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## St. Mary's High School to remain open

WESTFIELD – In an announcement to students and faculty of St. Mary's this morning, Fr. Frank Lawlor has announced that St. Mary's High School will remain open.

An official statement and press briefing was held at 12 noon on Thursday.

When reached by phone Fr. Lawlor said that,

"After weeks of discussions with Bishop Rozanski, a one year, non-renewable educational grant of \$300,000 is being presented to St. Mary's."

Fr. Lawlor went on to say, "We need to keep the school community energized on the future of the high school. We are not out of the woods yet."

A source who could not speak on the record but was in attendance when Fr. Lawlor made the announcement to students and staff, said that "Fr. Lawlor got emotional when making the announcement."

Bob Wilcox, who has been spearheading the Save St. Mary's High School initiative, said that,

"This is a blessing in disguise."

Wilcox went on to say that "It's a shame that we didn't know this was an issue until it was raised about a month ago."

At press time, plans for an organized celebratory candle light vigil were being finalized.

## Child rape case in superior court

By CARL E. HARTDEGEN  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – A Springfield man saw a charge of rape of a child dismissed in Westfield District Court so he can be tried in Hampden County Superior Court.

The offense allegedly occurred at the Southwick Town Beach on July 4 when the 12-year-old victim was at the beach with family and friends.

Sgt. Robert Landis of the Southwick Police Department reports in a court document that he was informed of the complaint by a Springfield officer who had responded to Baystate Medical Center to speak with the victim and her mother.

Landis reports that he interviewed the victim who said that she had been playing in the water at the beach with a friend and an adult man who is married to a friend of her mother. The girl said that the man, later identified as Ruben Lagares, 56, of 70 Harrison Ave., Springfield, was throwing her friend into the water and she asked for a turn.

She said that when she went to him "he slipped his hand under her underwear touching her." She said "she told Ruben not to do that and he told her to be quiet and to relax and not tell

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## Calling cops doesn't help pot purchaser

By CARL E. HARTDEGEN  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – Not so long ago, drug seekers couldn't call the police when they got ripped off.

Now, a local marijuana shopper has found, calling the cops doesn't always help.

Officer Andrew Cekovsky reports that in December a homeless man, John Sein III, approached a man outside a Main Street store and claimed to have "good weed." The victim gave the man \$30 and went with him to an Elm Street address where Sein said the marijuana was stashed.

However, the man told Cekovsky, when Sein reached the address he walked past it. When the victim didn't receive his item the defendant objected, Cekovsky reports, "The Defendant refused to give the Victim his \$30 in cash back or provide him with the marijuana."

The victim said that he twice attempted to "get his \$30 out of the Defendant's front pockets" but twice Sein's friend pushed him away.

Sein was charged with larceny of property valued less than \$250 and was arraigned in Westfield District Court.

On Tuesday, the prosecution found insufficient evidence to pursue the case and it was dismissed. However, Sein has other legal issues.

He is facing charges of assault and battery with serious bodily injury, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a shod foot) and unarmed robbery in Hampden County Superior Court after allegedly punching and kicking a victim who was lying defenseless on the ground. He is also alleged have stolen \$29 from the victim's pocket.



Westfield Technical Academy students working on the interior are, A. J. Onofrey and Sara Whalen.

## Westfield Tech students are learning on the job

By AMY PORTER  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – Anyone driving down Pontoosic Road in Westfield may notice a house going up right before the Southwick line. The difference with this one is that it's being built by juniors and seniors from Westfield Technical Academy.

The project began in November, following approval by the School Committee, when WTA principal Joseph Langone and Construction Technology head teacher Matthew Gomes said the house would be a 3 bedroom ranch style custom home designed for the homeowners' needs, that would bring in revenue for the program. Gomes said he drew the plans for the house along with the owners Mitch Bannish and Karen Bousquet.

Brian Roy, foreman of the Pontoosic Rd. project and a first year teacher at WTA with 37 years of experience in construction, said both juniors and seniors are working on the project.

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## Select Board reviewing Lieutenant position

By GREG FITZPATRICK  
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – At Tuesday night's Select Board meeting, the board discussed the process to hire the next Lieutenant of the Southwick Police Department. Since they have copies of the last internal posting for Lieutenant, there aren't many changes that need to be done to the job description.

The search for the next Lieutenant is due to the hiring of Kevin Bishop as the next Chief of Police as he

was previously the Lieutenant. At the Select Board meeting on January 2, the board voted in favor of selecting Bishop as the Chief.

Bishop's promotion to Chief was a result of current Chief David Ricardi announcing his retirement in June. Ricardi has been the police chief since 2013.

The Select Board will now focus on having the job description reviewed by town counsel so they can officially post the open position. In most cases with Southwick Police positions in the past, the



The Select Board discussed the Lieutenant vacancy. (Photo by Greg Fitzpatrick)

Select Board has posted the position internally first. This action item has been continued to the next meeting on Tuesday.

## Presencia Returns to tell Local Latino Stories

SPRINGFIELD — To outsiders, the notion that western New England could be a hotbed of Latino activity may not be obvious. In truth, the cities of Springfield, Holyoke, and Chicopee have exceptionally large Latino populations, and their communities drive policy, economy, and culture in the region.

With as much as 15 percent of the entire western New England population identifying as Latino, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Latino demographic makes up a significant part of our diverse community — with many important stories to tell.

For a third season, Presencia, led by its co-hosts Veronica del Rocio Garcia and Zydalis Bauer, returns to tell those important local stories.



Presencia is a production of WGBY, public television and PBS station for western New England. The weekly program features segments in English, Spanish, and "Spanglish" about the people, places, and policies affecting the communities in our western New England.

CELEBRANDO DIVERSIDAD With the tagline, "Muchas Voces, Un Pueblo" (or, "Many Voices, One Community"), Presencia was conceived as a platform for cross-generational and cross-cultural connections.

According to 2016 WGBY research conducted in partnership with UMass Amherst, Presencia is the only bilingual public television program in the PBS system.

"It was important that we create a bilingual program," explains Presencia's Executive Producer Vanessa Pabón-Hernandez. "We

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## Planning Board approves marijuana zoning bylaw

By GREG FITZPATRICK  
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – On Tuesday night, the Planning Board continued their public hearing for their proposed marijuana zoning bylaw. The board voted in favor of approving the bylaw and the overlay district map.

The bylaw will show where both types of marijuana, recreational and medicinal, can be used.

"It shows where we have any industrial areas," said Town Planner Alan Slessler. "That's where they can grow, produce, manufacture, and process."

For the overlay district map, the growing, production, and manufacturing of medical and recreational marijuana would be allowed in an industrial restricted zone. There is one area on Hudson Drive and another near the Big Y that extends to Congamond Road.

Slessler also added that there will be certain areas on College Hwy that will be included on the overlay district map as well.

The Planning Board is pleased to see that the bylaw passed and is ready to be drafted as a warrant article.

"It was seven months of sub-committee meetings, public hearings, and it's

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Southwick Town Hall. (WNG File Photo)

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## South Middle School March Band Concert

Above, Director Brandon Babbin leads the combined 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands at South Middle School's March Band Concert, Wednesday, March 28. (Photo by Jennifer Johnson-Corwin)

22 STORM  
NEWS TEAM

LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Rain Showers.  <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">46-47</span>	 Partly Cloudy.  <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">53-55</span>	 Sunny.  <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">55-58</span>
WEATHER DISCUSSION		
Today, cloudy skies with periods of rain this afternoon. High 53F. Chance of rain 90%. Tonight, cloudy with occasional rain showers. Thunder possible. Low 46F. Friday, cloudy and damp with rain in the morning...then becoming partly cloudy. High near 55F. Friday Night, partly cloudy. Low 33F. Winds NW at 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, sunny. High 58F. Saturday Night, cloudy skies. Low 41F.		
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TODAY		
6:40 a.m. SUNRISE	7:13 p.m. SUNSET	12 hours 33 Minutes LENGTH OF DAY

### ODDS & ENDS

#### Girls can apply to take New Hampshire governor's job for day

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire middle and high school girls have been invited to apply to take Republican Gov. Chris Sununu's job for a day.

Sununu on Wednesday announced the Governor for a Day competition as part of Women's History Month. Applicants must answer the prompt "If I were governor for a day, I would ..." via either a written response of fewer than 250 words or a one-minute video.

Written responses can be emailed to [GovernorForADay@nh.gov](mailto:GovernorForADay@nh.gov) or sent to the governor's office. Video submissions must be sent as private messages to Sununu's Facebook messenger account.

Sununu says the goal is to ensure the state's next generation of leaders feels empowered to lead.

The contest is a partnership with Girls Inc., Girl Scouts and Granite Girls State. The deadline is April 30.

### LOCAL LOTTERY

**LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS**

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
 MassCash 04-11-29-31-35  
 Mega Millions  
 Estimated jackpot: \$502 million  
 Megabucks Doubler  
 04-17-19-28-30-34  
 Estimated jackpot: \$1.5 million  
 Numbers Evening 2-2-1-5  
 Numbers Midday 8-9-3-1  
 Powerball  
 06-08-26-52-53, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 2  
 Estimated jackpot: \$40 million



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Cash 5  
 03-20-26-31-34  
 Lucky Links Day  
 08-10-11-16-17-18-20-21  
 Lucky Links Night  
 03-07-09-12-13-16-17-20  
 Mega Millions  
 Estimated jackpot: \$502 million  
 Play3 Day 4-9-5  
 Play3 Night 4-0-5  
 Play4 Day 0-0-8-1  
 Play4 Night 1-9-5-9

## TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS THURSDAY, MARCH 29, THE 88TH DAY OF 2018. THERE ARE 277 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On March 29, 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began, limiting consumers to store purchases of an average of about two pounds a week for beef, pork, lamb and mutton using a coupon system. (The Associated Press noted, "From the customer viewpoint, the unrationed oasis of food will be the restaurant or other public eating place.")

#### ON THIS DATE:

- In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.
- In 1790, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Virginia.
- In 1792, Sweden's King Gustav III died, nearly two weeks after he had been shot and mortally wounded by an assassin during a masquerade party.
- In 1867, Britain's Parliament passed, and Queen Victoria signed, the British North America Act creating the Dominion of Canada, which came into being the following July.
- In 1912, British explorer Robert Falcon Scott, his doomed expedition stranded in an Antarctic blizzard after failing to be the first to reach the South Pole, wrote the last words of his journal: "For Gods sake look after our people."
- In 1936, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler claimed overwhelming victory in a plebiscite on his policies.
- In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in New York of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviet Union. (They were executed in June 1953.) The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" opened on Broadway.
- In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time. (Johnny Carson debuted as host the following October.)

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the 1968 My Lai (mee ly) massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.) A jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. (The sentences were later commuted.)

In 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1984, under cover of early morning darkness, the Baltimore Colts football team left its home city of three decades and moved to Indianapolis.

In 1992, Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged experimenting with marijuana "a time or two" while attending Oxford University, adding, "I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again."

#### TEN YEARS AGO:

Anti-American Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his followers to defy orders from the Iraqi government to surrender their weapons. Zimbabweans voted in an election seen as the biggest test of Robert Mugabe's 28-year rule. (Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai claimed victory, but the Election Commission ordered a runoff; Mugabe claimed victory in that contest, which was widely denounced as a sham.)

#### FIVE YEARS AGO:

President Barack Obama promoted a plan to create construction and other jobs by attracting private money to help rebuild roads, bridges and other public works projects during a visit to a Miami port that was undergoing \$2 billion in upgrades paid for with government and private dollars.

#### ONE YEAR AGO:

Britain filed for divorce from the European Union as Prime Minister Theresa May sent a six-page letter to EU Council President Donald Tusk. Thirteen people were killed when a small church bus collided with a pickup truck on a two-lane road about 75 miles west of San Antonio. (The driver of the pickup has pleaded not guilty to intoxication manslaughter and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury.) Two former aides to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie were sentenced to prison for creating a colossal traffic jam at the George Washington Bridge for political revenge, a scandal that sank Christie's White House hopes.

