what happens when we decide we can't do it anymore?" Directors recently became eligible for an extra \$1,000 if they accept bodies from the Massachusetts medical examiner's office, which investigates suicides and suspicious and accidental deaths. But

that accounts only for some bodies. About 15 states provide some funding for unclaimed body burials or cremations, while the rest have pushed the cost to local governments, said Scott Gilligan, general counsel for the National Funeral Directors Association. Ohio, for example, used to pay \$750 before shifting the burden to local governments. Now, some communities offer a set fee, while some smaller towns often won't even budget for it and funeral directors have to fight to just get paid \$350, Gilligan said. "A lot of times, they just do it as good citizens," he said. In West Virginia, there will soon be no money for the cremation or burial of the poor and unclaimed. The state fund that pays for them is set to run out of money at the end of this month because of drug overdose deaths, said Robert Kimes, executive director of the state funeral directors association. Directors who bury the indigent and unclaimed from March on will have to try recouping money from the state later, but there's no guarantee, Kimes said. Lawmakers are considering lowering the \$1,250 payment to \$1,000 but doing away with some things funeral homes have to pay for, like a vault, to make the fund last longer, he said. In northwestern Georgia's Floyd County, Coroner Gene Proctor last year was calling five or six funeral homes every time he had an unclaimed body before he could find one willing to bury it for the \$1,250 the county provided. "I couldn't blame them because ... they're a business and they have to make money to survive, and here I am asking them to cost themselves money," said Proctor, who handled about 90 unclaimed sets of remains last year. He recently persuaded the county to pass an ordinance that provides for the cremation of the unclaimed. Now, funeral homes get \$750, and every director in the

county is stepping forward, he said. In Massachusetts, Stefan wants lawmakers to require local health boards to approve cremation when relatives don't come forward within 30 days. He and his supporters, including Democratic state Senate President Harriette Chandler, say they believe it would make more funeral homes willing to help out with abandoned bodies. Stefan, who arranged the burial of Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev, is often the go-to funeral director for police, nursing homes and hospitals. He smoked from a wooden pipe as he explained how the body of James Oram, 82, arrived at his Worcester funeral home hours after dying at a nursing home in January. Oram's body spent about a month in an unfinished basement in a large refrigerator where Stefan can keep three bodies as he looks for relatives, money and burial space. Others are placed in caskets and stored in a room kept cold. The body of one man who wanted to be buried at sea has been at Stefan's funeral home for more than a year. Nearby, hundreds of containers of cremated remains that were never picked up by relatives line rows of shelves; some date to the 1800s. Stefan eventually discovered that Oram died with about \$2,000, money that paid for his burial instead of the state. On the unusually warm February day Oram was laid to rest, a funeral director read the 23rd Psalm as cemetery workers put his simple blue casket adorned with white and yellow flowers into the grave and covered it with dirt. Stefan and the others looked at the grave of the man whose information in their possession fit on a single sheet: White. Male. Single. Factory Worker. "These people were born, grew up, went to high school," Stefan said. "What happened in the middle? Who knows?"



In this Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, photo, funeral director Paul St. Germaine, left, and driver Richard Derosiers wheel a casket containing the body of 82-year-old James Oram from the Graham Putnam & Mahoney Funeral Parlor to a hearse waiting to take Oram to his final resting place in Worcester, Mass. Oram died at a local nursing home and his body was unclaimed, leading to its retrieval by funeral director and proprietor Peter Stefan, who buried Oram in an unmarked grave at Hope Cemetery in Worcester. (AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Christopher M. Lopez, 31, of 817 Airport Industrial Park Road, was found to be responsible for a charge of shoplifting by asportation brought by Westfield police and was assessed \$150.
Amber L. Voudren, of no fixed address in Holyoke, was found to be responsible for a charge of shoplifting by asportation brought by Westfield police and assessed \$150.
Jonathan D. Crespo-Andino, 25, of 193 Worthington St., Springfield, saw a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle brought by State Police dismissed upon payment of \$100 in court costs. He was found to be not responsible for a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD
Major crime and incident report
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018
12:39 pm.: narcotics violation, Westfield District Court, 224 Elm St., a court official reports a small quantity of heroin was seized from a prisoner, the responding officer reports he took custody of the contraband;
3:23 p.m.: accident, Franklin Street at Smith Avenue, an off-duty officer reports a traffic accident, the responding officer reports one operator was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital and both vehicles were towed to the police impound yard;
2:59 p.m.: fire, State Street, a caller reports a gas grill on the back porch close to the house is on fire, the responding firefighters report a neighbor extinguished the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher before their arrival, the firefighters moved the grill and found that the fire may have been grease burning;
6:36 p.m.: accident, Ellsworth Sweet, a caller reports a pizza delivery driver's vehicle is stuck in her front yard and the driver is trying to shovel his way out, the responding officer reports the driver said that he mistook the yard for the driveway and became mired in mud, the vehicle was removed;
7:42 p.m.: animal complaint, Grant Street, a dispatcher reports a stray puppy was found and transported to the Westfield Animal Shelter.

FOODTRAVEL



MELISSA D'ARBABIAN

These stuffed tomatoes updates traditional pepper recipe

By MELISSA D'ARBABIAN
Associated Press

Does your meatless Monday game need an overhaul?

As a meat-eater myself, I find that the trick to meatless meal-making is to have a small repertoire of recipes that can work as a side dish or first course, or be eaten in larger quantities as a vegetarian main dish. This is the same strategy I use when hosting a vegetarian in my home.

Today's Quinoa-Stuffed Tomatoes fits the bill perfectly. Serve one tomato as a tasty and toothsome side along some roasted chicken or sliced beef tenderloin, or double up for a vegetarian meal that will fill you up, even if you aren't vegetarian. These tomatoes can be made in advance, so they are equally brilliant for both company dinners and weeknight family suppers.

Tomatoes, a culinary favorite source of lycopene, are stuffed with quinoa and sauteed eggplant and



This Jan. 31, 2018 photo shows quinoa-stuffed tomatoes in Bethesda, Md. This dish is from a recipe by Melissa d'Arabian. (Melissa d'Arabian via AP)

mushrooms, both hefty, meaty vegetables. But, swap out the quinoa for brown rice, and use whatever veggies you find in the crisper drawer, or even in your freezer. Baking tomatoes is an excellent strategy for using up the less-than-perfectly-sweet ones that winter can bring. A big bonus: roasted tomatoes are simply gorgeous, appealing to our farm-to-table sensibilities.

While I don't think you'll miss the meat, if you must, feel free to add in a little cooked ground meat right into the filling. Either way, you'll have a healthy and hearty dish that is a nice change from the classic stuffed pepper. And as for the pulpy, fleshy middle of the tomato that you'll remove to stuff it: don't throw it out! Blend it up - juice and seeds and all - with a little garlic and onion and then mix it into your next tomato-based pasta sauce, or use it as part of your liquid next time you make rice.

QUINOA-STUFFED TOMATOES

Servings: 8

Start to finish: 1 hour, including inactive cooking time

8 medium sized tomatoes
2 teaspoons olive oil

1 small yellow onion, diced (about 3/4 cup)
1 small eggplant, cut into small dice (1/2 inch), about 2 cups
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup roughly chopped or sliced white mushrooms
3 tablespoons dry white wine
3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
1 1/2 cup cooked quinoa
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Slice off the top of each tomato, reserving the tops.

Run a paring knife around the inner rim of the tomato, loosening up the flesh on the inside of the tomato. Use a small spoon and scoop out the flesh, juice and seeds of the tomato. (Either discard or pulse in blender to use in a tomato sauce.)

Sprinkle the insides of the tomatoes with half the salt and set aside. In a large saute pan, cook the onion and eggplant in the olive oil over medium high heat until vegetables start to soften, about 8 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the garlic and

mushrooms and cook until mushrooms soften, about 5 more minutes.

Pour in the wine and stir to let it evaporate. Add the basil, quinoa, remaining salt and pepper and turn off the heat. Stir in the parmesan cheese. Gently spoon the filling into the empty tomatoes, and top each one with a reserved tomato top.

Place the tomatoes in a baking dish sprayed with a little olive oil from a mister (or nonstick spray). Mist the tomatoes with a quick spray of olive oil from a mister. Cover the dish with an oven-safe lid or foil. Bake until the tomatoes are tender and quinoa mixture is hot, about 35-40 minutes.

