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Probation violation sends man to jail

By CARL E. HARTDEGEN
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – A homeless city man has a residence, if not a home, after a probation violation sent him back to jail to complete eight sentences – all at the same time.

At a hearing Wednesday, Michael C. Hawkins, 59, currently listed as homeless but formerly with an address at 23 Clinton Ave., Westfield, admitted violating probation imposed for eight charges in November, 2017.

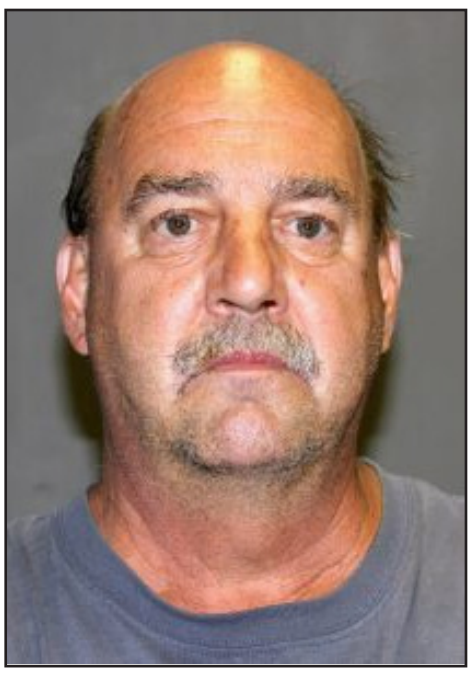
Hawkins had pleaded guilty to three charges of larceny of property from a person older than 60 years-of-age, two charges of uttering a false check and two charges of forgery of a check.

He had been accused of stealing and cashing checks from a 60-year-old person in his residence.

In a court document, Detective Brian Freeman reported that four checks had been stolen from the dresser drawer of the only other person besides Hawkins who lived at the address and described how Hawkins had cashed the checks for a total of $1,400.

Hawkins also pleaded guilty to a charge of violation of a harassment prevention order which had been issued as a result of those offenses. As a result of his eight guilty pleas, Judge Jennifer Tyne sentenced Hawkins to eight, fifteen month terms in the house of correction with, in each case, four months to be served directly and the balance suspended with probation until Nov. 6, 2018.

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MICHAEL C. HAWKINS



Westfield Technical Academy participating students in SkillsUSA with coordinator Maureen Baillargeon, bottom right. **(Photos submitted)**

Westfield Technical Academy earns 21 medals at SkillsUSA Regional Competition

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD –Fifty students from Westfield Technical Academy participated Friday in twenty-three competitions at the SkillsUSA District Leadership and Skills Conference at McCann Technical High School in North Adams. The school entered twenty-three competitions and received twenty-one medals – ten gold, seven silver and four bronze.

"It was a great day for everyone," said Maureen Baillargeon, SkillsUSA coordinator and lead teacher of Allied Health, who accompanied the students along with chaperones Wayne Bush of Carpentry and Marlene Minardi, of Automotive Technology.

The winners are:

Additive Manufacturing: Second Place Team, Silver- Alieksandra Mkrtchian and Alice Mosijchuk

Automotive Service Technology: First Place, Gold- Derek Simons

Basic Health Care: First Place, Gold- Crystal Lin; Second Place, Silver-Jordyn Sanders

Carpentry: Second Place, Silver- Vitaliy Nazarets

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Board of Health looking into nicotine delivery product regulations

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – The Southwick Board of Health is currently looking at their town regulations regarding nicotine delivery products.

Currently, Southwick's regulation states you have to be at least 18 years old to purchase a nicotine delivery product. Since the Massachusetts Tobacco Control considers vaporizers to be a nicotine delivery product, and have to be at least 21 years old to purchase it, the Southwick Board of Health wants to make sure that their regulations are matched up with vendors in town who sell nicotine delivery products.

"We need to make sure that our present regulations have caught up with what vendors are doing," said Board of Health Director Tom FitzGerald.

According to FitzGerald, he's continuing to engage in discussions with the state's tobacco control to get guidance from them. The Board of Health will also be working with the vendors in Southwick to make sure they're aware of the current

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Allie says decision not to support $13 million bond was on the side of caution

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent



DAN ALLIE

WESTFIELD – At-large City Councilor Dan Allie, who chairs the Finance sub-committee, said that his decision not to support the $13 million bond for water filtration at Thursday's City Council meeting was "on the side of caution," to make sure an Environmental Services Agreement is in place with the Air Force before proceeding with a permanent treatment facility for Wells 1 & 2.

Allie said in 2016, the Air Force set aside $2 billion to assess the situation near bases; to detect contamination, see if they were responsible, and whether to help with mitigation or clean water. He said in some cases, the Air Force could not reimburse communities for work they had done themselves.

Allie said he is not opposed to the city's plans to fix the water issues. But with the $18 million investment, including the $5 million bond

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Helping hands needed for Westfield River clean up

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD-The Great River Bridge will be the launch point on April 21 for the Westfield River Watershed Association's annual spring river clean up in conjunction with Earth Day.

Earth Day – first celebrated in 1970 – is the world's largest environmental movement, involving more than 1 billion people annually. Now spanning 193 countries, individuals demonstrate their support for environmental protections and, in particular, an end to plastic pollution.

Mark Damon is coordinating the logistics for the Westfield clean up, while Sheryl Becker will be in charge of volunteers meeting at Pynchon Point in Agawam. Volunteers are asked to meet by 9 a.m. for orientation and a site assignment. Volunteers in Westfield are asked to meet at the public parking lot off Meadow Street at the south end of the Great River Bridge; volunteers in Agawam are asked to meet at the South End Bridge Circle on River Road.

Damon and Becker are both members of the association's board of directors.

"Some years ago (more than I care to remember), I learned that the word ecology derives from the Greek word oikos, meaning house," said Damon. "This planet is our house, and we need to maintain it."

Damon noted it is easy for individuals to get caught up in work, bills, and family obligations, however, we need to be reminded we are connected to the earth, its air, water, soil and wildlife.

"Earth Day's real importance lies not in the one day, but in inspiring people to notice and care for what's around them," said Damon.

Damon added that the river clean up is a good place to start.

"Too often, when we do stop and look,

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Each spring, volunteers collect hundreds of pounds of trash along the Westfield River. On April 21, the next river clean up is slated. **(Photo submitted)**

Westfield Public Schools and the Westfield Police Department release drill dates

WESTFIELD – Westfield Public Schools continues to update the school district's comprehensive safety plan in conjunction with the Westfield Police and Fire Departments. The district's plan aligns with the recommendations from the Governor's Office.

A team of Westfield Administrators representing every level, from elementary to high school, has been working collaboratively with the Westfield Police and Fire Departments to make sure our students, staff, and families have a current, research-based, and educationally sound safety plan.

As part of the School Department's continued work with Westfield Police Department and their ongoing training for students and staff, both city departments working together will conduct lock-down drills in city schools the week of March 19-23 utilizing the enhanced lock-down procedures known as A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate).

If you have any questions regarding the drills please contact Mr. Christopher Rogers, Administrator of Student Interventions for the Westfield Public Schools at 413-572-6397.

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Holyoke Soldier's Home tradition

As the tradition continues, the American Legion Post 124 visits all the nursing homes, hospitals and Holyoke Soldier's Home bringing a little cheer including a visit from the Easter Rabbit and Easter eggs to all in house residents. Beginning years ago, the late Jack Ashe and the past Post Commander started the program with this Easter ritual. On the upcoming Saturday and Sunday, March 24th and 25th, members from the Post will assist the Rabbit with the weekend visits. Pictured are two of the members from the Post who will be partaking in the program, Gary Fontaine, Junior Vice Commander; Jasmin Keeley, staff employee at Party Plus; Jack the Rabbit, and Chaplain, Paul W. Nimchick, Jr. **(Photo by Don Wielgus)**

24th Annual Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt

WESTFIELD — Mayor Brian P. Sullivan is pleased to announce that the 24th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event will be held on **Saturday, March 31st** at South Middle School grounds, 30 West Silver Street with the participation from the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield and Amelia Park Children's Museum. The event will be organized into two different age groups.

Group Ages 1-5 event line up 10:30am. Ages 1-2 will be set to hunt soon after the line up at their designated area. Ages 3-5 will be set to hunt soon after the line up at their designated area.

Group Ages 6-10 event line up 11:30am. Ages 6-8 will be set to hunt soon after the line up at their designated area. Ages 9-10 will be set to hunt soon after the line up at their designated area

There will be a maximum of 10 candy filled eggs to be collected by each child in each age group. (Remember to bring a basket for the egg hunt.) Prizes will be given to the lucky child who collects the Golden egg in each age division. Optional: Easter Bunny costume contest for each age division. Winner will get a small prize. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny along with some of our local mascots, as well as music and games for the children to enjoy.

22 STORM TEAM NEWS LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Clear.	Partly Cloudy.	Rain, snow.
17-18	40-44	34-37

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Today, abundant sunshine. High 39F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Low 17F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 44F. Tuesday Night, mostly cloudy skies. A few flurries or snow showers possible. Low 24F. Wednesday, mainly cloudy with a mixture of rain and snow showers developing. High 37F.

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Ferry loses power, strands passengers

TISBURY, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts authorities are investigating what led a newly refurbished ferry to lose power, leaving 72 passengers stranded for five hours off the coast of Martha's Vineyard.

The Steamship Authority says the vessel Martha's Vineyard lost power 15 minutes into its 45-minute trip from Vineyard Haven to Woods Hole Saturday night. The authority says the crew was forced to drop anchor around 8:45 p.m., and the ferry was towed to Vineyard Haven at 2 a.m.

The authority issued an apology, and it says passengers were offered hotel accommodations.

The vessel had gone back in service March 7 after an $18.5 million refurbishment that included the installation of three diesel generators.

Steamship Authority General Manager Robert Davis says it's too soon to tell if the power failure was connected to the improvements.

LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS

MASSACHUSETTS

MassCash
10-16-19-25-34
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $377 million
Numbers Evening
3-5-4-8
Numbers Midday
2-9-5-2
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $40 million

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Cash 5
22-23-25-31-35
Lucky Links Day
01-04-06-10-14-15-16-20
Lucky Links Night
01-04-06-07-09-13-15-17
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $377 million
Play3 Day 9-3-2
Play3 Night 9-2-2
Play4 Day 2-2-5-5
Play4 Night 5-1-7-5

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS MONDAY, MARCH 19, THE 78TH DAY OF 2018. THERE ARE 287 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On March 19, 1918, Congress passed the first law establishing daylight saving time in the United States, with clocks to be moved forward one hour from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October. (This law was repealed in August 1919.)

ON THIS DATE:

In 1687, French explorer Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle - the first European to navigate the length of the Mississippi River - was murdered by mutineers in present-day Texas.

In 1863, the Confederate cruiser Georgiana, was scuttled off Charleston, South Carolina, on its maiden voyage to prevent it from falling into Union hands.

In 1920, the Senate rejected, for a second time, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

In 1931, Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.

In 1945, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan (the ship was saved). Adolf Hitler ordered the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands in his so-called "Nero Decree," which was largely disregarded.

In 1953, the Academy Awards ceremony was televised for the first time; "The Greatest Show on Earth" was named best picture of 1952.

In 1958, "South Pacific," starring Rossano Brazzi and Mitzi Gaynor in an adaptation of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, opened in New York.

In 1965, the wreck of the Confederate cruiser Georgiana was discovered by E. Lee Spence, 102 years to the day after it was scuttled.

In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its floor proceedings; the live feed was carried by C-SPAN (Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network), which was making its debut.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

In 1993, Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White announced plans to retire. (White's departure paved the way for Ruth Bader Ginsburg to become the court's second female justice.)

In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

TEN YEARS AGO:

Five years after launching the invasion of Iraq, President George W. Bush strongly signaled he wouldn't order troop withdrawals beyond those already planned because he refused to "jeopardize the hard-fought gains" of the past year. In an audio message, Osama bin Laden denounced the publication of drawings insulting to the Prophet Muhammad and warned Europeans of a strong reaction to come. Death claimed science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke at age 90 and actor Paul Scofield at age 86.

FIVE YEARS AGO:

Pope Francis officially began his ministry as the 266th pope, receiving the ring symbolizing the papacy and a wool stole exemplifying his role as shepherd of his 1.2-billion strong flock during a Mass at the Vatican. Insurgents carried out a wave of bombings across Iraq that killed at least 65 people. Harry Reems, 65, co-star of the 1972 adult-film classic "Deep Throat," died in Salt Lake City.

ONE YEAR AGO:

Fire broke out in the foothills near downtown Boulder, Colorado, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of residents. Author-columnist Jimmy Breslin, the legendary street-smart chronicler of wise guys and underdogs, died at his Manhattan home at age 87.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 93. Theologian Hans Kung is 90. Author Philip Roth is 85. Actress Renee Taylor is 85. Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 85. Actress Ursula Andress is 82. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 81. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 72. Actress Glenn Close is 71. Disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein is 66. Actor Bruce Willis is 63. Actress-comedian Mary Scheer is 55. Playwright Neil LaBute is 55. Actor Connor Trinneer is 49. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 48. Rapper Bun B is 45. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 42. Actress Virginia Williams is 40. Actress Abby Brammell is 39. MLB pitcher Clayton Kershaw is 30. Actor Craig Lamar Traylor is 29. Actor Philip Bolden is 23.



