



Cameras were able to get pictures of the male (left), and female (right) suspects. (Photo courtesy of the Southwick Police Department)

Two sought for shoplifting Rogaine

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent
SOUTHWICK – At approximately 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, Southwick Police responded to a shoplifting incident at the CVS on College Highway.

According to Sgt. Det. Robert Landis, the police report indicates that there are two suspects involved in the incident. One is a white male with a full beard that appears to be between 25 to 35 years old. The other suspect is a white female between 20 to 30 years old with brown hair. The two individuals appeared to have left in either a white or silver passenger car.

It appears that the suspects

departed CVS with several boxes of Rogaine shaving boxes. Landis explained that stealing Rogaine is common to shoplifting as shoplifters tend to sell them to pawn shops.

“It’s expensive,” said Landis. “The retail value is around \$55 a box.”

This incident is currently under investigation by the Southwick Police Department. If you know the identity of the suspects or have any information, contact the police department at 413-569-5348.

Blandford calms down, contracts with PVPC for interim Town Administrator

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
BLANDFORD – The Board of Selectmen, now comprised of Cara Letendre, chair and William Levakis met on Monday night, taking care of business in an orderly manner, with little sign of the recent flare-ups that led to the resignation of former chair Adam Dolby on March 12. Dolby said at the time he was resigning due to personal threats and provocation from Levakis that were made on a website he had created for the town, which he has since deleted.

Joshua Garcia of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), who is serving as interim town administrator through the end of June, gave the report for his second week serving the town. Blandford is one of five towns, also including Chester, Chesterfield, Goshen and Hadley, that are joining in municipal finance procurement for contracted

services. Garcia reported that the Department of Revenue has completed community profiles on the governance structure and immediate needs of the towns, which will be used in a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the services to be posted on April 17, and due by May 1.

Garcia said that Blandford is seeking tax collector and treasurer services through the procurement. Martin Lynch of the Finance Committee said he would go to the meeting on May 3 in Chesterfield to review the bids. Garcia said the target date to have services executed is by July 1.

Levakis also offered to go to the meeting, but Letendre and Eric McVey of the Finance Committee, said that Lynch had been involved with the initial discussions and had worked on the contracts. Levakis withdrew his request.

Letendre said they have set aside \$15,000 in the budget



Joshua A. Garcia, municipal services manager for PVPC, is serving as interim town administrator in Blandford through June.

include helping the town obtain an additional state Community Compact grant for best practices. He gave a list of best practices to the selectmen and finance committee members, asking them to select two best practices to focus on for the grant. He suggested a town-wide finance policy as an example, which he said would help a new town administrator.

Garcia said basically the list from the state was saying, “With the limited resources we have, what are the top two (priorities) we can help you with.” He said the state is becoming more focused in its efforts to assist local communities. The town officials said they would discuss, and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Letendre said to Garcia that she hoped he has been made to feel welcome in the town.

“It’s been great, overall.

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Wrong answer

By CARL E. HARTDEGEN
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – Some answers are just too hard to believe.

Lt. Eric Hall, commander of the city’s community policing unit, reports he observed a college-aged young man walking on Shepard Street, at 11:13 p.m. Sunday, holding what appeared to be a can of beer.

The community policing officers spend a considerable amount of their time enforcing alcohol related ordinances so spotting a young man on the sidewalk with a can of beer in his hand is probably not unusual for Hall but the man’s answer when he was approached was a little hard to believe.

Hall reports that the man said that the beer can he had picked up had been discarded and he picked it up in an effort to remove litter from the sidewalks.

When Hall pointed out that the can of beer was “open, ice cold and full” the young man said that he had found it that way and he picked it up to ensure it did not fall into the hands of children.

A city ordinance violation citation for possession of an open container of alcohol in public was issued.