Chef's Note: The recipe works well with up to a half pound of

cooked ground meat added to the filling if desired. Tip: Crinkle up foil into a ball if you need to secure tomatoes in baking dish so they don't slide around.

Nutrition information per serving: 115 calories; 26 calories from fat; 3 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 2 mg cholesterol; 176 mg sodium; 19 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 5 g protein.

Food Network star Melissa d'Arabian is an expert on healthy eating on a budget. She is the author of the cookbook, "Supermarket Healthy."

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Shredded Sweet Potatoes for Passover or Easter side dish

By SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

With spring just down the road, you've likely already figured out the main dish for the feast accompanying whichever of the two big seasonal holidays — Easter or Passover — you celebrate. Leg of lamb and glazed ham are Easter favorites. Braised brisket or roast chicken land on many Passover tables. But no matter which way you roll, Shredded Sweet Potatoes with Dates and Pistachios is a tasty side dish that's a

great way to round out the menu.

The easy part of this recipe is that it takes just 5 minutes to cook on top of the stove. And because the oven is going to be hogged for hours by the main dish you're roasting, on top of the stove is exactly where you want it to cook. But sweet potatoes are dense, you say. How can they become tender in 5 minutes? Well, it's a snap when you shred them before putting them in the skillet.

Like many of us with a food processor, you might have long

ago stashed the box it came in — the one containing all the slicing and dicing blades — on the top shelf of a closet. Now's the time to pull it down, dust it off and pull out the grating disk. Then simply peel the sweet potatoes, cut them into chunks that fit into the processor's feed tube and grate away. You'll be done in about 5 minutes.

The pistachios contribute crunch — and some complementary flavor — to the sweet potatoes, but feel free to use your nut of choice. The dates contribute a nice jammy sweetness, but if you're not a fan, just leave them out. Finally, if you prefer basil or cilantro to mint, by all means, swap them in. Before the meal is over, you may find this side dish earning a place nearer to the center of the plate.

Shredded Sweet Potatoes with Dates and Pistachios
Start to finish: 30 minutes (20 active)

Servings: 6

1/2 cup finely chopped onion
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and coarsely shredded, preferably using the grating disk of a food processor
Kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/3 cup toasted chopped pistachios
1/3 cup chopped dried dates
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons shredded fresh mint

In a large skillet cook the onion in the oil over medium heat, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the sweet potatoes and a hefty pinch of salt, increase the heat to medium-high, cover, and cook, stirring, occasionally, until the potato is tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in the paprika, pistachios, dates, lemon juice and mint; add salt to taste.

Nutritional information per serving: 254 calories; 82 calories from fat; 9 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 167 mg sodium; 41 g carbohydrate; 6 g fiber; 13 g sugar; 4 g protein.

Sara Moulton is host of public television's "Sara's Weeknight Meals." She was executive chef at Gourmet magazine for nearly 25 years and spent a decade hosting several Food Network shows including "Cooking Live." Her latest cookbook is "HomeCooking 101."



This February 2018 photo provided by Sara Moulton shows Shredded Sweet Potatoes in New York. (AP Photo)



In this March 21, 2016, file photo Spanish-American chef Jose Andres answers questions during a panel discussion at an event on entrepreneurship at La Cervceria, in Havana, Cuba. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

Chef Jose Andres writing book on Hurricane Maria relief work

NEW YORK (AP) — Award-winning chef Jose Andres is working on a book about his efforts to help Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

Ecco told The Associated Press on Wednesday that it has acquired “We Fed An Island: The True Story of Rebuilding Puerto Rico, One Meal at a Time.” The book is scheduled for Sept. 11 and is co-written by Richard Wolffe. A portion of proceeds will be given to the Chef Relief Network of Andres’ nonprofit World Central Kitchen. Also on Wednesday, the James Beard Foundation cited his efforts in feeding millions of Puerto Ricans after the storm in naming him “Humanitarian of the Year.” The foundation called him a “committed advocate of food and hunger issues.”

“We Fed an Island” will be released through Anthony Bourdain’s imprint at Ecco. In the book, Andres says he wanted to provide the “inside story” of the relief work by himself and World Central Kitchen last fall.

“We want to tell the inside story of what we saw on the ground,” he writes, “the good and the bad— of the crisis, the response, and how a plate of food does more than just fill you up. It fills you with hope.”



In this June 13, 2013, file photo, The Lough Erne Golf Resort Enniskillen, Northern Ireland is shown. Two interconnecting lakes comprise Lough Erne, making it a popular vacation destination, especially for water sports, despite changeable weather. (AP Photo/Peter Morrison, File)

Northern Ireland’s lake lands: Rain, history and the Mellons

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP) — We stood at the bar of the grand Lough Erne Resort, looking out at the driving rain.

“You see that lake out there,” mused the barman wryly. “That was a field this morning.”

This was my first trip to Northern Ireland’s lake lands in the western region, two hours by car from Belfast and a slightly longer drive from Dublin. We had rented a two-bedroom static caravan — what Americans call a mobile home — on the shores of Lower Lough Erne last summer. It was just the right side of cozy for me and my partner Matthew, and our 6-year-old daughter Kitty. Our verandah overlooked the larger of two interconnecting lakes that comprise Lough Erne. Speed boats and jet skis often zipped past.

But the changeable weather meant we enjoyed a week of sunshine and showers, often at the same time. We also had an opportunity to sightsee and glimpse history, from centuries-old Christian ruins to a park that tells the story of the mass migration of the 18th and 19th centuries — including the roots of a famous and wealthy American family.

MEDIEVAL RUINS

As soon as the winds subsided, we hired a little boat and set off to explore. We landed at White Island, home to ruins of an ancient church built around the year 1200. Its Romanesque archway remarkably remains intact.

Among the ruins we found more treasures: six sculptures depicting early Christian figures. One figure holds a shepherd’s crook (crozier) like a bishop, and is believed to represent St. Patrick. Archaeologists think another depicts Christ. The unusual artworks are thought to date from the ninth to 11th centuries.

On this isolated island I felt like I was the first person to discover them. The glimpse of medieval Ireland and early Celtic Christianity was a real thrill.

FAMINE, MIGRATION AND THE NEW WORLD

We also visited a living museum called the Ulster American Folk Park, about an hour from Lough Erne in Omagh. Buildings from across the province of Ulster and from around the U.S. have been carefully rebuilt or replicated here to help illustrate the stories of the many families who left in the 18th and 19th centuries for a better life in the New World.

Those stories include the remarkable odyssey of the Mellons. Their original homestead is the museum’s center, and their descendants remain among America’s wealthiest families.

The Mellons were fairly well-off tenant farmers when they decided to emigrate in 1818, several decades before the Great Famine that decimated the countryside. Their son Thomas was just 5 years old when the Mellons left. The family eventually settled in the town of Export, Pennsylvania, where their large six-room, log farmhouse still stands.

The Ulster American Folk Park boasts a replica of that building.

Thomas became a lawyer, then a banker founding T. Mellon & Sons in 1869, today part of BNY Mellon. Thomas’ son Andrew, a banker, industrialist and philanthropist, became secretary of the U.S. Treasury in 1921. A school that he founded is now part of Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

But the Mellons’ affluence was not the usual migrant story. More typical was a one-room thatched cottage with a mud floor at the Folk Park, representing the home of a fictional family of poor farm laborers, eight children and their parents. They ate potatoes for every meal.

In 1845, the potato harvest began to fail. By the time the Great Famine ended in 1852, a million people had died and another million had emigrated to England, Scotland, South Wales, North America and Australia. Many ended up in the U.S., where 10 percent of the population is estimated to have Irish ancestry — including a number of U.S. presidents, most recently Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.

Other houses representing American homes tell stories of real families like the Mellons with connections or roots in Ulster. The townland became a village with a replica pub, drapery, pharmacy and rope-makers. At the far end of the main street we entered the dockside gallery, which contains a lifesize replica of a ship. A fare of \$5 would purchase one-way passage to a new life in America. But this was not the Titanic: There were no luxuries onboard. Around 200 people and their belongings spent the duration of the six- to 12-week journey, four to a berth, in the area between decks of the 100-foot (30-meter) vessel.