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Author Judith Guest is 82. Former British Prime Minister Sir John Major is 75. Comedian Eric Idle is 75. Composer Vangelis is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Walt Frazier is 73. Singer Bobby Kimball (Toto) is 71. Actor Bud Cort is 70. Actor Brendan Gleeson is 63. Actor Christopher Lawford is 63. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Earl Campbell is 63. Actress Marina Sirtis is 63. International Gymnastics Hall of Famer Kurt Thomas is 62. Actor Christopher Lambert is 61. Rock singer Perry Farrell (Porno for Pyros; Jane's Addiction) is 59. Comedian-actress Amy Sedaris is 57. Model Elle Macpherson is 55. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev., is 54. Movie director Michel Hazanavicius (mee-SHEHL' ah-zah-nah-VEE'-see-oos) is 51. Rock singer-musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 51. Actress Lucy Lawless is 50. Country singer Regina Leigh (Regina Regina) is 50. Country singer Brady Seals is 49. Former White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs is 47. CBS News correspondent Lara Logan is 47. Actor Sam Hazeldine is 46. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jennifer Capriati is 42. Actor Chris D'Elia is 38. Rhythm and blues singer PJ Morton is 37. Actress Megan Hilty is 37. Pop singer Kelly Sweet is 30.

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been revised numerous times,” said Slessler. “We’ve persevered and hopefully now people will vote at the annual town meeting if they want to have it or not.”

After town counsel reviews the drafted bylaw, it will be developed into a warrant article for registered voters to decide on at the annual town meeting on May 16.

**Court**

her mom.”

The girl told her mother and subsequently told police.

In October Landis filed a charge of rape of a child against Lagares who was arraigned in Westfield District Court in

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November. He was released on \$10,000 personal surety.

Lagares was indicted and arraigned in superior court and on Tuesday the charge was dismissed in Westfield District Court.

The offense carries a possible penalty of “life, or any term of years” in state prison or a house of correction. If convicted, Lagares would have to register as a sex offender.

**WE2BA High School Career Fair**

WESTFIELD — April 11, 2018 (7:45 – 11:30 am). Westfield Education to Business Alliance (WE2BA) is holding a High School Career Fair on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 7:45 to 11:30 am, hosted by Westfield State University at the Woodward Center, 395 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA. Don’t miss the chance to help shape our future through workforce development in our community. Join us to help inspire Westfield High School and Westfield Technical Academy students with career exploration. Over 400 students will be in attendance.

We are looking for 75 vendors to participate. The vendor tables are free. On-line registration is available at www.westfieldbiz.org. For more information, please call Pam at the Chamber at 413.568.1618.

**Westfield Tech**

He said they have done all the framing and sheathing of the building, and will be putting shingles on the roof and double 4-inch vinyl siding, board and batten on the house. They’ve also put down floors, and are working on interior walls.

Roy said the students are responding well to the construction, both juniors and seniors. “Even the juniors have done a remarkable job,” Roy said.

On the job site Tuesday were the seniors, three who were on the roof finishing the plywood on the top row and setting the tape on the zip system to keep it weather tight, so construction can continue even in inclement weather.

Climbing down from the roof for a lunch break, Roman Protsun, Tyler Starzyk and Cody Garwacki, who were tied in, carefully stepped down boards they had pre-arranged in a ramp system. Roy said teaching safety is a big part of the job.

“It’s a good experience – easier than I thought. We’ve had three years of preparation for this,” Roman Protsun said.

Garwacki said he worked on the roof and interior walls, exterior walls and some of the flooring system. Roy said due to the size of the project, both classes were able to touch everything.

Joining them outside were the interior crew, including Sara Whalen, one of three girls in her class, but the only one on the site Tuesday. “It’s a lot of fun,” Whalen said.

“It’s an excellent learning experience, teaching you how to work right out of high school. It’s an alternative to college,” said Elijah White.

“Better than sitting in school,” added Slav Chekhovskiy.

“The most fun project we’ve had at school,” said A.J. Onofrey

“It’s a great job for them, a

great opportunity to have a project of this size with as many facets of construction,” Roy said about the crew.

When asked if construction is what she would like to continue after graduating, Sara Whalen said, “That or blueprinting.” Blueprinting is something Gomes had told the School Committee he wanted to introduce to the students when he showed his plans for the house.

Also on site on Tuesday were the seniors in Electrical Wiring, who were doing the layout of electrical outlets and lighting fixtures for the interior and the exterior of the house under teacher Gary Martineau.

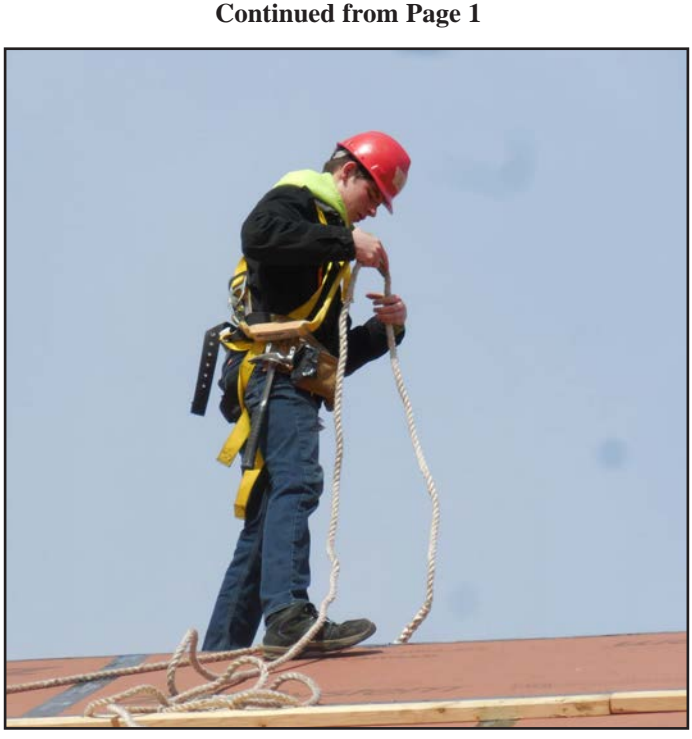
As a group, the seniors said it was “a good experience,” “fun,” “the kind of stuff I want to do.”

Martineau said a house is the best way for the students to learn. “You get to do home runs, not just three feet over,” Martineau said to the students. He said two years ago, they wired former school counselor Henry Bannish’s house, which stands behind the one they’re building now.

Martineau, who has taught at WTA for six years, said the Electrical Wiring shop does a lot for the city, wiring the pavilion on Park Square, the office of the municipal wastewater shop, and soon to be starting the new radio and community television station at WTA.

Martineau has also worked before with Roy at Salomey Construction, where Roy served as Construction Supervisor, and told him about the job opening at WTA. “When (Brian) Falcetti retired, I figured he’d be a good fit,” Martineau said.

Roy said he worked with Martineau for many years. He said Martineau told him, “I think you have the right temperament to be with kids and would be a great asset to the school,” so I applied. I really like it a lot,” Roy said.



Westfield Technical Academy student Roman Protsun is seen on the roof of the project home.



Seniors from Westfield Technical Academy’s Electrical Wiring shop.

Also on the job site on Tuesday was Richard LaBay, the shop assistant in Construction Tech for 25 years, who also worked on the Gazebo (Park Square Pavilion) project. He said the last house they did was on the corner of Allen Avenue and Franklin Street, where they built a duplex seven years ago. He said it was a mirror duplex, and they had the juniors versus the seniors.

“Storms have hampered us big time. We’re a little behind schedule,” Roy said. He said the project will take until the end of the school year, and then they may be back in the fall. “We’re hoping, if the Bannish’s hold off, to be able to do the interior trim in the fall,” Roy said.



The Westfield Technical Academy Senior Construction Crew: Sara Whalen, Elijah White, Slav Chekhovskiy, A. J. Onofrey, Roman Protsun, Cody Garwacki, Tyler Starzyk.



WTA teachers Brian Roy and Gary Martineau.

**April After 5 Connection**

April 11, 2018 (5:00 – 7:00 pm). Join us for our April After 5 Connection hosted by Betts Plumbing & Heating Supply, Inc., 14 Coleman Avenue, Westfield, MA. FREE for Chamber members, \$10 General Public (cash/credit paid at the door). Refreshments will be served. 50/50 Raffle to benefit our Chamber Scholarship fund! Bring your business cards and make connections!

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**Quarter Auction to Benefit the Westfield Homeless Cat Project**

Join the Westfield Homeless Cat Project on April 12, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a Quarter Auction to benefit WHCP. A \$5.00 admission will include 2 paddles and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Beverages and snacks will also be available. We hope to see you at the Elks Lodge, 56, Franklin Street, Westfield, MA for a wallowing good time! WHCP is also seeking vendors for this event. For more information please contact Denise at denisesinico@hotmail.com or (413) 586-6964.

**Local Latino Stories**

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wanted to tell the many different types of stories from the Latino community in a way that maximized engagement — and that meant encouraging guests to feel comfortable speaking English, Spanish, or ‘Spanglish.’”

For WGBY Deputy General Manager Lynn Page, who helped develop Presencia, the bilingual characteristic of the show made captioning especially important.

“One of the missions of public television is to better connect diverse communities,” Page says. “Language barriers are real obstacles, and we weren’t going to engage a wide audience for Presencia without translating both English and Spanish dialogue.”

While most programs offer closed captioning in single languages, Presencia features an English-Spanish bilingual option.

“What I appreciate about Presencia is its courage,” says WGBY General Manager Anthony V. Hayes. “To be bilingual, to toggle back and forth between two languages — both widely used in the region — in a sincere effort to bring different demographics and ethnic groups together to reach a common understanding about our shared environment is truly admirable. I’m proud of our Presencia team, and I encourage everyone to tune

in and watch this unique local program.”

**THE THIRD SEASON**

Each episode of Presencia third season will carry an overarching theme. These episodic themes include such topics as inter-generational family relationships, Peruvian culture, cancer, depression, and others. Each broadcast will feature hosted discussions, digital stories created by local community members, and additional field pieces.

“It’s important to get out into the community,” Pabón-Hernandez says. “We want to show our stories, not just tell them from the studio.”

Presencia will air Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on WGBY beginning April 5 on WGBY. Program segments are available for anytime streaming at wgby.org/presencia. Full episodes will rebroadcast on Univision Saturdays at 11 a.m. on WHTX Springfield and Friday at 6 a.m. on WUVN Hartford.

Presencia is sponsored in part by the Chicopee Savings Charitable Foundation, Freedom Credit Union, and Springfield Technical Community College. Media sponsors include La Voz Hispana. Additional media partnerships involve MassLive, El Pueblo Latino, and The Republican.

**Government Meetings**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29**

**WESTFIELD**  
 Park & Rec at 6:30 pm

**MONDAY, APRIL 2**

**WESTFIELD**  
 License Commission at 6 pm  
 Fire Commission Meeting is cancelled.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3**

**HUNTINGTON**  
 Council on Aging at 1 pm

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# COMMENT



In this March 20, 2018 photo, student Imani Holt poses for a photograph in a classroom at Excel Academy in Baltimore. Holt was just 10 when she saw a neighbor getting fatally shot by a triggerman. She was so traumatized by the violence she refused to leave her family's apartment for weeks. She's since seen and heard the horrific aftermath of two more deadly shootings and attends the high school that's lost seven classmates to the daily drip of gun violence. (AP Photo)

## Trump is hopeful, but some skeptical ahead of US-NK talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — An enigmatic North Korean leader takes a secretive train trip to China to affirm fraternal ties and declare a commitment to denuclearization.

It sounds like Kim Jong Un's visit this week, but his father and predecessor Kim Jong Il made similar declarations on a trip to Beijing, months before he died in 2011. Yet North Korea's nuclear weapons development only speeded up.

President Donald Trump expressed optimism Wednesday after the younger Kim's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, saying there's "a good chance" that Kim will "do what is right for his people and for humanity." But there are plenty of reasons to be skeptical that the U.S.-North Korean summit slated for May will produce the breakthrough that Washington wants.

After a year of escalating tensions, Trump agreed to talks after South Korean officials relayed that Kim was committed to ridding the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons and was willing to halt nuclear and missile tests.

That has tamped down fears of war that elevated as Trump and Kim traded threats and insults and North Korea demonstrated it was close to being able to strike the U.S. with a nuclear-tipped missile.