Members of the Stonehill Irish Dance Troupe, from Easton, Mass., perform as they make their way along the route of the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, Sunday, March 18, 2018, in Boston. The city's 117th St. Patrick's Day Parade followed a shortened snow route used three of the past four years due to the buildup of snow from three recent nor'easters. **(AP Photo/Steven Senne)**

Boston celebrates boisterous 117th St. Patrick's Day parade

BOSTON (AP) — Thousands of people dressed in green swarmed the streets of Boston on Sunday to see the 117th annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

The parade route was shortened this year due to last week's nor'easter, The Boston Globe reported. The snow did not diminish the turnout or dim the enthusiasm of the paradegoers as they also faced temperatures in the low 30s.

A man from a local radio station held a giant cutout of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady as people in the crowd cheered wildly. Children plugged their ears as muskets fired.

South Boston resident Marcella Sliney, whose parents originally are from Ireland, said she felt a special sense of pride while watching the festivities and supporting her LGBTQ veteran friends.

Sliney, 50, said she was happy to see the gay veterans group OutVets once again marching in this year's parade.

"This is why I am so passionate about respecting the rights of others and making sure that we respect diversity and love of all," she said.

OutVets began marching four years ago, but was enmeshed in controversy anew in 2017 when parade organizers denied it access because of a rainbow in its logo. A public backlash prompted the organizing group to reverse that decision.

The parade was hosted by the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, and draws between 600,000 and 1 million people each year.

Democratic Mayor Martin Walsh marched after speaking at the city's annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast .

Bill calls for Massachusetts to divest holdings in gunmakers

BOSTON (AP) — Legislation has been filed on Beacon Hill that would require the state's pension fund to divest from any companies that manufacture guns and ammunition.

Democratic state Treasurer Deb Goldberg, whose office oversees the pension fund, proposed the bill along with two Democratic lawmakers, Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Creem of Newton and Rep. Lori Ehrlich of Marblehead, in the aftermath of the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

It's not clear how much the pension fund is currently invested in companies that manufacture guns or ammunition, but the amount is believed to be very small.

But Goldberg says the bill if passed would send a "clear message" that Massachusetts stands with victims of gun violence.

Several other states including Connecticut and New Jersey are weighing similar measures.



Anniversaries celebrated

The 98th Anniversary marking the organization of St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield Along with the 98th birthdays of two parishioners was observed last Sunday, March 18, 2018. **(Photo by Don Wielgus)**

Westfield River

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the environmental problems can seem overwhelming," he said. "The river clean up is a chance to do something tangible, and you can see the fruits of your labor right away."

In Westfield and Agawam, volunteers will be provided with gloves and other supplies, however, if individuals have their own work gloves and a re-usable water bottle they are encouraged to bring them.

Last April, volunteers hauled hundreds of pounds of trash from the Westfield site which was picked up by the city's Department of Public Works, according to Damon. "There's always a lot of bags of small stuff, along with tires," said Damon, noting that his group amassed 33 bags while the Agawam volunteers filled 40 bags.

Damon added that in addition to the "small stuff," items dredged from the river included car parts, shopping carts, siding and carpeting.

"In the past, items have included furniture, a mannequin, an air rifle, and in the last few years, an occasional hypodermic needle," said Damon.

Damon is hopeful that 30 to 35 volunteers will participate in next month's environmental efforts. "I hope that the river clean up moves people to keep going, to do more every day, and to know that they can make a difference," he said.

For more information on the clean up that will run to 1 p.m., visit www.westfieldriver.org or contact Damon at (413) 977-1577 or Becker at (413) 374-1921. In the event of severe weather, April 22 will be the alternate date.

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MONDAY, MARCH 19

GRANVILLE:
Selectboard at 7 pm
Assessors at 7:30 pm
Planning Board at 7:30 pm

CHESTER:
Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 pm

TOLLAND:
Board of Selectmen at 5 pm
Board of Selectmen at 5 pm
Planning Board at 7 pm

BLANDFORD:
Police Department Meeting at 6 pm
Assessor's Meeting at 6 pm
Zoning Board Meeting at 7 pm
Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm

WESTFIELD:
Park & Rec at 6:30 pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

SOUTHWICK:
Planning Board Public Hearing at 7:15 pm
Planning Board Public Hearing at 7:30 pm
Marijuana Subcommittee Meeting at 7:45 pm

Transportation officials plan meeting on South Coast Rail

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — State transportation officials are planning a public meeting to discuss ongoing efforts to develop a South Coast commuter rail line from Boston to New Bedford and Fall River.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Martin Middle School in Taunton.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation last month filed a draft supplemental environmental impact report for the project.

The report describes MassDOT's approach to providing the new commuter rail service by taking advantage of existing active freight rail lines.

Under the proposal, the state plans to deliver the new service to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford by late in 2022.

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker has described the latest filing as "a vital step toward bringing reliable, affordable rail service to the South Coast."

Probation

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Tyne ordered that the eight sentences be served concurrently and that Hawkins be given credit for the time he was held awaiting trial.

However, on Feb. 15 Hawkins was back in Westfield District Court having again been charged with violation of a harassment prevention order as well as charges of breaking and entering for a misdemeanor and trespass.

The new charges triggered a violation of probation hearing and Hawkins was held pending that hearing.

On Wednesday, Hawkins admitted the violation and Tyne ordered his probation revoked on all eight charges.

She ordered that he serve the balance of his eight sentences – 11 months – concurrently, with credit for time served.

Senator Humason Announces March Office Hours

State Senator Don Humason announced today that he will be holding public office hours during March in cities and towns throughout the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District. Senator Humason or his staff will be available at public office hours on the following dates:

Monday, March 19, 2018—Granville Public Library, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, 2 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018—Westfield Athenaeum, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, 6 Elm Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018—Tolland Public Library, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, 22 Clubhouse Road, Tolland, MA 01034.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018—Southwick Public Library, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, 95 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, MA 01077.

Thursday, March 29, 2018—Grace Hall Memorial Library, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085.

Friday, March 30, 2018—Russell Public Library, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, 162 Main Street, Russell, MA 01071.

All are welcome to visit and share their thoughts or concerns about state matters with Senator Humason and his staff. In addition to office hours throughout the district, Senator Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at the Senator's district office, located at 64 Noble Street in Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead is recommended. Senator Humason's District Office staff can be reached at (413) 568-1366. Staff in his Boston Office can be reached at (617) 722-1415 for legislative matters. Senator Humason's email address is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov

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Sen. McCain defends Mueller, 'critical' he completes probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain is defending the special counsel investigating Russian election interference after a series of tweets from President Donald Trump revived chatter that the Trump may be preparing to get rid of the veteran prosecutor.

The Arizona Republican wrote on Twitter on Sunday that it is "critical" Robert Mueller be allowed to complete a thorough investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election "unimpeded."

Trump's tweets revived talk Trump may, in an attempt to end the investigation, move to have Mueller fired. But White House lawyer Ty Cobb sought late Sunday to tamp down the speculation by saying the president is not contemplating such a move.

Election observers say Russian presidential vote lacked competition

MOSCOW (AP) — International election observers say Russia's presidential vote was conducted in an orderly fashion but lacked genuine competition.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's observer mission noted that Sunday's vote in which Russian President Vladimir Putin won in a landslide "took place in an overly controlled legal and political environment marked by continued pressure on critical voices."

It said Monday that Russia's Central Election Commission "administered the election efficiently and openly" and noted that "after intense efforts to promote turnout, citizens voted in significant numbers."

Observers added, however, that "restrictions on the fundamental freedoms of assembly, association and expression, as well as on candidate registration, have limited the space for political engagement and resulted in a lack of genuine competition."

Pitbull to speak at United Nations about global water crisis

NEW YORK (AP) — Grammy Award-winning rapper Pitbull is heading to the United Nations to discuss the global water crisis on World Water Day.



PITBULL

The organization Clean Water Here announced on Monday that the international pop star will be named Clean Water Here Ambassador on March 22, when he visits the U.N. in New York City.

Pitbull also will receive the 2018 World Water Champion Award for his global humanitarian efforts. He is leading the celebrity-driven social media campaign dubbed "Clean Water Here Cause Flash," in hopes of raising awareness of the water crisis. Other participants include Bruno Mars, Pink, Maroon 5, Demi Lovato, Monica and Juanes.

On March 22, U.N. General Assembly President Miroslav Lajcak will launch a 10-year plan focused on sustainable development of water resources.

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White House says Trump isn't considering firing Mueller

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is not considering firing the special counsel investigating Russian election interference, a top White House lawyer said, after a cascade of Trump tweets revived chatter that the deeply frustrated president may be preparing to get rid of the veteran prosecutor.

The late-Sunday statement from White House lawyer Ty Cobb came after top congressional Republicans warned of repercussions if Trump fired special counsel Robert Mueller, who is looking into contacts between Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia and Russian meddling in the presidential election.

In a series of weekend tweets, Trump jabbed directly at Mueller by name for the first time. The president challenged the investigation's existence and suggested political bias on the part of Mueller's investigators. Trump has long been frustrated by the lengthy and intensifying probe, and insists his campaign did not collude with Russia to influence the election in his favor.

"The Mueller probe should never have been started in that there was no collusion and there was no crime," he said in a late Saturday tweet he ended with "WITCH HUNT!"

Likely contributing to Trump's sense of frustration, The New York Times reported last week that Mueller had subpoenaed the Trump Organization for Russia-related documents. Trump had said Mueller would cross a red line with such a step.

"Why does the Mueller team have 13 hardened Democrats, some big Crooked Hillary supporters, and Zero Republicans?" he tweeted Sunday.

Some of Mueller's investigators indeed have contributed to Democratic political candidates, but Justice Department policy and federal service law bar discrimination in the hiring of career positions on the basis of political affiliation. Mueller is a Republican.

The tweets revived talk that Trump may, in an attempt to end the investigation, move to have Mueller fired. Cobb sought to tamp down the speculation.

"In response to media speculation and related questions being posed to the Administration, the White House yet again confirms that the President is not considering or discussing the firing of the Special Counsel, Robert Mueller," he said.

Earlier Sunday, members of Congress, including some top Republicans, warned Trump to not even think about terminating Mueller.

"If he tried to do that, that would be the beginning of the end of his presidency," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a Trump ally.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform panel, warned Trump that a Mueller firing would be a distraction from the president's agenda.

"Let it play out its course," Gowdy said on "Fox News Sunday." "If you've done nothing wrong, you should want the investigation to be as wholesome and thorough as possible.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said through a spokeswoman that "Mr. Mueller and his team should be able to do their job."

And Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., tweeted that it is "critical" Mueller be allowed to complete a thorough investigation "unimpeded."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., called for passage of stalled bipartisan bills designed to protect Mueller. He said Trump "is engaged in desperate and reckless conduct to intimidate his law enforcement agencies of this country and to try and stop the special counsel. That is unacceptable in a democracy."

Trump cannot directly fire Mueller, who can only be dismissed for cause. Any dismissal would have to be carried out by Rod Rosenstein, the Trump-appointed deputy attorney general who has publicly expressed support for Mueller.

Trump has fumed to confidants that the Mueller probe is "going to choke the life out of" his presidency if allowed to continue unabated indefinitely, according to an outside adviser who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations with the president.

Trump has long believed that the entrenched bureaucracy, particularly at the Justice Department and FBI, is out to thwart him. He fumed to one confidant after seeing a promotion for a forthcoming book by James Comey, the FBI director he fired last year, believing Comey will seek to enrich himself by besmirching Trump's reputation. Comey's book, "A Higher Loyalty," topped Amazon.com's best-seller list on Sunday.

The president also has long been torn over how to approach the probe. His legal team, namely Cobb, has counseled Trump to cooperate with Mueller. But some former campaign advisers have urged Trump to be combative, warning that the investigation poses an existential threat to his presidency.

Aides and friends say they understand Trump's frustration.

Marc Short, Trump's congressional liaison, said the frustration is "well-warranted" because "there has been no evidence whatsoever of collusion."

Trump may have felt emboldened after Attorney General Jeff Sessions fired former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe on Friday, something Trump had clamored for out of a belief that McCabe was part of the entrenched, anti-Trump bureaucracy. "A great day for Democracy," Trump tweeted afterward. Trump asserted without elaboration that McCabe knew "all about the lies and corruption going on at the highest levels of the FBI!"

The Associated Press later reported that McCabe kept personal memos detailing interactions with Trump that have been provided to Mueller's office and are similar to notes compiled by Comey. Trump sought to cast doubt on their veracity, tweeting Sunday that he spent "very little time" with McCabe "but he never took notes when he was with me."

"I don't believe he made memos except to help his own agenda, probably at a later date. Same with lying James Comey. Can we call them Fake Memos?" Trump tweeted. It wouldn't be unusual for a senior official to make notes soon after meeting with the president.

The contents of McCabe's memos are unknown, but they could help substantiate McCabe's assertion that he was unfairly maligned by a White House he says had declared "war" on the FBI and Mueller's investigation.

Sessions said he dismissed McCabe on the recommendation of FBI disciplinary officials who said McCabe had not been candid with a watchdog office investigation. An upcoming inspector general's report is expected to conclude that McCabe had authorized the release of information to the media and was not forthcoming with the watchdog office as it examined the bureau's handling of an investigation into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails.

McCabe has vigorously disputed the allegations and said his credibility came under attack as "part of a larger effort not just to slander me personally" but also the FBI and law enforcement.

Mueller is investigating whether Trump's actions, including Comey's ouster, constitute obstruction of justice.