As we traced the migrant experience, wandering from thatched cottage to school house, forge and church, our senses were assaulted by the smell of musty quilts, baking bread and smoldering turf. Chatty guides in costume explained their chores, baking soda bread over an open fire, spinning sheep’s wool into yarn and creating smelly candles from animal fat.

When we entered the New World section of the park, the clouds momentarily parted and an American visitor quipped, “The sun always shines in the New World!”

Well, the sun often shines in Ulster, but the first rule of packing for a holiday in Northern Ireland, is bring your wellies as well as your sunglasses, as the weather likes to dance across the sky.

IF YOU GO.

LOUGH ERNE RESORT: <https://www.loughernerestort.com/>

ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK: <https://www.nmni.com/our-museums/ulster-american-folk-park/Home.aspx>

WHITE ISLAND: <http://www.megalithicireland.com/White%20Island%20Figures.htm>

MEXICO WINE COUNTRY

Foodie paradise and tastings in Baja

ENSENADA, Mexico (AP) — Wine lovers, listen up: There’s a little-known gem just south of the border called Valle de Guadalupe.

It’s a bit dustier and rougher around the edges than California’s prized Napa Valley, but Baja’s wine country offers a relaxed, unpretentious, budget-friendly experience clustered along a main highway in this region of Mexico known as the Ruta del Vino.

The fast-growing wine mecca just two hours south of San Diego is home to hip boutique hotels, an impressive culinary scene and more than 100 wineries to satisfy the most discerning of aficionados.

The greenest and busiest time to visit is May through September, but other months welcome serious connoisseurs looking for a quieter trip with more personal attention — often from the winemakers themselves. Add in a few crisp evenings spent sipping your favorite chardonnay by a fire pit and you’ve got yourself a memorable wine getaway with a fraction of the fuss.

SIP TIPS

Vinas de Garza: This romantic hilltop tasting room has some of the best views in the valley. Tastings range from \$10-\$16. Don’t leave without trying the Blanco del Rancho Mogorito, a delightful sauvignon blanc-chardonnay blend that delivers bright, fruity, unoaked flavors (\$17.10 per bottle).

Hacienda la Lomita: Family-run Lomita, and its biodynamic sister location, Finca La Carrodilla, are committed to organic farming. Lomita’s tiny, but trendy tasting room is known for its artsy ambiance and ruby red rose, a marshmallow and caramel flavored dream (\$11.82 per bottle). Tastings range from \$12-\$21.

Villa Montefiori: Set back off the main road, Montefiori’s tasting room is a large viewing deck perched above its sprawling vineyard. They boast “Mexican wines with an Italian heart” with vines imported from owner Paolo Paoloni’s home country, Italy. Try a glass for \$4, tastings range from \$6-\$24 and bottles run \$16-\$64.

Monte Xanic: This lakeside oasis is owned by a collective of Mexican families. It’s one of the largest, oldest and well-manicured properties in the area. The winery’s dry and fruity malbec (\$37 per bottle) was a stand-out. Tastings are \$10-\$17 and bottles range from \$12-\$53.

FOOD FINDS

Come for the wine, but stay for the food. Valle de Guadalupe’s restaurants serve up artistic, creative haute cuisine with a more palatable price than a comparable meal state-side.

Finca Altozano: This rustic, Instagram-friendly, steakhouse whips up locally sourced, seasonal delights like wood-fired quall (\$13.25) and ahi tuna tostadas (\$5). The most memorable meal of the trip was Finca’s grilled pacific octopus (\$8.75) in a mouth-watering citrus soy sauce. Don’t forget to check out the gorgeous grounds and the larger-than-life wine barrel viewing decks, perfect for stargazing with a nightcap.



This Oct. 16, 2017 photo shows the cellar at Hacienda la Lomita in Valle de Guadalupe, Ensenada Municipality, Baja California, Mexico. (AP Photo/Nicole Evatt)



This Oct. 15, 2017 photo shows dishes, baked brussels sprouts and grilled octopus, right, at Finca Altozano in Valle de Guadalupe in Ensenada Municipality, Baja California, Mexico. (AP Photo/Nicole Evatt)



This Oct. 16, 2017 photo shows a glass of wine during a tasting at Hacienda la Lomita in Valle de Guadalupe, Ensenada Municipality, Baja California, Mexico. (AP Photo/Nicole Evatt)

Adobe Food Truck: For a casual lunch with outdoor seating, stop by this popular food truck serving sandwiches, salads and tapas. Many plates are \$5 or less.

Deckman’s: Dine under the stars with an outdoor kitchen helmed by Michelin-starred chef Drew Deckman. The locally grown, farm-to-table fare includes Thai curry mussels (\$12.75) and a five-course tasting menu for \$39.80.

HIP HOTELS

Though gourmet food is a steal in Valle, expect fewer frills and pricier rates from the boutique hotels popping up throughout the area.

Villas Maglen: This newly built, centrally located hotel has six desert-chic villas grouped around fire pits, a small pool and an onsite restaurant.

Adobe Guadalupe: Explore the valley’s vineyards via horseback while staying in this stunning, hacienda-style hotel.

Encuentro Guadalupe: This unique property offers 22 modern, eco-friendly pods with sweeping vineyard views.

PLAN LIKE A PRO

You can fly into Tijuana Airport or cross the border by car. To drive, you’ll need a passport, a tourist card, also called an FMM (Forma Migratoria Multiple), and Mexican car insurance, which can be purchased in advance from a number of companies.

Visit on weekdays to avoid crowded tasting rooms and traffic jams at the border, but note that many wineries are only open Thursday-Sunday and most close by 5 p.m. You can check border wait times online.

Credit cards are widely accepted throughout Valle, but it may handy to pick up pesos before you arrive.

You can bring one liter of alcohol back per person, duty free, to the United States. Pay a small fee at the border for additional bottles. You’re allowed five liters per passenger when traveling by plane.

Wine not your thing? Check out bike rentals, zip lines, spas, horseback riding and ATV adventures or head to nearby Ensenada for fishing, watersports or a stroll through the touristy pier.



Volunteers hang banners around the perimeter of Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland, Fla., to welcome back students who will be returning to school Wednesday two weeks after the mass shooting that killed 17 students and staff. (Susan Stocker/South Florida Sun-Sentinel via AP)

Florida students return to ‘picture of education in fear’

PARKLAND, Fla. (AP) — About 50 uniformed officers marched into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School early Wednesday, just one aspect of the heavy security as classes resumed for the first time since 17 students and teachers were killed by a troubled teenager with an AR-15, thrusting them into the center of the nation’s gun debate.

The heavily armed police presence, designed to make the community feel secure, is also disturbing in itself, some students said.

“This is a picture of education in fear in this country. The NRA wants more people just like this, with that exact firearm to scare more people and sell more guns,” said David Hogg, who has become a leading voice in the students’ movement to control assault weapons. “I know one of those bullets could be shredding through me if I was misidentified as a school shooter,” Hogg added.

Grief counselors are on campus as well “to provide a lot of love, a lot of understanding” and help students “ease back” into their school routines, Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie said. Officers with therapy dogs also stood outside.

Wednesday’s class schedule started with 4th period, so that students and teachers could return to the people they were with during the shooting. The freshman building where the massacre took place remains cordoned off.

Parents of Marjory Stoneman Douglas victims were in Tallahassee on Tuesday as Florida lawmakers considered gun legislation. A House committee approved a bill that would raise the minimum age for long gun buyers and let some teachers carry arms. (Feb. 28)

Casey Sherman, a 17-year-old junior, thinks the schedule was a good idea so kids can “get it over with,” and not worry about it all day. Up until 11:30 p.m. working on preparations for the March 14 national school walkout against gun violence, she said she’s not afraid to be returning, “just nervous.”

“We did go through a tragedy,” said Sherman, who walked in holding hands with her boyfriend. “It was terrible but if you let it stop you ... it’s not how you go down, it’s how you get back up.”

A long line of cars circled the school and dozens of television trucks and vehicles were camped out nearby as students, parents and staff were ushered through a security cordon, past a “Welcome Eagles” banner and a walkway lined with flowers, photographs and

other memorials. Some were returning despite severe gun wounds, but even those who weren’t hit by bullets spoke of emotional trauma.