Kim's meeting with Xi offered some reassurance to Washington that "denuclearization" will be up for negotiation if the first summit between American and North Korean leaders in seven decades of animosity takes place.

But while Trump has elevated expectations of what that sit-down would achieve, North Korea has yet to spell out what it wants in return for abandoning a weapons program that Kim likely views as a guarantee for the survival of his totalitarian regime.

The readout of Kim's remarks to Xi as reported by China's state news agency Xinhua strongly indicates Pyongyang is looking for significant American concessions.

"The issue of denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula can be resolved," Kim was quoted as saying, "if South Korea and the United States respond to our efforts with goodwill, create an atmosphere of peace and stability while taking progressive and synchronous measures for the realization of peace."

To many North Korea watchers, that sounds like old wine in a new bottle.

In May 2011, the elder Kim, who was making what would be his final trip to China, told then-president Hu Jintao that the North was "adhering to the goal of denuclearization."

That came months after North Korea had revealed a uranium enrichment plant that gave it a second path for making fuel for atomic bombs.

Abraham Denmark, a former senior U.S. defense official, said the North's latest offer to "denuclearize" still appears contingent on U.S. creating the right conditions. In the past, Pyongyang demanded that U.S. withdraw troops from the peninsula, end its security alliance with South Korea and the nuclear protection it offers its ally.

"It's possible that Kim Jong Un has a different meaning in mind," said Denmark, now director of the Asia program at the Wilson Center think tank. "So far it sounds like the same old tune."

Ending six years of international seclusion, Kim was spirited into Beijing by special train under tight security like his father before him. He met with Xi, seeking to repair relations that have been frayed as China has supported tough U.N. sanctions and slashed trade with its wayward ally in frustration over its refusal to stop its provocative behavior.

State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said Kim's first foreign trip was a "historic step in the right direction" and proof that U.S.-led campaign of "maximum pressure" of economic sanctions was working. Trump said that the pressure would be maintained for now, but offered an optimistic view of how he could achieve peace and denuclearization that eluded past administrations.

"Now there is a good chance that Kim Jong Un will do what is right for his people and for humanity. Look forward to our meeting!"

There's another way of looking at it.

It could be North Korea not the U.S. that is calling the shots. When Kim offered an olive branch to South Korea in the new year, he also warned that the entire U.S. was within range of the North's atomic weapons. With that capability in hand, he may now go on a diplomatic offensive, using it as leverage to win aid and security guarantees rather than with an intent of giving it up.

Trump's own choice as national security adviser John Bolton is famously skeptical of diplomacy with North Korea. Just a month ago, he made the case for a pre-emptive military strike on the North. That raises questions about whether he might advocate for the same should Trump's summit with Kim fail.

## Black teens on Parkland gun debate: What about us?

BALTIMORE (AP) — Imani Holt was just 10 when she saw a neighbor get fatally shot by a triggerman riding a bicycle. The African-American girl from a gritty section of Baltimore was so traumatized by the drug-fueled bloodshed she refused to leave her family's apartment for weeks.

In the eight years since, Holt has seen the chaotic aftermath of two more deadly shootings and has lost seven high school classmates to the daily drip of gun violence.

Like many black teenagers in neighborhoods hobbled by generational poverty, she is scrutinizing the national gun control debate intensely, frustrated because her community feels ignored but also cautiously hopeful that the massacre in Florida may bring about change closer to home.

"I feel really bad that they lost those kids in Florida. But, like, we go through shootings all the time. It's just that our shootings happen day by day. Because it happens on the regular up here, the world says it's really not that important," said the 18-year-old Holt, a junior at Excel Academy, an alternative high school across the street from a cluster of West Baltimore's boarded-up row houses.

Christina Martin, a 17-year-old who lost two schoolmates to gun violence this year at Thurgood Marshall Academy in Washington, noted that the victims in the affluent Parkland community were mostly white and Latino. None were African-American.

"We should have got the same attention in return," said Martin, who is black.

The gun violence toll is unrelenting in parts of Baltimore — a city that reached a grim milestone last year when the per-capita homicide rate rose to 56 killings per 100,000 people. That's the highest rate among the country's 30 biggest cities.

Even as Excel Academy students prepared for last Saturday's March for Our Lives protest, gun violence struck again: A 17-year-old classmate was shot on a street corner, three bullets in the back by an unidentified gunman.

The deaths of seven classmates to gun violence over the span of 15 months have left deep emotional scars. The students at Excel agree that their high school — with a metal detector at the entrance — provides a sense of security. But the toll on their bodies and minds is significant. Nerves are on edge. It can be hard to concentrate.

"It's really scary. You just want to go to sleep, wake up and

see the same people you saw yesterday. But it's like: One day you see somebody, the next day they're gone," Holt said.

At the New Hope Baptist Church in New Orleans' Central City neighborhood — an area that has struggled with crime — Pastor Jamaal Weathersby has presided over funeral services for a toddler killed in a shooting and three brothers all shot in the same incident. He worries about the impact that repeated gun violence has on young people.

"There are so many young people who are suffering silently, trying to internalize how their brothers, sisters, uncles, even parents are being gunned down in our streets and I think it's something, no matter how long, eventually I believe it's going to come out in some shape, form or fashion, whether it's depression, keeping up in school," he said.

Parkland's student protesters are well aware that their peers in inner-city districts are dealing with the impact of gun violence daily. Earlier this month, they met with Chicago teens. Before the Washington march on Saturday, a number of students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School went to Thurgood Marshall High School to hear from students there.

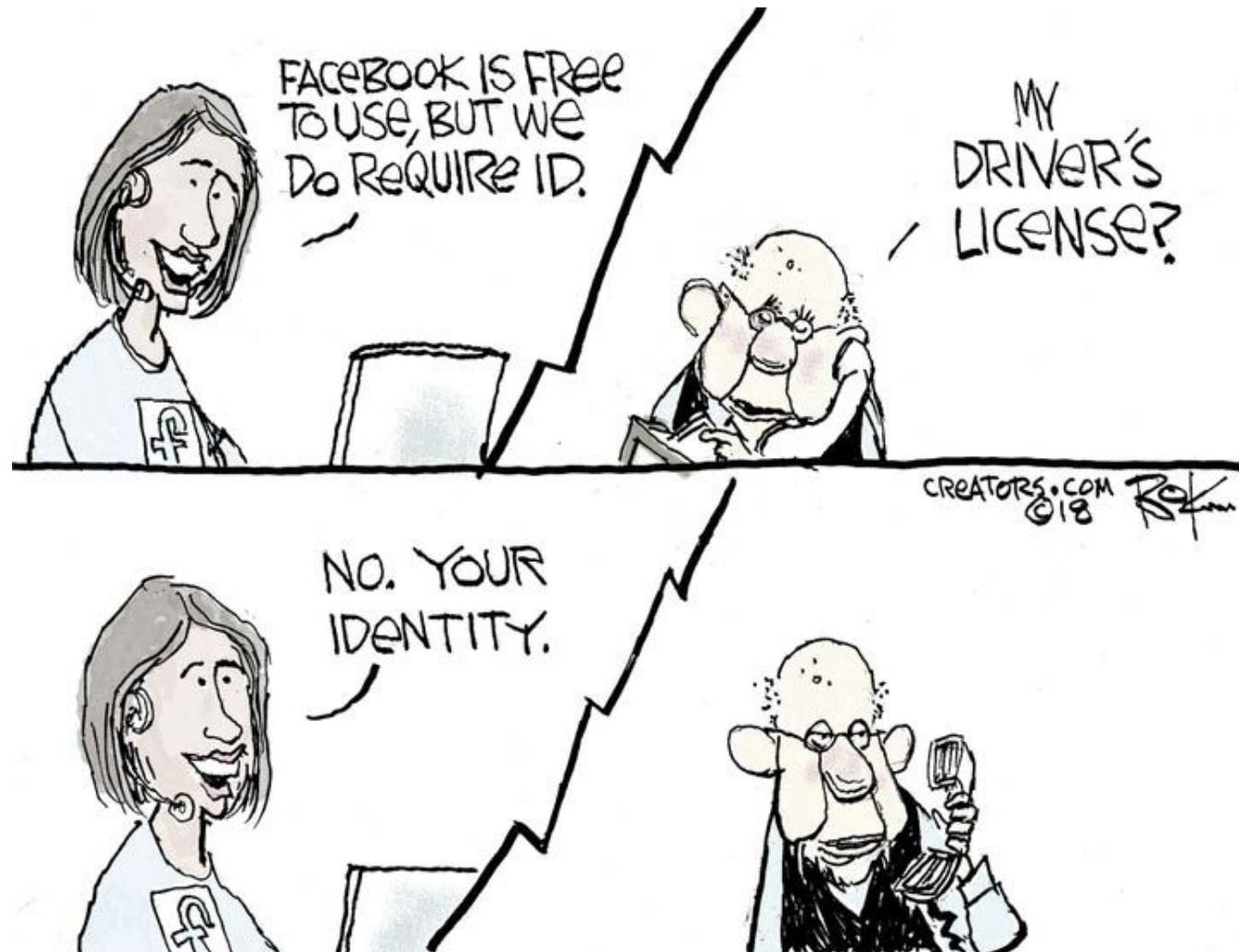
"We openly recognize that we are privileged individuals and would not have received as much attention if it weren't for the affluence of our city. Because of that, however, we share the stage today and forever with those who have always stared down the barrel of a gun," Parkland student Jaelyn Corin said during a speech Saturday.

Many worry that despite the renewed attention on gun violence and gun laws, little will change. Angel Anderson went to the New Orleans March for Our Lives rally Saturday to support her 13-year-old daughter. Her own son was robbed at gunpoint outside her house in the middle of the day by a gunman who wanted his hover board.

"I just feel like we're on our own," she said.

Others are hopeful that the voices of impassioned young people can push policymakers to do something.

"This gun violence has got to stop somewhere," said Holt, who was among 25 Excel Academy students and staff who joined hundreds of thousands of people Saturday to call for tougher laws against firearms and ammo at Washington's March for Our Lives rally. "This might be the start of real change happening now. Not just for Florida, for us too. For everybody."



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# POLICE LOGS

## WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report  
Thursday, March 22, 2018

**9:07 a.m.:** trespass, Broad Street, a patrol officer reports a chronic trespasser's image has been captured on a business's security video, a criminal complaint was filed;

**11:18 a.m.:** fraud, a resident came to the station to complain that an unknown person has listed her property for rent without authority, the responding officer reports the complainant said that she posted advertisements for the property on-line and one of the persons who contacted her but never kept an appointment to see the property has now listed the property for rent as her own;

**4:40 p.m.:** accident, Main Street, a caller reports tractor trailer unit struck a car which was pushed into a building, the responding officer reports no injuries were reported but there is damage to the building, the owner was notified and the car was towed;

**4:46 p.m.:** animal complaint, Heritage Lane, a caller reports what may be a baby hawk is trapped on her porch, the responding animal control officer reports the bird is a quail and it was transported to the Westfield Animal Shelter;

**8:40 p.m.:** vandalism, Franklin Street, a caller reports an unknown person just slashed the front tires of his rented pickup trucks and fled on foot, perhaps to a waiting vehicle, the responding officer reports a vehicle which may be associated with the suspect was identified but no suspect was found, the vandalized vehicle was left in place until a repair crew can respond in the morning;

**10:40 p.m.:** illegal trash disposal, Lockhouse Road, a patrol officer reports discarded dresser and other debris was found at Arm Brook Park.



Prosecutors listed Janice Dickinson in a letter informing Judge Steven O'Neill which women they planned to call at Cosby's April 2, 2018, retrial on charges he drugged and molested a woman in 2004.



Bill Cosby, right, arrives for a pretrial hearing in his sexual assault case, Thursday, March 29, 2018, at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)



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# COURT LOGS

## Westfield District Court Wednesday, March 21, 2018

**Christina M. Denardo**, 51, of 81 Valley View Ave., Woronoco, was released on her personal recognizance pending a May 11 hearing after she was arraigned on charges leaving the scene of property damage and malicious destruction of property valued more than \$250 brought by Russell police.

