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Peaceful demonstration of support held at Saint Mary’s High School

By RANDY BURLINGAME
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – Members of the Westfield community came out in droves Saturday morning to show their backing for Saint Mary’s High School after it’s recently announced potential closing. Supporters held signs, recited prayers and shared their stories in the high school parking lot while Springfield Diocese Bishop Mitchell Rozanski met inside the building with Fr. Frank Lawlor, the Parish Finance Council, the Saint Mary’s School Board, the Parish

Board, and others. “We’re hoping the Bishop can see the faces of the students, the families, the alumni, the politicians and community members that are here so they know the support the school has, and that’s been here for over 100 years,” said Matt Collins, the schools former athletic director. “We want to make sure it can stay another 100. We’re willing to do whatever we have to do to keep it alive if we’re given the time.” Collins said that one of the biggest things they need to do is increase enroll-

ment and efforts to do so are already underway. “Since the announcement two weeks ago, we already increased the freshman enrollment from what was reported as nine, to 14,” said Collins. “We actually had another kid enroll yesterday, and we had a junior come in and enroll as well because they believe in the school and they believe this is possible.” Peter Miller, Saint Mary’s alumni, said he believes the recent negative decision



Gabe Hill, a fourth grader at Saint Mary’s Elementary School, holds up his sign after climbing to the top of the jungle gym in the school’s playground. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)

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Kate Albright-Hanna of Huntington is running for state representative of the 1st Franklin District. (Photo submitted)

Huntington resident to run for Rep. Kulik’s seat

Kickoff in Chester announced

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
HUNTINGTON – Kate Albright-Hanna has announced her candidacy for state representative, 1st Franklin District, the seat held by Rep. Stephen Kulik since 1993. Kulik announced in February that he would not run for a fourteenth term. Albright-Hanna was the first to file papers for the seat. On Tuesday, she will officially kick

off her campaign at The Common Table, 30 Main Street in Chester at 6:30 p.m. The Kate 4 Rep Campaign Kickoff Party will feature an open bar and live music by the Franklin County Sweethearts. No donation is required, and children are welcome. “I am thrilled to officially launch my campaign for state representative of the 1st Franklin District in the hilltowns — a place that prides itself on being independent and self-reliant, but also opens its

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Southwick Wildlife Management Area on South Longyard Road. (WNG File Photo)

Dog regulations approved by Mass Wildlife

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent
SOUTHWICK – On March 14, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife voted in favor of passing their proposed dog leash and waste disposal regulations that were announced on January 2. The regulations focused on banning dogs off leash unless they’re participating in hunting or hunting training. It was also included that dog owners are required to remove dog waste from designated parking areas as well as areas that are under 100 feet of parking locations. Affecting every wildlife management area in the state, which totals approximately 200,000 acres of land, Southwick’s wildlife management area is located on South Longyard Road. The proposed regulations were due to complaints from people throughout the state, one of those complaints happened on the South Longyard area. Last summer, there was fencing and signage at the area, but Mass Wildlife employees observed dogs wading and swimming in a vernal pool that

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Sex offender notification

By CARL E. HARTDEGEN
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – The Westfield Police Department reports that a city resident, Peter C. Line, 52, of 86 Broad St., who has been designated a Level 2 offender by the Sex Offender Registry Board, has registered with the department. Line is a Caucasian male five feet ten inches tall and weighs 225 pounds. His eyes are hazel and his hair is brown. In 2004, Line was convicted of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 years-of-age or older. The Sex Offender Registry Board has determined that a Level 2 offender is at a moderate or high risk to re-offend and public safety is served by this notification. The community is being notified because Line lives in Westfield. He is not presently wanted by any law enforcement agency for any offense.



PETER C LINE



Easter Bunny visits Shaker Farms

The Easter Bunny was greeted by over 500 kids and their parents at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Shaker Farms. Thousands of eggs covered the ground waiting to be found. The children anxiously awaited the start for each division and then promptly ran to get their goodies. See additional photos Page 8. (Photo by Lynn F. Boscher)

Free Hilltown Adult Ed classes for April are great way to kick off spring

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – The Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center (SHAEC) has announced new classes beginning in April taking place at various locations in the hilltowns, including early gardening tips, how to create a business plan, where to look for mushrooms, and GED preparation. For those who can’t wait any longer to get their hands dirty, master gardener Kenneth Conway will teach a class on how to start vegetables and flowers from seed on Tuesday, April 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Village Enterprise Center (VEC), 26 Main Street in Chester. Later in the month, (Friday, April 20,

4 to 6 p.m. at the VEC), Conway will give a talk on perennial vegetables that grow well in the area, and will come back for years to come. Got a great idea for a small business, but not sure where to start? Join Hilltown Economic Development Director Jeanne LeClair for a three-week class on creating business plans with an executive summary, marketing plan, budget and more. Also for people who are looking to grow their businesses. The classes will be held on Wednesdays, April 4, 11, and 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the VEC. LeClair will also offer two Biztros: Drop-In small business support on Mondays, April 16

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Preregistration is required to go fly fishing with Tim Vogel of Tekoa Mountain Outdoors. (Photo submitted)

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Easter basket raffle and bake sale

The annual tradition continued at Holy Trinity Parish this weekend with their Easter basket raffle and bake sale. Parishioners and patrons enjoyed taking a chance on the many items and purchasing the home made baked goods and soups available for sale. The event was sponsored by the Rosary Sodality of Holy Trinity. Above, Members of the Rosary Sodality show some of the items that were raffled off. (Photo by Don Wielgus)



Palm Sunday

On Saturday, St. Peter and St. Casimir Parish of Westfield, began preparing for Holy Week with the blessing and distribution of palms on Palm Sunday. With the Church decorated with palms for Easter, those who attended took the blessed palms home, an annual Catholic tradition observed at Easter time. In the photo, Deacon Paul Briere and Father William Wallis take part in the blessing of the palms. (Photo by Don Wielgus)

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LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Clear.	Mainly Sunny.	Cloudy Skies.
25-26	48-53	47-50
WEATHER DISCUSSION		
Today, sunny. High 48F. Tonight, a clear sky. Low near 25F. Tuesday, mainly sunny. High 53F. Winds light and variable. Tuesday night, cloudy. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low 34F. Wednesday, cloudy skies. High around 50F. Wednesday Night, cloudy with occasional showers. Low 39F. Thursday, Cloudy. High 56F. Thursday Night Rain showers. Low 47F.		
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6:45 a.m. SUNRISE	7:10 p.m. SUNSET	12 hours 25 Minutes LENGTH OF DAY

ODDS & ENDS

‘Most interesting man’ judges contest; ‘mountain man’ wins

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The man made famous by being “the most interesting man in the world” while pitching Dos Equis beer loaned his expertise with his perfectly groomed facial hair by helping to judge a contest looking for the best beard in Vermont.
Jonathan Goldsmith, whose close-cropped beard was a key part of the image of the cigar-smoking sophisticate, judged the Best Beardies competition Saturday. It was sponsored by the Vermont chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation.
This year’s competition raised \$45,000 for Make-a-Wish Vermont, topping the nearly \$30,000 it brought in last year.
The contest’s 2018 Top Beardie was Chip Fortune, of Colchester, whose mountain man-style beard won over the judges.
The other winners were: Troy Headrick,

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LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT’S NUMBERS

MASSACHUSETTS

MassCash
13-15-24-25-33
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$458 million
Numbers Evening
0-6-7-6
Numbers Midday
6-5-7-0
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

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Cash 5
03-04-08-16-19
Lucky Links Day
03-04-05-08-09-14-17-20
Lucky Links Night
05-09-10-14-16-19-21-22
Play3 Day 0-9-6
Play3 Night 5-8-2
Play4 Day 8-2-3-5
Play4 Night 1-3-7-6
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS MONDAY, MARCH 26, THE 85TH DAY OF 2018. THERE ARE 280 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On March 26, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was fully secured by U.S. forces following a final, desperate attack by Japanese soldiers. Former British Prime Minister David Lloyd George, 82, died in Ty Newydd, Llanystumdwy, Wales.

ON THIS DATE:
In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, New Jersey.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens in Game 4 of the finals by a score of 9-1.

In 1934, Britain enacted a Road Traffic Act reimposing a 30 mile-per-hour speed limit in “built-up areas” and requiring driving tests for new motorists.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America’s third successful satellite, Explorer 3. “The Bridge on the River Kwai” won seven Academy Awards, including best picture of 1957.

In 1967, Pope Paul VI issued an encyclical, “Populorum Progressio,” on “the progressive development of peoples,” in which he expressed concern for those trying to escape hunger, poverty, endemic disease and ignorance.

In 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Min-

ister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

In 1988, Jesse Jackson stunned fellow Democrats by soundly defeating Michael S. Dukakis in Michigan’s Democratic presidential caucuses.

In 1992, a judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson ended up serving three years.)

In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven’s Gate techno-religious cult who committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

TEN YEARS AGO:
Behind the Pentagon’s closed doors, U.S. military leaders told President George W. Bush they were worried about the Iraq war’s mounting strain on troops and their families, but indicated they’d go along with a brief halt in pulling out troops during summer 2008. The space shuttle Endeavour landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, making a rare nighttime touchdown that ended a 16-day mission.

FIVE YEARS AGO:
A study from the Society of Actuaries said that insurance companies would have to pay out an average of 32 percent more for medical claims under President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul. President Obama named veteran Secret Service agent Julia Pierson as the agency’s first female director. Italy’s top criminal court overturned the acquittal of American Amanda Knox in the grisly murder of British roommate Meredith Kercher and ordered Knox to stand trial again. (Although convicted in absentia, Knox was exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court in 2015.)

ONE YEAR AGO:
President Donald Trump took to Twitter to attack conservative lawmakers for the failure of the Republican bill to replace former President Barack Obama’s health care law. A man was fatally shot and 16 other people were hurt when a dispute escalated into a gunbattle at the Cameo club in Cincinnati; police arrested two men on murder charges.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS:
Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor is 88. Actor Alan Arkin is 84. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is 83. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (puh-LOH'-see) is 78. Actor James Caan is 78. Author Erica Jong is 76. Journalist Bob Woodward is 75. Singer Diana Ross is 74. Actor Johnny Crawford is 72. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 70. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 69. Actor Ernest Thomas is 69. Comedian Martin Short is 68. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 68. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 68. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 66. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao is 65. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 64. Country singer Dean Dillon is 63. Country singer Charly McClain is 62. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 61. Actress Ellia English is 59. Actress Jennifer Grey is 58. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 58. Actor Billy Warlock is 57. Actor Eric Allan Kramer is 56. Basketball and College Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 56. Actor Michael Imperioli is 52. Rock musician James Iha (EE'-hah) is 50. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 50. Movie director Martin McDonagh (Film: “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”) is 48. Actress Leslie Mann is 46. Actor T.R. Knight is 45. Rapper Juvenile is 43. Actress Amy Smart is 42. Actress Bianca Kajlich (KY'-lihk) is 41. Moderator Margaret Brennan (TV: “Face the Nation”) is 38. Actor Sterling Sulieman is 34. Actress Keira Knightley is 33. Rapper J-Kwon is 32. Actress Carly Chaikin is 28.

St. Mary’s Support

to potentially close Saint Mary’s needs to be put behind them.

“I think if the community at large sees, from events like this, all of the positive work that’s being done by these folks and that St. Mary’s is the special place that it is, that it will call for some people to say, ‘Hey there’s something special going over there and I think I’d like my kid to be a part of it,’” said Miller. “I think this brings attention to a lot of the positives that St. Mary’s has.”