Alexis Grogan, a 15-year-old sophomore, planned to wear a Stoneman Douglas color — maroon — on the first day back to class Wednesday, plus sneakers that say “MSD Strong, be positive, be passionate, be proud to be an eagle” and “2/14/18” in honor of those who died.

She feels nervous, like it might be too soon to go on as usual without slain friends like Luke Hoyer, who sat two seats behind her in Spanish. Still, the support from her fellow students, and their fight to strengthen gun control laws have buoyed her spirits.

“I am so proud of how the kids at my school have been fighting because we all want change to happen and, as we see the progression, it really shows us that people do care and they do hear what we have to say,” Grogan said in a text message.

The victims’ relatives kept up the pressure in Florida’s capital Tuesday, with emotional testimony during a legislative hearing on a bill to raise the age limit to buy long guns from 18 to 21, and create a program allowing teachers to carry concealed weapons in their classrooms, if their school district allows it, they get law-enforcement training and are deputized by the local sheriff’s office.

The Broward superintendent has spoken out firmly against the idea of arming teachers. Hogg also thinks the idea is misguided.

The House Appropriations Committee’s 23-6 vote in favor of the bill Tuesday followed more than four hours of emotional discussion with the parents of some of the 17 killed, and nearly two weeks of activism by students on social media and in televised debates.

Gov. Rick Scott, who met with officials in Miami-Dade County on Tuesday, said at a news conference that he hopes a gun and school-safety bill is passed before Florida’s annual legislative session ends on March 9. He had proposed measures that overlap with the Legislature’s plan but did not include arming teachers. However, he declined to say Tuesday whether he would veto the sweeping package if it included that provision.

The Senate’s version of the school-safety bill was approved by a second committee on a 13-7 vote Tuesday evening. Sen. Bill Galvano, who is designated to become the next Senate president and is ushering through



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the bill, said the earliest it will be considered by the full Senate is Friday.

Marion Hammer, a lobbyist for the National Rifle Association and Unified Sportsmen of Florida, told the House Appropriations Committee that she supports tightening school security and keeping guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, but not the House bill’s gun-ownership restrictions, which she later said would not have stopped the Parkland shooting.

“Part of what we need to do is make people understand that guns are not the problem,”

she said after the hearing. “So passing more laws dealing with guns as a solution to a problem that exists within the enforcement of laws is just kind of silly.”

Max Schachter, father of 14-year-old victim Alex Schachter, said the bill the House committee eventually approved doesn’t go far enough — but could have saved his son.

“If we would have had these measures in place, I would not have had to bury my son next to his mother a week and a half ago. ... I’m pleading for your help. I’m willing to compromise. Are you?” he asked.

Mass shooting threat prompts early dismissal at high school

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — Police say a Westport high school student has been placed him into custody after threatening to shoot a teacher.

Westport police say they were called to Staples High School at around 9 a.m. Tuesday. School officials told the officers a student was overheard making threats.

Police interviewing the student confirmed he “did have thoughts to execute a mass shooting.” Police didn’t identify the student, who they say is being evaluated a medical facility.

Authorities say no weapons were found on the student but firearms owned by his father were found in a safe at the family’s home. Police say they’re working to confirm that all the weapons are accounted for. They say the family is cooperating with the investigation.

Staples High School was dismissed early Tuesday afternoon.

Court rules school cannot be held liable for bullied student

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has ruled a school district cannot be held financially liable for bullying that left a child paralyzed.

The state’s highest court ruled Tuesday state law protects school districts from being held liable for injuries a bullied student sustains.

The ruling came in the case of Matthew Mumbauer, a fourth-grade student at Brickett Elementary School in Lynn. Court documents show Matthew was repeatedly targeted by student in his class, and the student pushed Matthew down a stairwell in 2008 causing permanent paralysis.

Matthew’s family sued the city, school district and administrators, saying they were negligent in failing to act.

Justice Kimberly Budd wrote in the decision while elementary school workers should have done more to protect Matthew, they are exempt from liability by law.

Dick’s to stop selling assault-style rifles in its stores

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick’s Sporting Goods will immediately end sales of assault-style rifles in its stores and won’t sell guns to anyone under 21 years old following the school massacre in Parkland, Florida.

Dick’s Chairman and CEO Edward Stack said on “Good Morning America” Wednesday that after the shooting the company “felt it needed to do something.”

Stack says that the gunman, Nickolas Cruz, had purchased a gun at a Dick’s store, but not the one used at the school shooting, even though all existing rules were followed. Stack says that the system that’s in place won’t stop sales to dangerous people and said lawmakers must do something.

Stack said Dick’s is prepared for any potential backlash, but will not change its policies on gun sales.

POLICE

Man threatened to be next school shooter in email

VERNON, Conn. (AP) — Police have arrested a Connecticut man who they say sent an email to a local television station threatening to “be the next school shooter.”

An employee with WTIC-TV called state police to report the email around 9 p.m. Monday. Police say the sender, 24-year-old Oscar Rodriguez, included his email address and phone number in the email.

Rodriguez told police serving an arrest warrant at his Vernon home he had no recollection of sending the email. He has been charged with harassment and breach of peace.

The Hartford Courant reports Rodriguez’s public defender David Warner said during Rodriguez’s arraignment hearing his client was intoxicated to the point of blacking out Monday.

Warner says Rodriguez had no way of carrying out his threats. Police say there were no weapons in Rodriguez’s home.

SPORTS



St. Mary's Luke Willenborg (12) dribbles the ball down low against Monson in a first round postseason game Tuesday night. (Photo by Chris Putz)



St. Mary's Jake Butler (20) blows by the Monson defense for two on the road in Tuesday night's West Division 4 boys' basketball tournament. (Photo by Chris Putz)



Mark Nelson soars to the hoop for the St. Mary Saints. (Photo by Chris Putz)

Mustangs turn back Butler, Saints

By CHRIS PUTZ
Staff Writer
MONSON – For one quarter, No. 12 St. Mary's scrapped, hustled, fought and clawed their way past fifth-seeded Monson on the road in a first round West Division 4 boys' basketball tournament game.
St. Mary's (6-15) surprised Monson (11-10) with a gutsy effort early on, playing with a lot of heart. In the end though, the Saints got

worn down and fell 76-30.
"We accomplished our goal of making the tournament," St. Mary's coach Joe Molta said. "To make the tournament after four years of struggling, I am pleased."
St. Mary's worked hard for every basket, especially in the first quarter and found themselves trailing only five late in the quarter before Monson drained a 3-pointer in the closing seconds to take a 15-7 lead.

Monson refocused its efforts in the second quarter, and went on a 25-2 run to gain control of the game.
"That was our demise," coach Molta said. "Their size and athleticism hurt us."
Monson enjoyed a definitive height differential and it proved to be a huge advantage with multiple second chance opportunities.
St. Mary's stayed with Monson in the third and fourth quarters but the damage was

already done.
"Outside of that quarter, I thought we played as well as we could," coach Molta said.
Logan Gerry paved the way for Monson with 16 points, 11 of which came in the third quarter. Mustangs' Chris Sisco and Cam Krotovil finished with 14 and 13 points, respectively.
St. Mary's 1,000 point scorer Jake Butler scored a game-high 17. Jared Russin had five.

WEST D4 BOYS HOOPS FIRST ROUND



Westfield Tech's David Tikhonchuk (2) takes flight over a couple of defenders on his way to the rim. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)



The Tiger's Mark Klyuchits (20) gets ready to shoot a hook shot. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)



Westfield Tech's Kenneth Flores (1) cruises down the court and tries to find some open space. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)



Westfield Tech's Joshua Bush (13) holds onto the rock despite having multiple defenders draped over him. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)

Czeremcha goes beast mode in final game

No. 7 Duggan Academy 62, No. 10 Westfield Technical Academy 41
Westfield Tech senior Andrew Czeremcha delivered a monster effort, making six 3-pointers and finishing with a career high 24 points to go along with 10 rebounds and five blocks.
"Andrew played his final game the way it should be with a lot of fight and all heart," Westfield Tech coach Kyle Dulude said. "The boys never quit."
In fact, Westfield Tech outscored Duggan Academy in the third quarter 17-14 and only lost the fourth, 13-10.
"We tried to find little victories in the second half," coach Dulude said. "We focused on getting a stop or scoring off a time out. As play continued in the second half, it became important for us to just win the (half) for the sake of pride."
Westfield Tech had no answer for Duggan's big man, James, who led all scorers with 27 points.
"He was a force in the paint," Dulude said of the Duggan senior.