In this June 21, 2017, file photo, former FBI Director Robert Mueller, the special counsel probing Russian interference in the 2016 election, departs Capitol Hill following a closed door meeting in Washington. President Donald Trump is questioning the impartiality of Mueller's investigation and says the probe is groundless, while raising doubts about whether a fired top FBI official kept personal memos outlining his interactions with Trump. **(AP Photo)**



'Socks 4 Souls' drive

Father Joe Soltysiak, Pastor, seated birthday girls Fran Slasienski, Mary Blicharz, and Janice Soltysiak. Some parishioners gathered around a display of 240 pairs of socks in the "Socks 4 Souls" drive to be brought to the Samaritan Inn for distribution to those in need. **(Photo by Don Wielgus)**

SPRINGFIELD

3 killed in residential building blaze

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Three people have died in a residential building fire that caused residents to jump from windows.

MassLive.com reports the fire broke out shortly before 7:30 a.m. Sunday. They found residents jumping out of second- and third-story windows to escape the flames. High winds caused the fire to spread.

Fire officials say four people, including a pregnant woman and a child, were taken to local hospitals with injuries not believed to be life-threatening.

Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno says the city is working with the local American Red Cross officials to find temporary housing for 60 to 80 people displaced by the fire.

The cause is still under investigation.

Art sale dispute heads to Massachusetts' highest court

BOSTON (AP) — The battle over the proposed sale of dozens of works of art by a Massachusetts museum is headed to the state's highest court.

A single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court is scheduled to hear from both sides of the dispute Tuesday.

The Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield says it needs to sell the 40 pieces of art, including works by Norman Rockwell, to stay open and refocus its mission.

Several people opposed to the sale say the art is a public resource.

Lawyers for both sides will be given 10 minutes to speak to the court.

The museum last month won the support of Attorney General Maura Healey to petition the court for permission to allow the sale, expected to raise up to $60 million.

Police: Man gets ecstacy pills delivered to P.O. Box

LINCOLN, Mass. (AP) — Police say a Massachusetts man had a package of ecstasy pills delivered from Europe to his post office box.

The Boston Globe reports police arrested the 26-year-old Lincoln man Saturday when he tried to pick up the package. The man is facing a charge of possession with intent to distribute.

Police say the Department of Homeland Security first intercepted the package.

The Department of Homeland Security could not be reached for further comment. Lincoln police were also unavailable for further comment.

Fenway, Gillette lightings to mark World Down Syndrome Day

BOSTON (AP) — Fenway Park, TD Garden, Gillette Stadium and other prominent landmarks will be lighted blue and yellow this week to mark World Down Syndrome Day.

Organizers say Wednesday's colorful displays will commemorate an event the U.N. has observed since 2012, and to underscore how individuals with Down Syndrome need to be valued in their communities.

World Down Syndrome Day is held annually on the 21st day of the third month to signify the tripling of chromosome 21 which causes the condition.

Other prominent Massachusetts venues to be bathed in colored light include Boston's signature downtown Zakim Bridge and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

The Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress says it's also planning an event on March 24 at Worcester's DCU Center to hear about the latest research.

Westfield Snow Removal Ordinance Overview

WESTFIELD — We are well into that time of year. Several significant snowstorms have already graced our city this winter and we are not out of the woods yet. As Westfield repeatedly turns into a winter wonderland our streets and sidewalks are continuously blanketed with the lovely white stuff. That's when the calls begin about unshoveled sidewalks.

The ordinance governing removal of snow on sidewalks can be found in chapter 16-14 of Westfield's City Ordinances. The short version of this ordinance is that if there is a public sidewalk which abuts property owned by you, you are responsible for having the snow removed from that sidewalk within 24 hours of the completion of the snowstorm. If the sidewalk cannot be completely cleared due to ice, you are responsible to "sprinkle… sand, sawdust, or another suitable substance so that such sidewalk shall not be slippery." Although this is not always the best option, sometimes it is the only option. When officers are called to a complaint about a residence that has ice on the sidewalk and it is completely covered with sand we have no choice but to find that no violation exists. The penalty for not complying with this ordinance is $25 for each day that it is not rectified.

Landlords will sometimes put in their lease or rental agreements that tenants are responsible for snow removal in certain circumstances. If this is the case and snow is not removed, a tenant may be in violation of their rental agreement, but ultimately the property owner, not the tenant, is responsible and may receive a fine.

Please do all you can to have sidewalks abutting your property cleared within the 24 hour deadline. At best an unshoveled sidewalk is an inconvenience and at worst can be dangerous for pedestrians.

City Street Snow Parking Ban policy

The City Of Westfield has an on-street snow ban parking policy during plowable snowstorms.

Motorists are not allowed to park on the city streets from the beginning of a parking ban announcement until after the storm ceases and the plowing has been completed on the streets. Announcement of a parking ban is done on the Local Cable Access Channel 15, TV stations WWLP 22 and WGBY 40 and the local radio stations, WMAS, WHYN, WNNZ.

When a parking ban is called motorists must obey the policy or they will be subject to towing and a parking violation.

When a snowstorm is anticipated to begin during the night, motorists who park their vehicles overnight on the street in front of their residence should move their vehicles off the street prior to retiring for the night.

Motorists who use the downtown core streets for business parking during a snow ban must park in one of the city's off-street parking lots. The off-street lots are free during snow bans from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. only. This action will allow the streets to be plowed and prevent motorists from being towed and receiving parking violations.

Motorists may call the following offices or go on the city's website for confirmation of a parking ban.

- **Parking Clerk-572-6202-Press 2**
- **Police Dept.-562-5411- Ext 8**
- **Mayor-572-6201**
- **City Website - Cityofwestfield.Org**

Announcement of a Parking Ban is reported by the following:

- **Local Cable Access Channel 15,**
- **Tv Stations WWLP 22, CBS3, ABC40, & FOX6**
- **The Local Radio Stations**
- **City Website - Cityofwestfield.Org**
- **www.thewestfieldnews.com**

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Court Logs

Westfield District Court
Monday, March 12, 2018

Jason J. Buikus, 34, of 6 Chapman Ave., Easthampton, was released on his personal recognizance pending an April 10 hearing after he was arraigned on a charge of violation of an abuse prevention order brought by Westfield police.

Diane E. Arnold, 65, of 249 South Longyard Road, Southwick, was released on her personal recognizance pending an April 6 hearing after she was arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle brought by Southwick police.

Ralph E. Starkey, 34, of 545 Thompsonville Road, Suffield, Conn., was held in lieu of $50 cash bail pending an April 10 hearing after he was arranged on charges of violating of an abuse prevention order and making annoying telephone calls brought by Westfield police.

Police Logs

WESTFIELD
Major crime and incident report
Monday, March 12, 2018

10:06 a.m.: larceny, Westfield Technical Academy, 33 Smith Ave., a caller reports a registration plate was stolen from her vehicle, the responding officer reports there is no evidence to indicate how or where the plate became missing;

1:52 p.m.: larceny, Cowles Court, a resident came to the station to complain that a person stole her cell phone, the responding officer reports the phone may have been recovered in Chicopee;

2:05 p.m.: fire, East Silver Street, a caller reports a car fire, the responding firefighters report the resident had mostly extinguished the fire prior to their arrival but they soaked the vehicle to ensure there were no hot spots, the resident told the firefighters that he had been working on the vehicle's fuel pump when a spark ignited the fuel, the firefighters report the damage was mostly limited to the passenger doors;

9:19 p.m.: found property, Stanley Park, Western Avenue, a detective brought to the station a cell phone reportedly found in Stanley Park, the responding officer reports he was unable to determine the owner of the phone which was held for safe keeping.

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

WEDNESDAYS
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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)

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9-10am: Superintendents' Spotlight with Stefan Czaporowski

FRIDAYS
6-8 am: JP's Talk about Town, with Jay Pagluica
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8-9 am: Conversations with Pete Cowles

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BUSINESSFINANCIAL

Trade war fears stalk global markets ahead of G20 meeting

LONDON (AP) — Global stock markets have started the new week on a soft note, weighed down by worries about a trade war.

KEEPING SCORE: In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was down 1.2 percent at 7,078 while Germany's DAX fell 0.6 percent to 12,314. France's CAC-40 was 0.5 percent lower at 5,255. U.S. stocks were poised for a soft opening, with Dow futures and the broader S&P 500 futures 0.5 percent lower.

TRADE WORRIES: With finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of 20 leading industrial and developing nations meeting in Buenos Aires Monday and Tuesday, there is mounting concern that a global trade war may be looming following the decision of U.S. President Donald Trump to slap tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. The European Union, for example, has already published a list of American products it plans to tax if it is not exempted from the tariffs announced by Trump. They are worth around 2.8 billion euros ($3.4 billion) in trade annually, but the list could grow to the equivalent of 6.4 billion euros once the full extent of the impact of U.S. tariffs is known.

ANALYST TAKE: "It's been a rocky start to trading at the start of the week, as the prospect of a trade war becomes ever more real," said Craig Erlam, senior market analyst at OANDA. "Despite what he says, I'm not sure that a trade war is what Trump actually wants from these tariffs or that he'll find much support for one within his party."

FED WATCH: Investors will also be closely monitoring this week's first meeting of the U.S. Federal Reserve's rate-setting committee under newly appointed Fed chairman Jerome Powell. Another quarter-point increase in the Fed's benchmark rate is anticipated. More important for investors is what the Fed says about the U.S. economic outlook and in particular its forecasts for inflation. "Jay Powell's first meeting as chairman will end with a rate hike, but the accompanying statement's tone and forecast update will be key for markets," said James Knightley, chief international economist at ING.

CHINA'S NEW FACES: A U.S.-trained economist was named to succeed longtime Chinese central bank governor Zhou Xiaochuan as part of a slate of new economic officials. The appointments come as Beijing tries to rein in surging debt and reduce financial risk. The new governor of the People's Bank of China, Yi Gang, is a 20-year veteran of the bank and known to foreign investors and regulators as head of China's foreign exchange regulator.

ASIA'S DAY: The Shanghai Composite Index added 0.3 percent to 3,279.25 while Tokyo's Nikkei 225 fell 0.9 percent to 21,480.90. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 12 points to 31,513.76 and Seoul's Kospi lost 0.8 percent to 2,475.03. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 advanced 0.2 percent to 5,959.40.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 9 cents to $62.32 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange while Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 5 cents to $66.26 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The euro was up 0.2 percent at $1.2314 while the dollar rose 0.4 percent to 106.29 yen.



People walk past an electronic board showing Hong Kong share index outside a local bank in Hong Kong, Monday, March 19, 2018. Asian stock markets were mixed Monday following Wall Street's gain and China's appointment of a new central bank governor and other top economic officials. **(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)**

April Mayor's Coffee Hour

Monday, April 2, 2018 (8 – 9 am). Please join us for our monthly Mayor's Coffee Hour with Westfield Mayor Brian Sullivan hosted by The Arbors, 40 Court Street, Westfield, MA. This event is free and open to the public. On-line registration is available at www.westfieldbiz.org so we may give our host a proper count. For more information, please call Pam at the Chamber at 413.568.1618.



European Union chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, right, and British Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union David Davis stand in front of a screen which highlights notes of Brexit negotiations during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels on Monday, March 19, 2018. **(Virginia Mayo)**

Envoys hail Brexit progress but no Irish border breakthrough

BRUSSELS (AP) — Negotiators from the European Union and Britain on Monday hailed major progress in the Brexit talks, but conceded there had been no breakthrough on keeping open the Irish border.

Britain is due to leave the European Union at the end of March 2019, but Brexit talks must be concluded by this fall to leave national parliaments in the bloc time to ratify any deal. The border between EU member state Ireland and Britain's territory Northern Ireland issue is central to an agreement but negotiators are struggling to find a way to keep people, goods and services flowing while respecting EU controls.

"We have travelled a large section of the path toward an orderly withdrawal," EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier told reporters in Brussels, in front of a power-point display highlighting that a political agreement has been reached on most issues.

He said that negotiators, working day and night recently, had agreed on "a large part of what would constitute" the draft international legal agreement governing Britain's departure.

He said the two sides have also reached an agreement on a transition period to help ease Britain out of the EU once it officially leaves on March 29, 2019. Barnier said the period would be "of a limited duration," ending on Dec. 31, 2020.

Alongside him, British envoy David Davis said the progress made is a "significant step" toward a final deal.

Davis said he is confident that the draft legal text the sides have prepared will be endorsed by European Union leaders when they meet on Thursday and Friday. If they do, the sides can begin discussing a future trade agreement, although it cannot take effect until Britain is gone.

Barnier said Britain must continue to respect EU laws and would continue to benefit from Europe's single market and customs union during the transition period.

Davis said international agreements would continue to apply to Britain now and during the transition period after Brexit takes place in 2019. He said the two sides had agreed to set up a joint committee to resolve any disputes during that transition.

"We must seize the moment and carry forward the momentum of the last few weeks," Davis said.

Both sides agreed to intensify talks to keep people, goods and services moving across the Irish border, even though the Europeans are still waiting to hear suggestions from Britain that would avoid a "hard border."

Barnier underlined that "if new proposals are made that respect" Northern Ireland's Good Friday peace agreement, that keep open the Irish border and that respect Europe's single market, then "we are ready to examine them."

Davis talked up the future of EU-British trade relations because they would start from similar rules, standards and tariffs, even though no pact can start until after 2020.

"This will be the biggest, most comprehensive, most effective trade deal ever," he said.

Meanwhile, a group representing European carmakers urged the Brexit negotiators to urgently address issues affecting the auto industry and to prevent "potentially disastrous implications" for its supply chain.