Al DiLascia, chairman of the Committee for Cathedral Action, also believes focusing more on what Saint Mary’s has to offer is what’s going to get families interested in enrolling their kids.

“You have to have a positive approach,” said DiLascia. “Whatever the current state, it doesn’t matter. It’s what it can be.”

DiLascia has done research on over 30 successful Catholic schools and what it is that makes them successful. He said the work done by the CCA was a major part of the driving force that made the new Pope Francis High School a reality.

The chairman recently spoke with the superintendent of Catholic schools in Omaha, Nebraska, after being told the schools there were some of the most successful in the country, and has drafted a 13 step proposal on how to make St. Mary’s successful.

He plans on outlining this proposal for St. Mary’s to review and plans on sharing it with *The Westfield News* in

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Community members fill the Saint Mary’s High School parking lot to show their support and commitment in finding a way to keep the school open. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)

the near future.

A number of students from the high school and elementary schools were also in attendance at the peaceful demonstration, showing that commitment to the school is alive and well within the current generation enrolled there.

“We might not get an answer today but we hope to hear something positive,” said Jake Butler. “We will continue to do the same things and show our support.”

When asked for comment, Bishop Rozanski’s office issued the following statement to us, “As promised Bishop Rozanski did spend a little over an hour Saturday morning listening to members of the St. Mary’s parish, finance and school boards express their thoughts and



Jack Lamirande, Jake Butler, Aiden Burke, Seamus Smith and Brady Collins, all Saint Mary’s students, hold a banner while waiting to see what kind of results come from the meeting between Springfield Diocese Bishop Mitchell Rozanski and Saint Mary’s school officials. (Photo by Randy Burlingame)

concerns regarding St. Mary High School. The meeting was cordial and informative. Bishop was provided a pro-

posal by supporters of the school and he agreed to respond to this within a week’s time.”

Dog Regulations

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is strictly used for Spadefoots. An endangered amphibian, Spadefoots use the vernal during their metamorphosis stage.

Although there isn’t a town department, board, or committee in Southwick that have any decision-making ability on the regulations made by the state, a town official somewhat related to the situation did give his input.

“I can see how it will impact people that walk their dogs there,” said Chris Pratt, the Chairman of the Conservation Commission. “It gave people a place to let their dogs run and have exercise.”

Personally, Pratt has taken his dog there to hunt, but understands that the regulations have to be set and fair for every community throughout the commonwealth.

“They have to make it the same for all areas,” said Pratt.

While the regulations were voted on and approved by the board, they don’t officially take effect until they are published by the Secretary of State’s office. It’s not expected at this time when the regulations will be published.

Albright-Hanna

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arms to newcomers and watches out for its neighbors. It’s a place where every voice counts — and where you don’t have to be part of a big political machine to make a difference,” said Albright-Hanna.

A resident of Huntington since 2016, Albright-Hanna is a journalist and a documentary filmmaker who won an Emmy for a CNN piece that explored the tension between security and civil liberties following the terrorist attacks on September 11th.

Two years later, she documented the backlash to the War on Terror and the rise of the Netroots in a film about Howard Dean’s presidential campaign. In 2005, she uncovered police shootings of unarmed civilians who were fleeing the floods after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans.

In 2007, she hoped to document the growing grassroots movement to take politics back from wealthy donors and corporate interests. She approached the Obama campaign about doing a film for CNN, and they said no, but she could join the campaign and tell the story from the inside. She agreed to take on the role of Director of Video, and produced over 2,000 videos in the first YouTube campaign.

Albright-Hanna continued her work in the Obama Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services, and produced the first White House Summit on Health Care Reform in 2009.

She returned to journalism at VICE and then MSNBC, covering the Tea Party and Occupy movements — and then once again stepped back into politics as deputy campaign manager for Ready for Warren, a grassroots group that urged Senator Elizabeth Warren to run for President in 2016.

That year, she and her husband Aaron Welch, having just welcomed their third son, decided that they needed to put down roots in a community



Aaron Welch, Kate Albright-Hanna and their sons. Welch serves on the Gateway Regional School Committee, and Albright-Hanna on the Planning and Capital Planning boards for the town of Huntington.

that shared their values. They eventually found their ideal community nestled in the hilltowns of western Massachusetts. Since moving to Huntington, Kate has served on the Planning and Capital Planning boards, and Aaron has been an advocate for public education as a member of the Gateway Regional School Committee. Together, they work to protect the community assets that brought them to this special place — so that their children can grow up here and learn to give back as well.

“I’ve had a lot of adventures, but Western Massachusetts is where I wanted to put down roots and build a better future. I look forward to having that conversation with my neighbors on the campaign trail — about the world we want to build together, and what strategies we can use to get there faster,” Albright-Hanna said.

To RSVP for the campaign kick-off event, email hello@Kate4Rep.org. More information about Albright-Hanna may be found on her website at www.kate4rep.org.

1 killed in early morning stabbing in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Boston police are investigating a fatal stabbing in the city.

Officers responded to a call about the stabbing at about 3 a.m. Sunday in the city’s Dorchester neighborhood.

Police in a statement say they found a man in his 20s suffering from life-threatening stab wounds. He was taken to a local hospital where he later died. The victim’s name has not been made public.

No arrests have been announced.

It was the city’s 10th homicide of the year.

Police have not released any additional details and are asking anyone with information about the killing to contact them.

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CHESTER

Board of Health Meeting
at 6 pm
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Meeting at 6 pm

TOLLAND

Board of Selectmen at 5 pm
Board of Selectmen at 5 pm

BLANDFORD

Council on Aging Meeting
at 4 pm
Assessor’s Meeting at 6 pm
Zoning Board Meeting
at 7 pm
Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm

SHAEC

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and 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VEC. A more informal session, participants can come and ask for help on business websites, advertising and marketing, or just to chat about a great business idea with someone. LeClair will help find an answer, or share resources available in the area.

SHAEC Computer teacher Heather Morgan will teach a two-day class on PowerPoint presentations at SHAEC’s Huntington classroom, Room 152 in the Gateway Regional High School on Wed. and Thurs., April 25 and 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Learn how to create an engaging presentation adding text, bulleted lists, images, charts and videos to slides, and how to play back your presentation.

Also in Huntington, there is still time to register for the GED/HiSet Reading Language Arts class – At the Hilltown Community Center/ Social Service Center, 9 Russell Road on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. This is the first time that SHAEC has been able to offer free on-site childcare, as the family center has a play group during class time. The GED class is free and limited to Hilltown residents in the Gateway district. Individual assistance in registering or preparing to take the HiSet test may also be scheduled by calling SHAEC at 413-685-1052.

Other April classes include:

At Essential Oils and the Great Outdoors on Thursday, April 5, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Middlefield Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, Clinical Aromatherapist Kay Judge will teach how to safely use Aromatic essential oils as an effective deterrent for pests and insects. Participants will make a bug repellent spray to take home. A materials fee of \$15.00 will be collected.

Hike Round Top Hill in Chester with Western Mass Hilltown Hikers on Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. Follow a section of Unkamt’s Path, a white-blazed scenic trail that includes the top of Round Hill, with a spectacular 360 degree view, the highest point in Hampden County at 1,780 feet (this hike has 100 foot elevation gains to the summit – be prepared for uphill climbing). Meet at the old cemetery on Round Hill Road, and park at the State Road parking lot, Round Hill Road and Park Knox Road. Dogs are welcome.

Seasonal Mushrooms: a month-to-month introduction to medicinal and edible fungus, taught by Mycophile and Chesterfield resident Maya Greene. Learn where to look, what to watch out for, and how to preserve big finds. April 28, 3 to 5 p.m., VEC in Chester.

Fly Fishing/Fly Casting on Sunday, April 29 taught by Tim Vogel of Tekoa Mountain Outdoors. Meet at VEC in Chester at 8 a.m., then travel to a fly fishing spot. Preregistration is required, as there is a 6 person limit to the MA Angler Education class, first preference given to Hilltown residents. Bring waders, hip boots if you have them, plus two water bottles, snack lunch and personal needs in a daypack. Fishing license is not required, and all fishing equipment will be provided, although if you have a rod, you can bring it.

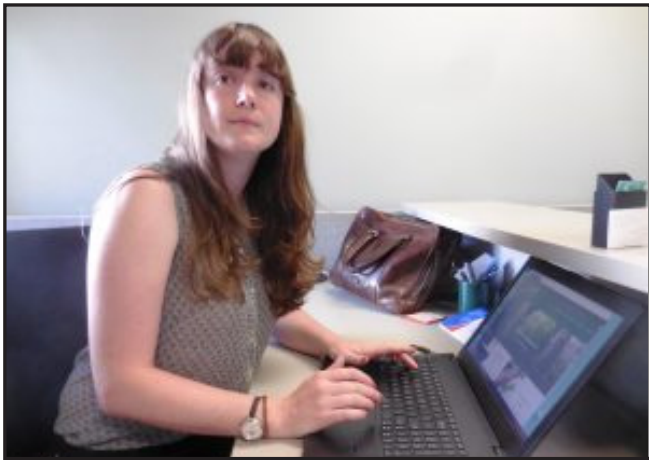
For more information on all classes or to register for classes, visit the website at www.SHAEC.org, email SouthernhilltownsAEC@gmail.com, call 413-685-1052, or visit on FB at www.facebook.com/SouthernHilltownsAdultEd.



Master garden Kenneth Conway will teach a class on how to start vegetables and flowers from seed. (Photo submitted)

Jon Berman at the Westfield Athenaeum

April 5th at 12:00 pm. After hitting the road with countless bands as a sideman, songwriter Jon Berman picked up a guitar and brought his own music to life. With influences ranging from the coastal music of Jimmy Buffet and Kenny Chesney, touching upon the country of Dierks Bentley and Willie Nelson, and reaching to the songwriting of Stephen Kellogg and Will Hoge, Jon’s music covers many genres that appeal to a wide listening audience. Jon has performed with acts such as Changes In Latitudes, Barefoot Truth, Hard Rock Café Ambassador of Rock winners Jackson Wetherbee Band, The Sweet Remains, Stephen Kellogg, Rick Monroe and the ska band T.I.P. In his touring career, Jon has opened for many acts including country stars Granger Smith and Clare Dunn, O.A.R., Matt Nathanson, Reel Big Fish, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Gin Blossoms, Collective Soul, Guster, Shinedown, Staind and Aaron Lewis. For more information call 413-568-7833 or visit www.westath.org.



Hilltown Economic Development Director Jeanne LeClair. (WNG File Photo)

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Why Trump’s latest steps heighten risk of a global trade war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan once likened trade wars to the pie fights in old Hollywood comedies. One pie in the face leads to another. And then another.

Pretty soon, Reagan said in a 1986 radio address, “everything and everybody just gets messier and messier. The difference here is that it’s not funny. It’s tragic. Protectionism becomes destructionism. It costs jobs.”

Suddenly, the world’s financial markets are gripped by fear that an escalating trade rift between the United States and China — the two mightiest economies — could smear the world with a lot of splattered cream and broken crust. If it doesn’t prove tragic, as Reagan warned, it may still inflict far-reaching pain.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost a combined nearly 1,150 points Thursday and Friday after President Donald Trump set his administration on a path to restrict Chinese investment in the United States and impose tariffs on up to \$60 billion of Chinese products.

“We should be very worried,” said Bryan Riley, director of the conservative National Taxpayer Union’s Free Trade Initiative. “It’s very possible this could escalate into something that neither country intends.”