The Tiger's Kevin Flores (5) and a player from Duggan Academy do their best real time jump ball impression during the second quarter. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)

HIGH SCHOOL 2017 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Tues., Feb. 27, 2018 WEST DIVISION 1 GIRLS ICE HOCKEY PRELIMINARY ROUND No. 17 HPNA 5, No. 16 Longmeadow (WHS Co-Op) 4 Thurs., March 1, 2018 WEST DIVISION 3 BOYS ICE HOCKEY SEMIFINALS No. 2 Westfield (13-4-2) vs. No. 3 West Springfield (11-7-2), Olympia (West Springfield), 8 p.m.	Fri., March 2, 2018 WEST D1 BOYS HOOPS QUARTERFINAL No. 5 Westfield (13-7) at No. 4 Chicopee Comp (15-5), 7 p.m. Tues., March 6, 2018 State Ski Championships Berkshire East, Charlemont Thurs., March 8, 2018 WEST DIVISION 3 BOYS ICE HOCKEY FINALS Teams TBD, Olympia (West Springfield), 8:30 p.m.
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SAINT MARY HIGH SCHOOL

Tues., Feb. 27, 2018 WEST D4 BOYS HOOPS FIRST ROUND No. 5 Monson 76, No. 12 St. Mary's 30	Tues., March 6, 2018 State Ski Championships Berkshire East, Charlemont
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GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Feb. 26, 2018 WEST D4 GIRLS HOOPS FIRST ROUND No. 5 Mount Everett 55, No 12 Gateway 19
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SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Tues., Feb. 27, 2018 WEST D3 BOYS HOOPS FIRST ROUND No. 7 Southwick 49, No. 10 Renaissance 44	Fri., March 2, 2018 No. 7 Southwick (15-6) at No. 2 Easthampton (15-5), 7 p.m.
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WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Tues., Feb. 27, 2018 WEST D4 BOYS HOOPS FIRST ROUND No. 7 Duggan Academy 62, No. 10 Westfield Technical Academy 41
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McAvoy, newcomer Nash lead Bruins past Hurricanes 4-3 in OT

BOSTON (AP) — Two of Boston’s new additions helped the Bruins avoid their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Rick Nash scored in his home debut and Tommy Wingels had a goal and an assist in his first game for the Bruins, who rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Carolina Hurricanes 4-3 on Charlie McAvoy’s goal 1:08 into over-time Tuesday night.

“The first period was rough,” said Nash, acquired Sunday in a trade with the New York Rangers. “We stayed with it and we battled back. It was a big two points after being down two.”

The Nash trade was the headliner in Boston as the Bruins bolstered their lineup for a post-season run. They also picked up Wingels on Monday in a deadline deal with Chicago that didn’t get nearly as much attention, but it added some much-needed depth at center with leading goal-scorer Patrice Bergeron out with a broken foot.

Wingels assisted on Riley Nash’s goal with three seconds left in the first period to pull Boston to 3-2, then tied it 5:34 into the second with his first goal as a member of the Bruins.

“At this point of the season, you don’t have time to wade your way into it. You have to be ready to go from the get-go,” Wingels said. “If you get traded, this is the kind of place you want to go to. It’s a hungry team, a team that’s capable of winning it all.”

The Bruins, coming off back-to-back losses for just the second time this season, didn’t look much like a contender in the first period.

“As the game went on I thought we started to establish ourselves again and put them on their heels and make them defend more and more,” said Riley Nash, who helped set up McAvoy’s game-winner by beating a pair of Carolina players in a corner battle for the puck.

He got the puck out of the corner and started Brad Marchand and McAvoy on a 2-on-1. McAvoy ended it with a wrist shot past goalie Scott Darling.

“They’re where they are in the standings for a reason,” said Carolina captain Justin Faulk, who had two assists. “It was tight,

obviously, and we just weren’t able to get enough.”

Brock McGinn, Teuvo Teravainen and Sebastian Aho scored for Carolina in the first. Darling stopped 28 shots for the Hurricanes, who are 0-5-1 in their last six games and have been outscored 24-9 during the skid.

Tuukka Rask made 29 saves for the Bruins. Rick Nash got his first goal for Boston at 11:41 of the first to tie it 1-all after McGinn’s power-play goal 10:01 into the game gave Carolina an early lead.

Boston fans were still celebrating seven seconds later when David Pastrnak received a double-minor for a high stick to the face of Joakim Nordstrom, who stayed down at center ice for several minutes as the Carolina training staff attended to him.

Pastrnak was still serving the first penalty when Teravainen beat Rask with a wrist shot at 13:09.

Aho put Carolina up 3-1 with 56 seconds left in the first, slipping the puck between Rask’s legs off a pass from Teravainen.

“We got one in the last minute, they got one

in the last minute,” Hurricanes coach Bill Peters said. “It would’ve been nice to come into the room with a two-goal lead. It’s not the way it unfolded.”

NOTES: Bergeron is expected to miss two weeks or more. He played Sunday in a 4-1 loss at Buffalo despite the fracture, which occurred Saturday when he blocked a shot in a loss at Toronto. Bruins general manager Don Sweeney said a CT scan showed the fracture that didn’t appear on an X-ray when Bergeron’s foot was initially examined. Bergeron will be evaluated in two weeks. ... Carolina C Jordan Staal missed his third straight game. Staal’s infant daughter, Hannah, died on Saturday. ... McGinn’s goal was his first since he scored against Colorado on Feb. 10. ... Faulk snapped a five-game scoreless streak.

UP NEXT

Hurricanes: At the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

Bruins: Host the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday night.



Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara, left, smiles as he talks with left wing Rick Nash (61) as they head to the locker room at the end of the second period of the team’s NHL hockey game against the Carolina Hurricanes in Boston, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018. Nash was traded to the Bruins in a multiple-player deal with the New York Rangers. (AP Photo)



Boston Bruins left wing Rick Nash (61) is handed the puck from linesman Darren Gibbs after his first goal with the team, during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Carolina Hurricanes in Boston, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018. Nash was traded to the Bruins in a multiple player deal with the New York Rangers. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)



Boston Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy, right, leaps into the arms of Brad Marchand after scoring in overtime of the team’s NHL hockey game against the Carolina Hurricanes in Boston, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018. The Bruins defeated the Hurricanes 4-3. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

WEST D3 BOYS' HOOPS FIRST ROUND



Daniel Scharmann (10) making the shot through Renaissance defenders Jonathan Rodriguez (34) and Isaiah McCaskill (12).



Bradley Durand (43) fights his way past Torrii Turner (14) and Jonathan Rodriguez (34) during Tuesday night's game at Southwick High.

Rams advance

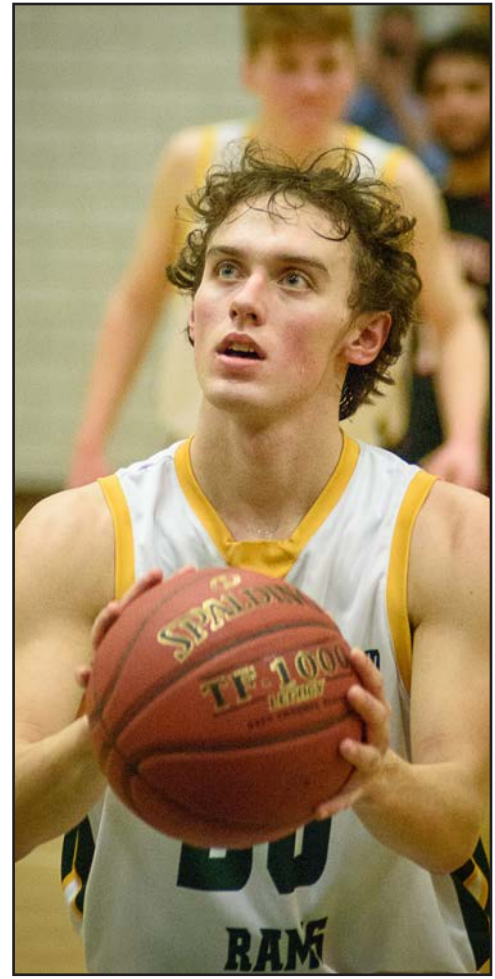
No. 7 Southwick 49, No. 10 Renaissance 44
Seventh-seeded Southwick took advantage of its home court advantage, turning back Renaissance (9-12) with an opening round victory.
Southwick (15-6) advances to a quarterfinal matchup on the road Friday at second-ranked Easthampton (15-5), which received a first-round bye. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.