The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association, or ACEA, said it's concerned about whether cars approved by U.K. authorities can still be sold in the EU after Brexit and vice versa. It called for both sides to recognize each other's vehicle approvals.

It also said any new customs checks "would add cost, cause delays and threaten productivity."

Amazon Go execs share insights into shopper behavior

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A key executive behind Amazon Go, the online leader's much heralded cashier-less grocery store, says she was surprised at how many customers were hesitant to just walk out the store.

"What we didn't necessarily expect was how many people would stop at the end on their first trip or two and ask, 'Is it really OK if I just leave?'" said Gianna Puerini, vice president of Amazon Go, which opened in January in Seattle.

That was one of the insights she and another executive shared at Shoptalk, a retail industry event that kicked off its four-day run Sunday. Puerini also noted that the best-selling item has been chicken sandwiches. Other popular items include meal kits and fresh fruit. Puerini said the store is geared toward people who are hungry or in a rush. She says that she's pleased at how many customers come back frequently.

With the Amazon Go app, the retailer can get real-time customer feedback, which helps guide the store in what to stock. In fact, after hearing from vegans complaining about how cheese is mixed into the salads, Amazon Go is now offering the cheese on the side, according to Dilip Kumar, vice president of technology of Amazon Go and Amazon Books who shared the stage with Puerini.

With Amazon Go, shoppers enter by scanning their phones. The store technology itself keeps track of what they pick up and charges them after they leave. It uses computer vision, machine learning algorithms and sensors to analyze what people are grabbing.

Kumar says one of the biggest challenges is having its computers discern products that look similar like a sugar-free Red Bull drink and the regular version.

As for rolling out Amazon Go technology at Whole Foods Market, which Amazon purchased last year, Puerini says there are no plans to launch what she calls "just walk out" technology at the chain.

"The work we do with them (Whole Foods) is focused on making natural and organic food available to more people," she said.

But as far as expanding Amazon Go stores, Puerini just said, "Stay tuned."



In this Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, file photo, a shopper walks past others in a line waiting to get inside an Amazon Go store in Seattle. A key executive behind Amazon Go, the online leader's much heralded cashier-less grocery store, says she was surprised how many customers were hesitant to just walk out the store. **(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)**

SkillsUSA

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Computer Programming: First Place, Gold- Mark Krikunov

Customer Service: First Place, Gold- Brianna Hoffman; Third Place, Bronze- Jasmine Brooks

Electrical Construction Wiring: First Place, Gold- Frank Florek

First Aid/CPR: Third Place, Bronze- Erica Marek

Industrial Motor Control: First Place, Gold- Dan Shaw

Internetworking: Third Place, Bronze- Deajah Barbour

Medical Math: First Place, Gold- Marina Zhuvarel

Medical Terminology: First Place, Gold- Cassandra Garrett; Second Place, Silver- Liza Lapko

Nurse Assistant: Third Place, Bronze- Brooke Thompson

Robotics- Urban Search and Rescue: First Place Team, Gold- Mason Washington and Joshua Faunce; Second Place Team, Silver- Nick Langlois and Aynsley Davidson

The regional competition, in which nine schools from six districts competed (Westfield is in District 6), consists of three multiple choice tests. The first test is fifty questions on the student's trade area. The second test is fifty questions on leadership; and the third is an OSHA test, which is only used if needed for a tie-breaker.

Gold and Silver medalists at the regionals are eligible to compete at the state competition on April 26—28 in Marlboro, where 54 schools will be competing. The state competition is hands-on, during which students will complete 5-hour tasks in their trades.

Baillargeon said some of the medals were in competitions WTA had never entered before, such as Additive Manufacturing, for which Alieksandra Mkrtchian and Alice Mosijchuk received a silver medal. Baillargeon said in the state competition, the team will design a car on a computer, print it out of composite materials on a 3-D printer, and then race it on a Pinewood Derby track.

Another new competition was Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue. The Army National Guard brought the free program and the robots to WTA this year. The Guard spent one day with students from Manufacturing Technology, one day with Information Technology and one day with all of the ninth graders, where the robots were run through an obstacle course. At the SkillsUSA regionals, WTA teams took gold and silver in the competition.

For the state competition, the students will build a robot with an arm at the school and keep an engineering notebook. They will then bring their robots to states where they will be opening mailboxes, and looking for EODs (Explosive Ordinance Device). Students will be in another room looking at the robot-cam (not at the robot), and giving it instructions. "It's a fun competition. We've never done it before," Baillargeon said.

Other competitions new to WTA were in Baillargeon's technical area. In Basic Health Care, two sophomores received gold and silver medals; and Medical Math, where a student received a gold medal.

She said for the state competition in Basic Health Care, students will have to go through a series of stations where they will perform CPR and other health-related tasks. Each student will also have to give a 5-7 minute presentation on a specific skill in health care, such as taking blood pressure and temperature.

The state competition will take place April 26-28 in Marlboro, Mass, hosted by Blackstone Valley Technical High School and Best Western Trade Center Hotel, one of five area hotels that participate. Baillargeon said most hands-on events requiring shops, such as Automotive Technology, will take place at Blackstone Valley. Leadership and math competitions will be at area hotels.

She said she hopes to bring four chaperones including herself to the state competition, but cost is an issue.

The costs add up quickly. Baillargeon said she will have twenty-three students at states – the seventeen gold and silver medal winners, plus two students who will compete in Related Technical Math and a team of four in Entrepreneurship; neither of which were offered at the regional level.

The cost is $280 per student, and $395 per chaperone, which includes meals, a 2-night hotel stay and transportation to all competition sites. The total cost with three chaperones is $7,355, and with four chaperones, $8,050.

She said they started with a budget of $10,000 for the year, but after paying for the regional competition and other costs, such as renting a bus, she is left with $5,000.

"I didn't realize so many kids were going to win," said Baillargeon

Baillargeon said they plan on doing fundraising for the approximately $3,000 that is needed.

She also said anyone who would like to sponsor a specific student or the competition as a whole, may make their check payable to WTA SkillsUSA, and mail it to the school at 33 Smith Avenue, Westfield, MA 01085.

"SkillsUSA is expensive to belong to, but the benefits are worth it – leadership, entrepreneurship, striving to be the best in your skill field," said Baillargeon, adding, "It's like a sports team for your shop."



Robotics teams took home gold and silver. (L-R) Mason Washington, Ainsley Davidson, Nick Langlois and Joshua Faunce.



Alieksandra Mkrtchian and Alice Mosijchuk took silver in Additive Manufacturing.



Frank Florek won gold in Electrical Construction Wiring.



Mark Krikunov earned gold in Computer Programming.



Jordyn Sanders won silver and Chrystal Lin, gold in Basic Health Care.



Liza Lapko took silver in Medical Terminology, and Marina Zhuvarel, gold, in Medical Math.



Vitaliy Nazarets earned silver in Carpentry.



Allied Health medalists Brooke Thompson, Erica Marek and Cassandra Garrett.



Dan Shaw took gold in Industrial Motor Control.



Deajah Barbour won bronze in Internetworking.



Derik Simons won gold in Automotive Technology.



Jasmine Brooks took bronze, and Brianna Hoffman, Gold in Customer Service.

Decision

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passed last year for Wells 7 & 8, he wants to make sure that the city can get some help on the permanent facility for Wells 1 & 2, which is anticipated to cost $6.7 million.

Allie said, meanwhile, the temporary filtration the city is planning to get Well 2 back online by June could go forward.

Allie suggested in a letter to Mayor Brian P. Sullivan on Friday, that he come back with a bond for $7.5 million to complete Wells 7 & 8, which will cost an additional $2 million more than previously thought when the $5 million bond was requested in 2017; and use the other $4 or $5 million to put in the connector to Springfield and to repair the water tanks.

Allie then proposed a separate bond of 6.7 million for the permanent facility on Wells 1 & 2.

"Let's not do anything that would adversely affect the Air Force's ability to reimburse us," Allie said

He said the money is available for the contamination, the cause of it and what would be needed to clean up the situation. "It shouldn't be that complicated," he said.

The Air National Guard findings came out last Wednesday, the day before the City Council vote. Allie said they're close to being able to decide the level of contamination caused by the materials used at the base.

Allie admitted there is "a steep learning curve for all of us." He said the Air Force has a process, something which Finance Committee member Andrew K. Surprise has been researching in other communities.

Allie said when he voted for the bond to be released to the City Council, he thought that the Legislative & Ordinance subcommittee would tackle some of the issues, such as the agreement with the Air Force, but that didn't happen. "I was trying to be agreeable and get it into L&O," he said.

He did say the Finance Committee did not get all of the information they needed to make their decision. "Having the information from the Water Commission would have helped," Allie said, such as here's what it's going to cost, and why.

Allie said he supports the remedies being proposed by the city for the water, but he wants to involve the Air Force. He said he would rather "err on the side of caution," than subject the city to a huge financial impact.

In a Letter to the Editor in the Friday March 16th The Westfield News, Allie urged residents to contact the Congressional delegation and ask them to pursue obtaining an Environmental Service Agreement with the Air Force, listing their contact information:

Richard Neal, U.S. Representative, 300 State St, Suite 200 (413)-785-0325

Elizabeth Warren. U.S. Senator, 1550 Main Street, Suite 406 (413) 788-2690

Edward Markey, U.S. Senator, 1550 Main Street, 4th Floor (413) 785-4610

Regulations

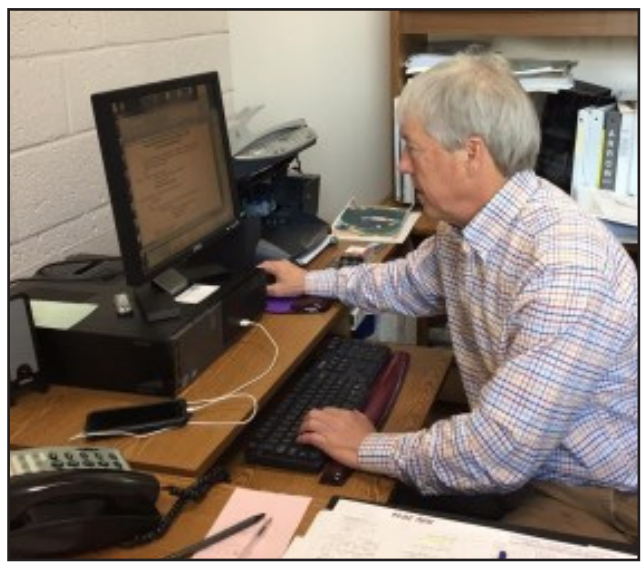
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regulations.

In an effort to try and help prevent underage individuals purchasing nicotine delivery products from retail stores, FitzGerald has signed off on a tobacco control grant. Applying for the grant with the communities of West Springfield, Agawam, and Longmeadow, the grant would allow the board to have someone do compliance checks on vendors in town. The compliance checks include an undercover buy inspection where the retailer is unaware of the inspection that involves a minor and an inspector.

With compliance checks being administered by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), they monitor retailers, manufacturers, importers, and distributors of tobacco. If a tobacco product retailer fails a compliance check for their first time, they'll receive a warning. If retailers fail multiple inspections, fees will start to rise for every failed inspection within a certain timeframe.

FitzGerald added that he should be getting a response very shortly on whether their application for the grant has been accepted or not.



Board of Health Director Tom FitzGerald. **(WNG File Photo)**



Supporters of "Save St. Mary's High School"



After Mass students, faculty, parents and friends gather to leave

St. Mary's On the March

St. Mary's brought 150+ marchers after Mass to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Holyoke. The 3 bus loads of marchers and others were supporting St. Mary's parish and "Save St. Mary's High School"



Anxiously awaiting to depart.



Three busses roll out of the parking lot



Students and supporters fill 3 busses



Family and friends show their spirit



The students are excited about marching



Departing St. Mary's for the Holyoke Parade.

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SPORTS



Westfield State freshman starter Vincenzo Camera pitched into the seventh inning against 15th-ranked Southern Maine.

WSU Baseball Falls to #15 Southern Maine

AUBURNDALE, Fla. – 15th-ranked University of Southern Maine used two big innings to power past Westfield State, 11-2 on Saturday morning at Lake Myrtle Park on the final day of the Owls spring trip.

The Huskies tallied three times in the top of the fourth inning and erupted for seven runs in the seventh to put the game away.

Westfield got on the board first in the fourth inning as Jared Ferrari doubled and scored on Alex Lafayette's base hit for a 1-0 lead.

Southern Maine responded with three unearned runs in the bottom of the fourth, as a two-out error opened the door to the big inning. Jake Dexter's base hit up the middle scored two runs, and Kyle Heath followed with another base knock through the middle to score Dexter later in the inning.

The Huskies added one in the fifth, and Westfield got a run back in the sixth inning on Anthony Crowley's solo home run, his sixth of the season.

Westfield chased Southern Maine starter Gage Feeney (1-0) in the top of the seventh after Brett Dooley doubled to lead off the inning, but lefty reliever Henry Curran came in with Dooley on third and one out and worked out of the jam to keep Westfield off the board.

Westfield State freshman starter Vincenzo Camera worked strongly into the seventh, but with two out, Southern Maine rallied, as the next nine batters reached base. Andrew Olzack delivered a 2-run double and Daren Wood a 2-run single for the big blows of the inning.

Camera (0-2) took the loss, spinning 6.2 innings, allowing six hits and four walks with five strikeouts, while allowing four earned runs.

Feeney picked up the win for Southern Maine, showing off a 90 mph fast ball while throwing 6.1 innings with nine strikeouts. He allowed five hits and no walks.