The trade sanctions that Trump unveiled Thursday are meant to punish Beijing for pilfering technology from American companies or for forcing them to hand over technology in exchange for access to China’s market. The announcement followed a seven-month investigation by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative into the tactics China has deployed to try to overtake American technological supremacy.

“China has not been playing by the rules,” said Stephen Ezell, director of global innovation policy at the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation think tank.

Unbowed, China immediately threatened to retaliate if the United States followed through on its actions.

On Friday, Beijing unveiled a broad list of U.S. products — from apples and wine to pork to steel pipe — that could face retaliatory Chinese tariffs in a separate trade spat with Washington. That dispute is over taxes that Trump imposed this month on imported steel and aluminum.

“We don’t want a trade war, but we are not afraid of it,” said Hua Chunying, a spokeswoman for China’s Foreign Ministry.

The stakes are even higher in the standoff over Beijing’s technology policies than in the old-school dispute over metals. An industrial nation’s ability to harness technology is increasingly vital to healthy economic expansion.

“If China dominates the industries of the future, it will be very difficult for the United States to have an economic future,” Peter Navarro, a key White House trade adviser, told reporters.

Trade tensions are rising at a delicate time. The world economy has finally emerged from the shadow of the Great Recession. Major regions are growing in tandem for the first time in a decade. International economic growth is expected to reach a seven-year high of 3.9 percent this year. Last year, global trade expanded 4.2 percent, the most since 2011.

Some trade experts fear that a conflict over technology will erupt into an escalating war of sanctions between the world’s two biggest economies — Reagan’s destructive pie fight.

The U.S.-China tensions remind economists and trade analysts of the Reagan-era skirmishes between the United States and Japan, which at the time appeared to pose a grave threat to U.S. economic dominance.

“This is ‘Back to the Future’ — that old ’80s film,” said Rod Hunter, a former White House trade adviser. Indeed, Trump’s top trade negotiator, Robert Lighthizer, is a veteran of the trade battles with Tokyo, having served in the Reagan administration.

To target China, Trump and Lighthizer dusted off a Cold

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Save St. Mary’s

I just returned from a Rally in Westfield, MA aimed at Saving St. Mary’s High School. What a wonderful religious / educational campus! It contains St. Mary’s Church along with a Pre-School, Elementary, Intermediate, and, of course, the High School. It is evident that someone in their history fully realized the great importance of our children and bringing them up in the Catholic faith, in an educational environment.

While at the Rally I talked with students, some parents, and others connected with St. Mary’s High. The beautiful smiling faces of elementary students, those of the intermediate school, and the high schoolers, strongly proud and devoted to their school. Did you know that the St. Mary’s High Baseball Team won the State Championship last year? Playing against the powerhouse Eastern Mass high schools? This, in itself, is a statement.

In the past, as the result of extensive research, we have studied over 30 successful Catholic high schools and found a common strain on what makes them successful. All use a new business model approach. There are a lot of details, but the following, summarized, are critical to their success.

- 1) They still remain very Catholic and under the Diocese for spiritual guidance.
- 2) Yet they are managed by a professional business oriented, empowered, Board of Directors who run the school working closely with the school administration who manages the day to day operations. Together, they do so by setting goals for financial self sustainment and meeting enrollment objectives....and all it takes to achieve this under educational excellence. Again, this is achieved by remaining very much as a Catholic school.

Lots of details, but the above 2 steps are essential.

Anguished students take aim at gun laws, next election

Charlie Goodman looked at the massive crowd around him, the largest youth-led protest in Washington since the Vietnam War era. He listened to people speak about toughening gun laws. They included some of his peers at the Florida high school who’ve sparked this movement, as well as the 9-year-old granddaughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

When she spoke, he was moved to tears.

“This is truly a revolution,” said Goodman, a sophomore at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were gunned down last month. “We can really change the world.”

The marches unified hundreds of thousands of people in cities across the country and have galvanized this movement, he and others say. Now they are vowing to get young voters registered and send a message in upcoming elections.

“We have a lot of people who are inspired,” said Kobey Lofton, a student from Chicago’s South Side who also traveled overnight to Washington on Friday with 12 busloads of fellow students and adults.

Before the march, Lofton and his fellow Peace Warriors at North Lawndale College Prep High School had already met with the Florida students — young people from different worlds, but both impacted by gun violence.

Now they and other students across the country are planning voter registration drives through the fall. Voter registration groups, including Rock the Vote, Voto Latino and HeadCount, a nonpartisan group that usually focuses on registering people at concerts and music festivals, also helped mobilize teams at Saturday’s marches in 30 U.S. cities and have created a registration tool kit for high school students.

“I’ve never felt the energy that I felt,” HeadCount spokesman Aaron Ghitelman said of the registration training that preceded the march in Washington. In a matter of hours, he said the groups registered nearly 5,000 people, many of them millennials.

“More young people are realizing that we can have a voice and we can have a seat at the table,” he said. “But people realize that you have to fight for that seat at the table.”

“We have to force them to do something,” agreed Lofton, who was referring to elected officials, including President Donald Trump. The White House issued a statement about the student-led march and also pointed to the president’s support for the Stop School Violence Act, which authorized grants to schools to bolster security and attempts to improve background checks.

But Cameron Kasky, a student leader at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, says the current laws and legislation don’t go far enough.

The students, he said, are demanding an assault weapons ban,

I will give you my honest impressions and concerns on St. Mary’s High. St. Mary’s appears to have the makings of a very good Committee / Board of Directors. They just need to be empowered to continue, and bring the high school to what it can be. I feel confident that they can. They should bring back a recent member, who resigned...she appears to be excellent, just the type of person and background that is needed.

I have deep concern, and is critical to reverse this situation. There seems to be some “blocking” going on that prevents the school from succeeding. A form of self destruction. This includes rejections of new student applicants while claiming low enrollment. A prevention of marketing and promoting the school. A prevention of improving and expanding the busing to and from the school. A stunting and shutting off of fundraising, and more...all seemed to be purposely aimed at closing the school. This is totally unacceptable and this “blocking” must be eliminated. In addition, all the negativity concerning the school must stop immediately. St. Mary’s is a great high school and the future of the school’s potential under the right form of management is immense.

St. Mary’s High School should NOT close. Under an empowered Board of Directors the school will meet both enrollment and financial goals. They will evolve to become completely self sufficient financially with no money required from the Diocese. Not only can St. Mary’s High succeed today, they should embark on a future plan that includes full athletic facilities on campus or within near proximity to the school, and other facilities, as needed.

Our children are the future of the Church, they are the future of our Diocese, they are the very future of Catholicism. We need to bring a screeching halt to shutting down our Catholic schools. We need to do just the opposite...build and expand Catholic Education! The Blessed Virgin Mary, whom the school is named after, will help us. Stay positive!

Al DiLascia



In this Saturday, March 24, 2018, photo provided by Dianne Daley, Daley, third from right, stands with her father, Bob Daley, a retired Air Force colonel, and several family members who are educators at a march to demand stricter gun laws, in Long Beach, Calif. The march was one of several across the country and was sparked by students at a Florida high school where 17 people were gunned down in February. “Maybe that’s what it’s going to take...children leading us,” said Dianne Daley. (Diana Craighead/Courtesy of Monica Daley via AP)

OBITUARIES

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Elizabeth Cassin

SOUTHWICK – Elizabeth Cassin passed away peacefully on March 24, 2018 at the age of 88. Betsy was born in Burlington, VT, the daughter of the late Bartholomew and Kathryn (Magner) Garrity. Her first degree was from Notre Dame College in Baltimore, MD. She later received a Master’s degree in music from the University of Vermont and also worked on a Master’s degree in Theology at St Michael’s College in Winooski, VT. Betsy started her career teaching music in Woodstock, VT and maintained an interest in teaching music for much of her life. She taught piano for years in Westfield MA to neighborhood children. She was also a member of St Mary’s Church choir for many years and sang with the Doremi chorus of Westfield. Betsy was also a long time religious education coordinator at St Mary’s church in Westfield and an owner of B F Cassin insurance agency. In her retirement she was a volunteer with the Meals on Wheels program in Westfield, was a Eucharistic minister for the housebound of St Mary’s church and a member of the Westfield Women’s club. Betsy was an avid bridge player to the day she died. She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Lake church in Southwick, MA. In addition to her parents, Betsy was predeceased by her husband Bernard F Cassin and her sister, Evelyn Garrity. She leaves her sister, Joan Garrity O’Brien of Williston, VT and her brother, Thomas Garrity and his wife Elizabeth of Port Charlotte, FL. She leaves her children, Kathryn Cassin and her partner, William Nolan of Brattleboro, VT, Bradley Cassin and his wife Kathleen of Westfield, Mass, Margaret Boyle and her husband David of New Bern, NC and Daniel Cassin of Granby, CT, her grandchildren Maura Cassin McCarthy and her husband Justin of Springfield, MA, John and Kevin Navolanic of North Carolina and Brianna, Courtney and Makenna Cassin of Granby, CT as well as her great grandchildren, Margaret and Brigid McCarthy of Springfield, MA. She leaves her brother in law Raymond Cassin of Middlebury, VT and her sister in law Jacqueline Cassin Chapdelaine of East Longmeadow along with many nieces and nephews. The funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 28th at 10 am in Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick, MA. The burial will be private. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 6-8 pm from the Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad Street, Westfield, MA. Donations may be made to the Cancer House of Hope, 1999 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA. 01089. Firtionadams.com



Mountain Man

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of Burlington, urban beard; Louie Coli, of Westford, free-style beard; Dillon Mears, of Plainfield, people’s choice; and Steve Jalbert, of Barre, top fundraiser.

The winners were among this year’s 20 competitors who made it to Saturday’s finals. They each won a plaque, a gift card for beard care products and bragging rights.

Goldsmith said before the competition that a beard reveals the personality of the man who sports it.

“If it’s wild looking, unkempt — that has some statement. If it’s immaculately trimmed, it might mean that he keeps a clean desk,” said Goldsmith, a Vermont resident who now promotes tequila. “If it’s really long, I would say that it’s somebody who is his own man and doesn’t really care about convention.”

Jalbert, 33, has a long beard that covers his bald pate. He said friends, family and admirers of his beard, which he’s been working on for about a year, urged him to enter.

“The biggest thing is you have to have patience. It doesn’t grow fast,” Jalbert said.

There’s a science to ensuring that his beard remains kempt, he said. He washes it several times a week and he uses oils to keep it tame and looking good.

“Most people have a good thing to say about a guy with a good beard,” said Jalbert, who raised \$2,070 in contributions.

Also judging those goods beards was Bryan Sturge, last year’s winner. He still has the beard he grew to honor his daughter who died of cancer in 2013.

Organizers have also drawn the Montana Make-a-Wish organization into the best-beard fray.

Montana, which is holding its finals March 29, is betting bison steaks it can find a better beard in Big Sky Country than the Green Mountain State. Vermont is countering that bet with of maple syrup.

Man dies after stabbing attack

BOSTON (AP) — A man has died after being stabbed by an unknown assailant.

The Boston Police Department responded to a call of a person injured in the area of Cushing Avenue in the neighborhood of Dorchester shortly after 3 a.m.

When authorities arrived, they found a man with multiple stab wounds, who later died in an area hospital.

Officials are investigating the stabbing, and are looking for tips from the public.

Mosques to hold ‘Open Mosque Day’

BOSTON (AP) — Mosques across the state are inviting members of the public to visit their houses of worship next month to learn more about the faith and its followers.

The Massachusetts chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations is organizing the “Open Mosque Day” on April 8. More than 20 mosques will be participating, including the Worcester Islamic Center and the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center.