**Michael R. Hiltbrand**, 46, of 5 Green Ave., Westfield, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery brought by Westfield police and was placed on probation for six months. He was assessed \$50.

## Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**Ronald L. Briere**, 50, of 32 Woodlawn St., Springfield, pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery on a family or household member and assault and battery with serious bodily injury brought by Southwick police and was sentenced to two concurrent 18-month terms in the house of correction with 18 months to be served direct with credit for time served awaiting trial and the balance suspended with probation until July 20, 2018. In a second case, **Briere** pleaded guilty to charges of larceny of property valued less than \$250, identity fraud, and unauthorized access to a computer system and was sentenced to three one year terms to be served concurrently with sentences imposed in the other cases. Additional charges of larceny of property valued less than \$250, identity fraud, and unauthorized access to a computer system were not prosecuted.

**Anthony M. Rhodes**, 37, of 32 Ed Holcomb Rd., Southwick, was released on his personal recognizance pending a May 17 hearing after he was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member brought by Southwick police.

**Scott F. Hutchinson**, 39, of 128 Point Grove Road, Southwick, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle brought by Southwick police and was sentenced to a six month term in the house of correction, suspended, with probation for two years. He was fined \$750, assessed a total of \$850 and a marked lanes violation was not prosecuted.

## Woman indicted in attempted shooting of state trooper

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts grand jury has indicted a woman whose DNA linked her to the attempted shooting of a state trooper.

The Sun Chronicle reports 49-year-old Julie Rabinowitz was indicted on one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. Prosecutors said Tuesday additional charges of assault with attempt to murder and attempted assault with a dangerous weapon were dropped.

Authorities say Rabinowitz shot at the trooper as he was driving through Mansfield in 2015. The trooper was uninjured.

Investigators found a rifle and a hat near the scene, and Rabinowitz was arrested in February after investigators tied her to the shooting through DNA.

Prosecutors say she had given a DNA sample after her conviction for attacking her ex-husband with a hatchet.

The woman's lawyer says she has mental health issues.

## Former employee

### charged in day care scam

WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Prosecutors say a former day care worker in Massachusetts defrauded the state out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in a scheme that affected more than 100 families.

Demetris Pringle, of Everett, was arraigned Wednesday on charges of breaking and entering and larceny. Authorities say the 35-year-old's scheme took place over an eight month period while he worked as the director of enrollment at South Shore Stars day care.

Police say Pringle underreported parent's wages to get higher child care subsidies from the state and pocketed the difference.

They say he also stole client files, which gave him access to tax information and social security numbers.

Pringle's attorney tells WFXT-TV they are planning a "vigorous defense" against the allegations.

# Cosby's legal team pressuring judge to quit, delay retrial

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bill Cosby's lawyers are expected to make a last-ditch effort on Thursday to postpone the comedian's sexual assault retrial by pressuring the judge to step aside after losing their bid to overturn his ruling allowing up to five additional accusers to testify.

The defense first demanded Judge Steven O'Neill recuse himself last week, arguing in court papers that he could be seen as biased because his wife is a social worker who has described herself as an "advocate for assault victims."

Now the retooled defense team, led by former Michael Jackson lawyer Tom Mesereau, is going face-to-face with O'Neill in his suburban Philadelphia courtroom at a final pretrial hearing before the start of jury selection on Monday.

Cosby was escorted into the courthouse Thursday morning on the arm of his spokesman. The 80-year-old Cosby has pleaded not guilty to charges he drugged and molested former Temple University athletics administrator Andrea Constand at his home in 2004.

O'Neill presided over Cosby's first trial, which ended in a hung jury last year. The retrial could be delayed indefinitely if he bows out.

The judge's wife, Deborah O'Neill, is a psychotherapist at the University of Pennsylvania and coordinates a team that cares and advocates for student sexual assault victims.

Cosby's lawyers said that last year she gave money to a

group linked to an organization that is planning a protest outside the retrial.

As Cosby's lawyers are battling with O'Neill, they also are counting on him to make critical rulings to bolster their defense that Constand is a money-grubbing liar.

Cosby's lawyers want permission to call a witness who says Constand told her that she was not assaulted but could make up allegations to sue and get money, and they want jurors to hear how much Cosby paid her in a 2006 civil settlement.

They also are still fighting O'Neill's ruling allowing as many as five additional accusers to testify after he allowed just one to take the stand at Cosby's first trial.

Pennsylvania's Superior Court on Wednesday rejected an appeal over O'Neill deci-

sion not to let Cosby's lawyers immediately challenge his ruling in a higher court.

Documents made public showed that prosecutors have chosen model Janice Dickinson as one of the women they plan to have testify. She says Cosby drugged and raped her in Lake Tahoe in 1982.

Prosecutors, who have decried the defense attacks on O'Neill as a "thinly veiled attempt to delay and pollute the jury pool," are looking for the judge to keep out talk of a prior investigation into Constand's allegations and a recent political race where putting Cosby behind bars was at issue.

Prosecutors say former District Attorney Bruce Castor's stated reasoning that he did not charge Cosby in 2005 because the case was weak and he wanted him to

speak freely in a civil deposition is irrelevant to the case at hand.

They say Castor's unsuccessful campaign against current DA Kevin Steele in 2015 and his ongoing legal skirmish with Constand also are irrelevant.

Steele's predecessor, Risa Vetri Ferman, reopened the investigation in 2015 after The Associated Press fought to unseal parts of Cosby's deposition testimony — including lurid passages about him giving drugs to women he wanted to have sex with. Cosby was charged shortly before the statute of limitations was set to expire.

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand and Dickinson have done.

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# ARTS LEISURE



Broadway's huge blockbuster Hamilton, the Lin Manuel Miranda musical that puts Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, the Schuyler Sisters and other historic Americans center-stage, is coming to Hartford for the holidays, December 11-30. The Broadway Series at the Bushnell also includes the current Broadway hits The Play That Goes Wrong, Waitress, and Come From Away. Touring productions of recent revivals Fiddler on The Roof and Rent will stop in Hartford, along with Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Also on the line-up are Disney's The Lion King, Cats, Beautiful: The Carol King Musical, and The Sound of Music. For details: 860.987.5900 or <https://bushnell.org/1819SeasonTickets>

Hamilton is Hartford-bound. Photo by Joan Marcus.

**Hamilton's Home For The Holidays**

## The Age of Innocence: World Premiere at Hartford Stage

Edith Wharton's masterpiece, The Age of Innocence, as adapted for the stage by Doug McGrath, has its world premiere at Hartford Stage on April 5-May 6. Doug Hughes directs an all-star cast, which includes four-time Tony Award winner Boyd Gaines, Broadway's Sierra Boggess, Helen Cespedes, and Andrew Veenstra.

The Age of Innocence, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1921, is one of Edith Wharton's most memorable novels. Set during the Gilded Age in New York, McGrath's powerful and poignant adaptation introduces us to the courtly young gentleman lawyer Newland Archer; his traditional and demure fiancée May; and the free-spirited Countess Ellen Olenska, who has come home from Europe, tainted by scandal. From the moment Newland meets the Countess, he is torn between virtue and desire, and all three are forced to make the agonizing choice, ever old and ever new, between love and honor.

Playwright and screenwriter Douglas McGrath received a Tony Award nomination for Best Book for Beautiful: The Carole King Musical. His first film as a writer and director was his adaptation of Jane Austen's Emma, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. He co-wrote the screenplay for the Oscar-nominated film Bullets Over Broadway, which transferred to Broadway as a Tony Award-nominated musical. Director Doug Hughes won the 2005 Tony Award for Best Direction of a Play for Doubt. He also received a Tony Award nomination for the play Frozen, which performed at Circle in the Square on Broadway. Many area people have visited Edith Wharton's house, The Mount, in Lenox, where Wharton and her husband lived from 1902-1911. It's a must-see, when you're headed to the Berkshires.

For details: <https://www.edithwharton.org/> For details on The Age of Innocence: 860-527-5151 or [www.hartfordstage.org](http://www.hartfordstage.org).



Boyd Gaines and Sierra Boggess stars in The Age of Innocence at Hartford Stage



### KEEP IN MIND

**New Worlds:** Bill Murray, Jan Vogler and Friends. Bill Murray and Jan Vogler met during their travels and became friends in New York. Curious about each others artistic world and interests, the actor and cellist soon had the idea to work together on a project. New Worlds has a performance at The Bushnell in Hartford on April 10. For details: 860-987-5900 or <https://bushnell.org/>



**New Worlds:** Bill Murray, Jan Vogler and Friends

Chris Potter. Photo by Tama Talaber



phony performs Copland's Suite from Billy The Kid. For details: 860-987-5900 or [www.hartfordsymphony.org](http://www.hartfordsymphony.org)

**The Revisionist**, the Off-Broadway hit by Jesse Eisenberg, comes to West Hartford's Playhouse on Park in its New England premiere April 11-29. Eisenberg is star of The Social Network and frequent contributor to The New Yorker. In this comedic drama, a young science fiction writer named David journeys to Poland to stay with his 75-year-old second cousin, Maria, a widowed Holocaust survivor. As their bond grows, David learns a profound secret about Maria's past that challenges their relationship and teaches them both about the meaning of being a family. For details: 860-523-5900 x10 or [www.playhouseonpark.org](http://www.playhouseonpark.org)

**Chris Potter**, Grammy Award winning saxophonist, and composer, performs at the

UMass Fine Arts Center on April 7. Potter's quartet features Adam Rogers on guitar, Fima Ephron on bass, and Marcus Gilmore

on drums. For details: 413-545-2511, 800-999-UMAS or [www.fineartscenter.com](http://www.fineartscenter.com).

**Berkshire Theatre Group** is partnering with the Stockbridge Library, Museum & Archives to present a free exhibit, showcasing the 90-year history of Berkshire Theatre Festival with photographs, letters, posters, props, and costume pieces. The exhibit runs April 2 through June 30 in Stockbridge Library's exhibit space just outside of the Procter Museum & Archives of Stockbridge History, which is housed in the lower level of the Library. For details: [www.berkshiretheatregroup.org](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org).

### OF NOTE

New Century Theatre will be on hiatus during 2018 and will not be presenting a summer season, according to a message on its website by company co-founder Sam Rush. At this point the future plans of the company remain unclear. "No one could be more disappointed than I am that we are unable to present a 28th season this year", says Rush. "However, this is the most responsible course of action at this time". For details: <http://www.newcenturytheatre.org/>

Darko Tresnjak, Hartford Stage Artistic Director who steps down after next season, will direct the world premiere of This Ain't No Disco for Atlantic Theatre, a new musical from Stephen Trask (Hedwig and the Angry Inch) and Peter Yawnowitz (The Wallflowers). Trip Cullman, who was previously announced to direct, has left the production because of scheduling conflicts. The musical opens in June. For details: <https://atlantictheater.org/playevents/this-aint-no-disco/>



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### Annual Western Mass Legislators Pancake Breakfast

Senator Don Humason cordially invites you to join him and his staff for his Annual Western Mass Legislators Pancake Breakfast at Café Santorini, 930 Southampton Road, Westfield, Friday March 30, 2018 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Staff & spouses are welcome, compliments of Senator Humason. The annual gathering of colleagues and staff is to celebrate the arrival of maple sugaring season and spring in Western Massachusetts. To RSVP or for more information, call Senator Humason's District Office at (413) 568-1366 or email Michelle Moriarty at [michelle.moriarty@masenate.gov](mailto:michelle.moriarty@masenate.gov).

### Celebrate the beginning of flight with Wright!

Students at Chester Elementary School will present the youth musical "Wright!" on Thursday, April 5 in the Gateway Performing Arts Center in Huntington. A student art exhibit will open at 6 p.m. The curtain rises for the musical at 6:30 p.m. Featuring rap, song and narration this all-school revue (featuring students K - 5) tells the story of the Wright Brothers and the invention of the airplane. Admission is free!

### 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](mailto:Nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com).