Westfield is 6-6-1 overall on the season. The Owls finish 5-4 on the Florida swing of their schedule. Southern Maine, which is ranked second in New England in the New England Baseball Journal poll, improved to 4-4.

Lafayette followed with a blast to the top of left field wall that was caught, saving an extra base hit.



Anthony Crowley is congratulated by Alex Lafayette after Crowley's home run against Southern Maine.

Bruins sign US Olympic star Ryan Donato to entry-level deal



In this Feb. 5, 2018, file photo, Harvard forward Ryan Donato (16) looks to pass against Boston University during the second period of the first round of the Beanpot hockey tournament in Boston. The Boston Bruins have signed Donato to a two-year entry-level deal and say the U.S. Olympic star could play as soon as Monday, March 19, 2018. **(AP Photo/Charles Krupa, File)**

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins have signed Ryan Donato to a two-year, entry-level deal and say the U.S. Olympic star could play for them right away.

Donato had 26 goals and 17 assists in 29 games this season at Harvard. He led the United States with five goals and six points at the Olympics as one of its youngest players.

The 21-year-old is eligible to be in Boston's lineup Monday night against the Columbus Blue Jackets, a big boost to a Stanley Cup contender down the stretch.

Donato was a second-round pick for Boston in 2014, and the team retained his rights while he played for his father, Ted Donato, a former Bruin who has been the coach at Harvard since 2004. The Boston native said at the Olympics it was always a dream for him to play in the NHL and for the Bruins, but he didn't want to make any declarations about his future, which could soon include playoff action.

"At the end of the day I want to graduate as well," Donato said after the U.S. was eliminated at the Olympics. "We'll see what the future holds."

The Bruins are currently without center Patrice Bergeron (fractured foot), left wing Jake DeBrusk (upper body) and right wing/center David Backes (laceration) because of injuries.

"No I don't think it tipped the scales either way. I think Ryan might've looked at it as an even bigger opportunity for him to go in and possibly play as early as (Monday)," Bruins general manager Don Sweeney said about his team's injury list, which also includes defensemen Zdeno Chara (upper body) and Charlie McAvoy (sprained MCL). "From our standpoint, we had always been committed to providing the opportunity to Ryan if and when he decided to leave school. And I think a few things just kind of lined up accordingly."

Despite their injury issues, the Bruins are just four points behind the Tampa Bay Lightning for the top spot in the Atlantic Division and the Eastern Conference with two games in hand. But there is no timetable for the return of any of the injured players, and Sweeney saw the signing of Donato as a chance to add to coach Bruce Cassidy's depth.

"My expectations are that he'll get his feet wet and show us what he can do at this level. We're not going to put any pressure on him to say, 'You have to produce,'" Sweeney said. "He's going to be another player that the coach will have an opportunity to play."

Asked if he thought his son was NHL-ready, Ted Donato said, "There are so many factors involved in being NHL-ready, one certainly would be the opportunity presented yourself and the right timing." That timing was obviously right after Harvard did not make the NCAA Tournament and the Bruins got him signed.

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What. Just. Happened?! NCAAs amp up the March Madness

One word succinctly describes what's transpired so far in the NCAA Tournament:

Madness.

But even that's probably underselling it.

A comeback for the ages by Nevada. An entire region left without a Top 4 seed in the Sweet 16 for the first time in tourney history. The 16-seed winner UMBC, falling short in its attempt to extend its historic run as underdog darlings. Oh, and defending national champion North Carolina is out, routed in its own state by Texas A&M.

And that was just on Sunday. When No. 1 seed Xavier was bounced, too.

A memorable, zany first two rounds — even by March Madness standards — set up what could be another wild two weekends in a tournament where anything can become reality.

"It's what makes March Madness special and it kills the coaches because it's so hard and you think you have a great team," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "It's March Madness and you never know what's going to happen."

Before the first tipoff on Thursday, many prognosticators had deemed this tournament one of the most wide-open in recent history.

It's turned into a nutty, once-in-a-generation kind of ride.

Loyola-Chicago won two thrillers to get to the Sweet 16, making a social media star out of their 98-year-old chaplain, Sister Jean. And then the telegenic nun who provides her own scouting reports to players got overshadowed by the ultimate Cinderella team.

The UMBC Retrievers became the first No. 16 seed in the history of the men's tournament to beat a No. 1 seed, defeating Virginia in the first round Friday night.

By 20 points. Over the top overall seed and the unanimous No. 1 team in the AP poll.

The Retrievers' run came to an end on Sunday night in a 50-43 loss to ninth-seeded Kansas State, but not before tattooing a lasting imprint on American sports, drawing attention from stars of the NFL, NBA and Twitch — and love from underdogs everywhere.

"We put our name on the map. We (gave) hope to teams that come to the tournament with lower seeds," guard K.J. Maura said.



Nevada guard Hallice Cooke (13) and forward Elijah Foster (12) celebrate at the end end of the second half of a second-round game against Cincinnati, in the NCAA college basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn., Sunday, March 18, 2018. Nevada defeated Cincinnati 75-73. **(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)**

UMBC's success story contributed to the messy, unprecedentedly jumbled bracket in the South Region, where the highest-remaining seed is No. 5 Kentucky. It's the first time in tourney history that a regional semifinal will be held without a top 4 seed, according to the NCAA.

Seventh-seeded Nevada added to that by matching the second-biggest comeback in tournament history to beat No. 2 seed Cincinnati 75-73 after trailing by 22 points in the second half.

"That locker room right now, I've never seen anything like it in my life. It's the happiest I've ever seen. It's the happiest I've ever been in my life," Wolf Pack coach Eric Musselman said.

The way reigning champion North Carolina got bounced from the tournament in an 86-65 loss to Texas A&M might have been the top storyline on any other tournament day. It left coach Roy Williams with the most lopsided tournament loss of his Hall of Fame career.

It was also the second straight year the titleholder lost before the Sweet 16. And it happened in UNC-friendly territory in Charlotte, North Carolina, where the Tar Heels hadn't lost a tourney game since 1979.

"I didn't picture it ending it like this," said Williams with his players sitting nearby. "I pictured it ending with these guys having a huge smile on their face, but that's not college basketball."

WHO'S LEFT: A look at the teams and matchups for the Sweet 16 by region.

South: No. 5 Kentucky vs. No. 9 Kansas State; No. 7 Nevada vs. No. 11 Loyola-Chicago.

West: No. 4 Gonzaga vs. No. 9 Florida State; No. 3 Michigan vs. No. 7 Texas A&M

Midwest: No. 1 Kansas vs. No. 5 Clemson; No. 2 Duke vs. No. 11 Syracuse

East: No. 1 Villanova vs. No. 5 West Virginia; No. 2 Purdue vs. No. 3 Texas Tech.

CALL IT A COMEBACK: Nevada's comeback from a 22-point deficit matched Duke's rally after beating Maryland in the 2001 Final Four. The biggest comeback belongs to BYU, which trailed by 25 points before beating Iona in the 2012 First Four.

GLASS SLIPPERS IN SOUTH: What a mess in the underdog-laden South.

The top four seeds — No. 1 Virginia, No. 2 Cincinnati, No. 3 Tennessee and No. 4 Arizona are all done.

"You know, just obviously we didn't think 16 was going to ... beat a 1," Weber said. "You thought it would be a little different situation, but we just said we could write history tonight. No 9 has ever beaten a 16 to go to the Sweet 16, so we wrote our own history tonight."

SPOILED HOME COOKIN': Don't invite Texas A&M and Syracuse to homecoming parties.

The Aggies manhandled North Carolina in Charlotte in surprisingly easy fashion to get to the round of 16 for the second time in three seasons. After holding a 47-36 edge on the glass, Texas A&M should scare a Michigan team that has had to slog through two victories and deliver a buzzer-beater 3 to get to the Sweet 16.

In Detroit, Syracuse tuned out the noise from a Michigan State-partisan crowd for a 55-53 win . The Orange's trademark 2-3 zone gave another unfamiliar opponent fits after holding the more talented Spartans to 26 percent shooting.

An NCAA tourney run that started with the First Four in Dayton for Syracuse will continue against Duke in the Sweet 16 in Omaha, Nebraska.

TWO ONES ARE DONE: Two No. 1 seeds didn't make it out of the tournament's opening weekend for the first time since 2004, when Stanford and Kentucky both lost in the second round.

This time around, Virginia and Xavier were the top seeds that were bounced.

The Cavaliers went home on Friday after the historic loss to No. 16 seed UMBC. The Musketeers gave up a 12-point lead on Sunday and fell to Florida State, 75-70. It was a disappointing ending for a program that returned four starters from a team that lost in the Elite Eight last year to Gonzaga.

The only other years when two top seeds lost in the first weekend were 1981 and 2000.

UMBC's NCAA fairytale ends but memories will last forever

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — UMBC's improbable run through the NCAA Tournament was brief. The statement the Retrievers made and their place in history is forever.

For one weekend in March, the tiny commuter school from Baltimore known for its academics and championship-winning chess team captured the hearts of the college basketball world and beyond. UMBC became the first No. 16 seed to knock off a No. 1 in March Madness, a victory over Virginia that made the Retrievers the ultimate Cinderella.

The fairytale came to an end Sunday night in a 50-43 loss to No. 9 Kansas State — heartbreaking because it was a game UMBC could have won, but still satisfying because the Retrievers touched so many people by accomplishing what many thought was impossible.

"We put our name on the map. We gave hope to teams that come to the tournament with lower seeds," said senior guard K.J. Maura. "I think we gave hope to guys that are not even that tall like me. People that feel like they are underdogs in their life, I think we gave hope to everything they want to do in life."

Stephen Curry noticed the team and sent UMBC the sneakers the team wore against Kansas State. The Golden State Warriors had his Curry 5s, which are in limited release, and other swag sent to the team. U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams declared the Retrievers "Surgeon General approved" and posted a photo of himself on Facebook wearing a sweatshirt from his alma mater.

NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers tweeted to UMBC guard Joe Sherburne, who claims to be Rodgers' biggest fan. And for a team addicted to the video game "Fortnite," their dreams were made when Ninja, a popular gamer who recently played against rapper Drake and JuJu Smith-Schuster of the Pittsburgh Steelers, FaceTimed with the team early Sunday.

"They play with passion, they play with heart, they play together," coach Ryan Odom said. "We do things together for one another, and obviously when you have a big win like that (over Virginia) and it's so shocking, you know, people love to see that. They love to see the upset.

"And our guys handled it with grace and understood the circumstances. They weren't pounding their chests or anything. They expected to be here and expected to compete."

When UMBC returned to the locker room following its ouster, Odom had written just one word on the whiteboard. The Retrievers needed a buzzer-beating 3 against Vermont to win their conference title and make the NCAA Tournament, but they showed up believing they could beat Virginia, and the same about Kansas State.

So Odom simply penned "Proud" on the board for his players.

"Just very proud of these kids and what they've been able to do as the representatives that they are for our university," Odom said. "Just captured our country and beyond, to be honest, from a sporting perspective and it's really, really neat to see."

Sherburne said Odom relayed stories from friends who had texted or called from outside the country to rave about UMBC. Near tears after an 0-for-9 shooting night, Sherburne found consolation in the joy UMBC brought to so many.

"From when we beat Vermont until the last two hours were the greatest time of my life," Sherburne said. "What we did, everyone in here, it's the greatest time of our lives."

Odom arrived at UMBC two years ago and inherited a team accustomed to losing. He told them he was going to get them to .500 that first year; they thought he was joking. But slowly the culture changed and the Retrievers did everything Odom told them they could accomplish.

And then some.

"When I got here, first we were a four-win team that year, and then the next year we went on to win seven games," said graduate student Jairus Lyles. "Then Coach Odom and his staff came in, we won 21 games and this year we had a tremendous season."

Odom doesn't know how far the UMBC program can grow. Those four letters are now synonymous with the biggest upset in college basketball history, but it's a long way from becoming a basketball school.

"UMBC is a unique place — lot of high achieving kids on campus," Odom said. "We want guys that want to be great from a basketball perspective and want to play after college. But, at the same time, we want folks that are highly motivated academically that want to do great things past basketball. Because the air goes out of the ball at some point for everybody."