(L-R) Aviation Instructor Galen Wilson, Aviation Juniors, Ronald Donner (AMT Editor), David Huot (Bombardier), and Dominique Cristall (Bombardier) at the New England Aviation Museum. (Photo submitted)

Westfield Tech Aviation Maintenance program to be featured in national publication

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – Last Wednesday, the juniors in the Aviation Maintenance Technology program at Westfield Technical Academy were invited to the New England Aviation Museum in Windsor Locks to meet with representatives from Bombardier and Ronald Donner of AMT Magazine. Donner is doing research into the mechanic shortage, and is interested in how the industry can support schools and students.

The Bombardier Hartford Service Center is located at Bradley, and has been a great supporter, donating more than \$100,000 to Westfield’s AMT program. After meeting the group at the museum, the students were also invited to tour the Bombardier center. Krysten Renihan, AMT aviation coordinator, said Donner was impressed by the students, and wrote a blog about it, called “Inspiring Future Aviators.”

“Yesterday a group of high school students from the Westfield Technical Academy’s aviation maintenance technician program were provided a day of aviation inspiration and I got to be part of it. My first impression of these students was how professional and even

grown up they looked in their school uniforms – a refreshing site,” Donner wrote in the blog.

“During lunch I spoke to the students about career opportunities in maintenance, some of my aviation experiences, and a look into the future of what these young soon-to-be-A&Ps may expect as they begin their careers,” Donner continued, adding, “These types of industry and academia partnering programs have become popular and frankly much needed. Lee Boulanger, the general manager of the Bombardier Hartford Service Center, was noticeable proud of the program.”

The next day, Donner, Dominique Cristall and David Huot of Bombardier came to the school for a tour of the program. They recognized the juniors they had met, and asked them to show them what they loved doing in the shop. The group also toured Hangar 2, which will be renovated as classroom space for the program this summer, after receiving approval from the City Council for the last piece of funding on April 1.

The AMT magazine also plans to feature the program in an upcoming issue.



Ronald Donner of AMT magazine with WTA juniors in shop. (Photo submitted)

“They are a huge magazine in aviation, which means nationwide recognition,” Renihan said. She said the shortage of aviation mechanics is getting out of control, and companies are already coming to the school, looking to recruit.

It’s great for our students,” Renihan said.

“Thanks to Bombardier, the New England Air Museum, and the AMT Magazine for giving us an opportunity to show off our hard-working and professional Aviation Technology students! The future is bright for our students thanks to industry support and opportunities like this these,” said Galen Wilson, AMT lead aviation instructor.

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Greater Westfield Community Band

Practice makes perfect. On Monday night, the Greater Westfield Community Band of Westfield prepare to entertain the public with a Night of the Movie Screen new and old music. With a full stage of musicians on Wednesday night, April 11, 7:00 PM at the Westfield Middle School North, the community is welcome to sit and listen to a full orchestra of talented people bringing the new and old hits that we all remember. Some of the selections will be from the Sound of Music, The King and I, Star Track, Midway and many more. (Photo by Don Wielgus)



Maestro, James O'Connor, directs one of the many selections of the night. (Photo by Don Wielgus)



Serena Fuller & Paul Bartley are part of the flute section. (Photo by Don Wielgus)



Tom Fiske and Kevin Fedora keeping an eye on their parts.(Photo by Don Wielgus)

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NEWS TEAM

LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT

Partly Cloudy.
29-30

WEDNESDAY

Partly Sunny
49-52

THURSDAY

Rain Showers.
54-57

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Today, rain and snow showers in the morning. The rain and snow will change to rain showers in the afternoon. High near 45F. Tonight, some clouds early will give way to clear conditions overnight. Low 29F. Wednesday, partly sunny. High 52F. Wednesday Night, mainly clear skies. Low 36F. Thursday, considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High 57F.

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7:27 p.m.
SUNSET

13 hours 7 Minutes
LENGTH OF DAY

ODDS & ENDS

Jail job applicant not hired, arrested instead in theft case

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A woman applying for a job at a New Hampshire county jail has been arrested because it turns out she was wanted on a charge in Maine.

Police say Kristina Hoefs, of Manchester, applied for the job on Friday at the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections. But workers soon realized she was being sought on a theft-related offense in Maine.