Southwick's Bill Strain goes for a layup during pregame practice Tuesday night.



Southwick's Tim McGrath (5) goes high to sink a basket.



Hunter Iglesias (30) is all concentration as he sets up for a free throw.



Southwick fans cheer their winning team at Tuesday night's game against Renaissance.

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Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Best Friend at One Point

Dear Annie: My father was diagnosed with cancer a year ago. I told a close childhood friend. She responded, “I don’t know if I can deal with that.” Then she didn’t speak to me for six months. This was hurtful -- as I had recently spent many weekends traveling (I live out of town) and hundreds of dollars as her maid of honor, supported her emotionally through the stress of wedding prep, and helped her move -- but I didn’t have the emotional capacity at the time to try to rebuild the friendship.

Now that a year has passed, we have been occasionally spending time together again, though we avoid serious conversation. She introduces me as her “best friend.” Recently, I accidentally referred to someone else as my best friend, and she took offense. I don’t want to lose an old friendship, but I can’t imagine being more than casual friends. How can I tactfully tell her that she is far from my best friend and that I’m uncomfortable with her possessiveness? Or is it kinder to leave her to their own perception of our relationship? -- Less Invested

Dear Less Invested: Don’t put any stock in this woman. You told her your father had cancer, and her response was, “I don’t know if I can deal with that.” That is not a best friend; that is not even a mediocre friend. I applaud your desire to be upfront; however, in this case, such a conversation would only give her a chance to offer excuses. Her behavior last year told you all you need to know. Keep your distance, and spend your time with people who truly value it.

Dear Annie: One of my biggest pet peeves is when you are in a parking lot and you kindly stop and let people go in front of you and they don’t think to thank you by waving. Most people seem to just expect it! I always thank with a wave and feel others should, too. What say you? -- Jan

Dear Jan: I think they should wave. But if they don’t, just pretend they did -- give yourself a little wave of acknowledgment, if that helps -- and then move on with your day.

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from “News Junkie,” who found himself constantly watching or reading the news and was feeling exhausted. As a therapist, I wonder what’s driving this person to constantly know what’s happening on the political scene. One reason that people go overboard on the news is that they’re unconsciously hoping to decrease their anxiety by knowing more. However, paradoxically, this behavior usually backfires and increases anxiety. Another reason is that they feel pressure to be up-to-date when there are discussions of politics, which happens more often than it used to. This group of people may be afraid of not appearing politically savvy or fear being left out of conversations. -- LCSW

Dear LCSW: I’m always grateful for a clinician’s take on a letter. You raise some great additional considerations. Perhaps “News Junkie” and others binging on news would benefit from looking inward to consider what’s driving their overconsumption.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

A COLD DAY CALLS FOR POTATO SOUP

Dear Heloise: You had a recipe for a POTATO SOUP that was easy to make and really good on a cold day. Would you reprint it for your readers? -- Louisa N., Missoula, Mont.

Louisa, I’d be delighted to pass this recipe along:

Meme’s Potato Soup
4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
1 small onion, chopped
1 tablespoon shortening
1 cup water
2 cups milk
3/4 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper

Cook potatoes, onion, shortening and water in a large pot until potatoes are soft. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

If you like this recipe, you can order it and other soup ideas in my Spectacular Soups pamphlet by sending \$5, along with a long, stamped (71 cents), self-addressed envelope, to: Heloise/Soups, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: If you need to thicken a soup, you can add about 1/4 cup uncooked oatmeal. -- Heloise

AN ICE-CUBE IDEA

Dear Heloise: I like to make a big pot of tea, but I hate to throw out the leftover tea. I pour the remainder into ice-cube trays and freeze it. Then I can use the cubes when I serve iced tea, and the flavor won’t be diluted. Sometimes I add a little curl of lemon or a mint leaf to dress up the ice cube. -- Sarah B., Hartsville, S.C.



TV Sports Listings

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Baseball

1 p.m. MLB Spring Training: Detroit Tigers vs. New York Yankees (YES)

Basketball

6:30 p.m. NCAA: Providence at Xavier (FS1)
6:30 p.m. NCAA: LSU at South Carolina (SEC Network)
7 p.m. NCAA: Temple vs. Connecticut (CBSSN)
7 p.m. NCAA: Mississippi at Kentucky (ESPN2)
7 p.m. NCAA: Pittsburgh at Notre Dame (ESPNU)
8 p.m. NBA: Golden State Warriors at Washington Wizards (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. NCAA: Villanova at Seton Hall (FS1)
8:30 p.m. NCAA: Texas A&M at Georgia (SEC Network)
9 p.m. NCAA: Butler at St. John's (CBSSN)

9 p.m. NCAA: Houston at SMU (ESPN2)
9 p.m. NCAA: Florida State at Clemson (ESPNU)
9 p.m. NCAA: Syracuse at Boston College (YES)
10:30 p.m. NBA: Houston Rockets at L.A. Clippers (ESPN)
11 p.m. NCAA: Nevada at UNLV (CBSSN)

Golf

10:30 p.m. LPGA Tour: World Championship Round 1 (GOLF)

Hockey

7 p.m. NHL: Buffalo Sabres at Tampa Bay Lightning (MSGPL)
8 p.m. NHL: Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues (NBCSN)
10 p.m. NHL: New York Rangers at Vancouver Canucks (MSG)

At The Movies

Lewis Gilbert, director of 3 James Bond films, dies at 97

LONDON (AP) — Director Lewis Gilbert, whose dozens of movies included three James Bond thrillers —“You Only Live Twice,” “The Spy Who Loved Me” and “Moonraker” — and the Swinging London classic “Alfie,” has died at 97, colleagues said Tuesday.

Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson said in a statement that “it is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of our dear friend Lewis Gilbert.” The Bond fan site “From Sweden With Love” said he died Friday in Monaco.

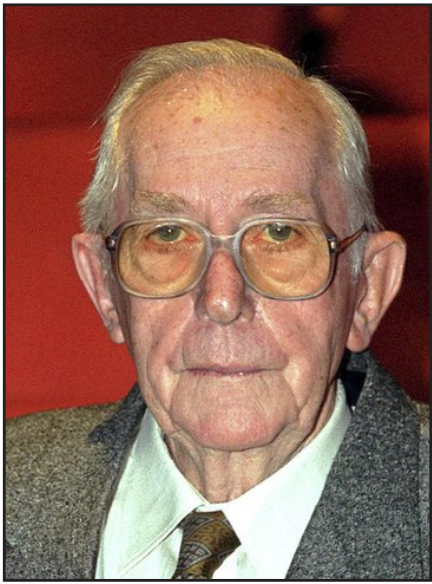
Broccoli and Wilson said Gilbert was “a true gentleman” whose Bond films “are considered classics within the series.”

The British Film Institute’s filmography lists 33 features directed by Gilbert between 1947 and 2002, making him the most prolific of British filmmakers. But, he acknowledged, most people remembered him for his 007 thrillers.

“When I go around the world now when I’m working it’s amazing — they’re not interested in any of my films until I say ‘James Bond,’” Gilbert told the BBC in 2010. “And the minute I say ‘James Bond’ they practically genuflect.”

Gilbert’s first Bond film was “You Only Live Twice” with Sean Connery in 1967. He returned a decade later to direct Roger Moore as 007 in “The Spy Who Loved Me” and “Moonraker.”

Born in London in 1920 into a family of vaudevillians, Gilbert got his start in the movies as a child actor before joining the Royal Air Force during World War II. He made his directing debut making documentaries while seconded to the U.S. Army Air Forces’ film unit.



In this Sept. 20, 2000 file photo, British filmmaker Lewis Gilbert poses for a photograph. Producers say Gilbert, who directed dozens of movies including three James Bond thrillers, has died at 97, it was reported on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018. (William Conran/PA via AP, File)

His first postwar credit as director was for “The Ten Year Plan,” a documentary about housing; his first feature as director was “The Little Ballerina” in 1947.