### 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.

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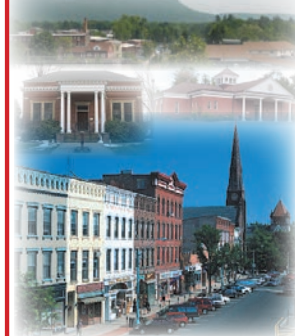
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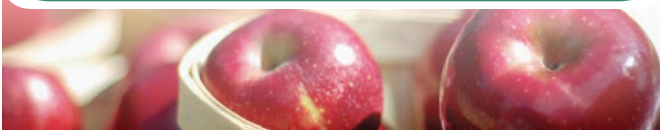
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### Quarter Auction to Benefit the Westfield Homeless Cat Project

Join the Westfield Homeless Cat Project on April 12, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for a Quarter Auction to benefit WHCP. A \$5.00 admission will include 2 paddles and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Beverages and snacks will also be available. We hope to see you at the Elks Lodge, 56, Franklin Street, Westfield, MA for a walloping good time! WHCP is also seeking vendors for this event. For more information please contact Denise at denisesinico@hotmail.com or (413) 586-6964.

### First Congregational Church of Westfield Announces Annual Spring Rummage Sale

First Congregational Church, 18 Broad St. Westfield will hold its Annual Spring Rummage Sale with a preview and sale, Friday evening April 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM with admission of fifty cents per person. On Saturday, April 14th admission will be free hours are 9-2, with a bags sale starting at noon We will be offering clothing for children and adults, glass ware, small electrics, furniture, beautiful collectibles, pictures and frames, books toys and home décor. First Church's Rummage Sales always yield something for everyone. So come early and stay late for the bargains. Please stop by for a visit.

### Annual German Dinner

St. John's Lutheran Church, 60 Broad Street, Westfield, is having their Annual German Dinner on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The menu is roast pork, hot dogs, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. The tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$8.00 for children (5-12 years), and children under five are free. Take-out is also available beginning at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, you may contact Sally Sienkiewicz at 562-3186 or St. John's Church 568-1417.

### Antique Appraisal Show Sponsored By Southwick Lions

Clean out your attic, gather your knick-knacks and jewelry, collect those odds-and-ends and bring them to the 4th Annual Antique Appraisal Show sponsored by the Southwick Lions Club on April 15th at the Southwick Town Hall. Learn the value of your personal treasures. Several antique appraisers will be on hand to tell you a brief history of your items and what they are worth.

The Antique Appraisal Show will be held on Sunday April 15th from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Southwick Town Hall located at 454 College Highway in Southwick, MA. The cost is \$3 per item, or \$5 for two items. Multiple items priced accordingly. Service is provided on a first come basis.

The Antique Appraisal Show is sponsored by the Southwick Lions Club. All proceeds will benefit the Southwick Lions Scholarship Fund, Sight and Hearing Research, and Diabetes Research. If you have any questions about this event contact Lion Tracy Meczywar at 413-998-3557.

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8-10am: Wednesday Roll Call - Rotating Hosts

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ArtsBeat with Mark Auerbach (9-10am)

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

**THURSDAYS**

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

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9-10am: Superintendents' Spotlight with Stefan Czaporowski

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8-9 am: Conversations with Pete Cowles

**SATURDAYS**

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**65<sup>TH</sup> YEAR! 2018**

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### College Planning Workshop at Gateway

The Gateway Guidance Department is hosting an evening workshop for juniors and underclassmen on the college planning process on Thursday, April 5 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the middle school double room (112/114).

This workshop is for juniors and their families, but is open to all underclassmen at the school. Topics to be discussed include: creating a college list, admissions policies, college entrance testing, college applications, essays, recommendations, financial aid, college visits, and interviews. (Come early and take part in the International Dinner, sponsored by Gateway's Model United Nations Club!) Sign up in the Guidance Office. Contact the Guidance Office at (413) 685-1107 if you have questions.

### Celebrate the beginning of flight with Wright!

Students at Chester Elementary School will present the youth musical "Wright!" on Thursday, April 5 in the Gateway Performing Arts Center in Huntington. A student art exhibit will open at 6 p.m. The curtain rises for the musical at 6:30 p.m. Featuring rap, song and narration this all-school revue (featuring students K - 5) tells the story of the Wright Brothers and the invention of the airplane. Admission is free!

### Join MUN for their annual International Dinner!

Join Gateway's Model United Nations' (MUN) Club on Thursday, April 5 for their annual International Dinner. This event is centered on community, multicultural food, and music! It will take place in the Gateway cafeteria from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Food will be offered from various cultures and traditions.

Admission (at the door) will be \$5 for students, \$8 for adults. Fundraisers like the international dinner help alleviate the cost of conferences that MUN students attend at schools and colleges throughout the northeast. MUN recently attended a conference at UMASS the weekend of March 9-11, and thanks to the community attending events like the international dinner (and a grant from the Gateway Education Foundation) students attended free of charge!

### SOUTHAMPTON ROAD SCHOOL TEDDY BEARS



"We care beary much" and hope the children at Bay State Children's Hospital get well soon!

# #Kindness

Ms. Broderick, Ms. Stella, Ms. Loughy, and Ms. Arkoette organized 4 classes of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Southampton Road School with a program focusing on kindness this year and want to extend the spirit of kindness into our community. 60+ 2<sup>nd</sup> graders collected over 100 teddy bears and wrote get well cards to the children at Bay State Children's Hospital and Children's Specialty Center to try and make their hospital stay better. (Photos by Lynn F. Boscher)



Emma Trybus and Julia Slavin with their bears.



Zoe Alger and Nolan Baker with more bears.



Amarii Seymour and Frances Bargatti add their get well wishes.



Lucy Alger and Dan Gelmodinov also bring their "Get Well Cards"



Zane Jasmin brings even more bears.

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# SPORTS

## Bruins, defenseman Zdeno Chara agree to 1-year extension

Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara signed a contract that will take him through his 42nd birthday, and he's already anticipating the next one.

"I believe, myself, that I'm going to be playing beyond this contract," he said on Wednesday after agreeing to a one-year deal that will pay him at least \$5 million.

"No matter how long you want to continue to play, you have to perform. You have to back up your status," he said. "So I know I need to go out there every night and do my job, perform and play hard and work hard and be a great example for my teammates. (The) rest of it, it will fall into place."

A five-time All-Star who was the league's best defenseman in 2009, Chara turned 41 this month but still leads the Bruins in time on ice with an average of 23 minutes per game. He has seven goals and 16 assists this season, his 20th in the NHL, and is the franchise's third-leading scorer for a defenseman, behind Hall of Famers Ray Bourque and Bobby Orr.

"He's been a dominant player this year," Bruins general manager Don Sweeney said. "He takes all of the hard matchups still, doesn't shy away from any situations and has embraced the role that he's kind of emerged into. ... He's indicated that he wants to perform at a high, high level, he expects to perform at a high level, and he's backed that up."

Chara was in the final year of a seven-year, \$45 million contract that reportedly paid him \$4 million this year. His new deal guarantees him \$5 million but also has incentives that could pay him \$1.75 million more.

"I will not be surprised if we're sitting here (again)," Sweeney said, "because he's indicated he wants to continue to play."

Sweeney conceded that Chara had leverage if he went to the free agent market. But the 6-foot-9 Bruins captain said he wanted to stay in Boston and help develop young players such as Charlie McAvoy, Jake DeBrusk and Anders Bjork.

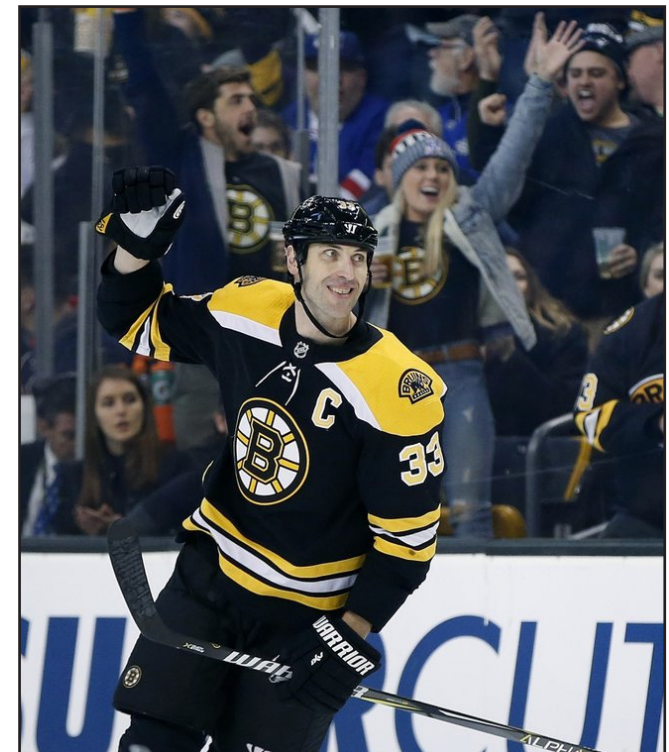
"I believe in this team," Chara said. "It's very exciting to be a part of this team. I think this team has a chance, and that's all you can ask for. The rest of it is up to us to do on the ice. So, yeah, that was my priority, to stay in Boston, to be a Boston Bruin."

Sweeney said Chara's influence isn't just on the younger players.

"It really is a ripple effect through our whole hockey club," the GM said. "Every player realizes the bar is set so high with a player that has accomplished as much as he has, yet he shows up every day. ... At times, when we're trying to get him off the ice, he wants to be on it more. So, I think the example for excellence starts with Zdeno."

Chara played in the Bruins' first 68 games this season before an unspecified injury that has sidelined him since March 13. Boston has also played without Patrice Bergeron, David Backes, Rick Nash, Torey Krug, McAvoy and DeBrusk this month, but is just one point behind the Tampa Bay Lightning for the best record in the Eastern Conference heading into Thursday night's matchup.

"I'm so proud of the team, and what the guys have been able to do with so many guys being out of the lineup," Chara said. "Just a great indication that this team has a never-give-up attitude and willing to fight till the last whistle."



In this Dec. 16, 2017, file photo, Boston Bruins' Zdeno Chara (33), of Slovakia, celebrates a goal by teammate Danton Heinen against the New York Rangers during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Boston. The Bruins have locked up defenseman Zdeno Chara for another season. The Bruins agreed to pay the 2009 Norris Trophy winner \$5 million next year, when he will turn 42, with incentives that could add another \$1.75 million. (AP Photo/Michael Dwyer, File)

## 64th Annual Youth Fishing Derby at the Westfield Sportsman's Club

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Sportsman's Club will hold their 64th Annual Youth Fishing Derby on **Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Club pond on Furrowtown Road in Westfield. The derby is held rain or shine and is **FREE to all AREA YOUTH 15 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER**. Prizes will be awarded. The pond will be freshly stocked with trout. Lucky anglers should **BRING THEIR OWN FISHING EQUIPMENT AND BAIT**. No MA fishing license is needed. Club memberships and refreshments will be available for purchase. No one under the age of 18 is allowed on Club property without an adult who is at least 18 years old. Waivers **MUST** be signed by adults accompanying child prior to fishing. For more information call (413) 562-1820. Club email: westfieldsportsmensclub.com



Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum (0), celebrates with Jaylen Brown, bottom, after Brown scored the winning 3-pointer against the Utah Jazz in an NBA basketball game Wednesday, March 28, 2018, in Salt Lake City. The Celtics won 97-94. (AP)

## Brown's 3-pointer lifts Celtics to win over Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jaylen Brown's 3-pointer gave the short-handed Boston Celtics more than just a perfect road trip.

It gave him some much-needed rest.

Brown's basket with 0.3 seconds left gave the Celtics a 97-94 victory Wednesday night over the Utah Jazz.

"I was just hoping it went in there, man," Brown said. "I had nothing left for OT, so I'm just happy to win."

Boston did not allow the Jazz to score over the final 2:25 and ended the game on a 9-0 run. Brown's winner from straightaway came after Joe Ingles missed a potential go-ahead shot for the Jazz with 16 seconds remaining.

Jayson Tatum added 16 for the Celtics, who won their fifth straight despite their injuries. Terry Rozier chipped in 13 points.

With Kyrie Irving out after knee surgery, and Marcus Morris and Al Horford both sidelined with ankle injuries, the Celtics finished a 4-0 trip to the West in what would have been Gordon Hayward's return to Utah had he not been injured in the season opener.