Hoefs was taken into custody and taken to police headquarters. She was scheduled for arraignment Monday.

It's unknown if Hoefs has a lawyer. No phone number for her can be found.

LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS
MASSACHUSETTS
Lucky For Life
09-13-20-39-44, Lucky Ball: 18
MassCash
05-17-22-27-28
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million
Numbers Evening
7-5-8-0
Numbers Midday
6-1-2-7
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$89 million



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Cash 5
06-13-17-27-28
Lucky For Life
09-13-20-39-44, Lucky Ball: 18
Lucky Links Day
01-02-09-12-14-18-20-22
Lucky Links Night
01-03-06-09-11-13-17-19
Play3 Day 1-9-6
Play3 Night 9-4-6
Play4 Day 2-8-2-1
Play4 Night 1-0-1-6

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 10, THE 100TH DAY OF 2018. THERE ARE 265 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On April 10, 1968, "In the Heat of the Night" won best picture of 1967 at the 40th Academy Awards; one of its stars, Rod Steiger, was named best actor while Katharine Hepburn was honored as best actress for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

ON THIS DATE:

In 1790, President George Washington signed the first United States Patent Act.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1925, the F. Scott Fitzgerald novel "The Great Gatsby" was first published by Scribner's of New York.

In 1932, German President Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

In 1953, the 3-D horror movie "House of Wax," produced by Warner Bros. and starring Vincent Price, premiered in New York.

In 1971, a table tennis team from the United States arrived in China at the invitation of the communist government for a goodwill visit that came to be known as "ping-pong diplomacy."

In 1978, Arkady Shevchenko, a high-ranking Soviet citi-

zen employed by the United Nations, sought political asylum in the United States.

In 1981, imprisoned IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands was declared the winner of a by-election to the British Parliament.

In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

In 2010, Polish President Lech Kaczynski (lekh kah-CHIN'-skee), 60, was killed in a plane crash in western Russia that also claimed the lives of his wife and top Polish political, military and church officials.

TEN YEARS AGO:

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names officially renamed Squaw Peak in Phoenix Piestewa Peak, in honor of Army Spc. Lori Piestewa, who was killed in Iraq in 2003 and posthumously promoted from the rank of Private First Class.

FIVE YEARS AGO:

President Barack Obama proposed a \$3.8 trillion budget that would raise taxes on smokers and wealthy Americans and trim Social Security benefits for millions. The financially beleaguered U.S. Postal Service backpedaled on its plan to end Saturday mail delivery. Robert Edwards, 87, a Nobel Prize winner from Britain whose pioneering in vitro fertilization research led to the first test tube baby, died near Cambridge, England.

ONE YEAR AGO:

Justice Neil Gorsuch took his place as the newest addition on the bench of the Supreme Court, restoring a narrow conservative majority. Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley

(R) resigned rather than face impeachment and pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor campaign violations that arose during an investigation of his alleged affair with a top aide. The New York Daily News and ProPublica won the Pulitzer Prize for public service for uncovering how police abused eviction rules to oust hundreds of people, mostly poor minorities, from their homes; Colson Whitehead's novel "The Underground Railroad" won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Actor Max von Sydow is 89. Actress Liz Sheridan is 89. Football Hall of Famer John Madden is 82. Reggae artist Bunny Wailer is 71. Actor Steven Seagal is 66. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 65. Actor Peter MacNicol is 64. Actress Olivia Brown is 61. Rock musician Steven Gustafson (10,000 Maniacs) is 61. Singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is 60. Rock singer-musician Brian Setzer is 59. Rock singer Katrina Leskanich (les-KAH'-nich) is 58. Actor Jeb Adams is 57. Olympic gold medal speedskater Cathy Turner is 56. Rock musician Tim "Herb" Alexander is 53. Actor-comedian Orlando Jones is 50. Rock musician Mike Mushok (Staind) is 49. Singer Kenny Lattimore is 48. Rapper Q-Tip (AKA Kamaal) is 48. Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens is 44. Actor David Harbour is 43. Blues singer Shemekia Copeland is 39. Actress Laura Bell Bundy is 37. Actor Harry Hadden-Paton is 37. Actress Chyler Leigh is 36. Pop musician Andrew Dost (fun.) is 35. Actor Ryan Merriman is 35. Singer Mandy Moore is 34. Actor Barkhad Abdi (BAHRK'-hahd AHB'-dee) is 33. Actress Shay Mitchell is 31. Actor Haley Joel Osment is 30. Actress Molly Bernard (TV: "Younger") is 30. Country singer Maren Morris is 28. Actor Alex Pettyfer is 28. Actress-singer AJ (AKA Amanda) Michalka is 27. Actress Daisy Ridley is 26. Singer-actress Sofia Carson is 25. Actress Audrey Whitby is 22. Actress Ruby Jerins is 20.