Wafaa Wahabi of the American Islamic Center in Everett says the event is designed to combat “widespread misunderstanding about Islam” and show residents that their “Muslim neighbors live, pray and dream just like everyone else.”

People will get to take a tour of a mosque, observe a prayer service and learn about Islam.

Police Logs

WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report

Sunday, March 18, 2018

6:02 p.m.: found property, a resident came to the station to surrender a woman’s purse found in the roadway, the responding officer reports the owner was identified but he was not able to immediately contact her.

Monday, March 19, 2018

1:35 p.m.: lost property, North Elm Street, a resident came to the station to report that she lost a ring valued at about \$10,000, the responding officer reports the woman said that while in a North Elm Street parking lot she took off her ring and put it in her lap, she said she neglected to remove it before she exited her vehicle and she cannot find the ring in the parking lot;

1:52 p.m.: fire, Bellevue Drive, a caller reports a chimney fire, the responding firefighters report no smoke or flames were visible upon their arrival but the resident said flames had been shooting from the chimney, firefighters used a ladder to access the top of the chimney and dropped a chain down the chimney to clear the flue, the fire was extinguished;

2:16 p.m.: larceny, Ridgeview Terrace, a resident came to the station to complain that a license plate had been stolen from his truck while it was parked at his residence, the responding officer reports a trooper had made the resident aware of the missing plate the night before and he believes it must have been stolen while the truck was parked at his home.

School lockdown drills scheduled after shooting threats

CHICOPEE, Mass. (AP) — A slew of shooting threats in Western Massachusetts are pushing police to work with school officials to ensure safety at schools in Chicopee.

Masslive.com reports the Chicopee police department worked with Assistant Superintendent Alvin Morton to conduct drills at the schools.

A police spokesman called the drills, which included students and teachers, “absolutely necessary.”

The decision follows a series of social media posts threatening shootings at area schools. A former Chicopee middle school student threatened to shoot 23 students and several teachers at Dupont Middle School on Snapchat last week. The 12-year-old student was arrested and faces felony charges.

POLICE

Mom overdoses, crashes with son in back seat

WAREHAM, Mass. (AP) — Police say a Massachusetts woman crashed her car overdosing on heroin while her 3-year-old son was in the back seat.

Authorities found the woman in Wareham Friday afternoon after her car struck some bushes and a snow bank. Police say the 34-year-old was slumped over the steering wheel, and she had to be revived with the opioid reversal drug naloxone.

The child was unharmed. Police say he was taken to a police station so relatives could pick him up.

The woman has been hospitalized.

Authorities say the woman is facing several charges including driving under the influence, child endangerment and failure to properly restrain a child under 5.

Trade War

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War weapon from the Reagan years: Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act of 1974, which lets the president unilaterally impose tariffs. The provision was meant for a world in which much of global commerce wasn’t covered by trade agreements. But with the arrival in 1995 of the World Trade Organization, Section 301 fell largely into disuse.

In some ways, a hard-nosed approach succeeded against Japan three decades ago. Under U.S. pressure, Tokyo agreed to “voluntary export restraints” to limit auto shipments to the United States. But to bypass the limits, Japanese automakers simply built plants in the American South.

Likewise, the Reagan administration in 1985 strong-armed Japan, Germany, France and Britain to raise their currencies’ values to help U.S. manufacturers squeezed by a strong dollar, which makes U.S. goods costlier overseas.

But the United States wielded unusual leverage with Japan. The two countries are close political allies; Japan depends on U.S. military protection. China, by contrast, is a geopolitical rival, far less likely to bend to U.S. pressure.

It’s true that China has benefited enormously from access to the American market and has much to lose: Last year, it exported \$375 billion more in goods to the United States than it bought in return — a record trade gap that irritates Trump.

But a full-blown trade war would test Trump’s fortitude for commercial combat and would certainly hurt many Americans, including some of Trump’s supporters. Most directly, U.S. tariffs would raise costs for consumers and businesses.

Trade groups are already lobbying the Trump administration to seek diplomatic solutions to the disputes. China’s all-powerful leaders face no such public pressure.

“We live in a society where stakeholders in Congress are going to put a lot of pressure on the administration,” said Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade official who is vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute. “In China, they don’t.”

Still, the 301 sanctions might be enough to prod the Chinese to return to the negotiating table to consider softening their aggressive technology policies.

“If this gets the two countries back to the table to talk about this, then that is a good outcome,” said Erin Ennis, senior vice president at the US-China Business Council. “If the idea is to inflict sufficient pain so that China feels it has no choice but to change its policies, then I’m skeptical.”

Court Logs

Westfield District Court

Monday, March 19, 2018

Roy M. Reidy Jr., 54, of 697 Skyline Trail, Chester, was held in lieu of \$500 cash bail after he was arraigned on charges of carjacking, larceny of property valued more than \$250 and larceny of a motor vehicle brought by Westfield police.

Chelsea E. Henry, 25, of 84 Valley View Ave., Russell, was released on her personal recognizance pending an April 18 hearing after she was arraigned on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle brought by Westfield police.

Brianne E. Barra, 18, of 116 Montgomery St., Westfield, was released on \$1,000 cash bail after she was arraigned on charges of rape of a child, sexual conduct for a fee with a child younger than 18 year-of-age, inducing a minor to prostitution and deriving support from child prostitution brought by Westfield police. See story in the March 21 edition of The Westfield News.

Constantine S. Sfakios, 31, of 236 Vining Hill Road, Southwick submitted to facts sufficient to warrant guilty findings for charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and possession of a Class A drug brought by Westfield police and the charges were continued without a finding with probation for one year. He was assessed \$50. A marked lanes violation and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation were not prosecuted at the request to the Commonwealth.

Brandon Broga, 36, of 11 Branford hill Road, Huntington, was held in lieu of \$50 cash bail pending an April 13 hearing after he was arraigned on a charge of violation of an abuse prevention order brought by Westfield police.

Man charged with killing brother heads to trial

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts man charged with stabbing and dismembering his estranged brother is headed to trial.

The Telegram & Gazette reports that opening statements in the first-degree murder trial of 68-year-old Michael Dowjat, of Holden, are scheduled for Monday in Worcester Superior Court.

Prosecutors say Dowjat killed his 59-year-old brother, David Alan, in June 2014.

Alan’s body was found inside a 1960s-style bomb shelter beneath his Rutland home. Prosecutors say he had been stabbed more than 70 times, and his head, arms and legs were severed.

Prosecutors say the relationship between the brothers had deteriorated after Dowjat was left out of their father’s will.

Dowjat has pleaded not guilty and his lawyer called it a case of self-defense.



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

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

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

ArtsBeat with Mark Auerbach (9-10am)

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

9-10am: Superintendents' Spotlight with Stefan Czapowski

FRIDAYS

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

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

8-9 am: Conversations with Pete Cowles

SATURDAYS

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

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MIDTERMS VOTERS

GOP banking on tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — With passage of an enormous budget bill, the GOP-controlled Congress all but wrapped up its legislating for the year. But will it be enough to convince voters to give Republicans another term at the helm?

In two big ways, Republicans have done what they promised. They passed a long sought tax overhaul bill that slashed tax rates. They’ve rolled back regulations, in ways they claim are boosting the economy. In the Senate, they confirmed a justice to the Supreme Court.

But there are signs Americans wanted more: immigration reforms, gun control legislation, even an infrastructure plan that President Donald Trump promised voters. Tax cuts, for now, will have to do.

“It’s very clear that tax reform was going to be the biggest legislative crown jewel of this Congress,” said Matt Gorman, the spokesman for the House GOP’s campaign arm, the National Republican Congressional Committee. “That is a massive centerpiece of our campaign.”

But polls swing wildly these days, strategists said. Voters are rarely focused for too long on single issues that can make or break campaigns, as when Republicans seized control of the House in 2010 amid the economic downturn or Democrats pushed to the majority in 2006 over opposition to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and congressional ethics scandals.

Trump’s mixed messages on the GOP’s accomplishments only make the campaigning more difficult. At the White House on Friday, he toyed

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In this Sept. 27, 2017, file photo, a early morning runner crosses in front of the U.S. Capitol as he passes the flags circling the Washington Monument in Washington. With passage of an enormous budget bill, Congress has all but wrapped up its legislating for the year _ in March. Now lawmakers have to run on what they’ve got: a tax cut bill, big spending increases and no fixes to immigration. (AP Photo/J. David Ake, File)



In this Aug. 27, 2009 file photo, the site Facebook login webpage is seen on a computer screen in Ottawa, Canada. Mozilla, Tesla and other companies are distancing themselves from Facebook following revelations of a major leak of user data to political consultants associated with the 2016 Trump campaign. (Adrian Wyld/The Canadian Press via AP, File)

Watch it, Facebook: new EU data rules may have global impact

LONDON (AP) — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is promising to do a better job protecting user data following reports that a political consultant misused the personal information of millions of the company’s subscribers. The fact is, European regulators are already forcing him to do so.

A similar data breach in the future could make Facebook liable for fines of more than \$1.6 billion under the European Union’s new General Data Protection Regulation, which will be enforced from May 25. The rules, approved two years ago, also make it easier for consumers to give and withdraw consent for the use of their data and apply to any company that uses the data of EU residents, no matter where it is based.

The law is the latest attempt by EU regulators to rein in mostly American tech giants who they blame for avoiding tax, stifling competition and encroaching on privacy rights. European analysts say GDPR is the most important change in data privacy regulation in a generation as they try to catch up with all the technological advances since 1995, when the last comprehensive European rules were put in place. The impact is likely to be felt across the Atlantic as well.

“For those of us who hold out no hope that our government will stand up for our rights, we are grateful to Europe,” said Siva Vaidhyanathan, a professor at the University of Virginia who studies technology and intellectual property. “I have great hopes that GDPR will serve as a model for ensuring that citizens have dignity and autonomy in the digital economy. I wish we had the fore-

thought to stand up for the citizen’s rights in 1998 (the start of Google), but I’ll settle for 2018.”

The U.S. has generally taken a light touch approach to regulating internet companies, with concerns about stifling the technology-fed economic boom derailing President Barack Obama’s 2012 proposal for a privacy bill of rights. But Europe has been more aggressive.

EU authorities have in recent years taken aim at Google’s dominance among internet search engines and demanded back taxes from Apple and Amazon. The European Court of Justice in 2014 recognized “the right to be forgotten,” allowing people to demand search engines remove information about them if they can prove there’s no compelling reason for it to remain.

Now data protection is in the crosshairs of the 28-nation bloc, where history has made the right to privacy a fundamental guarantee. Nazi Germany’s use of personal information to target Jews hasn’t been forgotten, and the new Eastern European members have even fresher memories of spying and eavesdropping by their former communist governments.

In today’s world, digital commerce companies collect information on every website users visit and every video they like. This data is the lifeblood of social media sites that give users free access to their services in exchange for the right to use that intelligence to attract advertisers.

But the Facebook scandal shows it can also be used for other purposes.

A whistleblower this month

alleged that Cambridge Analytica improperly harvested information from over 50 million Facebook accounts to help Donald Trump win the 2016 presidential election. News reports have focused on the relationship between Cambridge Analytica CEO Alexander Nix, former Trump strategist Steve Bannon and billionaire computer scientist Robert Mercer, who bankrolled the operation.

Cambridge Analytica says none of the Facebook data was used in the Trump campaign. Facebook is investigating.

“The regulation is trying to balance the power between ourselves as individuals and organizations that use that data for a whole variety of services,” said David Reed, knowledge and strategy director at DataIQ, a London-based firm that provides research on data issues.