This latest winning effort came because of Boston's ability to get stops late in the game. Utah didn't score again after Jae Crowder cut to the hoop to put the Jazz up 94-88.

"We played more zone tonight than we have in two years," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "Their high pick-and-rolls were giving us fits and we had to play some double bigs there for a while. Guys just kind of battled and hung around."

Donovan Mitchell scored 22 points for Utah. Ricky Rubio tallied 14 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds, and Crowder added 16 points off the bench. The Jazz (42-33) lost for the third time in five games.

Utah seemed in control in the third quarter, forcing 10 turnovers and turning them into 15 points. It helped the Jazz rip off a 15-0 run, also fueled by three 3-pointers from Rubio and Crowder, to take a 69-58 lead.

"They were pressuring us good," Stevens said. "They were switching a lot of screens on and off the ball. They were really physical with us and into our bodies. Rubio did a great job at the point of attack defensively."

Boston charged back in the fourth quarter. Back-to-back 3-pointers from Rozier and

Shane Larkin helped trim the deficit to 85-84. Crowder and Mitchell answered with back-to-back layups to keep the Jazz in front.

Boston kept coming and tied it at 94 on Tatum's dunk with 1:09 left.

Utah had a 13-0 run in the first quarter to take a 18-12 lead. Rudy Gobert had three baskets, including a go-ahead layup, to fuel the run. Boston missed 14 of 17 shots and scored six total points over the final 8:53 of the quarter.

The teams reversed roles during the second quarter. Boston found its shooting rhythm and shut down Utah on the other end of the court. The Celtics surged in front behind a 16-2 run, taking a 46-34 lead late in the quarter. Brown put Boston in front with back-to-back baskets and capped the spurt with his second 3-pointer of the game. Utah missed six of seven shots during the run.

"We had lack of focus at times," Mitchell said. "Sometimes, like at the first of the game, we didn't play well offensively and that puts too much pressure on our defense."

### TIP-INS

Celtics: Boston committed 18 total turnovers and gave up 24 points on those turnovers. ... Rozier scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter. ... The Celtics went 12 of 21 from 3-point range, including five makes in the fourth quarter.

Jazz: Utah made five 3-pointers in the third quarter after shooting 4 of 16 from the perimeter in the first half. ... Mitchell set up the third quarter Jazz rally by scoring 10 points in the first four minutes of the second half. ... The Jazz shot 20 free throws in the second half after attempting one free throw before halftime.

### FANTASTIC FINISHES

The Celtics completed their 14th double-digit comeback this season, tied for second-most in the NBA. Boston now has made five go-ahead field goals in the final five seconds of a game this season, the most of any NBA team.

Brown credits the team's character and refusal to give up under adversity.

"I don't think it's really nothing new," Brown said. "We've been doing it all year. I know the way we've won, with last-second shots and things like that, have been big, but we've been doing it all year. It's nothing new



Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum, rear, hugs Jaylen Brown, left, after Brown scored the winning 3-pointer against the Utah Jazz during an NBA basketball game Wednesday, March 28, 2018, in Salt Lake City. The Celtics won 97-94. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)



JAYLEN BROWN

to us."

### UP NEXT

Celtics: Host the Raptors on Saturday.

Jazz: Host the Grizzlies on Friday.

Boston Celtics guard Jaylen Brown (7) lays the ball up as Utah Jazz's Rudy Gobert, left, and Donovan Mitchell (45) defend in the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, March 28, 2018, in Salt Lake City. (AP Photo)



# MASCAC Winter 2018 All-Academic Team

WESTFIELD — A total of 415 student-athletes have been honored by the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference with selection to the league's Winter 2018 All-Academic Team that was released earlier today by Commissioner Angela Baumann.



Student Athlete's that compete in championship varsity sports by each of the MASCAC institutions during the course of the Winter 2018 athletic season and have achieved a 3.20 cumulative or semester-based grade point average during the semester are eligible for selection to the Winter All-Academic Team.

Westfield State University placed with the most student-athletes on the Winter 2018 MASCAC All-Academic Team with 101 total, while Worcester State University is second with 84, Bridgewater State University is close behind in third with 83, Fitchburg State University is fourth with 56 and Salem State University is fifth with 39 student-athletes on the team.

"I want to applaud all of the student-athletes who were named to the MASCAC Winter 2018 All-Academic team," Commissioner Baumann said. "Success in the classroom is as important as success on the playing field and our student-athletes exemplify that as shown by the number of them on this team."

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's oldest Division III men's and women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of competitive success while celebrating excellence in the classroom. MASCAC member schools include Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University, and Worcester State University. Two other institutions, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members in the conference in the sports of football and men's ice hockey, while Western Connecticut State University joined the conference as a football affiliate member in 2013.

# Barnes, Dunn Lead as Owls Chop Down Elms, 4-2

WESTFIELD — Graduate student lefthander Nate Barnes (Westfield, Mass.) tossed eight innings to earn the win and Colin Dunn (Westfield, Mass.) homered as Westfield State stopped local rival Elms College, 4-2 on Wednesday afternoon at Bud and Jim Hagan Field.

Barnes allowed just four hits with one earned run and no walks while striking out four to earn his second win of the season. Junior Jamie Butler worked a 1-2-3 ninth to pick up his fourth save of the season.

Westfield struck for a pair of runs in the bottom of the first, as Jared Ferrari (Waltham, Mass.) walked and Dunn launched a high-arching fly ball over the left field fence.

The Owls put men on base all afternoon, but struggled to bring them around to score, leaving 11 on base. The Owls added a single run in the second as Jake Gibb (Stoughton, Mass.) doubled to lead off the inning and later scored on Ferrari's sacrifice fly to center.

Westfield scratched for another



NATE BARNES

er run in the fifth as John Lippincott (NW Reg./Barkhamsted, Conn.) drew a one out walk, advanced on a walk to Kyle Murphy (Westfield, Mass.), and scored on Gibb's single to centerfield.

Elms tallied both of their runs in the sixth getting back to back base hits to lead off the inning from Jaeden Rasmus (Central/Bristol, Conn.) and Brandon Bennett (Easthampton, Mass.). Both advanced when Barnes throwing error allowed Andy

Vasquez (Knox School/Queens, NY) to reach after a sacrifice bunt attempt, but the Owls left settled back in, inducing a ground out from Ben Ross (Woodstock/Thompson, Conn.) that scored one run, another ground out from Alex Hoss (Stafford Springs, Conn.) to score the second run, then punctuated the inning by striking out Thomas Slane (Tolland, Conn.) to end the threat.

Ferrari, Dunn and Gibb each recorded a pair of hits for the Owls. Ferrari reached four times in five trips, adding a walk and a HBP.

For Elms, starter Kevin Banas (Smith Acad./Hatfield, Mass.) (0-1) took the loss, working three innings in his first pitching appearance of the season.

Westfield State is scheduled to play Worcester State in the first MASCAC doubleheader of the year on Friday, with a scheduled 9:45 AM start time at the New England Baseball Complex in Northborough, Mass. Check WestfieldStateOwls.com for the latest Owls schedule updates.



Westfield State's Emily Arredondo picked up her first collegiate pitching win on Wednesday in a 12-0 shutout of Elms College. (file photo)

## Softball Sweeps Doubleheader at Elms

Owls win by 12-0 and 8-0 scores

WESTFIELD, Mass. -- Westfield natives Maddy Atkocaitis and Karly Mastello had big days at the plate, and freshman Emily Arredondo (Woburn, Mass.) and sophomore Emily Woodworth (Marlborough, Mass.) each threw shutouts as the Westfield State Owls softball team swept a non-conference doubleheader from Elms College at Condon Field in Chicopee on Wednesday afternoon.

Westfield State improves to 3-9 with the two wins; Elms falls to 3-10 with the losses.

In the opener, Westfield plated 11 runs in the top of the second inning to blow the game open. Atkocaitis led off the inning with a base hit, Caitlin Hughes (Whitman Hanson/Hanson, Mass.) followed with another, and Mastello delivered an RBI double to give Westfield a 1-0 lead.

Bri Tortora (St. Peter Marian/Worcester, Mass.) added a 2-run triple later in the inning and scored on a wild pitch, Hughes delivered an RBI single of her own, and Mastello followed with a 2-run triple. Angelica Banning (Granby HS/W. Suffield, Conn.) launched a two run home run to complete the scoring in the big inning.

Mastello finished game one 3-3 with three rbi and two runs scored. Titora, Atkocaitis, Banning, Hughes and Michaela LeBlanc (Marblehead, Mass.) all added two hits.

Arredondo picked up her first collegiate pitching win by tossing five shutout innings. She allowed two hits and three walks and struck out two.

In the nightcap, Westfield continued to swing hot bats, scoring two runs in each of the first two innings. Hughes and Banning each rapped RBI singles in the first inning. Atkocaitis ripped a 2-run home run in the second to stake Westfield to a 4-0 lead. Hughes and Banning later added RBI base hits in the sixth to add to the margin of victory.

Banning and Hughes each had two hits and three RBI in the night cap. Atkocaitis scored three times and drove in two with the homer. Mastello, Tortora, and Lindsay Cordopatri each added a pair of hits.

Woodworth tossed a complete game one-hitter, striking out three and walking two.

Westfield was playing its first games in 11 days since returning from their season-opening trip to Clermont, Fla. Westfield will be back on the diamond on Friday, facing Worcester State in the first Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference doubleheader of the season. Due to field conditions at Worcester State, the games have been moved to Westfield State's field.

For the latest schedule updates to Westfield State softball, check WestfieldStateOwls.com



Owls' junior Lucy Barrett scored a goal and had an assist in the 15-5 victory over Emerson College Wednesday night.

## Lambert lifts Owls past Lions

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Westfield State University's junior Sydney Lambert (Hanover, Mass.) scored four goals to help lift the Owls past Emerson College in a women's lacrosse non-conference game at Alumni Field Wednesday night.

The Owls improve to 7-0 on the season while the Lions are now 0-6 overall.

Westfield State jumped to a 5-2 lead in the early going, capped by Lambert's first goal of the night with 15:50 left in the first half.

Emerson's senior Tara Windsor (Palm City, Fla.) responded with a goal of her own at 15:12 to make it 5-3.

Westfield State held an 8-3 lead to end

the first half.

The Lyons opened the second half with a goal from Windsor before the Owls went on a 7-1 run to secure the 15-5 victory.

Westfield State's senior Samantha Coyle (Weymouth, Mass.) and senior Hunter Zackaricz (Southampton, Mass. / Northampton) scored two goals apiece.

Windsor led the Lions with three goals while freshman teammate Kelli Mark (Hermosa Beach, Cali.) found the back of the net twice.

For the game, Westfield State held a 45-15 advantage in shots and also had the advantage in ground balls, 26-11.

Owl's junior goalkeeper Maria

Woodall (Norfolk, Mass. / King Philip) played the first 55 minutes in net for the Owls and made five saves while freshman Emma Duffy (Braintree, Mass.) played the final five minutes and made no saves.

Senior goalkeeper Kristina Modica (East Moriches, N.Y.) made an exceptional 21 saves in net for the Lions.

The Owls will host Fitchburg State University on Saturday, March 31st in their first MASCAC game of the season starting at noon.

Emerson College will host the United States Coast Guard on March 31st at 10:30 a.m.

## Support Your Favorite Team This Week #GiveAHoot

It's less than a week until Westfield State's #GiveAHoot Annual Day of Giving!

The #GiveAHoot Annual Day of Giving on Thursday, March 29, is a time of outreach, reconnection, and support from our community to help our students achieve success and celebrate the strong Westfield State connection we all share.

Westfield State athletic teams have joined in the program this year, and when you make a gift to your favorite team, you can help them earn additional support, as the Westfield State Foundation, Inc., will donate an additional \$500 to the team which raises the most money, and \$500 to the team that has the greatest percentage of their alumni make a gift during the campaign.

It is a day to MAKE A GIFT in support of our students and to help us reach the campus-wide goal of 300 participants. We hope you join us!