Gilbert’s early output ranged from cheap-and-cheerful British noir dramas such as “Once a Sinner,” “Wall of Death” and “Cosh Boy,” to the stirring World War II dramas “Reach for the Sky,” “Carve Her Name With Pride” and “Sink the Bismarck!”

In 1966 he directed a young Michael Caine as a London man-about-town in “Alfie,” which was nominated for five Academy Awards.

Gilbert was undaunted by the Bond thrillers’ scale and special effects. He recalled in 2010 that “The Spy Who Loved Me” featured “the biggest set that had ever been built in England, maybe in the world.”

“If I did anything with the Bonds, I think I made the humor work very well with Roger,” Gilbert told BBC radio’s “Desert Island Discs.”

“It’s no good trying to make him the great physical thing that Sean was. It’s far better that he won everybody over with his sense of humor.”

In the 1980s Gilbert changed gear, directing “Educating Rita” and “Shirley Valentine,” both character-driven stories of working-class women adapted from stage plays.

British Film Institute creative director Heather Stewart said the two films “gave us funny and real character studies of women we normally never get a chance to see on the big screen.”

“Educating Rita” earned Oscar nominations for stars Julie Walters and Caine, while Pauline Collins received a best-actress nomination for “Shirley Valentine.”

His last film was “Before You Go,” a 2002 family comedy that also starred Walters.

Gilbert received the British Film Institute’s highest honor, the BFI Fellowship, in 2001.

The Directors Guild of America said Gilbert had “served as an inspiration to so many” and quoted his personal approach to filmmaking:

“Everybody who wants to be a director has to find their own way of directing. I’m calm and I’m kind to people; I find that they react quicker,” Gilbert was quoted as saying.

Long kryptonite to superheroes, the Oscars begin to relent

NEW YORK (AP) — Aside from the posthumous Oscar for Heath Ledger (“The Dark Knight”) and best animated film for “The Incredibles,” no superhero film has ever penetrated the top categories of the Academy Awards.

Though regular honorees for their bombastic visual effects or thunderous, wall-to-wall sound, comic-book movies have been denied the upper reaches of achievement. Marvel Studios — one of the most dominant pop-culture juggernauts the movies have ever seen — hasn’t won a single Academy Award.

But there are signs that the deep freeze for superheroes is thawing. “Logan,” James Mangold’s acclaimed final chapter of Wolverine, the long-clawed “X-Men” character played by Hugh Jackman, is nominated for best adapted screenplay at Sunday’s awards. The nod, which Mangold shares with co-writers Michael Green and Scott Frank, is the first screenplay nomination for a superhero film.

That could be read as a sign that the film academy is finally starting to give in to the era’s most bankable box-office force. Last year, “Deadpool” seemingly came just shy of scaling the Dolby Theatre walls after a quixotic awards campaign netted the hyper-violent and hyper-verbal R-rated film two Golden Globe nominations. This year, Patty Jenkins’ female empowerment blockbuster “Wonder Woman” was considered a definite contender but came up short despite a nod from the Producers Guild.

A tide may be turning just as the sensation and acclaim of Ryan Coogler’s “Black Panther” has positioned the Marvel release to be a potential heavyweight at next year’s Academy Awards. A decade after Christopher Nolan’s “The Dark Knight” was denied a best picture nomination — an omission that sparked the academy’s expansion of the best picture field from five films to up to ten — “Black Panther” is poised to score the first best-picture nod for a superhero film, not to mention potentially a host of other categories including directing, costume design, visual effects, production design, score and, maybe, Michael B. Jordan as supporting actor.

Any shift for the academy, though, may be less about changing tastes than the rising ambitions of filmmakers — like Coogler, Jenkins, James Gunn (“Guardians of the Galaxy”) and Mangold — who are expanding the possibilities of the genre.

“It’s people opening up to consider something that might have been seen wholly as a money-making effort to see that in some cases these films might constitute more ambition than previously imagined,” Mangold said of his nomination in an interview. “It’s a stepping stone and it won’t be the last.”

Mangold is a veteran of star-led but naturalistic character-driven dramas (“Walk the Line,” “Cop Land”). In “Logan” he endeavored to, like a revolution launched from within, invert most of the genre’s conventions. Its title bares no sequel-signifying numbers, just a simple, unadorned name. “Logan” connects to no future

installment but, after a 17-year run for Jackman’s character, has the finality of death. Where other superhero films are all heroism and invincibility, the violent, R-rated “Logan” — styled after a Western — is filled with pain and vulnerability. It’s a human-sized movie in a supersized genre.

“I wanted to make my own kind of commentary about this kind of film, the comic-book film if you will, where there’s huge amounts of casualties but they are largely unfelt by the audience,” said Mangold. “Cities fall. Planets explode. Extras fall and topple. But the actual ending of lives is not felt. In a quest for scale, lives become cheap.”

Mangold speaks with both optimism for super-hero movies that can take the mold of any genre (“There’s infinite possibility”) and derision for the assembly-line product that Hollywood has often favored that give a filmmaker little room for personal expression.

“At the point you’re locked into all the design, casting and story choices that have already been made, you’re hamstrung,” said Mangold. “It’s why films like ‘Guardians’ or ‘Black Panther’ or ‘Wonder Woman’ where they break free of some of the narrative-lock and style-lock that was coming from the previous films that I think you get the biggest sense of freshness.”

“Logan” grossed \$616.8 million, vindicating the risk that Mangold and 20th Century Fox took in deviating from formula. It was relatively cheap by superhero movie standards with a production budget of \$97 million. The film opened all the way back on March 3, after premiering at the Berlin Film Festival, with little expectation of being remembered in Oscar season.

Disney’s “Black Panther” may do even better at next year’s Oscars for many of the same reasons. It largely stands apart from Marvel’s cinematic universe. It eschews many of the typical beats of a superhero film. And it’s identifiably the work of a filmmaker.

“If it gets in, it has more to do with Ryan Coogler than it does with any of the phenomenon around it,” said Glen Weldon, author of “The Caped Crusade: Batman and the Rise of Nerd Culture.” “This film feels like the third film that a guy named Ryan Coogler would make. Though it’s part of this arc, it does feel very personal. It does feel like it’s about something.”

With Academy Awards ratings falling in recent years, the broadcast could certainly benefit from welcoming the most popular movies on the planet into the show. That would be quite a turnaround for the Oscars, where the closest a superhero film has come to winning best picture was when Alejandro Inarritu’s “Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)” took the award in 2015. But that movie, starring Michael Keaton as a former superhero star, vilified the genre as a scourge for art.

“When people tell me — and they tell me very often — ‘I hate superhero films and they’re all same,’” said Weldon, “I tell them, ‘Yes, they have been but they don’t have to be.’”