The EU’s new rules expand the reach of regulations to cover any company that processes the data of people living in the bloc, regardless of where the company is based. Earlier rules were ambiguous on this point, and international companies took advantage of that to skirt some regulation, the EU says.

The legislation also demands that consent forms are written in plain language anyone can understand. No more legalese across pages and pages of terms and conditions that few people read before clicking “I Agree.” The regulations also require that consent must be as easy to withdraw as it is to give.

To ensure compliance, there’s the potential for big fines. Under GDPR, organizations face fines of up to 20 million euros (\$25 million) or 4 percent

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Home & Business Community Marketplace & Tabletop Event

SOUTHWICK — April 24, 2018 (4:30 – 7:00 pm). The Ranch Golf Club, 65 Sunnyside Road, Southwick, MA. Free to the Public! Offering an opportunity to market & sell your products/services to area residents and businesses. Sip & shop your way through the marketplace, with a beer and wine tasting, live music and a chance to vote for your favorite nosh at the food court.

Vendor Cost is \$50 Vendor Rental Space (table not included—bring your own 6ft or less & table cloth); \$75 Vendor Table (includes 6 ft table—bring your own table cloth).

Each exhibitor will be provided with: two chairs per table; one 8 1/2 x 11” sign on table; listing in the program for registrations received by the deadline.

Registration and payment due by 4/13/18. Westfield Chamber of Commerce will process. Membership NOT required. Space is limited—first come first served.

Any questions: Southwick Economic Development, 413.304.6100 (leave a message). On-line registration is available at www.westfieldbiz.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available on our website as well. For more information, please call Pam at the Chamber at 413.568.1618.

Shredding Event For CSF Westfield Dollars For Scholars

CSF Westfield Dollars for Scholars is holding a paper shredding fundraiser, rain or shine, on **Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm** (or until the truck is full) at the Westfield Senior Center parking lot at 45 Noble Street. Valley Green Shredding of Westfield, MA is donating its equipment so that all proceeds will fund scholarships for Westfield students. A \$5.00 donation for every box, limit of 3 boxes. No early birds! Note: These items are not acceptable for shredding—3-ring binders, batteries, electronics, large binder clips, vinyl, plastics, or x-rays.

City Council to consider new car-sharing service for Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicagoans who can hop on a bike, ride it around and park it somewhere else in the city may soon be able to do the same thing with a car.

The City Council this week will consider a proposal to let Car2Go set up shop in parts of the city’s North Side and near South Side. The Chicago Tribune reports that if the pilot program is approved, the car-sharing company will begin operations in Chicago in May.

Car2Go’s business model differs from rental car or car-share businesses that require cars be picked up and dropped off at the same spot because it allows drivers drop cars off anywhere they want within designated zones in the city. The company already operates in cities including Seattle and Vancouver.

US gun maker Remington files for bankruptcy protection

U.S. gun maker Remington Outdoor Company has filed for bankruptcy protection, after years of falling sales and lawsuits tied to the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre.

Records from the bankruptcy court of the district of Delaware show that the company filed late Sunday.

Remington had in February reached a deal with lenders to reduce its debt by about \$700 million and add about \$145 million in new capital. But that only bought time for it to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Remington makes the Bushmaster AR-15-style rifle that was used in the Sandy Hook shooting in Connecticut that left 20 first-graders and six educators dead in 2012. The company was cleared of wrongdoing in the shooting, but investors distanced themselves from the company’s owner, investor Cerberus Capital Management.



In this Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013 file photo, Remington rifle cartridges are displayed at the 35th annual SHOT Show in Las Vegas. U.S. gun maker Remington Outdoor Company has filed for bankruptcy protection after months of financial problems, falling sales and lawsuits tied to the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre. Records from the bankruptcy court of the district of Delaware show that the company filed late Sunday, March 25, 2018. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson, File)



In this March 5, 2013, file photo, former Sen. Clem Tillion speaks during the Alaska Legislative Centennial at Rockwell's restaurant in Juneau, Alaska. Tillion, a former state legislator, has supported the existing law for calculating the annual check that Alaska residents receive from the state's oil-wealth fund and was part of an effort that unsuccessfully challenged Gov. Bill Walker's 2016 halving of the checks. (Michael Penn/The Juneau Empire via AP, File)

Alaska heads toward showdown over residents' oil checks

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The joke has always been that Alaska is so wealthy it pays its residents to live here. But those yearly checks have gotten smaller, and could undergo a massive change, as Alaska struggles to pay state troopers and fix roads amid years of low oil prices.

After oil started flowing from Alaska's North Slope in the late 1970s, so did the checks, which were eventually paid with earnings from an oil-wealth fund that's grown to about \$65 billion through investments. Times were so good, the state in 1980 repealed its personal income tax, a decision that has been politically impossible to undo as the state grapples with a multibillion-dollar budget deficit.

Now, with their options for filling the deficit dwindling, lawmakers may have no choice but to use earnings from the Alaska Permanent Fund to help pay the state's bills. Over the years, the size of residents' annual checks has varied based on the market's performance, averaging about \$1,145. They reached an all-time high of \$2,072 in 2015 — totaling more than an extra \$10,000 for a family of five — before state leaders started contemplating some use of fund earnings for government costs and Gov. Bill Walker limited the payout.

The prospect isn't sitting well with some.

"I'm not willing to give them anything," said Clem Tillion, a former state lawmaker and longtime permanent fund defender who with others unsuccessfully sued over Walker's halving of dividend checks in 2016.

Alaska received more than 156,000 square miles (404,000 square kilometers) of land as a "dowry" at statehood, with mineral rights belonging to the people, Tillion said. The checks are their share, he said.

Major proposals for using the fund's earnings involve changing how the checks are calculated, fueling a political debate expected to spill into this year's

gubernatorial and legislative races.

The choices are limited: With oil revenue unable to sustain the state budget, savings accounts drawn low, Republicans seeing new or higher taxes as unnecessary, and Democrats against deeper budget cuts, what's left are the earnings from the state's nest-egg.

Fund earnings, by one estimate, could total around \$16 billion by the end of this fiscal year, though lawmakers are eyeing only a fraction of that. The Legislature is scheduled to end its session in mid-April but has run long in recent years.

The checks are widely seen as an entitlement — discretionary money for many Alaskans but critical income for others, particularly lower-income residents living in high-cost rural communities where a gallon of milk can cost about \$10.

The decision, first by Walker, then by lawmakers, to not follow the formula in law for dividend calculations the past two years has fueled anger and distrust among some Alaskans who fear a money grab, even as state leaders say they're motivated by a desire to protect a dividend into the future.

"I don't believe them," said Jeff Taylor, a single dad in the tiny town of Anderson, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) southwest of Fairbanks.

Life in Alaska is tough, said Taylor, whose home is intentionally small to reduce heating costs. He sees the slashed checks as taking money from children, including his 5-year-old son.

Taylor blames Walker, whom he says he's "pretty sure" he voted for in 2014. Walker, an independent, cut dividends in 2016 to \$1,022. Lawmakers agreed to a similarly reduced amount last year.

"Right now, I'd rather have him just sit on his hands and don't touch nothing until the next election is over," Taylor said.

Walker, who has unsuccessfully pushed tax proposals to help fill the deficit, stands by his actions. He and

legislative leaders have favored turning the permanent fund into an endowment, where a portion of earnings would be drawn based on an average of the fund's market value.

Under existing proposals, which vary in their draw rates, the split that could go to state government ranges from about two-thirds to three-fourths, with the rest to residents. The yearly checks initially would range from about \$1,000 to \$1,250.

The House majority, composed largely of Democrats, and the Republican-led Senate are divided over what more should be done before permanently altering the dividend.

With higher oil prices and improved production estimates from the prodigious North Slope, there is no need to discuss taxes now, said Senate President Pete Kelly, a Fairbanks Republican.

State Revenue Commissioner Sheldon Fisher noted even with a rosier price outlook, Alaska faces a deficit of about \$2.3 billion.

The permanent fund's principal is protected in the state constitution; the checks aren't. House leaders have flirted with the idea of changing that, though legislative legal adviser Doug Gardner said constitutionally guaranteeing a specific amount could improperly infringe upon legislative appropriation and gubernatorial veto powers. Any proposed constitutional change would need two-thirds backing in the House and Senate before going to voters.

While many Alaskans support protecting the annual checks, they have urged a more equal split between their share and the government's.

Don Fritz said he's a longtime Alaska resident and in between jobs, though he said his wife says he's retired. He said the dividend doesn't belong in the constitution. At best, he said it should compete with other programs for funding.

"To me, it's one of many things that need to be prioritized," such as public safety and education, he said.

Westfield State University holds third annual 'Fresh Check Day'

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University will hold its third annual "Fresh Check Day" to promote mental health awareness and wellness on Thursday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Ely Campus Center. The event is open to the campus and greater Westfield community and will feature a number of booths with mental health resources, free food, entertainment, and exciting prizes and giveaways.

A Health Fair, featuring numerous external organizations including local hospitals, mental health and/or wellness centers, rehabilitation agencies, foundations, and more, will run concurrently from 11-3, as part of the Day's events. The organizations will have booths offering information, free samples, and consultations. Fresh Check Day is sponsored by the University's Counseling Center, Student Activities, Residential Life, and Health Services.

This year, Westfield State has expanded its program to include a "Fresh Check After Dark" event, from 8 to 10 p.m., in hope of increasing attendance. Westfield State clubs — including the Dance Team, Night Owls, and Dance Company — will perform at the "After Dark" event.

The March 29 Health Fair is free and open to the public. Fresh Check Day booths and activities are open to students only. For more information, contact Julia Nedry at (413) 572-5790.

April Mayor's Coffee Hour

WESTFIELD — 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.

Tax Cuts

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with a veto of the \$1.3 trillion budget package, complaining it lacked his immigration deal and smacked of overspending, before ultimately signing it. Such shifting views leave Republicans without a reliable partner as they try to push through political headwinds in what's expected to be a tough battle for majority control of the House and Senate.

Lawmakers left town for a two-week recess that marks the unofficial end of the legislating season having shelved resolution of other issues.

Congress failed to pass legislation to curb rising health insurance premiums or protect young immigrants known as Dreamers from deportation, two issues that have stirred voters this year. And ahead of the nationwide "March for Our Lives" protests against gun violence, lawmakers took modest steps to boost school safety funds and improve compliance with the federal gun purchase background check system.

Kris Brown, co-president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, said the measures are "just not enough."

"The American people have been screaming from the rooftops for real, bold change to fight against" tragedies such as the Florida and Las Vegas shootings, Brown said. "We have seen the consequences of Congress's inaction."

Congress' spring agenda is thin. It includes modest plans to finish a banking bill that rolls back some of the regulations put in place after the financial crisis and pass a big farm bill that sets agriculture and school nutrition policies. The Senate also has to begin confirmation hearings for Trump's nominees for secretary of state and CIA director.

The one legislative lift will be another spending bill when the one Trump signed into law expires at the end of September. But it may bring more political risk than reward for Republicans, since conservatives largely sided with the president against this one, and could pose a more serious threat of voter revolt in the fall.

Strategists say it will be up to candidates to make the case that GOP's signature legislative accomplishment is worth their re-election.

Democrats have been hammering on the tax law as a giveaway to big business, in part because the steep reduction in corporate rates, from 35 percent to 21 percent, is permanent while the reduced rates for individuals and other provisions for families, including expanded child tax credits, expire in coming years.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has derided the lop-sided benefits for households as "crumbs" — a quip Republicans eagerly throw back at Democrats.