UMBC's Arkel Lamar, Jourdan Grant and K.J. Maura, from right, embrace as they leave the court in the closing moments of the team's 50-43 loss to Kansas State in a second-round game in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, March 18, 2018. **(AP Photo/Gerry Broome)**



HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SPRING SCHEDULES

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY 03/24
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Westfield High School
@Southington High School, 9 AM
Saturday 03/31
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Westfield High School
@Glastonbury High School, 9 AM
MONDAY 04/02
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Westfield High School
@Agawam High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Track
Westfield High School
@Ludlow High School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse
Westfield High School
@Agawam High School, 5:30 PM
TUESDAY 04/03
Girls Varsity Track
Westfield High School
@Chicopee Comprehensive HS, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Tennis
Westfield High School
@Sabis International Charter School
Forest Park, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Agawam High School
@Westfield High School, 6:30 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
Agawam High School
@Westfield High School, 5 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse
Westfield High School
@Enfield High School, 4:15 PM
WEDNESDAY 04/04
Boys Varsity Baseball
Taconic High School
@Westfield High School
Bullens Field, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Westfield High School
@Northampton High School, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Tennis
Westfield High School
@Longmeadow High School
Blinn Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Westfield High School
@Northampton High School
JFK Middle School, 4 PM
THURSDAY 04/05
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Westfield High School
@East Longmeadow High School, 7 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
West Springfield High School
@Westfield High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Tennis
Holyoke High School
@Westfield High School, 4:30 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Westfield High School
@Minnechaug Reg. High School, 5 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
Westfield High School
@Minnechaug Reg. High School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse
West Springfield High School
@Westfield High School, 5:30 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse
Westfield High School
@East Longmeadow High School, 5 PM
FRIDAY 04/06
Girls Varsity Softball
Hampshire Regional High School
@Westfield High School, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Tennis
Westfield High School
@South Hadley High School
Mount Holyoke College, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Acton-Boxborough Reg H.S.
@Westfield High School
American International College -
Butova Gymnasium, 6 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Hampshire Regional High School
@Westfield High School, 4 PM

SAINT MARY PARISH SCHOOL

THURSDAY 03/29
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Belchertown High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4 PM
MONDAY 04/02
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Saint Mary Parish School
@ Monson High School, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/03
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
McCann Technical High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4 PM
WEDNESDAY 04/04
Girls Varsity Tennis
Renaissance School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 PM
THURSDAY 04/05
Boys Varsity Tennis
Springfield HS of Science and Technology @ Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Lee Middle and High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4 PM
FRIDAY 04/06
Girls Varsity Tennis
Turners Falls High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Belchertown High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 5:30 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Springfield Central High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4 PM
MONDAY 04/09
Boys Varsity Tennis
Saint Mary Parish School
@ Greenfield High School
Davis St Courts, 3:30 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Pathfinder RVT High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/10
Girls Varsity Tennis
Mohawk Trail Regional HS
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 5 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Saint Mary Parish School
@ Amherst-Pelham Reg
High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
North Middle School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Hampden Ponds, 4 PM
WEDNESDAY 04/11
Boys Varsity Tennis
Holyoke High School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4:30 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Saint Mary Parish School
@ Granby Jr./Sr. High School, 4 PM

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

FRIDAY 04/06
Boys Varsity Baseball
McCann Technical High School
@ Westfield Technical Academy
Bullens Field, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
McCann Technical High School
@ Westfield Technical Academy
Jachym Field, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/10
Boys Varsity Baseball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Springfield HS of Science and Technology
Forest Park Diamond #1, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Renaissance School
@ Westfield Technical Academy
Whitney Park, 4 PM
FRIDAY 04/13
Boys Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
@ Westfield Technical Academy
Bullens Field, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
@ Westfield Technical Academy
Jachym Field, 4 PM
MONDAY 04/16
Boys Varsity Baseball
Smith Vocational and Agricultural HS @ Westfield Technical Academy
Bullens Field, 1 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Smith Vocational and Agricultural HS
Arcanum Field, 1 PM
TUESDAY 04/17
Girls Varsity Softball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Smith Vocational and Agricultural HS
Sheldon Field, 4 PM
WEDNESDAY 04/18
Boys Varsity Baseball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Putnam Voc/Tech Academy
Blunt Park, 1 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Putnam Voc/Tech Academy
Blunt Park Dia. #2, 1 PM
FRIDAY 04/20
Boys Varsity Baseball
Franklin County Tech. School
@ Westfield Technical Academy
Bullens Field, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Springfield HS of
Science and Technology @
Westfield Technical Academy
Whitney Park, 11 AM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Franklin County Tech. School, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/24
Boys Varsity Baseball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ John J. Duggan Academy
Hubbard Park, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Franklin County Tech. School, 4 PM

GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 04/04
Girls Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Ware High School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Ware High School
Grenville Park, 4 PM
THURSDAY 04/05
Girls Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Southwick Regional School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Southwick Regional School
Southwick JV Softball Field, 4 PM
Friday 04/06
Boys Varsity Baseball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 4 PM
MONDAY 04/09
Girls Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ High School of Commerce
Marshall Roy Field, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/10
Girls Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Pathfinder RVT High School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Pathfinder RVT High School, 4 PM
FRIDAY 04/13
Boys Varsity Baseball
Springfield HS of Science and Technology
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Westfield Technical Academy
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Springfield HS of Science
and Technology
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
MONDAY 04/16
Boys Varsity Baseball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ McCann Technical High School
Joe Wolfe Baseball Field, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ McCann Technical High School, 4 PM
WEDNESDAY 04/18
Boys Varsity Baseball
Smith Vocational and Agricultural HS
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Smith Vocational and Agricultural HS
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
FRIDAY 04/20
Boys Varsity Baseball
Putnam Voc/Tech Academy
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Franklin County Tech. School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Putnam Voc/Tech Academy
@ Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/24
Boys Varsity Baseball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Pathfinder RVT High School
St Joes Field, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Smith Vocational and
Agricultural HS, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Pathfinder RVT High School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Smith Vocational and Agricultural HS, 4 PM

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY 03/24
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Southwick Regional School
@ West Springfield High School, 9 AM
THURSDAY 03/29
Girls Varsity Track
Southwick Regional School
@ Frontier Regional School, 3:30 PM
MONDAY 04/02
Girls Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School
@ Northampton High School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School
@ Northampton High School
JFK Middle School, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/03
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Southwick Regional School
@ Sabis International Charter School, 5 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
Southwick Regional School
@ Sabis International Charter School, 4 PM
WEDNESDAY 04/04
Boys Varsity Track
Hampden Charter School of Science
@ Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Track
South Hadley High School
@ Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM
THURSDAY 04/05
Girls Varsity Track
Mahar Regional School
@ Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Track
South Hadley High School
@ Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Southwick Regional School
Southwick Varsity Softball Field, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Southwick Regional School
@ Holyoke High School, 5 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
@ Southwick Regional School
Southwick JV Softball Field, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
Southwick Regional School
@ Holyoke High School,
4 PM
FRIDAY 04/06
Boys Varsity Volleyball
West Springfield High School
@ Southwick Regional School
James E. Vincent Gymnasium,
6 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
West Springfield High School
@ Southwick Regional School
James E. Vincent Gymnasium,
4:30 PM
MONDAY 04/09
Girls Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School
@ Easthampton High School
Nonotuck Park, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School
@ Easthampton High School
Nonotuck Park, 4 PM
TUESDAY 04/10
Boys Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
North Middle School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
@ Saint Mary Parish School
Hampden Ponds, 4 PM

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Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Shot or Not

Dear Annie: My wife is pregnant with our first child. She's due in a few weeks and recently asked me to get a vaccine for whooping cough (Tdap). I got the vaccine.

However, now she is talking about everyone who will be around the baby getting the vaccine, including my parents. I can just imagine me telling (not asking) my mom to get a whooping cough vaccine before she can hold her grandchild and her laughing maniacally in my face. Actually, that would be a good response. I could also see her flipping out, not doing it, my wife getting upset with me (obviously) and everyone being unhappy.

I know vaccines can be a charged issue, but this is more about being stuck between my wife and my mom. I have to back my wife, but I cannot control my mom's actions. How should I approach my mom? -- Vaccinated Into a Corner

Dear Vaccinated into a Corner: It sounds like you are between a rock and a hard place -- your wife's insistence that your mother get vaccinated and your anticipation that your mom will refuse to get the vaccination. Approach your mom with empathy, and then with facts. Tell her that you understand her skepticism; she never had to ask her parents to get vaccinated before they held her babies, after all. But then explain what's changed. In the last several years, whooping cough has made a comeback. In 2012, there were around 48,000 cases, the most on record since 1955. And according to Dr. Nancy Messonnier, the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC, "Babies who get whooping cough often catch it from family members, including grandparents, who may not even know they have whooping cough." Visit https://www.cdc.gov/whoopingcough for more information that might persuade her. And if she's still not convinced, perhaps you could ask your doctor to speak with her.

Dear Annie: How do you get your relatives to bring the right food at family gatherings? Last year, I sent out emails and asked each couple to bring a specific item: i.e., four sandwiches or other items so that our hostess (namely Grandma) wouldn't have to cook or prepare food.

All the couples brought huge sandwiches from a franchise and we had way too much food! We thought that they would prepare ham and cheese sandwiches or roast beef and cheese sandwiches, etc., and cut into four pieces to arrange on trays for perusal. Why is it that young people now think they have to purchase items? Can't they make something? Is it too much to ask? -- Not Enough Cooks

Dear Not Enough Cooks: You can look at the sandwich tray half-full or half-empty, and right now you're glaring at the crumbs. Instead of criticizing your family members for buying food rather than preparing it, be grateful that they brought food -- and that you have leftovers. A great family activity would be to take the leftovers to a local homeless shelter or food bank. Be sure to call first and check that they can accept perishable foods.

And if you insist that your relatives must make food themselves rather than buying it, invite everyone over for a cooking party. I'm sure they would love to learn some of Grandma's recipes.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

DISGUSTING DIAPER DISPOSAL



Dear Readers: Today's SOUND OFF is about disposable diapers that are not disposed of properly. -- Heloise

"Dear Heloise: Nothing seems to be as disgusting as seeing a used disposable diaper lying in a parking lot, on the ground at a campground or anywhere other than in a trash receptacle. If you need to change your baby's diaper, carry plastic shopping bags with you, and put the diaper in them until you can get to a proper trash can. It's an unsanitary and unnecessary habit to just toss a used diaper any other place except into a trash can." -- Claire T., Scottsbluff, Neb.

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FAST FACTS

Dear Readers: Here are some things we forget to sanitize but should:

* The handles on refrigerator doors.
* A computer mouse.
* Cellphones.
* Car keys.

-- Heloise

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

3/19 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Previous puzzle solution

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7	6	1	8	4	9	5	2	3

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TV Sports Listings

Monday, March 19

Baseball

1 p.m. MLB Spring Training: New York Mets at Houston Astros (MLB Network)
4 p.m. MLB Spring Training: Chicago White Sox at Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB Network)
9 p.m. MLB Spring Training: Colorado Rockies at Texas Rangers (MLB Network)

Basketball

6:30 p.m. NCAA Women's Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA (ESPN2)
7 p.m. NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Cleveland Cavaliers (ESPN)
7 p.m. NIT Second Round: Stanford at Oklahoma State (ESPNU)
7:30 p.m. NBA: Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks (MSG)
7:30 p.m. NBA: Memphis Grizzlies at Brooklyn Nets (YES)
9 p.m. NCAA Women's Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA (ESPN2)
9 p.m. NIT Second Round: LSU at Utah (ESPNU)
9:30 p.m. NBA: Golden State Warriors at San Antonio Spurs (ESPN)
11 p.m. NIT Second Round: Washington at St. Mary's (ESPNU)
11:30 p.m. NIT Second Round: Western Kentucky at USC (ESPN2)

Curling

2 p.m. Women's World Championship: Japan vs. United States (NBCSN)

Hockey

7 p.m. NHL: Nashville Predators at Buffalo Sabres (MSGPL)
8 p.m. NHL: Los Angeles Kings at Minnesota Wild (NBCSN)

On The Tube

At State Department, Heather Nauert's star is ascendant

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the ax fell on Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, his spokeswoman was half a world away, a distance he and his inner circle preferred and enforced.

Now, it's Tillerson who's on his way out after his unceremonious firing by President Donald Trump, and Heather Nauert whose star is ascendant.

U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley and Nauert are among the few women in the Trump administration with high-profile voices on foreign policy. Only three State Department officials — all men — now outrank Nauert, a former Fox News anchor who declined comment for this story.

Nauert's meteoric rise comes even though just a week ago she seemed not long for the job. Then Tillerson lost his.

She was denied the kind of close access to the boss that all recent successful State Department press secretaries enjoyed. So Nauert tried to defend Trump's top diplomat and explain his activities to reporters from around the world without being able to travel on any of Tillerson's international trips or attend most of his Washington meetings.

Frustrated at being sidelined, Nauert almost quit several times. She had been telling associates she was ready to move on.

The moment that Trump canned Tillerson by tweet, Nauert was in a Hamas-built tunnel on the border near the Gaza Strip, on a tour organized by the Israeli military to show U.S. officials the smuggling routes used by militants. Caught by surprise by the move back in Washington, Nauert cut the tour short and returned to Jerusalem to deal with the crisis. Soon, Trump also fired the undersecretary of state who publicly defended Tillerson.

The president named Nauert to that suddenly vacant position, near the top of the hierarchy of American diplomacy.

Nauert told associates she was taken aback and recommended a colleague for the job. But when White House officials told her they wanted her, she accepted.

The new role gives Nauert responsibilities far beyond the regular news conferences she held in the briefing room. She is overseeing the public diplomacy in Washington and all of the roughly 275 overseas U.S. embassies, consulates and other posts. She is in charge of the Global Engagement Center that fights extremist messaging from the Islamic State group and others. She can take a seat, if she wants, on the Broadcasting Board of Governors that steers government broadcast networks such as Voice of America.

Less than a year ago, Nauert wasn't even in government.

Nauert, who was born in Illinois, was a breaking news anchor on Trump's favorite television show, "Fox & Friends," when she was tapped to be the face and voice of the administration's foreign policy. With a master's degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, she had come to Fox from ABC News, where she was a general assignment reporter. She hadn't specialized in foreign policy or international relations.

It was almost clear from the start that Nauert wasn't Tillerson's first choice.

She resisted the ex-oilman's efforts to limit press access, reduce briefings and limit journalists allowed to travel with him. Tillerson had preferred Genevieve Wood at the conservative Heritage Foundation, according to several individuals familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly discuss Tillerson's personnel decisions.