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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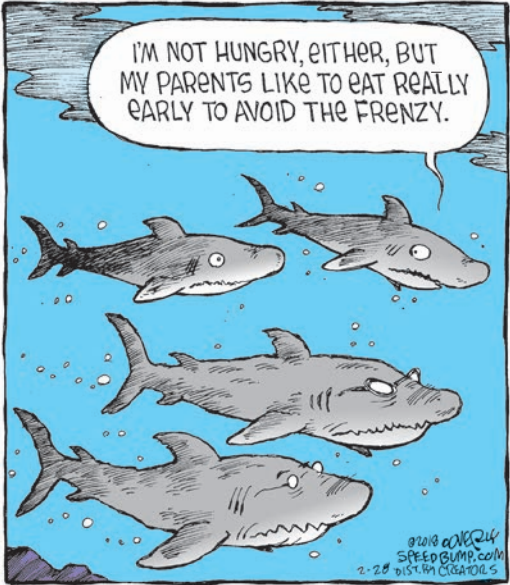
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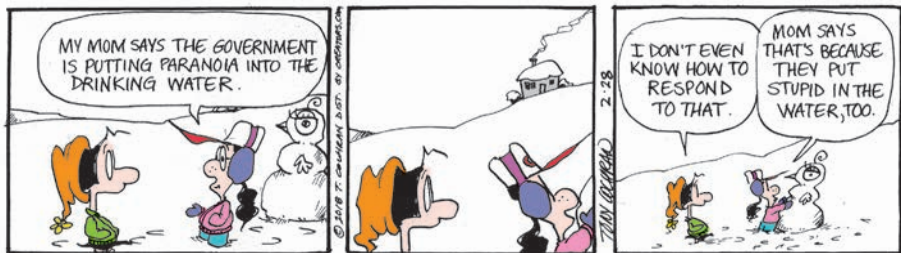
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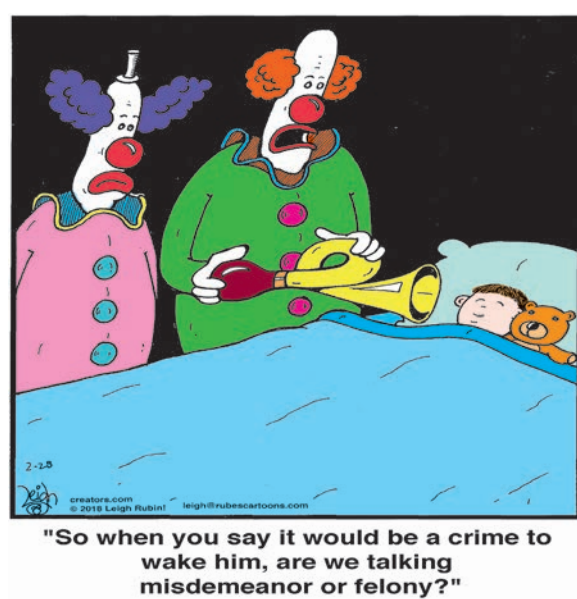
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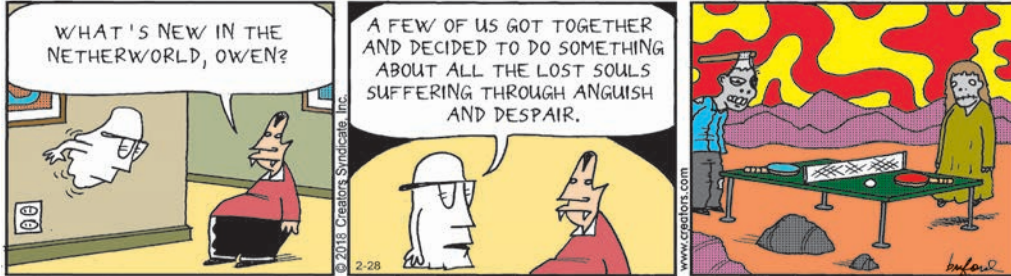
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018:

This year you welcome new ideas and others' support. You can be willful, and often will want to have your way. However, your sense of well-being becomes unusually strong, which allows you to be more fluid and open. Your ideas and suggestions tend to impress others. If you are single, you are in a state of re-evaluating many aspects of your life, so take your time committing to someone. What feels right today might not be the case in a few months. If you are attached, the two of you work well together in daily life, handling any issues that come up. You have a tendency to dominate at times, but that seems to be OK with your sweetie. LEO knows how to get your attention.

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 have energy and enthusiasm, but even more so than usual right now. You might be very difficult to deal with at this point, even if you believe that others are overreacting. Opportunities come from a partner or close friend. Tonight: Revise plans, if need be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Passion marks your actions at the moment. You seem to experience and exhibit some strong feelings. Optimism will win the day and help you breeze through an unanticipated event. Trust yourself. You know that you won't do anything halfway. Tonight: Go with an unusual solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ How you communicate your message has a lot to do with how it will be received. With a smile, you can convince someone that the not-so-good news is excellent. You see events and people differently from how many other signs do. Pressure builds. Tonight: Join your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A conversation means a lot to you right now, as you might be feeling a bit emotional. A misunderstanding causes some tension. Make time for some exercise in order to relieve stress. Your insight about a close associate or loved one is right-on. Tonight: Clear out some errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ No one questions your effectiveness. You have a way with words and a gift for dealing with people. Others allow their defenses to drop, and they open up to you and your concepts. Allow goodwill to flourish, and listen to exciting news. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Your creativity emerges when you hit a wall of disagreement. You might not verbalize your emotions, but you will experience them. You also pick up on what others are feeling. You might choose to take on someone who is stuck in his or her ways. Tonight: Make it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Associates and acquaintances seem to demand your time. As a result, you might find yourself going to meetings or responding to a slew of calls. Rethink your attitude toward a family member. You could be coming off more hostile than you feel. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be more levelheaded than you realize, especially at work or within your community. The unexpected seems to occur when you least expect it. You could encounter a problem in a facet of your life that you take for granted; let it go. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Open up to new ideas that are presented to you. You might have to imagine what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes in order to get a better sense of his or her life and choices. Know that this person might be quite different from you. Tonight: Take a hard look at your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Ask questions in order to find out what you want or need to know. Be direct with a key person in your life. A one-on-one conversation could reveal more information than you had thought was available. As a result, you can make a strong decision. Tonight: Opt to be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to key people in your life. You enjoy relating to others and hearing about their ideas. Though you often can be very different from those around you, you have a common bond and can understand their thoughts when they're properly verbalized. Tonight: Collaborate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will want to handle a problem that keeps popping up in your daily life. A friend or co-worker stars in the process of problem-solving. You might want more excitement in your life. A friend naturally warms up the atmosphere around him or her. Tonight: Maximize your time.

BORN TODAY
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Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
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♥ A Q 6 5	♥ K 10 8 7		
♦ 10 8 4 2	♦ —		
♣ A 5 4	♣ 10 9 6		

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — jack of spades.
Sometimes the easiest-looking contracts turn into an unexpected struggle because of a bad break in a key suit. When this occurs, declarer should take time to reorganize his thoughts and try to find a way to overcome his misfortune.
Take this deal where South had good reason to expect that making six diamonds would be a piece of cake. With a little luck, in fact, he had a chance to score all 13 tricks.
However, the prognosis changed sharply when South, after winning the opening spade lead with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, and East showed out. There was now a real danger of losing both a club trick and a trump trick and going down one.

Declarer could have staked the outcome on a finesse in either clubs or hearts, but instead he adopted a line of play designed to elevate his chances far beyond that.

At trick three, he cashed the king of diamonds, then led a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. A spade to the king was followed by another heart ruff. Had the king of hearts fallen anywhere along the line, the contract would have been assured.

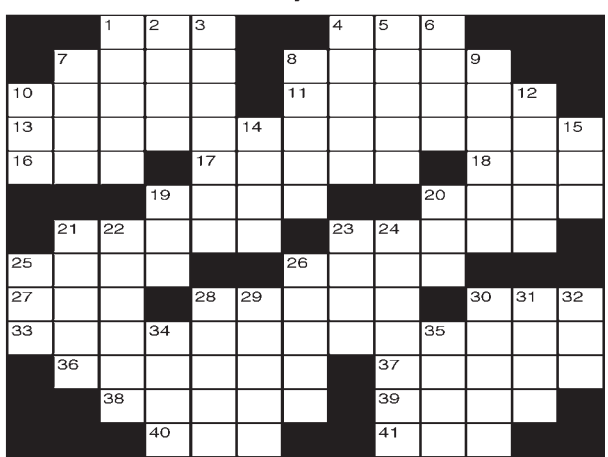
When the king did not appear, South continued by ruffing his last spade in dummy as West discarded the jack of hearts. Declarer next ruffed the queen of hearts, giving West the option of overruffing or discarding a club. Not anxious to take the lead, West chose to discard a club.

Unfortunately for West, his hand was now an open book. Having already shown out of hearts and spades, his last four cards were known to consist of three clubs and the queen of trumps. So South led his last trump, putting West on lead, and his forced club return handed declarer the contract.

Tomorrow: The fine art of falsecarding.
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11	Egyptian deity		6	Lima's land		23	Fresh
13	Highway haulers		7	Takeout order?		24	Sudden windfall
16	N.J. neighbor		8	Fusses		25	Dog's foot
17	Frank — Wright		9	Reaping tool		26	Fred's dancing partner
18	DIY buy		10	"May-berry —"		28	Peter of "M"
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Taylor Markstein pops the puck over the HPNA goalie for a Longmeadow goal. (Photo by Bill Deren)

In the late stages of the game with the goalie pulled Brigitte Goeler-Slough tips a Madison Fox shot from the point between the HPNA goalie’s pads for Longmeadow’s final goal of the game. (Photo by Bill Deren)



Teaghan Hall had a strong game for Longmeadow here controlling the puck in the offensive zone. (Photo by Bill Deren)

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