To prop up public opinion of the GOP's top accomplishment, millions are being spent by outside groups. American Action Network, which is aligned with House Speaker Paul Ryan, is unleashing more than \$30 million in ads, and the network backed by the influential Koch brothers will spend more than \$20 million, heaping praise on lawmakers who voted for the tax cuts and informing voters about those who didn't.

And with passage of tax cuts so important to the GOP election effort, Republicans might take the unusual step of trying to pass them again.

"We think there's more we can do," Ryan said.

House GOP leaders are seriously considering legislation this summer — "Tax Cuts 2" — that would try to build on the original bill that became law in December by making the individual tax cuts permanent.

A do-over tax cuts bill is not expected to pass this Congress. But setting up another showdown accomplishes political goals for Republicans by turning attention back to the tax law, and pushing Democrats into the uncomfortable position of voting against it, again.

Americans for Prosperity, one of the groups in the Koch network, launched an ad campaign urging Congress to fortify the law by making tax cuts permanent. "More needs to be done," the group says on a website for its advocacy.

"Even if there are things that get passed between now and the fall, the bottom line is the single most important piece of legislation is going to be the tax bill," said veteran strategist David Winston, who advises House and Senate GOP leadership. "That defines what this Congress is about."

EU Data Rules

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of annual global turnover — whichever is greater — for the most serious violations.

Facebook reported \$40.65 billion in revenue last year. That means a serious violation could cost the company as much as \$1.63 billion.

Even though GDPR doesn't legally protect the data of people outside the EU, analysts expect many companies to apply the rules worldwide. Smaller firms are likely to decide it's too expensive to run multiple compliance systems, though bigger firms like Facebook and Google may still decide to "bracket off" European operations, Vaidhyanathan said.

Sarah T. Roberts, a professor of information studies at UCLA, says the EU is formulating the rules of engagement, rather than allowing internet companies to dictate. While U.S.-based platforms were created in the image of Silicon Valley, that type of bravado and no-holds barred capitalism doesn't go down well in Europe.

"Despite claims that cyberspace is not fettered to planet Earth, that is not true," she said.

Facebook, for one, has taken notice, setting aside a page of its website to explain what the company is doing to comply with GDPR. "We've built tools to help people manage their data and understand their choices with respect to how we use their personal data," it says.

But GDPR is not a panacea that will ensure everyone's data is protected. Some analysts suggest the next step should be to ensure that everyone owns their own data and can sell it in exchange for services.

Pressure is building for increased regulation in the U.S., where members of Congress have called on Zuckerberg to testify about the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

The alleged conspiracy has captured the public imagination, focusing worldwide attention on data protection, Vaidhyanathan said.

"Cambridge Analytica's story sounds like a spy novel," he said. "It has a bond villain in Alexander Nix. It has a secretive billionaire genius in Robert Mercer. It has the evil sidekick in Steve Bannon. It is working for right-wing interests and it claims to be able to control our minds," he said. "We needed a few Bond villains to make the story lively."

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course

SPRINGFIELD — The City of Springfield's Aquatics Department will be offering a Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course. The course will take place during April vacation week at Commerce High School on 415 State Street. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Persons 15 years of age and over can register for the course, which runs Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 21, 2018. An in-pool test will be given to all participants prior to the first day on Thursday, April 12th also at Commerce High School at 6:00pm. Based on the results of the swim test, participants who pass will continue on to the full course. Cost for the program is \$175.00 (cash or check only) per person for City residents and \$225.00 for non-City residents. All fees must be paid on the day of the swim test.

The department is pleased to offer an invitation to all interested participants to learn these valuable life skills. The course is part of the Aquatics Division's ongoing commitment to provide quality programming. Interested individuals must pre-register by calling the Aquatics Director, Joe Federico at (413) 787-6298.



The 1 and 2 year olds are off and running.



The two handed grab.



My brother will help me.



All dressed up and looking for eggs.



“Where did that egg go?”

Easter Bunny Appears at Shaker Farms

The Easter Bunny was greeted by over 500 kids and their parents at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Shaker Farms. Thousands of eggs covered the ground waiting to be found. The children anxiously awaited the start for each division and then promptly ran to get their goodies.



Violet Leborgne (6 yrs) waits with basket and bunny ears.



“I think I want this one”



My teddy helps me get the best egg.



The parachute helps keep the kids busy before the start.



Annabel Haffmann gets to sit on the Easter Bunnys lap.



Bella Roberts-Manning and Brooke Desroches proudly display their eggs.



Raelyn Lemarier (1 ½ years) will share with you and her Mom Jordan.



Look at all we have!



Madison Boulanger asked the Easter Bunny “Where is my Mom?”



Dan and Nancy Kotowicz, Easter Egg Hunt hosts and the Easter Bunny wish you all a Happy Easter



Anna Miranda (6 yrs) pretends to be a bunny



What kind of egg is this?



An impromptu 5th egg hunt for those who didn’t get any eggs.



The Easter Bunny arrives on a fire truck.



Tons of kids and parents make it a successful event.



Look at all the eggs.



Nancy Kotowicz escorts the Easter Bunny to his place of honor.



Kids and parents swarm to welcome the Easter Bunny.

PHOTOS BY
LYNN F. BOSCHER

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.

Free Easter Egg Hunt in Agawam

Heritage Woods Senior Living will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for children under 12 on **Saturday, March 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** (rain or shine). This event takes place at 462 Main Street in Agawam. Children should bring their own baskets and participate for a chance to win a prize! For more information contact Nicole Wallace at 413-789-8332 or email Nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

SPORTS



Westfield High's Jalen Bodendorf goes airborne during tennis practice.



William Scott gets some tennis pointers from coach Colin Gilbert.



Donald Chang returns a serve during tennis practice at WHS.

Busy sports practice day at WHS



Abby Cervonayco works her way over a hurdle while practicing for track at Westfield High.



Madison Adamczyk is cheered on by schoolmates as she sprints up the hallway during track tryouts.



Volleyball players work out on a stair climbing exercise.

PHOTOS BY MARC ST.ONGE

Gegetskas Dominant Again as Owls Split Doubleheader at Trinity

HARTFORD, Conn. – Junior lefthander John Gegetskas (Sport Science/Windsor, Conn.) threw seven strong innings and centerfielder Anthony Crowley (Bellingham, Mass.) supplied all the offense needed with a three-run double as Westfield State won game one of a doubleheader with Trinity College in a doubleheader split on Saturday at DiBenedetto Stadium.

Westfield claimed game 1 by a 5-1 final, while the Bantams bounced back to win game 2 by a 3-2 final score.

Gegetskas (3-1) struck out nine and allowed just five hits and one walk while striking out nine. The Owls ace has fanned 47 hitters through 26.1 innings pitched this season.

Westfield scored one run in the first

after Crowley doubled, Alex Lafayette (Ludlow, Mass.) followed with a squibber in front of the plate, but Lafayette's hustle down the first base line forced an errant throw from Trinity starter Eric Mohl (0-1) allowing Crowley to score.

The Owls Kyle Murphy doubled to lead of the second and scored on Jared Ferrari's (Waltham, Mass.) base hit, then the Owls loaded the bases for Crowley, who ripped a double into the left field corner that scored all three runners to stake Gegetskas to a 5-0 lead.

In the nightcap, the Bantams shut the Owls down on just four hits while using three pitchers. Alex Herbst picked up the win in relief after working three scoreless innings.

Westfield tied the game at 1-1 in the

second inning as Murphy walked and later came around to score on Alex Benevides' ground out. The Owls scratched for another run in the fourth as John Lippincott walked and eventually scored on a wild pitch to tie the game at 2-2.

Trinity scored what proved to be the game winner on an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth as Cameron Snyder reached on a fielder's choice, advanced on a pair of singles, and scored on Johnny Stamaitis' sacrifice fly.

The Owls put two men on with two out in the top of the seventh, but reliever McClane Hill came on to record the final out and preserve the win for Trinity. Starter Nate Marshall took the loss for Westfield.



John Gegetskas follows through on a pitch against St Norbert in Auburndale Fla in March, 2018



Duke's Trevon Duval walks off the court after a regional final game against Kansas in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament Sunday, March 25, 2018, in Omaha, Neb. Kansas won 85-81 in overtime. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)



Villanova's Jalen Brunson celebrates after cutting a piece of net following the team's win over Texas Tech in an NCAA men's college basketball tournament regional final, Sunday, March 25, 2018, in Boston. Villanova won 71-59 to advance to the Final Four. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

TIPPING OFF: Wild March stabilizes a bit with Final Four set

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Welcome to a Final Four filled with past national champions — just the way the NCAA selection committee drew it up, right?

OK, maybe not. Sure, there's plenty of the expected with 1-seed Villanova making it to San Antonio in pursuit of the program's second title in three seasons. Kansas is the other 1-seed to navigate its way through a maze full of upsets as it pursues its first title since 2008.

And plenty figured No. 3 seed Michigan had a good shot to get to the Final Four as the Wolverines chase their first title since the Glen Rice-led group won the program's first in 1989.

But Loyola-Chicago? Consider the 11th-seeded Ramblers the representative for all the low seeds — UMBC, Marshall and Buffalo, to name a few — that pulled off the big stunners in an upset-filled and memorable March.

And yes, the Ramblers do have a national championship, won way back in 1963 during the Kennedy administration.

Now it's time to prepare for next Saturday's first national semifinal (Loyola vs. Michigan) featuring the upstart against the surging power-conference team in an undercard to the heavy-weight matchup of top seeds in the nightcap.

It's a particular relief for Kansas, which had a No. 1 seed for the third straight season and lost in the Elite Eight the past two seasons — including in 2016 to Villanova as the Wildcats marched to the national title.

"You think about it, hey, in their careers all we've been is the No. 1 overall seed, the No. 2 overall seed and the No. 3 overall seed and haven't gotten to a Final Four," coach Bill Self said after Sunday's overtime win against Duke in Omaha, Nebraska. "So that means that these guys have done so well to put us in a position but we hadn't kicked the door in yet."

"I'm happy for us, staff, school, everything, but I'm more happy for these guys because they deserve to experience what the best of college basketball is — and that will be what takes place Saturday and Monday."

FORESHADOWING?: If you're into good omens, note that Kansas won its last title in San Antonio by beating North Carolina and Memphis under Self a decade ago. And that was the program's first since Danny Manning and The Miracles won the 1988 title as a No. 6 seed — now an even 30 years ago.

So maybe years ending in eight bring a bit of luck for the Jayhawks?

RANKING THE SEEDS: Villanova was the No. 2 overall seed behind Virginia on Selection

Sunday, putting the Wildcats as the headliner followed by Kansas at third. Michigan was No. 11 and Loyola-Chicago was No. 46.

WINING UGLY: Villanova and Michigan should arrive in Texas with an extra bit of confidence after winning games when they shot poorly.

The Wildcats shot just 33 percent and made 4 of 24 3-pointers (.167) in Sunday's East final against Texas Tech. The Wolverines shot nearly 39 percent but made just 4 of 22 3s (.182) in Saturday night's West final against Florida State.

On top of that, they combined to make 4 of 27 3s after halftime (.148). Yet here they are.

TITLE HISTORY: Top seeds have hoisted the trophy on the final Monday night of the season in 18 of the past 26 NCAA Tournaments, while No. 3 seeds have won three times (Syracuse in 2003, Florida in 2006, Connecticut in 2011) in that span.

Villanova remains the lowest-seeded team to win a title as a No. 8 in 1985.