Government Meetings

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

WESTFIELD

Conservation Commission at 6:30 pm

TOLLAND

Conserv Comm Open Office Hours
& Business Meeting at 3 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

WESTFIELD

Community Preservation Committee at 6:30 pm

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Finance Committee at 7 pm
Fire Department Meeting at 7 pm

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Sunday’s Child: Tatiana and Kingston

We are very close and want to be adopted together!

Tatiana and her younger brother Kingston are looking to be adopted together. Despite their age difference the siblings are very close to one another and do not want to be separated. Tatiana and Kingston are of Hispanic descent.

Those who know Tatiana describe her as quiet, intelligent and very determined. She is thirteen years old and wants to be successful in life and talks about going to college and hair dressing school. Comments on Tatiana’s most recent report card mention that she is a pleasure to have in class and gives excellent effort. Tatiana is involved in the school chorus and has also been taking dance classes, which she would like to continue. Tatiana hopes to find a family that is kind and will love her. She

would be particularly excited to have an older sister. Tatiana is open to living with a cat or a dog but would like to avoid homes with snakes!

Kingston is a sweet, loveable and active toddler with a strong bond to his older sister. He enjoys being around other children but can be shy with new adults when he first meets them. Kingston loves music and books. Kingston has some medical needs and regularly sees several specialists to monitor ongoing GI and feeding difficulties. Kingston is also susceptible to respiratory difficulties. He is receiving Early Intervention services for developmental delays.

Tatiana and Kingston are ready for adoption and will do well in a family with a mother and a father, two mothers or a single mother. An ideal family for these siblings will be open to

helping them maintain a relationship with their half-brother.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.



TATIANA and KINGSTON

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have “a permanent place to call HOME.”

Blandford

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You’ve got to have a passion for local government. It’s not easy, and sometimes messy. Those who stay involved have a passion for it,” Garcia said.

Under new business, McVey said he felt it was the “fiduciary responsibility of leadership” to go back to former Town Administrator Angeline Ellison, who left at the beginning of March to take another position, to recoup unused sick pay that he said had been paid in violation of town policy, in the amount of \$2,768.

“We don’t pay sick pay, whoever you are,” McVey said. He added that Ellison had also been paid for vacation time, which was in her contract. “Our responsibility is to reach back and say that payment was made inappropriately, contractually and policy-wise for the town.” McVey added that they had to set a standard, in order not to start a precedent.

“I’m on the fence on this one. I realize there were mistakes made. I think we have a policy we’re working on now for exit, with better tracking and accountability,” said Levakis.

Letendre said she was okay with drafting a letter in order to avoid setting a past practice.

“I understand what you’re saying, and Cara’s saying. I just want to make sure the numbers are right,” Levakis said.

“It’s just asking; cost the town the price of a stamp,” said Finance Committee member Andrew Quinn. It was agreed to draft a letter.

“I want to move past this,” said Letendre.

“Can I make a motion that we never, ever bring up this discussion again,” added Lynch.

Lynch also brought up an increase in the Hilltown Community Ambulance Association (HCAA) contract of 5% over last year. “Shouldn’t somebody from the town interface with the ambulance association,” he asked. After a brief discussion, Garcia said he would contact HCAA.