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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

## Getting Rid of Junk Calls

**Dear Annie:** For the past few months, my phone has just about exploded with calls from telemarketers and scammers. I am at my wits' end! No, robot, I'm not past due on my bank payments. I don't want a free stay at your beach resort in Panama. And I'm not going to send money to you to "protect" my identity. These people have gotten so good that they're even manipulating numbers to look like ones of relatives, with up to four of the same digits. There are more implications than my being annoyed every time I step out of my office and answer only to hear a scammer's voice on the other end. I feel my privacy is invaded, and as a small-business owner, I have to answer every call, as it may be a client or vendor. One day, I put an unknown number straight to voicemail twice, and it turned out to be work-related. Needless to say, I was embarrassed, and she was peeved.

Is what these companies are doing even legal? And is there any technology available to help quiet my phone lines? I find the notion of paying for that kind of service to be pretty ridiculous, but I'm not sure what else to do. I also wonder whether any of your other readers have experience with this and/or advice. -- Don't Like This Robot Dance

**Dear Don't Like This Robot Dance:** It's not just you. In the first month of this year alone, Americans received 2.9 billion robocalls. Prerecorded sales calls are illegal unless a company has your written permission to contact you that way. The Federal Communications Commission receives more than 300,000 complaints about robocalls every month. Visit <http://ftc.gov/complaint> to add your voice to the deafening chorus. You can also contact your congressional representatives about the problem, with the hope that they pass better legislation to address this problem or bolster existing legislation so that it can be better enforced.

But if you'd like a quicker fix, consider using an app such as YouMail, RoboKiller or Truecaller, which help block robocalls to smartphones. Just be aware that these apps might also block robocalls that are actually legitimate, such as appointment reminders.

**Dear Annie:** For years, my husband has celebrated his birthday with cake and company. Many times, I have taken my husband and several family members and friends out to a restaurant to have a birthday party for him. However, he never seems to plan anything for my birthday. This past year, I had major orthopedic surgery, and he used that as an excuse for not planning anything again. No card, cake or best wishes; of course, no apology, either. I am tired of the one-sided plans and would just like to forget to do anything for his birthday coming up later this month. I just don't want to be that miserable. I can't seem to get him to see how hurt my feelings are. I'm looking for happier celebrations. -- Birthday Non-Celebrations

**Dear Birthday Non-Celebrations:** Have you tried telling your husband how you feel? Because though you can drop all the hints in the world, there's no guarantee he'll pick them up. And you'll just grow even more frustrated. So be direct. Let him know that it's important to you to commemorate birthdays with gifts and/or celebrations and that it means a lot to you that he do something. Perhaps he thinks of birthdays as a time to treat yourself and doesn't realize how much it means to you that he plan something. I'd also recommend "The 5 Love Languages," by Gary Chapman, a classic on this subject.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

## HINTS FROM HELOISE

### GRANITE VERSUS MARBLE

Dear Readers: Are you planning a kitchen remodel? Do you want some new COUNTERTOPS? Here's a question for you: Do you know the difference between granite and marble? Here's a quick reference:



Granite has a dotted appearance from all the stones in it, like quartz, feldspar and mica. Marble has a more solid look, but with swirls in it, from sand and iron oxides.

Both surfaces are strong, but granite is slightly more so. Untreated, both surfaces can absorb spills and leave staining. Both surfaces must be "sealed" to protect them from stains, acidic foods and heat -- marble twice a year, and granite once every year or two.

Granite typically is preferred by builders to use for kitchen countertops because it can hold up against heat better than marble, and the counters in the kitchen typically get more use than the counters in the bathroom. Marble is a good choice for the bath.

The cost of each surface is comparable.

Interestingly, the Taj Mahal in India is made of white marble! -- Heloise

## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

## TV Sports Listings

Thursday, March 29

### Baseball

12:30 p.m. MLB: Chicago Cubs at Miami Marlins (ESPN)  
1 p.m. MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets (SNY)  
3:30 p.m. MLB: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers (ESPN)  
3:30 p.m. MLB: New York Yankees at Toronto Blue Jays (YES)

7 p.m. MLB: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)

10 p.m. MLB: Cleveland Indians at Seattle Mariners (ESPN)

### Basketball

7 p.m. NIT Championship: Utah vs. Penn State (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at San Antonio Spurs (TNT)  
9 p.m. College Slam Dunk & 3 Point Championship

(ESPN2)

10:30 p.m. NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

### Golf

12 p.m. LPGA Tour: ANA Inspiration Round 1 (GOLF)  
4 p.m. PGA Tour: Houston Open Round 1 (GOLF)  
7 p.m. LPGA Tour: ANA Inspiration Round 1 (GOLF)

### Hockey

7 p.m. NHL: Detroit Red Wings at Buffalo Sabres (MSG)  
7 p.m. NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at New Jersey Devils (MSGPL)

8 p.m. NHL: Dallas Stars at Minnesota Wild (NBCSN)

### Tennis

1 p.m. Miami Open: Men's Quarterfinal and Women's Semifinal (ESPN2)

## On The Tube



In this image released by ABC, Roseanne Barr, left, and John Goodman appear in a scene from the reboot of "Roseanne," premiering on Tuesday at 8 p.m. EST. For the reboot, Roseanne will be at odds with her sister Jackie, played by Laurie Metcalf, over President Donald Trump. Barr said she thought it was important to show how the Conner family deals with the same issues many American families are facing. (Adam Rose/ABC via AP, File)

# 'Roseanne' reboot opens big with about 18 million viewers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Viewers were eager to see ABC's reboot of "Roseanne," with an estimated 18.4 million tuning in to its debut.

The updated sitcom starring Roseanne Barr returned Tuesday, more than two decades after the original ended its hit run. The hour-long debut episode was watched by 10 percent more viewers than saw the May 1997 finale of ABC's original "Roseanne."

That's impressive, given the explosion of alternate platforms and series since then and compared to other successful sitcom reboots.

NBC's "Will & Grace," for example, returned this season with its original 1998-2006 cast to a debut audience of 10.1 million viewers and was quickly renewed for a second and then a third season.

For its freshman year, NBC's show is

averaging 5.7 million people watching episode on the day they air. But with the time-shifting viewership that networks are focusing on, its audience increases to 9 million over a week's time.

Another promising sign for "Roseanne" was the estimated audience growth from the first half-hour (18 million) to the second (18.9), a sign that viewers liked what they saw. Future episodes are a half-hour, airing at 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday.

The revival had a coat-tail effect for the ABC shows that followed, significantly boosting viewership for "black-ish" and helping to launch new the Jenna Fischer-Oliver Hudson comedy "Splitting Up Together."

Barr is back as the matriarch of the Conner family, with other returning cast mates including John Goodman,

Laurie Metcalf, Sara Gilbert, Michael Fishman and Lecy Goranson.

The family is grappling with new sets of personal issues and political realities: Roseanne embraces President Donald Trump, her sister Jackie (Metcalf) is a staunch opponent, and the two are at odds.

Barr says she thought it was important to show how the Conners deal with the same issues that many American families currently face.

"It shows people's different opinions and how they resolve them," Barr, who counts herself as a Trump supporter, said at the show's New York premiere Monday.

"I saw it happening in all the families I know, so I thought, 'Well this is, you know, it's good, hopefully it will get people talking to each other.'"

## Man convicted in deaths tied to 'Real Housewives' guest star

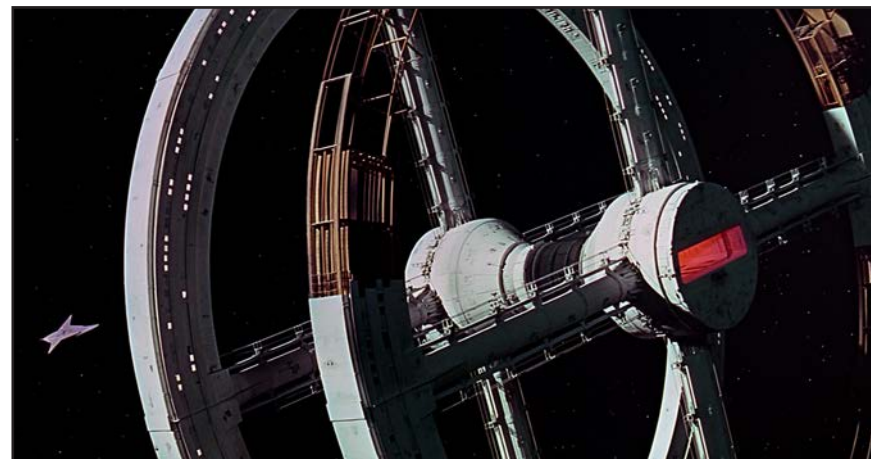
PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — A man has been convicted in a double homicide involving a burning car owned by a woman who often appeared on "Real Housewives of New Jersey."

NorthJersey.com reports Gerry Thomas was convicted Wednesday of two counts of felony murder and aggravated arson and attempted robbery but was acquitted of murder and weapons charges.

The 29-year-old Thomas faces 30 years to life on each felony murder count when he's sentenced in May. Defense attorney Gregory Aprile says someone seen on surveillance video wasn't his client.

The bodies of Aaron Anderson and Antonio Vega were found last year in Paterson in the blazing car Anderson had borrowed from the son of Kim DePaola, who frequently appeared on the Bravo reality TV show. Prosecutors allege they were killed in a drug deal gone awry.

Thomas' roommate faces trial this year.



'2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY'

## Unrestored '2001: A Space Odyssey' returning to theaters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An unrestored 70mm print of Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece "2001: A Space Odyssey" is coming to select U.S. theaters in May in celebration of the film's 50th anniversary.

Warner Bros. Pictures says Wednesday that the cut will premiere at the Cannes Film Festival on May 12 before launching in select U.S. theaters on May 18. Filmmaker Christopher Nolan will introduce the film at the Cannes premiere, where members of Kubrick's family will also be in attendance. Kubrick died in 1999.

The studio says that the unrestored film, created from the original camera negative, will allow audiences to experience it as they did upon the film's release in 1968.

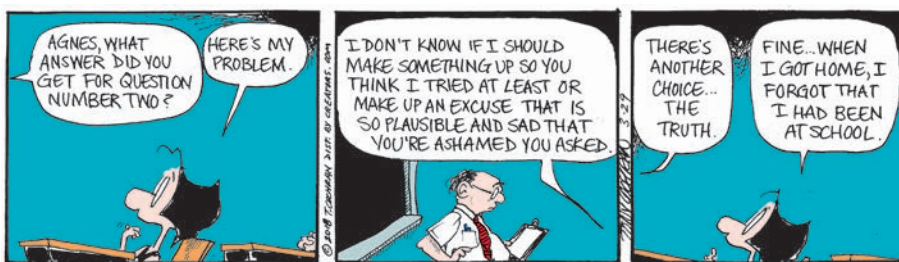
Warner Bros. will also later in the year release the film for home viewing in 4K resolution.