NOT SO WILD AFTER ALL: With all the upsets, it sure looked like the Final Four had a chance to be filled with surprises. It didn't end up that way.

The sum of the seeds for the four teams is 16, the highest since 2014 (18). But it was a far cry from joining the four other years since the tournament began seeding teams in 1979 that the combined total was at least 20: 1980 (21), 2000 (22), 2006 (20) and 2011 (26).

The last two of those were the most recent to feature an 11-seed before Loyola-Chicago's run, with George Mason getting there in 2006 and VCU doing it in 2011. The only other Final Four to feature a No. 11 seed came in 1986 with LSU, though the combined seed total was 15 on the strength of 1-seeds Duke and Kansas, and 2-seed Louisville (the eventual champion behind freshman Pervis Ellison) joining the Tigers in Dallas.

ACC'S MISS: The Atlantic Coast Conference was trying to get a team into the national-title game for the fourth straight year but ultimately fell short of the Final Four.

Duke won the championship in 2015. Rival North Carolina lost to Villanova in the 2016 title game before coming all the way back and winning the 2017 title against Gonzaga. And 10th-seeded Syracuse was a surprise semifinalist in 2016 after upsetting No. 1 seed Virginia in a regional final.

IMPROVED NUMBERS: ESPN said none of the 17.3 million entries had the Elite Eight teams correct in its Tournament Challenge picks contest. But 550 people correctly had the Final Four teams.

Villanova was the most popular pick to get there, winning the East Region on 58.4 percent of the submitted brackets.



Michigan coach John Beilein, right, celebrates with players, coaches and family after Michigan defeated Florida State 58-54 in an NCAA men's college basketball tournament regional final Saturday, March 24, 2018, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)



March 24, 2018 Atlanta: Confetti falls as Loyola-Chicago guard Ben Richardson holds up four fingers on each hand, for Final Four, while celebrating the team's 78-62 win over Kansas State in the regional final of the NCAA men's college basketball tournament Saturday, March 24, 2018, in Atlanta. (Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP)

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HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SPRING SCHEDULES

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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

SUNDAY 04/08

Boys Varsity Baseball
Billerica Memorial High School
@Westfield High School
Bullens Field, 1 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

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



Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Parent Combats Underage Drinking

Dear Annie: My daughter has grown up in the blink of an eye. It seems as if I was just introducing the ABCs, and now she’s reading Shakespeare in school. We talk every day about her classes and activities, and I also make sure we discuss underage drinking.

When I was young, conversations about alcohol consumption were along the lines of “Don’t do it” and not about the impact of alcohol on my body, particularly my adolescent brain. Now that I’m a parent, I try to make sure I have the information I need to teach my daughter to make healthy decisions.

As my daughter has grown up, I’ve tried to discuss alcohol consumption in ways she’d best understand. For example, she and her friends are undergoing many emotional and physical changes, and they’re fascinated by how their bodies and minds operate. I started using information from programs such as Ask, Listen, Learn to connect her natural interests about her brain and body with the impact underage drinking can have on them.

This resource has helped me better understand the nuanced functions of the brain and how they are impaired by alcohol (especially the still-developing brain), and it has given me more confidence in conversations with my daughter about why drinking is an adults-only activity. The interactive videos and games have given my child a new fun outlet for learning, too.

I hope you’ll help in informing my generation of parents about the tools available to help them talk to their children about saying no to underage drinking. -- Shannan Y.

Dear Shannan Y.: You are so right that it’s important for parents to talk to their teen children about alcohol. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (<https://www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking>) also offers resources for parents wrestling with this issue -- even a free app for practicing the conversation (called “Talk. They Hear You”). Teen drinking has, thank goodness, decreased over the past two decades. Let’s hope it will continue to decline with active parent involvement.

Dear Annie: As a psychotherapist, I wonder whether the nose-picking daughter of “Dad Who Cares” has a compulsion. Not wanting to stop unhealthy behaviors is often because of compulsivity. It’s not that she won’t stop; it’s that she can’t (without help, that is). An excellent book and wonderful read on the subject, by science writer Sharon Begley, is “Can’t Just Stop: An Investigation of Compulsions.” -- Karen, LCSW

Dear Karen, LCSW: That’s a useful angle to consider, and I appreciate the book recommendation.

Dear Annie: It is worth mentioning that the nose-picking habit may be because the daughter has an infection inside her nose. Impetigo, which often occurs on the skin, may instead emerge inside the nose, causing scab formation. It is caused by strep or staph bacteria. A visit to her primary care physician for a culture of the inside of her nose is in order. A treatment with penicillin would most likely clear up the infection and maybe stop the urge to pick. -- Certified Medical Microbiologist

Dear Certified Microbiologist: Another helpful take on this unsettling issue. Thanks for writing.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

PARTY INVITE

Dear Heloise: I’ve found that the best way to have a party that might get a little noisy is to make sure you invite the neighbors on both sides of your home or apartment. Not only does it allow them to mix and mingle with new people, it avoids noise complaints and is just a nice, neighborly thing to do. -- Wendy G. in St Louis



JUST A REMINDER

Dear Heloise: Just wanted to remind folks that if they are looking for a pet to adopt, try the various shelters in your area rather than buying from a breeder. There are so many homeless dogs and cats that can enrich the lives of many people and offer companionship and unconditional love to any family. -- Patricia H., Ogden, Utah

GETTING TO THE POINT!

Dear Heloise: Want a sharp point on an eyeliner pencil? Place it in the freezer for about half an hour, and it’s much easier to sharpen. This works on eyebrow pencils as well. -- Linda Q., Linn Grove, Ind.

TV Sports Listings

Monday, March 26

Baseball

1 p.m. MLB Spring Training: Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates (MLB Network)

Basketball

7 p.m. NCAA Women's Tournament Elite Eight: South Carolina vs. Connecticut (ESPN)

7 p.m. NBA: New York Knicks at Charlotte Hornets (MSG)

7 p.m. NBA: Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers (NBA TV)

8 p.m. High School: Jam Fest (ESPN2)

9 p.m. NCAA Women's Tournament Elite Eight: Oregon vs. Notre Dame (ESPN)

10 p.m. NBA: Boston Celtics at Phoenix Suns (NBA TV)

Hockey

7 p.m. NHL: Buffalo Sabres at Toronto Maple Leafs (MSGPL)

7:30 p.m. NHL: Washington Capitals at New York Rangers (NBCSN)

At The Movies



This image released by Universal Pictures shows a scene from “Pacific Rim Uprising.” (Legendary Pictures/Universal Pictures via AP)

‘Pacific Rim: Uprising’ dethrones ‘Black Panther’

NEW YORK (AP) — It took six weeks but “Black Panther” has finally been unseated as the top film at the North American box office. The monsters vs. robots science-fiction sequel “Pacific Rim: Uprising” dethroned the superhero sensation with \$28 million in ticket sales over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

But the result for “Pacific Rim: Uprising,” a Universal Pictures-Legendary Entertainment release that cost \$150 million to make, was soft — at least domestically. Like the recently released “Tomb Raider,” its biggest business was in China. “Pacific Rim: Uprising” debuted there with \$65 million for Legendary, which the Chinese conglomerate Wanda Group acquired in 2016.

And even though “Black Panther” slid to second place with \$16.7 million in its sixth weekend, Ryan Coogler’s film notched another box-office milestone. It’s now the highest-grossing superhero film ever in North America, not accounting for inflation. The film’s \$631 million in domestic ticket sales has surpassed the \$623 million of 2012’s “The Avengers.” “Black Panther” also becomes the fifth highest grossing film of all-time, rising above “Star Wars: The Last Jedi.”

Yet the record-breaking hit of “Black Panther” has been followed by a string of lackluster performers, including “Tomb Raider,” “A Wrinkle in Time” and “Red Sparrow.” “Pacific Rim: Uprising” may have taken down the champ, but a blockbuster heir to “Black Panther” is yet to be found. Next weekend, Steven Spielberg will try with his big-budget virtual-reality spectacle “Ready Player One.”

Hollywood has essentially already squandered the early lead “Black Panther” gave it. Despite the firepower of “Black Panther,” the year is running 2.6 percent behind 2017 at U.S. and Canada theaters, according to comScore. This weekend was down 36.5 percent from last year when “Beauty and the Beast” was in its second week and the surprisingly successful “Power Rangers” debuted.

“One movie isn’t enough to support a whole marketplace,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. “We need a real shot in the arm here. ‘Pacific Rim,’ that’s a fine opening.

But we need bigger numbers to be put up.” “Pacific Rim: Uprising” could point to better results abroad, where it grossed \$122.5 million over the weekend. The July 2013 original, directed by Guillermo del Toro, was likewise conceived as an East-West hybrid tailored after classic kaiju movies, the Japanese giant monster genre. It launched with \$37.3 million domestically and \$45 million in China.

The \$411 million worldwide haul for del Toro’s film was enough to prompt a sequel, even if enthusiasm for a second installment was considerably higher in Asia. Steven S. DeKnight co-wrote and directed “Uprising,” which critics largely slammed. It scored a 46 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

“The domestic market was a very important part of it and we really came in above any reasonable expectations,” said Jim Orr, domestic distribution chief for Universal. “This was always engineered to be a worldwide event film.”

The strategy was similar for Warner Bros.’ “Tomb Raider” reboot, starring Alicia Vikander. Domestically, it dropped steeply in its second week, sliding 56 percent with \$10.4 million. Sales have been brisker overseas, where “Tomb Raider” has grossed \$170 million thus far.

MGM and Paramount Pictures’ animated family sequel “Sherlock Gnomes” disappointed with a \$10.6 million debut. Forecasts had been higher for the sequel to “Gnomeo & Juliet,” which grossed \$194 million worldwide in 2011.

The results were also modest for Steven Soderbergh’s “Unsane,” a psychological thriller starring Claire Foy (“The Crown”) that the director shot with iPhones. The Bleecker Street-Fingerprint Releasing film opened with \$3.9 million in 2,023 theaters. Though both were inexpensively made, neither of Soderbergh’s first two films following his brief retirement from Hollywood has made much of a dent at the box office. Last year’s “Logan Lucky,” starring Channing Tatum, tapped out at \$27.8 million domestically.

But there were also bright spots. The Christian drama “I Can Only Imagine” held especially strongly in its second weekend. The Lionsgate-Roadside Attractions release grossed \$13.8 million, bringing its two-week total to \$38.5 mil-

lion. “I Can Only Imagine” has emerged as the clear faith-based film of choice ahead of Easter, likely to the detriment of “Paul: Apostle of Christ,” which took in \$5 million this weekend for Sony’s Affirm Films.

And in limited release, Wes Anderson’s stop-motion animated “Isle of Dogs” got off to a healthy start with \$1.6 million in 27 theaters. Fox Searchlight, coming off its best-picture win at the Academy Awards for “The Shape of Water,” carefully selected the opening-weekend theaters to cater to Anderson’s die-hard fans.

“We just wanted to be out there to give his audience an opportunity to find the film,” said Frank Rodriguez, distribution head for Searchlight.

Anderson is coming off the biggest box-office hit of his career. “The Grand Budapest Hotel” grossed \$175 million worldwide in 2014. “Isle of Dogs,” about a Japanese island of misfit canines in a future dystopia, has been received with nearly equal fanfare. Critics gave it a 93 percent fresh Rotten Tomatoes score, audiences gave it an “A” CinemaScore and Searchlight noted its opening-weekend audience was more than 60 percent under the age of 30. But it has also sparked questions of cultural appropriation.

“I don’t know how that’s going to affect most of the audience,” said Rodriguez. “We know that audiences want to see it. We can hope that people make their own decisions and hopefully look at the film as an homage to a great culture and great filmmakers. It’s pretty much Wes.”