When Nauert arrived at the State Department in April 2017, she found relations between Tillerson and the diplomatic press corps in crisis. No longer were there daily briefings that had been a State Department feature for decades. Journalists accustomed to traveling with Republican and Democratic secretaries for decades found they were blocked from Tillerson's plane. Department spokespeople had no regular access to Tillerson or his top advisers.

Shut out from the top, Nauert developed relationships with career diplomats. Barred from traveling with Tillerson, she embarked on her own overseas trips, visiting Bangladesh and Myanmar last year to see the plight of Rohingya Muslims, and then Israel after a planned stop in Syria was scrapped. Limited to two briefings a week, she began hosting a program called "The Readout" on State Department social media outlets in which she interviewed senior officials about topics of the day.

All the while, she stayed in the good graces of the White House, even as Tillerson was increasingly on the outs. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders described Nauert as "a team player" and "a strong asset for the administration."

And she didn't shy from taking on foreign foes.

"The idea that Russia is calling for a so-called humanitarian corridor, I want to be clear, is a joke," Nauert said at one recent briefing where she took Moscow to task for its actions in Syria, where it has used military power to support President Bashar Assad's government.

Such comments have earned her the wrath of Kremlin officials and state-run media. Faced with pointed questioning by reporters from Russian news outlets at her briefings, Nauert often has lashed out, accusing them of working for their government.

At The Movies

'Black Panther' tops U.S. box office for 5th straight weekend

NEW YORK (AP) — Not since "Avatar" has a box-office hit had the kind of staying power of "Black Panther." Ryan Coogler's comic-book sensation on Sunday became the first film since James Cameron's 2009 smash to top the weekend box office five straight weekends.

The Disney release grossed $27 million in ticket sales over the weekend, according to studio estimates, pushing its domestic haul to $605.4 million. Worldwide, "Black Panther" has grossed more than $1.1 billion.

Though "Black Panther" has had little competition to contend with throughout February and March, such consistency is especially rare in today's movie-going world. Before "Avatar," the last film to do it was 1999′s "The Sixth Sense."

That left second place to the MGM-Warner Bros.′ rebooted "Tomb Raider," starring Alicia Vikander as the archaeologist adventurer Lara Croft. The $90 million film opened with $23.5 million, largely failing to stir much excitement among moviegoers. Critics gave it mediocre reviews (49 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and ticket-buyers responded with a "meh," giving it a B CinemaScore.

With Vikander stepping in for Angelina Jolie, Roar Uthaug's "Tomb Raider" is an attempt to rekindle a video game-adapted franchise that faded quickly the first time around. The 2001 original opened $47.7 million and grossed $274.7 million worldwide, but the big-budget 2003 sequel flopped, opening with $21.8 million domestically and grossing $156.5 million worldwide.

Jeff Goldstein, distribution chief for Warner Bros., said "Tomb Raider" came close to studio expectations in North America but that international ticket sales were a primary focus. "Tomb Raider" was no. 1 overseas, grossing $84.5 million, including a $41.1 million in China.

"International was always a key part of the strategy," Goldstein said.

Of course, the continuing success of "Black Panther" also didn't help "Tomb Raider." When release dates were being set a year ago, few could have foreseen "Black Panther" no. 1 five weeks in. "How could you?" Goldstein said.

"Black Panther" has shown considerably fewer legs in China, however. Though it has grossed $96 million in two weeks of release in China, "Black Panther" slid steeply in its second weekend.

Yet last week, "Black Panther" even bested Disney's own "A Wrinkle in Time," Ava DuVernay's adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's 1962 novel of the same name. In its second week, "A Wrinkle in Time" dropped 50 percent with $16.6 million in ticket sales.

The surprise of the weekend was the Lionsgate-Roadside Attractions Christian drama "I Can Only Imagine," which grossed $17.1 million on 1,629 screens — less than half the number that "Black Panther," ″Tomb Raider" and "A Winkle in Time" played on. The film, which co-stars Dennis Quaid and Cloris Leachman, cost only $7 million to make. It stars J. Michael Finley as the singer behind one of the most popular Christian songs, by the band MercyMe.

"I Can Only Imagine" doubled expectations by sticking to the typical tactic of "faith-based" releases with a grassroots marketing effort that focused on Southern, Southwestern and suburban moviegoers. Eighty percent of the audience was over 35.

It's the biggest opening weekend ever for Roadside Attractions, the 15-year-old indie distributor whose previous titles include "Mud" and "Manchester by the Sea."

"We did really work the film. Starting with the beginning of October, we were screening the film for faith-based influencers," said Roadside co-founder Howard Cohen. "So it had a really classic playbook for these type of movies. But a lot of movies do it and it doesn't work as well."

Playing to a virtually opposite audience was 20th Century Fox's "Love, Simon," the first film from a major Hollywood studio featuring a gay teen protagonist. Whereas "I Can Only Imagine" catered to the suburbs, "Love, Simon" thrived mainly in urban areas.

Greg Berlanti's film, adapted from the best-selling young-adult novel "Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda," stars Nick Robinson as a gay 17-year-old who has yet to come out when another closeted boy from his high school begins an anonymous e-mail romance. The film garnered strong reviews (91 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and audiences agreed, giving it an A-plus CinemaScore.

"I feel good that we released this film. I feel great that we had the kind of exit polls that we did," said Chris Aronson, distribution chief for Fox. "I think audiences are going to continue to find this jewel of a film that Greg Berlanti created."

Fox Searchlight's Oscar winner "The Shape of Water" also launched in China this weekend with $10.4 million following its best-picture win. The biggest post-Oscars boost has been overseas, where "The Shape of Water" grossed $17 million over the weekend.

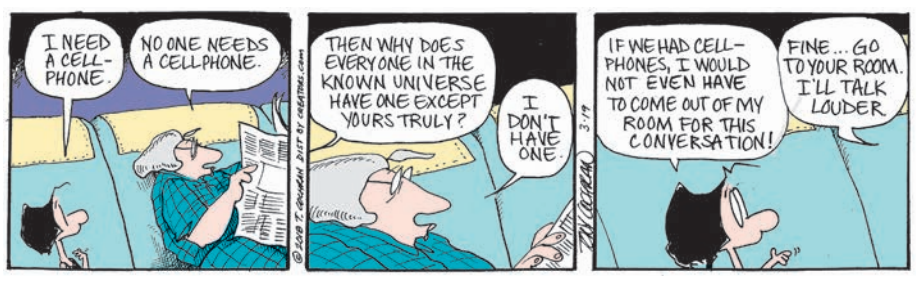
According to comScore, the weekend was down 50 percent from the same weekend in 2017 when Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" opened with a record-breaking $174.8 million.

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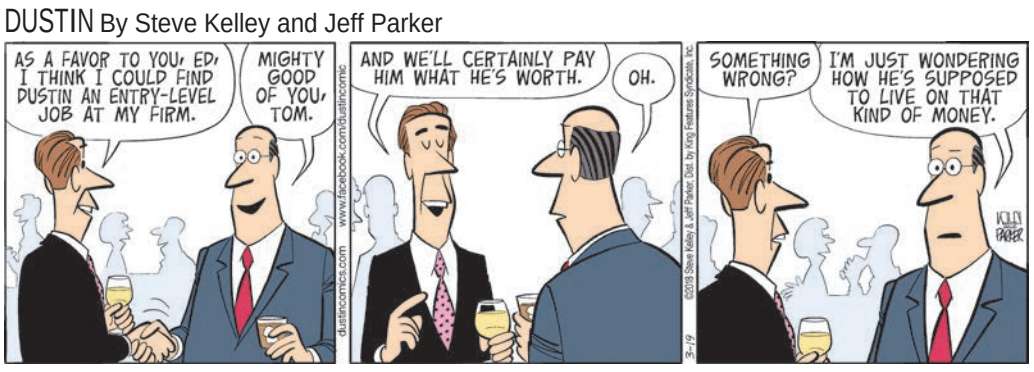
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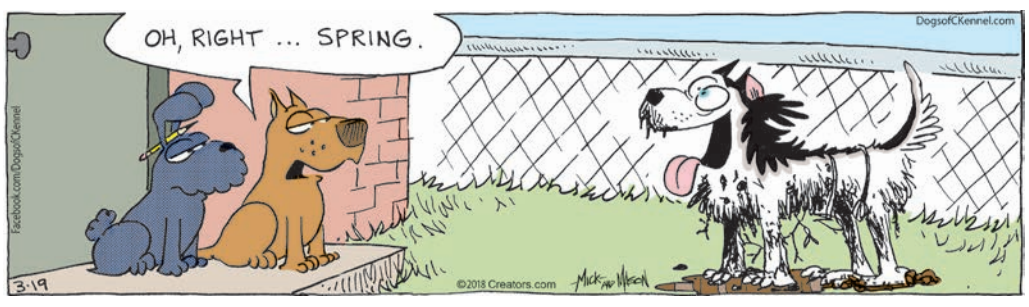
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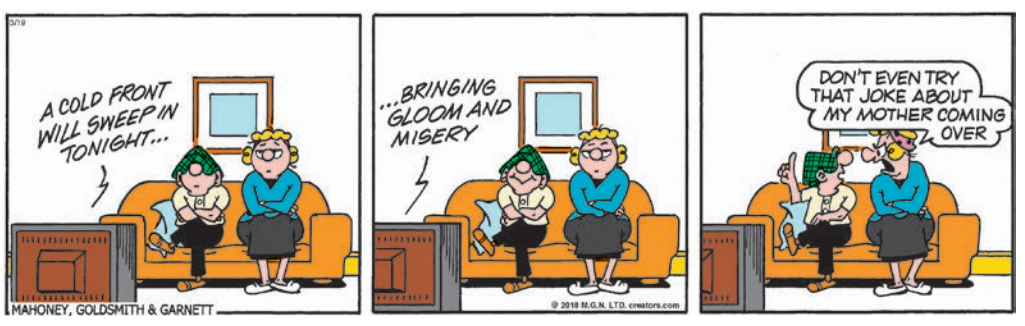
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 19, 2018:

This year you can be difficult when challenged, and might become contentious easily. Make a point of staying out of battles. You could experience big ups and downs in an important relationship. Instead of fighting change, dive right in and embrace the inevitable. If you are single, you will meet someone who could become very special to you this year. Just be open. If you are attached, your bond has a very exciting and unpredictable tone to it. Your sweetie enjoys your lively personality. ARIES could throw you off your game.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might encounter a hassle with someone who feels as if his or her way is the only way. You'll be only too happy to let this person know otherwise. You greet the unpredictable with a smile. Accept an offer to head in a new direction. Tonight: Everyone will hear from you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A contrary partner could have you in fits over the best way to proceed. You would prefer to head in your own direction. You'll gain a sudden insight about what you should do. Even if it isn't what you want to do, take action and clear up a problem. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Charge into your day with determination, and bypass a contrary person. You still might be surprised by what this person decides to do. You are focused and all smiles. You could feel pushed by the end of the day to assess what you have accomplished. Tonight: Play it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Emphasize your ideas and your ability to take the lead. Someone close to you does not appreciate your efforts. You could be too tired of this person's complaints to remain restrained. Choose your words with care, and be ready for a strong reaction. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Keep the big picture in mind. You seem reasonable to many people, but they often wonder where you are coming from. You are able to see what others miss. You'll want to consider sharing more of your insights. Tonight: Loved ones know where you are coming from.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Relate to others on an individual level, when possible. Don't get pulled into a big meeting, as you won't be comfortable. Maintain your sense of humor, despite an unexpected response from a partner. This person might be processing his or her thoughts. Tonight: Time for some fun!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ The best way to win a power play or battle of wills is not to play. Bypass the situation, not by ignoring it, but by not getting involved. Expect the other party to be upset, as he or she counts on you to respond to his or her innuendos. The unexpected marks your day. Tonight: Be a duo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You'll want to dive into work and get as much done as possible. You could get into a difficult argument that is likely to mark the next several days, if not weeks. Weigh the pros and cons of getting into a conversation that seems contentious. Tonight: Let others call the shots.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Do not underestimate the implications of a difficult matter that involves your finances. You might not expect to have a problem, or you could deny that possibility. Your creativity comes up with a solution. The unexpected occurs. Tonight: Choose a fun activity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to take a stand at home or at work. Do not expect a positive reception. Others are not likely to be in agreement. You could be taken aback by someone else's words or actions. Lie low, and watch what takes place. Tonight: Refuse to be overly assertive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You could be juggling an overwhelming amount of messages, calls and surprise visits. Trying to stay up to date with your regular demands will take talent. An unexpected event could throw you even further off base. Honor a fast change of pace. Tonight: Don't fight the inevitable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your internal conversations might be calling for a change in how you handle your assets. You have to decide whether you are willing to deal with this issue. Just how quickly you can get a hold of yourself will be determined by your flexibility. Tonight: Mull over a decision.

BORN TODAY

Actor Bruce Willis (1955), actress Mary Scheer (1963), actress Glenn Close (1947)

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

Famous Hand

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 4
♥ A 9
♦ 9 8 6
♣ A Q 9 6 4 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 6
♥ Q J 10 7 6 3 2
♦ —
♣ 8 5

EAST
♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ K 5 4
♦ A J 3
♣ J 10 7

SOUTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 10 7 5 4 2
♣ K 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3 ♥	4 ♥
5 ♣	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	6 ♦	

Opening lead — queen of spades.

The 2006 Rosenblum Cup was won by a team composed of four Americans and two Norwegians, who defeated another composite team of two Americans and four Swedes in the 64-board final.