# COMICS

**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



**AGNES** Tony Cochran



**ARCHIE** Fernando Ruiz and Craig Boldman



**RUBES** Leigh Rubin



**DADDY'S HOME** Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



**DUSTIN** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



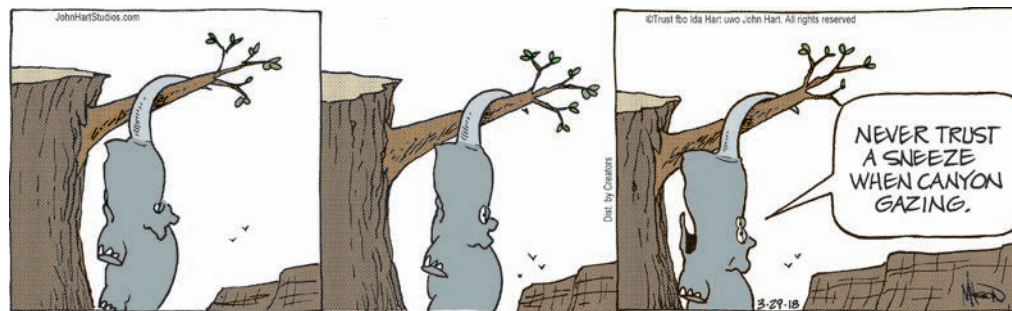
**SCARY GARY** Mark Buford



**DOGS of C-KENNEL** Mick and Mason Mastroianni



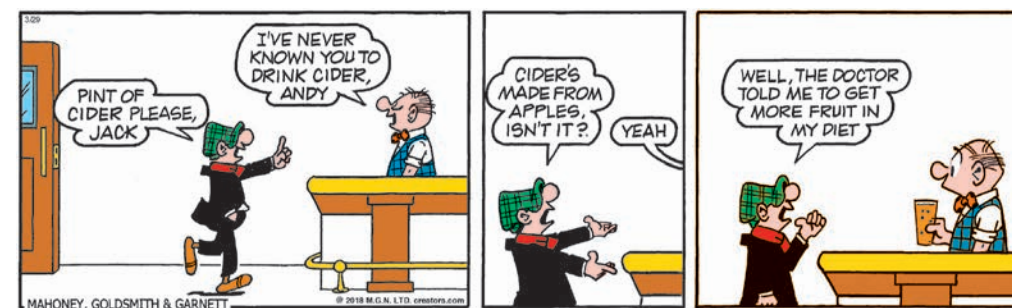
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**ONE BIG HAPPY** Rick Detorie



**ANDY CAPP** Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett



**ZACK HILL** John Deering and John Newcombe



## YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, March 29, 2018:  
This year you greet change positively and with determination to make the most of a sudden opportunity. Much goes on behind the scenes. Your instincts take you down an interesting path. You will differentiate your feelings from your fears. If you are single, you could meet someone who makes you smile from ear to ear. This person could mosey into your life after the summer. If you are attached, you enter a rather intense period this fall, where you love being together. A natural warmth draws you and your sweetie closer together. **VIRGO** understands you well.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ You focus intensely on getting the job done. Your dedication and serious attitude make you a star in the work arena. You could be confused about a situation that surrounds a co-worker or your role in that matter. Tonight: Do not fight an adjustment that could affect your plans.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You hear news that could have you taking another look at a situation happening around you. Someone from a distance could be involved. Why you think you are upset might have nothing to do with why you actually are upset. Tonight: Change gears, and let the fun begin.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★ If you can, stay close to home. There might be an issue that rears its ugly head and demands your attention. A partner seems to be unwilling to deal with the matter at hand. You might have to handle the situation by yourself. Tonight: Listen to an older person who gives you advice.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You will want to step back before making any calls. Follow your sixth sense when it comes to the timing of discussions. You could find that you are not speaking the same language as a partner or loved one. Revise your thinking about this person. Tonight: In the limelight.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You could be busy handling a financial matter. You keep hitting an obstacle as you try to move on an issue that affects your daily life. Your frustration could build and build. Imagine what it would take to get your points across. Give that idea a shot. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You are on top of your game, but a loved one could be hindering your progress. Any attempt to move this person will need to be done with hard, concrete facts. A loved one whom you have put on a pedestal appears once more. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Your playful mood delights many people, except for a key individual in your personal life. This person has been cold, withdrawn and overly serious as of late. You might not be able to get the approval you want from him or her. Avoid a power play at all costs! Tonight: Stay mum.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ You feel more upbeat than you have in many years. However, trying to communicate those feelings might be difficult. Be more aware of what others want, and try to address their needs more completely. Do that, and you'll sail to success. Tonight: Have some fun with your friends.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Your finances could play a significant role in your decision-making process. You might be eyeing a purchase for your home. Be as direct as possible when getting quotes and estimates. This expenditure could considerably increase your investment. Tonight: Out on the town.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★ If you pull back and see the big picture, you might make a decision. Sometimes you are too focused on your goals and not as grounded in reality as you should be. Don't let yourself obsess over a desire that might not ever materialize. Tonight: In the swing of things.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ A low-level depression might be stopping you from putting your best foot forward. If you never make the effort, you won't know what could have been possible. One-on-one relating is highlighted. Coming to an understanding about money will be critical. Tonight: Out late.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You feel drawn to a situation that you would like to know more about. You might want to back out of plans, especially if they revolve around a very controlling individual. You could be sorry that you have ignored a key person in your life. Tonight: Do not have any regrets.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actor Scott Wilson (1942), actress Lucy Lawless (1968), actor Brendan Gleeson (1955)  
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Jacqueline Bigar is on the internet at [www.jacquelinebigar.com](http://www.jacquelinebigar.com).

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

### Future shock

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 9 8  
♥ Q 10 4  
♦ 7  
♣ K Q J 10 8 3

**WEST**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ K 9 7  
♦ Q 9 8 6 5 4 3  
♣ 2

**EAST**  
♠ A 6 3  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ J 10 2  
♣ A 7 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 7 4  
♥ A J 6 2  
♦ A K  
♣ 9 4

The bidding:  
**South** 1♠  
1♥  
2♣  
4♣

**West** Pass  
Pass  
Pass

**North** 2♣  
2♠

**East** Pass  
Pass

Opening lead — two of clubs.

**Today's hand** features excellent play by a defender. It illustrates how foresight can overcome the uncertainties that often accompany defensive play.

**West led the deuce of clubs** against four spades, and East took the ace as South dropped the nine. It wasn't difficult for East to deduce that West's lead was a singleton — only the four was missing, and West would have led that card rather than the deuce

from the doubleton 4-2.  
**But instead of impulsively** returning a club for West to ruff, which would have handed declarer the contract, East paused to consider the bigger picture. The ace of clubs, a club ruff and the trump ace would account for three tricks, but a fourth trick would be needed if the contract was to be defeated.

**On the bidding**, it was likely that South held exactly five spades. West was therefore a favorite to hold two spades, so the club ruff could be postponed until East regained the lead with the ace of spades.

**The setting trick**, if there was one, could either be the ace of hearts, ace of diamonds or king of hearts. If West had either red ace, the contract would be set regardless of what East returned at trick two. But if West had the king of hearts, it was essential to return a heart at this point. Otherwise, South would eventually get rid of his hearts on dummy's clubs.

**So East shifted to a heart** at trick two. Declarer had no choice but to finesse, losing to the king, and West returned a heart to dummy's queen. When the eight of spades was next led, East rose with the ace and returned a club, and West's ruff put the finishing touch on a well-defended hand.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Pear variety
- 5 Entanglement
- 8 Soggy porridge
- 12 Hexagonal state
- 13 Post-op area
- 14 Church section
- 15 Boo-boo's buddy
- 16 Cabin component
- 17 "Close one!"
- 18 Deem appropriate
- 20 Competent
- 22 Basketball tactics
- 26 Claw
- 29 Odometer start
- 30 Cistern
- 31 Lena of "Chocolat"
- 32 Equi-
- 33 Author Austen
- 34 Dallas hoopster, briefly

**DOWN**

- 1 Purchases
- 2 Oklahoma tribe
- 3 Wise one
- 4 Sheer fabric
- 5 Goes limp
- 6 Green prefix
- 7 Imaginary monster
- 8 Syrup flavor
- 9 Turmoil
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- 11 Chop
- 19 Actor McKellen
- 21 Street address?

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SLOGAN OF PEOPLE WHO THINK BREAKFAST CEREAL BRINGS HAPPINESS: "LIFE IS A BOWL OF CHEERIOS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals R

# Moser, Loyola and Sister Jean basking in Final Four

CHICAGO (AP) — The black-and-white photo on the back wall of his office serves as a constant reminder and inspiration for Loyola-Chicago coach Porter Moser.

Les Hunter, Jerry Harkness and John Egan are standing with the 1963 NCAA championship trophy, the net draped over it. Coach George Ireland has his right arm extended in front as he shakes hands with someone whose face is not in the picture.

Hard to believe the photo was in a closet, yet that's where Moser found it a few days after he got the job seven years ago. There was another photo of the championship celebration in Chicago.

"I've had them both in there as a reminder of just where I wanted this thing to go," he said. "This is what you want. I saw the excitement of the people in the streets. I saw them holding a national championship trophy."

Everything he envisioned is playing out. A captivating Final Four run has made a celebrity of a 98-year-old nun and shined a light on a program that went mostly unnoticed for decades.

With Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt by their side, the Ramblers will face Michigan in the national semifinals in San Antonio on Saturday. It's the first trip to the Final Four for Loyola since that 1963 team with four black starters helped break down racial barriers.

The Ramblers were never ranked in the AP poll. They needed a few last-second prayers, winning their first three tournament games by a total of four points, before easily handling Kansas State in the South regional final.

That made them the fourth No. 11 seed to get to the Final Four. And now, the Ramblers (32-5) will try to do what LSU (1986), George Mason (2006) and VCU (2011) could not - advance past the semifinals.

Take out the Wolverines, knock off the Villanova-Kansas winner and Loyola becomes the lowest seed to win it all. Villanova with a No. 8 beat Georgetown for the championship in 1985. But whether Loyola can pull out another historic title victory or not, it has been quite a run.

While the other three teams in the Final Four are no strangers to playing deep in the NCAA, Ramblers fans aren't used to scrambling for Final Four tickets. Their school hadn't even made the tournament since Patrick Ewing's Hoyas knocked them out in the 1985 Sweet 16.

"It is kind of strange," said Jessica Vera, who earned her nursing degree from Loyola last year. "But it is nice."

She and a friend were planning to fly to Austin on Friday and drive to San Antonio the following morning. Though she's watched the Ramblers on TV, this will actually be the first game she attends this season.

Loyola figures to have a large cheering section in the stadium and in front of televisions. After all, the Ramblers and Sister Jean are the darlings of the tournament.

The bobbleheads of Sister Jean the school distributed a few years ago were selling for more than \$300 on ebay. A new model unveiled Friday in conjunction with Loyola quickly surpassed Clemson's national football champions as the top seller ever for the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum, according to co-founder and CEO Phil Sklar.

Sales for the latest Sister Jean bobblehead were at 9,760 as of Wednesday afternoon. The \$25 collectible - which will be delivered to customers in June - uses a variety of images to show the team chaplain smiling as she holds a basketball with two hands.

About 65 percent of the orders were from outside Illinois, and they had come from every state and Washington, D.C., plus



This March 22, 2018 file photo shows Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt sitting with other Loyola-Chicago fans during the first half of a regional semifinal NCAA college basketball game against Nevada in Atlanta. Sister Jean is depicted in a bobblehead and sales of the figurine have soared to the heavens. She has become a celebrity during the NCAA men's basketball tournament. (AP Photo/David Goldman)

Canada and the United Kingdom. Someone in Arizona had placed several orders totaling 80 bobbleheads.

"They either have a lot of friends and/or grandchildren or think that the Sister Jean bobbleheads are a safer investment than the stock market (they might be on to something)," Sklar wrote in an email.

Longtime Loyola fan Richard Miller of Lincolnwood, Illinois, ordered four.

"We got to visit with her different times out in the hall (at games)," he said. "What a wonderful, wonderful lady. It's

just so nice to see her being honored like this. It's the pinnacle of her life right now."

It's also a high point for Loyola, decades in the making. The program struggled for years after that Sweet 16 run and went 14 seasons without a winning record at one point.

Moser got off to a tough start, with a 32-61 record and a switch from the Horizon League to the Missouri Valley Conference in his first three years. Since then? They are 89-49, with a program record for wins this season.

They even had their first sellout in 15 years, packing in 4,963 for the regular-season

finale after drawing crowds of about 1,100 to 1,500 earlier in the season.

What a difference for a coach who in his early years handed out hot dogs to students and asked them to come to games. Moser also surprised the crowd at Midnight Madness by dressing up as the school's mascot - LU Wolf.

He never lost sight of the ultimate goal. And if he needed some inspiration, it was there in black and white.

"It was reminder to me every day of my energy, my passion, of getting this thing going, and I haven't let up," Moser said.

## LEGAL NOTICES

March 15, 22, 29, 2018  
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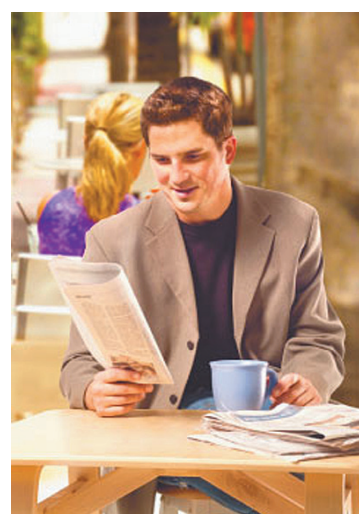
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