Also under new business, Letendre said the town needed a better system for putting the flags at half-mast. Levakis volunteered to be in charge.

The final item under new business was a request by Letendre to have any persons holding more than one paid position in the town to come to a Select Board meeting to be named as special town employees.

Levakis said he would like all town employees to be categorized as special town employees, due to many people holding multiple positions.

Letendre said as selectmen they are automatically special town employees, but she didn’t think a sweeping motion was a good idea.

McVey said there are a lot of issues with multiple positions, such as overtime and benefits due to numbers of hours.

Lynch asked what the purpose was of the request.

“We have to have people holding more than one, coming to the Select board to request Special Town Employee,” Letendre said, adding that they have talked about it for years. She said she would discuss it with the town counsel regarding the proper procedure.

Levakis also raised the need for an employee handbook for the town. Garcia said he would look into a comparable handbook from another town as a start.

Letendre said the board had received a letter of resignation from Conservation Commission member Mike McLaughlin. Levakis thanked him for his service, and said volunteers are needed to serve on the Conservation Commission.

Officials wrestle with decision on when to disclose threats

By SCOTT O’CONNELL

Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A threat scrawled on a bathroom stall decades ago might have been shrugged at, possibly ignored entirely. But it’s a different story when such a threat is found at a school like Worcester’s Norrback Avenue Elementary in 2018.

Shortly after discovering the message two weeks ago, school officials ultimately determined it was a low risk that someone would follow through on the threat. However, parents were distressed when word of it spread on social media. Some wondered why the district hadn’t told families what was going on earlier.

“It’s frustrating,” Worcester’s school safety director, Robert Pezzella, said of the difficult situation school and police officials are finding themselves in as they deal with a spate of threats — some credible, others not — made against schools across the region in recent weeks. “We’re under scrutiny all the time by many factions within the community about what we’re going to do when a threat comes in.”

Since the massacre at Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida on Feb. 14 brought school shootings once again to the forefront of national debate, threats have been popping up nearly every day against schools in Central Massachusetts and elsewhere in the country. Some schools and police departments have investigated incidents that didn’t even involve a communicated threat, but where guns or other weapons were involved.

The trend even predates the Parkland incident, said Auburn Police Chief Andrew Sluckis Jr., whose department arrested an Auburn High student a week before that shooting for allegedly making a threat against the school online.

“I’d say in the last year there’s been a significant increase everywhere,” he said. “It’s not an issue we were dealing with 10 years ago. And it does take a lot of resources and a lot of hours to sort through the legitimacy and the nature of each threat.”

Yet Chief Sluckis and other police and school officials said it’s still a necessity that they take every one seriously, regardless of whether the threat seems legitimate on the surface. Authorities will launch an investigation based on an overheard conversation between students, a post on social media, or even a scribbling on a bathroom stall door.

“When you find the source, the things to consider are: Is there a legitimate intent? Do they have the means to carry out the threat? What is the motive behind the threat (i.e., bullying, a gripe against someone, disgruntled, etc.),” said Becker College Police Chief David Bousquet, who is also the president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement.

“A lot of times (the culprit) will admit they put it out ... they knew what they were doing, they wanted to get a reaction out of people,” said Northbridge Police Chief Walter Warchol, whose force has also arrested a couple students since the Parkland shooting for making ultimately idle threats against their schools.

In other cases, the perceived threat is “in that gray area,” said Clinton School Superintendent Steven Meyer, where safety and precaution must be weighed against the right to free speech, for example.

“If someone’s posing with a gun” on social media, he said, “that doesn’t necessar-

ily become a threat.”

Incidents like the Florida school shooting are also a reminder that sometimes a student really does have the capacity and will to attack a school, however. There were warnings before Parkland. The fallout from the incident, after which some observers blamed local and federal authorities for failing to prevent the carnage that left 17 people dead, also serves to show that police and school officials will be second-guessed if they don’t do enough to investigate a potential school shooter.