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers also are included. Final three-day domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. “Pacific Rim: Uprising,” \$28 million (\$122.5 million international).
2. “Black Panther,” \$16.7 million (\$12.9 million international).
3. “I Can Only Imagine,” \$13.8 million.
4. “Sherlock Gnomes,” \$10.6 million.
5. “Tomb Raider,” \$10.4 million.
6. “A Wrinkle in Time,” \$8 million.
7. “Love, Simon,” \$7.8 million.
8. “Paul, Apostle of Christ,” \$5 million.
9. “Game Night,” \$4.2 million.
10. “Midnight Sun,” \$4.1 million.



This image released by Disney shows a scene from Marvel Studios’ “Black Panther.” (Matt Kennedy/Marvel Studios-Disney via AP)

UNIVERSAL

Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



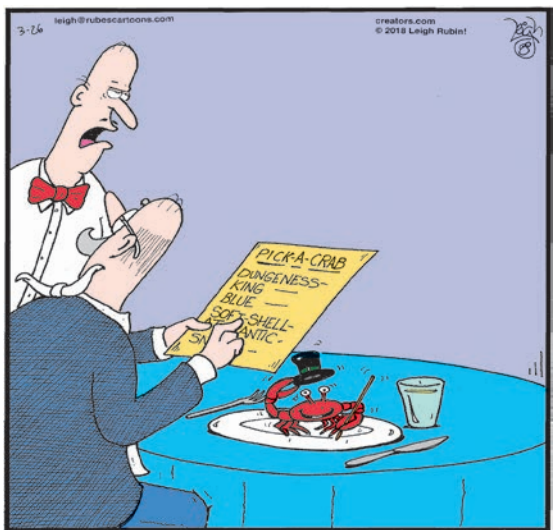
AGNES Tony Cochran



ARCHIE Fernando Ruiz and Craig Boldman



RUBES Leigh Rubin



"Yes, sir. My apologies, sir. I thought you said 'soft-shoe.'"

DADDY'S HOME Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



DUSTIN By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



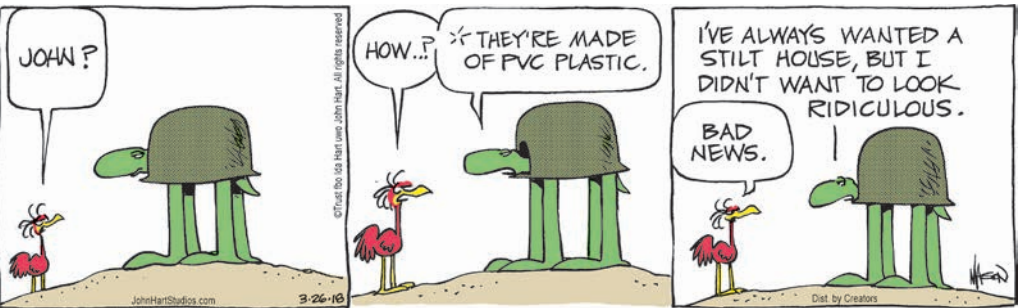
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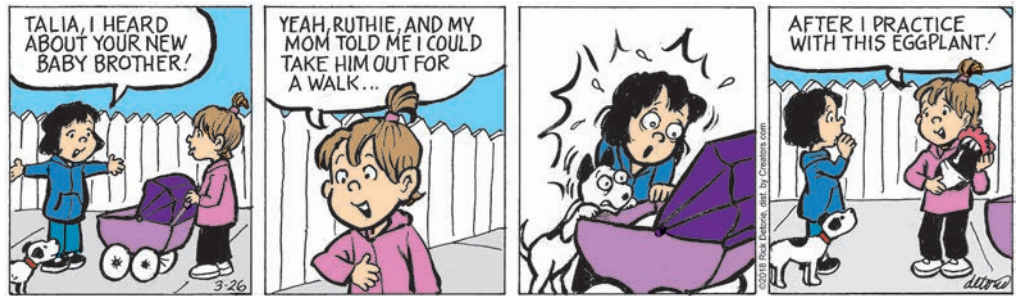
DOGS of C-KENNEL Mick and Mason Mastroianni



B.C. Mastroianni and Hart



ONE BIG HAPPY Rick Detorie



ANDY CAPP Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett



ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe



YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 26, 2018:

This year you enter a period where you feel more put together than you have in a long time. Your finances could swing up and down after May. You are likely to have some wonderful opportunities emerge. Double-check any agreement you sign. If you are single, others are drawn to you. This fall through your next birthday will prove to be prime time for meeting someone of interest. If you are attached, you and your sweetie might opt to change the financial structure you have created together. Some couples will be greeting a new addition to their family. LEO knows how to fire you up.

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 be vested in a certain outcome with a creative project. An unexpected curve-ball forces you to rethink a decision. Many people would be more cautious moving forward. However, you are likely to continue at the same speed. Tonight: Add vitality to a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with a domestic issue before it deals with you. Your ability to see the long-term advantages and loopholes needs to come into play in order to reach a goal. Open up to better communication and understanding. Tonight: Make a favorite dessert for a family member.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your need to possess dwindles quickly during the day. You will have some time to think through your recent behavior and decisions. Conversations will be mellow but noteworthy. Invite a friend out to dinner to work through a recurring problem. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You wake up with energy. Refuse to take offense to someone else's sharp or sarcastic comment; otherwise, you are likely to feel unusually burdened by it. Move on. Listen to a suggestion, and check your budget before taking action. Tonight: Treat others to dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You could be surprised by what is going on around a child or loved one. Use a sudden unleashing of energy to allow more intellectual and emotional flexibility into your life. Good ideas seem to naturally appear if you open up and share more with others. Tonight: Time for fun!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be in a situation that allows greater give-and-take. A partner might be unpredictable yet also a source of energy. The faster you handle a problem, the better you'll feel. Resolve any issue that could rear its ugly head. Tonight: Tell it like it is, but with diplomacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be in a position where you need to come to terms with a change of attitude from a key person in your life. You might wonder what would happen if you were to turn a personal issue around. Find out! You will be pleasantly surprised. Tonight: Manage what is happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be more in tune with what others seem to need. Make an effort to give more of yourself, and witness the difference it makes. You might opt to be more available or sensitive to certain people, especially in the work arena. Tonight: Move forward with an important plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You could make a change, though you might feel as if someone has forced it upon you. Listen to what is being said, and you'll receive important feedback on what is going on. Open up to serious discussions, and do your best to grasp all points of view. Tonight: As you like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Approach a problem with the expectation of resolving it. You might feel as if you need to honor a fast change. Listen to the feedback that heads in your direction. Your home life is likely to be affected. Remain direct yet sensitive when dealing with others. Tonight: Keep it light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be more explosive than you are aware. If the unexpected occurs, center yourself. Be careful around mechanical equipment, as you could be accident-prone. Avoid any major purchases involved with communication as well. Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Follow through on an important matter involving your budget and communication; otherwise, you could make a costly mistake. Double-check your funds and count your change. Make an effort to return a call that you have been avoiding. Tonight: Off to the gym to work out.

BORN TODAY

Actress Keira Knightley (1985), singer/songwriter Diana Ross (1944), singer/songwriter Kenny Chesney (1968)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A	♥ A K Q J	♠ Q 10 7 3	♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ A K Q 4	♣ A K 4 2	♦ J 9 6	♣ Q 8

WEST: ♠ —, ♥ 9 7 6 5 2, ♦ 10 3 2, ♣ J 10 9 7 6

SOUTH: ♠ K J 9 8 6 5 4 2, ♥ —, ♦ 8 7 5, ♣ 5 3

The bidding:
East Pass, South 4♠, West Pass, North 7♠

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
There's approximately one chance in 500,000 of being dealt a hand containing 30 high-card points. And so, anytime you see one in a book or a bridge column, it's very likely that the hand was composed by somebody, and not actually dealt.
That would certainly be true of this deal, which was published as a double-dummy problem in The Bridge World Magazine in the 1930s to illustrate what was then called a quadruple trump grand coup.

Given East's holding of the Q-10-7-3 of trumps, making seven spades

would seem to be an impossible task. But of course the deed can be done, or the hand would not be presented here. If you would like to test your problem-solving skills first, assume West leads a club, and do not read past this point.

After taking the club king, declarer next leads a heart and trumps it instead of doing what comes much more naturally, which would be to cash the trump ace at trick two. Cashing the ace of trumps would inevitably prove fatal. If you don't believe it, try playing the ace at once and see what eventually happens.

South next plays a diamond to the queen, ruffs a second heart, then plays a diamond to the king, ruffs a third heart, followed by a diamond to the ace and another heart ruff. This reduces declarer's hand to five cards — a club and the K-J-9-8 of spades — while dummy has the ace of trumps, a low diamond and the A-4-2 of clubs.

South then leads a club to the ace and returns a club, forcing East to ruff as declarer in turn overruffs. Next comes the nine of spades to the ace, followed by a diamond or a club. East's last two cards, the Q-10 of spades, then succumb to the K-J to put the final touch on the extremely rare — and in this case, contrived — quadruple trump grand coup.

Tomorrow: What can possibly go wrong?

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 PC picture
- 5 Young fellow
- 8 Pac-12 team
- 12 Apple center
- 13 — pro nobis
- 14 Lunch hour
- 15 Ornamental jug
- 16 Unprepared
- 18 Bratislava resident
- 20 Flavors
- 21 Prior nights
- 23 For each infractions
- 24 Football
- 28 Finito
- 31 Mauna —
- 32 Razor sharpener
- 34 Feedbag tidbit
- 35 Lairs
- 37 Freeway exits

DOWN

- 1 Frozen desserts
- 3 Twistable cookie
- 4 — of steel (steady courage)
- 5 Relied on
- 6 Canine cry
- 7 Loony
- 8 New
- 9 Hat-checker's chamber
- 10 Traditional tales
- 11 &&&&
- 17 Opening rival

Solution time: 21 mins.

GREEN	STREEP
TOUPEE	LIONEL
ANGORA	IGNORE
BOSC	RIPE
HAMM	RUM
ALS	LIEN
CUTE	ASABUTTON
EVEL	SNAP
TIKE	ITSY
DON	GATE
LIWA	ALOPE
SOARED	MUTATE
CRYPTS	SEAMS

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CRYPTOQUIP

T W Z S U M Q B M L D L O F
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B F J W D M D F I D M N I W K C
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N I M S J F D T Q K F D W K W Z Z .
Saturday's Cryptoquip: MYSTERIOUS MAFIA MEMBER DWELLING ALONG A BIG BODY OF WATER IN SCOTLAND: THE LOCH NESS MOBSTER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals C

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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 Southeast 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 of 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 of 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 of 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.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB, F/K/A WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
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March 19, 26, 2018
April 2, 2018

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 LATELY 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

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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.

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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.

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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
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March 26, 2018

CITY OF WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

Title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act requires that in order to apply for certain U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Programs, the City of Westfield must submit an Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan identifies resources and programs to be undertaken during the program year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The draft Annual Action Plan will be available March 27, 2018 to April 27, 2018 for review and comments at the Community Development Department, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA or online at www.cityofwestfield.org.

The City of Westfield, in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan, is holding a public meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:30 PM at Westfield City Hall, 59 Court Street, Room 315, Westfield, MA 01085.

Comments may be sent in writing no later than Friday, April 27, 2018 to Community Development Director Peter Miller, City of Westfield, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA 01085 or by email to p.miller@cityofwestfield.org.

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