The victors — Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Roger Bates, Alan Sontag and Norwegians Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness — defeated Christal Henner-Welland, Marc Jacobus, and Sweden's Magnus Lindkvist, Peter Fredin, Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nystrom by the comfortable margin of 46 International Match Points.

Throughout the final, the Norwegian pair exhibited excellent judgment in competitive situations. Today's deal shows them in action. Helgemo was North and Helness South when the auction shown unfolded. Helness' three-heart bid showed a singleton or void in hearts and was forcing to game.

After Bertheau bid four hearts, Helgemo showed his club suit and bid them again after Nystrom's five-heart bid was passed around to him. In bidding six clubs, Helgemo took into account his partner's failure to double five hearts, which invited Helgemo to continue bidding if he thought a slam was in the offing. Helness then corrected six clubs to six diamonds, and with the A-J-3 of diamonds onside, the slam was easily made for a score of 1,370.

At the other table, Henner-Welland and Jacobus elected to double five hearts in a similarly competitive auction, and did not find the defense that would net them +800 for down four: ace of spades, spade to the king, spade ruff, plus two clubs and the ace of hearts. Instead, North led a diamond, allowing declarer to get rid of a club loser on the diamond ace, and then did not play the ace and another spade after gaining the lead with the ace of hearts. Plus 300 for North-South left them with a 1,070-point net deficit for a loss of 14 IMPs.

Tomorrow: The psychological factor.

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS
1 Male turkey
4 Existed
7 Tiny branch
11 Acknowledge
13 List-ending abbr.
14 Basketball target
15 Nevada city
16 Fluffy scarf
17 Billions of years
18 Bull's sound
20 Oxen's burden
22 Sportage maker
24 Excessively proper
28 Solar event
32 Chalkboard
33 Apollo 11 destination
34 Day divs.
36 Sketch
37 Grammarian's concern
39 Chess ploys
41 Moves like a crab
43 Thee, today
44 Radius neighbor
46 Perfectly timed
50 Utah national park
53 Diamond arbiter
55 Corn castoffs
56 Apple computer
57 "For shame!"
58 Dickens' Uriah
59 Ancient invader
60 New Deal pres.
61 Parched

DOWN
1 Old salts
2 Pizzeria fixture
3 Stereo alternative
4 Charlotte's creation
5 On
6 Overcharge for tickets
7 1969 Sam Peckinpah Western
8 Romance
9 Charged bit
10 Family docs
12 Midday meal with the boss, perhaps
19 Bit of advice
21 Hosp. areas
23 Blond shade
25 Rani's wrap
26 Sports figure?
27 Evergreens
28 Outback birds
29 "— fan tutte"
30 Cargo
31 Work unit
35 Utter
38 Slithery fish
40 Cattle call
42 Tobacco type
45 During
47 Dorm designation
48 Taxi alternative
49 Catch sight of
50 Sharp turn
51 "As I see it," in a text
52 Granola morsel
54 For each

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 3-19

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CRYPTOQUIP

JQVFRVZ RINHQGRW UG UXO EQINSTXRZ JYQ SVR ZFXHHRW SB SNNVSXZXTO BYXTOZ: EQVNQVSBR VSBRVZ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: SOME ROUND OBJECTS THAT HAD BEEN SHAPED AND PAINTED TO LOOK JUST LIKE STONES: SHAM ROCKS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals R

LEGAL NOTICES

March 19, 26, 2018
April 2, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Peter J. Siciliano and Jacqueline L. Brown to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated August 13, 2007 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 16872, Page 516, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder , for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on April 11, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 1076 East Mountain Road, Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Certain real estate situated in Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel One

Beginning at an iron pin on the Westerly line of East Mountain Road, distant southerly, measuring by the said Westerly line, five hundred forty (540) feet from an iron pin marking the Southeasterly corner of land now of formerly of Harold E. Brill, et ux, and running thence

S. 15° 30' W. along said East Mountain Road, one hundred thirty-one and 40/100 (131:40) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Michael C. Deveno, et ux; thence

N. 74° 30' W. along last named land, two hundred twenty (220) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Mary E. Deveno; thence

N. 15° 30' E. along last named land, one hundred thirty-one and, 40/100 (131.40) feet to an iron pin at other land now or formerly of Mary E. Deveno; and thence

S. 74° 30' E, along last named land, two hundred twenty (220) feet to an iron pin at the place of beginning.

Parcel Two

Certain real estate situated in said Westfield, being designated as Parcel "A" on a plan recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 151, Page 31, to which plan as so recorded reference is hereby made for a more particular description of Parcel 'A'.

Being the premises known as 1076 East Mountain Road, Westfield, Massachusetts.

Being the same premises conveyed to Jacqueline L. Brown herein by deed of Kevin R. Brown and Jacqueline L. Brown dated May 6, 2001 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11631, Page 557.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16872, Page 514.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 84 Broadway, Westfield,Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Douglas J. Drumm and Carolyn L. Drumm to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB.,said mortgage dated March 30, 2007, and recorded June 5, 2007 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 16726 at Page 263 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by virtue of an assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP, to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated June 5, 2015 and recorded June 16, 2015 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20748 at Page 496, previously assigned by Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP, by virtue of an assignment dated May 29, 2015 and recorded June 16, 2015 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20748 at Page 492, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by virtue of an assignment dated September 27, 2011 and recorded October 5, 2011 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18942 at Page 414, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **April 10, 2018 at 3:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THAT CERTAIN REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN WESTFIELD, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BEING THE SOUTHWESTERLY ONE-HALF (1/2) OF LOT 65 (SIXTY-FIVE). SAID LOT BEING SHOWN ON THE PLAN ENTITLED "FAIRVIEW TERRACE " AS RECORDED IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, FOR SAID HAMPDEN COUNTY IN BOOK OF PLANS 1, PAGE 5, TOGETHER WITH LAND LYING SOUTHWESTERLY THEREOF; SAID LAND BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED IN ONE PARCEL AS FOLLOWS;

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF BROADWAY MARKING THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 66 (SIXTY-SIX) AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, AND RUNNING THENCE

NORTH 35° 31' 00' EAST ALONG SAID BROADWAY, TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET TO A POINT AT LAND FORMERLY OF MISISCHIA CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., NOW OR LATELY OR ROBERT M. LESLIE ET UX; THENCE

SOUTH 54° 29' 99" EAST ALONG LAST NAMED LAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND 72/100 (146.72) FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE

SOUTH 73° 50' 00" EAST ALONG LAST NAMED LAND, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY (230) FEET TO LAND NOW OR LATTERLY OF CHARLES E. MILLER ET UX; THENCE.

SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG LAST NAMED LAND, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) FEET TO AN IRON PIN OR PIPE AT LAND NOW OR LATELY OF OSMER G. ANDREWS; THENCE

NORTHWESTERLY ALONG LAST NAMED LAND, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (265) FEET TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 67 (SIXTY SEVEN) AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN; THENCE

NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID LOTS 67 (SIXTY-SEVEN) AND 66 (SIXTY-SIX) ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 66 (SIXTY-SIX); AND THENCE

NORTH 54° 29" 00" WEST ALONG SAID LOT 66 (SIXTY-SIX) ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 27/100 (136.27) FEET TO SAID BROADWAY AT THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO EASEMENT RIGHTS OF CITY OF WESTFIELD GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT ET AL UNDER INSTRUMENT DATED DECEMBER 9, 1968 AND RECORDED IN SAID REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 3390, PAGE 541.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated May 25, 1996, and recorded June 28, 1996 in Book 9539 at Page 149 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND ($5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT& MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032

Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,
d/b/a Christiana Trust,
not individually but as trustee
for Pretium Mortgage
Acquisition Trust

Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868

March 19, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

18SM001145

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Betsy A. Loehn

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-R2

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Westfield, numbered 9 Miller Street, given by Betsy A. Loehn to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, dated February 7, 2006, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15702, Page 356 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Land Court Judgment made January 21, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21054, Page 170, which equitably assigns the mortgage to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-R2, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before April 23, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER
Chief Justice of said Court
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March 19, 26, 2018
April 2, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Christopher J. Smith and Kara E. Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated May 11, 2007 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 16678, Page 139, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Family Choice Mortgage Corporation to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") dated October 13, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on November 1, 2016 at Book 21428, Page 382 and by assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. dated June 27, 2017 and recorded with said Registry on June 29, 2017 at Book 21742, Page 401, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on April 11, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 102 Lindbergh Boulevard, Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Certain real estate in. WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

The land in Westfield, known and designated as Lot No. 29 as shown on a plan of lots entitled "Plan of Lots belonging to Margaret Marichak, Westfield, Mass." Which plan is dated February 14, 1942 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 21, Page 25.

Said land is further known and designated as 102 Lindbergh Boulevard, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY by Lindbergh Boulevard, Seventy-five (75) foot;

NORTHEASTERLY by Lot No. 28 as shown on said plan, One Hundred Nine and 77/100 (109.77) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or fonnerly of S. & A. Soter, Seventy-five and 12/100 (75.12) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot No. 30 as shown on said plan, One Hundred five and 62/100 (105.62) feet.

SUBJECT TO encumbrances of record, if any.

BEING the same premises-conveyed to the mortgagors herein, by deed of Dinis L. Jablonski, et ux to be recorded herewith.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16678, Page 137.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
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LEGAL NOTICES

March 12, 19, 26, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: Lot on Russell Road, Montgomery, MA

By virtue and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain mortgage given by Kellie R. Cutter of Boston, Massachusetts, to Raymond J. Hanechak and Kim M. Hanechak, dated September 5, 2014 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 20426, Page 549, of which mortgage the undersigned are the present holders, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m., on the 19th day of April, 2018, upon the mortgaged premises known as a Lot on Russell Road, Montgomery, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
That certain parcel of land, together with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Russell Road in the Town of Montgomery, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and more particularly bounded and described as follows – viz:

Beginning at a drill hole in a large boulder in the northerly line of Russell Road marking the Southeasterly corner of land conveyed by Percy H. Holmes to Joseph Rusin by deed recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said Hampden County in Book 2271, Page 195, and running thence:

EASTERLY along said Russell Road, Four Hundred Ten (410) feet to a point at the land now or formerly of Ciro J. DelNegro; thence

NORTHERLY along said land now or formerly of said Ciro J. DelNegro by a line parallel with the easterly line of said land conveyed to said Rusin as aforesaid, Four Hundred Fifty (450) feet to a corner; thence

WESTERLY in a straight line along other land now or formerly of said Ciro DelNegro, about Four Hundred (400) feet to the Northeasterly corner of said conveyed to said Rusin as aforesaid; and thence

SOUTHERLY along land last referred to, Four Hundred Fifty (450) feet to the drill hole in large boulder at the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to Kellie R. Cutter in Hampden County Probate Court Estate of Donald C. Cutter, Jr. Docket #12P0599.

The above premises shall be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. The premises are also sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America or any of its subsidiaries or divisions, if any there be. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description set forth and contained in the mortgage shall take precedence.

TERMS OF THE SALE: Cash, certified check or bank cashier's check in the sum of $5,000.00 shall be paid as a deposit and must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder; the high bidder shall sign a written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of the bid, the terms of which shall be announced prior to the bid. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, certified check or bank cashier's check within twenty (20) days from the date of sale and thereafter to be deposited in escrow with the law firm of RESNIC, BEAUREGARD, WAITE AND DRISCOLL, 330 Whitney Avenue, Suite 400, Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts 01040, pending recording of the deed which is to be delivered, accepted and recorded within ten (10) days thereafter, or at such other time as may be designated by Mortgagee.

Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale, and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for any such adjourned date.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that the second highest bidder shall execute a Memorandum of Sale and deposit with Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein ($5,000.00) within three (3) business days after delivery to the second highest bidder of written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by and title shall be conveyed to the said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

The successful purchaser will be responsible for any and all closing costs, recording fees, deed stamps and shall be required to sign an Auctioneer's Memorandum of Sale containing the terms of the sale. The successful bidder of the real estate shall be subject to a 5.00% buyer premium.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Raymond J. Hanechak
Present holder of
said mortgage

Kim M. Hanechak
Present holder of
said mortgage

Dated: March 6, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

March 19, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. **HD18P0431EA**

Estate of:

Wilma M Kenney
Date of Death:
December 14, 2017

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **Kevin T Kenney**
of **Springfield, MA**

Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kevin T Kenney
of **Springfield, MA**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

March 19, 2018

Town of Montgomery
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Meeting

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 (Wetlands Protection Act), a Public Meeting will be held on April 2, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Montgomery Town Hall, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA. This meeting is held for: A Notice of Intent submitted by R Levesque Associates, Inc. on behalf Zachary Kandelaki and Elana Kandelaki, 52 Eastwood Drive, Westfield, MA, for work to be performed at Pitcher Street, Montgomery, Assessors Map 7, Block 346, Lot 37. The Commission's review will include the proposed construction of a single-family home with associated improvement in relation to mapped wetland resource areas and associated buffer zones.

March 19, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing building located at 91-99 Elm Street, Westfield, Hampden County, MA. The new facility will consist of the collocation of antennas at a centerline height of approximately 66 feet and 75 feet above ground level on the existing 61-foot building. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6118001396-SLG c/o EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at 802-578-7030.

March 12, 19, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on March 28, 2018, at 7:15 P.M. in Room 315, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street Westfield, MA, upon the petition of BIG BUCK PROPERTIES (David Briggs, Chad Hedges) who seeks a special permit finding per 4-10.3 to allow for replacement of an existing two family dwelling not conforming to lot area, frontage/width and front yard setback requirements at 49 Mechanic St., zoned Residence B.

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