Communicating to the public about such investigations, consequently, is one of the trickiest parts of dealing with school threats, some authorities said. Especially as social media has greatly accelerated the spread of information and, in some cases, unfounded rumors about suspected threats, police and school officials have to walk a fine line between being transparent and being cautious with their sharing of information.

In the case of the recent Norrback Avenue incident, for instance, Mr. Pezzella said he became aware of the threat the morning of March 28, and after a quick investigation determined it was a low-level risk. He and local school personnel subsequently decided not to send out a public alert to families that afternoon.

As news of the threat circulated on social media later that day; however, the district sent out a message through its ConnectEd communication platform the next morning to assure parents the threat had been investigated, Mr. Pezzella said.

“Before you knew it, hundreds of people knew about it,” he said, even if they didn’t know the school’s investigation had determined the threat appeared to be unfounded. His concern, however, is more that families could view the lack of immediate information about the incident as an indication of the district’s mishandling of the threat itself — “that doesn’t mean we’re having a lapse in how we keep the schools safe,” he said.

This past week, another threat against Norrback, again written on a bathroom wall, resulted in the suspension of a student, according to Mr. Pezzella; that student is scheduled to be summoned on a charge of disrupting a school assembly, he said.

There are several reasons school and police authorities may want to keep a lid on investigations into threats. Prematurely releasing information may compromise the investigation, for example, or needlessly create fear in the public when fear might not be warranted, officials said. Sensationalizing school threats could also encourage copycats to seek their own moment of infamy, they said.

There are also times where school and police officials don’t even have a chance to get out ahead of an incident.

“I think social media presents a big challenge” in that regard, Mr. Meyer said. “Things can take on a life of their own on there, and it’s not something you’re even aware of. By the time it comes to your attention, it’s gotten so big, you have to figure out a way to respond to it.”

That was the case for the Clinton schools this past December, when a rumor of a threatened school shooting caused panic on social media. The subsequent police investigation determined the student at the center of the allegations did not actually pose a threat, but by then “there was a quarter of our high school that didn’t show up” to class out of

fear, Mr. Meyer said. “It was a wake-up call.”

“We owe it to (families) to communicate as best we can, even if it’s just to say, ‘we’ve heard what you’ve heard and have connected with police,’” he said.

Chief Warchol also believes quick contact with the public is the right approach when dealing with suspected threats against a school.

“Get the information out, and make sure people realize we’re on top of this,” he said. “You don’t want the rumor mill to start circulating.”

In some cases, schools will notify families when a direct threat doesn’t even exist; Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, for instance, alerted parents several weeks ago after a school administrator found a starter pistol and knives in a student’s car. The weapons were left there by one of the student’s family members, and there was no indication the student planned to use them, but Superintendent Sheila Harritty said it was better for the school to be safe than sorry when it came to letting families know.

“You never want it to be misunderstood,” she said, adding the school’s principal afterward received calls from parents “to say thank you, and that they appreciated the information.”

The reality for police and school officials, however, is that no matter how deftly they handle the public relations part of the task, the recent proliferation of school threats remains a major burden.

“These situations create needless havoc or panic amongst communities,” Chief Bousquet said. “But the bigger issue is that these types of calls take away from the time that is needed to protect the general public from real crime. When police officers are busy responding to non-legitimate calls, that may leave law-abiding citizens vulnerable.”

Some authorities may not want to wield a heavy hand when dealing with pranksters or students with genuine psychological issues who make threats against their school. Chief Warchol, for instance, said the students accused of making threats in Northbridge recently were charged with the misdemeanor offense of disrupting a school assembly.

But several police and school officials said they feel it’s especially important to pursue intervention in cases where a student who has made a threat appears to need help.

While there are plenty of hoaxsters, the fear is that the current climate with school shootings could nudge another at-risk student to act, according to Adam Volungis, a psychology professor at Assumption College.

“School shootings aren’t contagious to people who are not already at risk,” he said. “But when they hear about (shootings), it may increase the risk for someone who has been contemplating it.”

Those potential school shooters may also make a threat to “test the water,” he added; in many mass shooting cases, there was prior evidence of such “leakage,” where the killer hinted to people around him or her an attack might be coming.

A critical defense against shootings consequently, Mr. Volungis said, is that school administrators take any troubling behavior seriously, and cultivate an environment where other students feel confident their concerns about someone will be acted upon if brought forward.

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The building in New York where Michael Cohen, who is President Donald Trump's personal attorney, has his office, is photographed in New York, Monday, April 9, 2018. Federal agents raided the office of Cohen, seizing records on topics including a \$130,000 payment made to porn actress Stormy Daniels.
(AP Photo/ Seth Wenig)

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Paul W. Broderick

WESTFIELD — Paul W. Broderick, 54, of Loxley, Alabama, passed away unexpectedly on April 4th with his wife by his side. Born December 9, 1963 in Westfield, MA, he attended Westfield schools and graduated from Westfield Vocational High School in 1982. He attended Springfield Technical Community College and owned K&R Machine for 20 years until he retired and moved closer to the beach in 2015. Paul loved life with his wife Lisa and their dogs. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. He enjoyed cook-outs with family and friends, lounging on the beach with a Dos Equis and played in the city pool league for The Nook team for many years as well as the men's softball league.

He leaves his wife of 25 years Lisa (Murray) Broderick, of Loxley, Alabama; his parents George and Shirley Holt of Westfield; his grandmother Georgette Russell of Westfield; his sister Darlene Klaubert, her husband Russell and their children Justin and Becky, all of Westfield; and his brother David, his wife Diane and their children Josh and Christopher, of West Springfield. Paul also leaves his faithful companions, his dogs Cody, Tug and Bear. He was predeceased by his beloved dogs Zeus and Apollo. He also leaves extended family and many friends. A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 12 at 12:30 pm at Firtion Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield, MA. Calling hours will precede the service on Thursday from 10 am – 12:30 pm. Memorial donations in Paul's name may be made to Westfield Dog Bark Friends, PO Box 1915, Westfield, MA 01086 or Open Arms Dog Rescue, PO Box 1821, Westfield, MA 01086. Firtionadams.com



Granby man pleads guilty to child enticement

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts man previously convicted of child pornography charges has pleaded guilty to enticing young girls to send him explicit photos in exchange for concert tickets.

The Daily Hampshire Gazette reports that 35-year-old Eric Lacoste pleaded guilty Monday to charges of posing or exhibiting a child in a state of nudity or sexual conduct, enticement of a child younger than 16, and possession of child pornography.

The Granby man spent six months behind bars after pleading guilty in 2014 to dissemination of obscene matter to a minor.

Prosecutors say while still on probation, he enticed a 9-year-old girl to send him explicit photos of herself, and in exchange he offered her tickets to see a singer.

Lacoste, who apologized in court, faces sentencing Today.

Judge in dorm rape case 'baffled' by plea deal with no jail

BOSTON (AP) — The judge presiding over a rape case against a former Massachusetts Institute of Technology basketball player says she is "baffled" by a proposed plea deal that includes no prison time.

Samson Donick, of Tiburon, California, was accused of sexually assaulting a sleeping woman in 2015 after he entered her Boston University dorm room looking for someone else.

Prosecutors said Monday that they struck a deal with Donick's attorneys after the woman decided not to testify at trial. The Boston Globe reports the deal would let Donick avoid a formal conviction but would require him to serve five years' probation.

A defense attorney says Donick would admit touching the woman "in an offensive way" without consent. The judge says she might require a more detailed admission before approving the deal.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD Major crime and incident report Tuesday, April 3, 2018

12:13 a.m.: fire, Russell Road, a caller reports a fire, the responding officer reports that it appears that a structure was involved, the responding firefighters report a large pile (6-8 cords) of dried wood stored near a structure was fully involved, an engine was placed to douse the burning woodpile and protect the structure, two engines were detailed to provide water to that engine and a person was removed from a secondary structure, the fire spread to a nearby shed which was destroyed, the DPW was asked to provide a backhoe to break up the pile of burning wood in order to complete the extinguishment of the fire;

12:20 p.m.: school investigation, Westfield Technical Academy, 33 Smith Avenue, a school resource officer reports he resolved an issue relative to an on-line posting which had been a cause of contention;

2:31 p.m.: larceny, East Main Street, a caller reports a wallet was stolen, the responding officer reports that the complainant said that a wallet was left on the counter of a retail establishment and when it was recovered \$35 was found to be missing, the caller does not require a formal report;

10:33 p.m.: larceny, Main Street, a caller report his cell phone was stolen at a fast food restaurant, the responding officer reports the complainant said that he had inadvertently left the phone in the bathroom and when he returned for it he found it gone.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Gary M. Beach, 51, of 30 Rosedell Drive, Westfield, was held in lieu of \$50 cash bail pending a May 3 hearing after he was arraigned a charge of assault and battery brought by Westfield police.

Edwin B. Fredette, 29, of 22 Rogers Ave., Westfield, saw charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation dismissed when Judge William Rota allowed a motion for diversion and dismissal as permitted by the Valor Act.

Stuart J. Marsh, 26, of 19 Williams St., Chester, was released on his personal recognizance pending a May 27 hearing after he was arraigned on charges of assault and battery, assault and battery on a family or household member, malicious destruction of property valued less than \$250 and disturbing the peace brought by State Police.

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Police find weapons arsenal, bomb materials in Holyoke home

HOLYOKE, Mass. (AP) — Police say they have found an arsenal of weapons and chemicals that can be used to manufacture explosives in a Massachusetts home.

Holyoke police went to 49-year-old Edward Laboursoliere's home Sunday after getting a call from his wife. Police say they found 17 guns, thousands of rounds of ammunition and chemicals for making explosives, including ammonium nitrate.

Not-guilty pleas to 26 charges were entered on Laboursoliere's behalf at his arraignment Monday. He was held pending an April 17 hearing.

Police say he isn't licensed to have guns, and several were found unsecured in his home, where his three children also live.

Police are investigating what he intended to do with the guns and chemicals.

It could not immediately be determined if he has a lawyer.

Janitor arrested for allegedly threatening school shooting

STAFFORD, Conn. (AP) — Police say a middle school janitor in Stafford threatened a school shooting in a move that prompted a district-wide lockdown.

Fifty-eight-year-old David Wachta of Monson, Massachusetts has been arrested and charged with breach of peace and first-degree threatening.

Police say school administrators learned Wachta, a janitor at Stafford Middle School, had made the threat on Friday, saying he was going to "shoot up the school."

The schools were on lockdown until after Wachta was arrested shortly before noon on Monday. The schools were on a soft lockdown, which means students and teachers were allowed to roam but not leave the buildings.

Wachta is being held on a bond of \$100,000.

Mobile skate park named for Red Sox fan killed in 2004 opens

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Mass. (AP) — Skateboarders in East Bridgewater have a new place to play thanks to the legacy of a town resident killed while celebrating the Boston Red Sox American League championship in 2004.

The Enterprise reports that the Victoria Snelgrove Memorial Skate Park made its debut Sunday on the town common.

The mobile skate park, which can be packed up and moved to different areas of town, was made possible with the help of a \$25,000 grant from Snelgrove's parents.

The 21-year-old Snelgrove, an Emerson College student, was struck by a pepper-pellet shot by police as fans packed the streets around Fenway Park to celebrate the Red Sox AL championship win over the New York Yankees.

American to offer flights from

Philly to Worcester

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — The Massachusetts Port Authority and American Airlines say the airline will soon offers daily flights between Philadelphia and Worcester Regional Airport in Massachusetts.

The flights to Philadelphia International Airport announced Monday are scheduled to start in October. One flight will depart Philadelphia at 8 a.m. and arrives in Worcester at 9:05 a.m. Another flight will leave Worcester at 9:30 a.m. and land at 10:39 a.m.

Worcester is about 40 miles west of Boston.

The announcement comes after a \$30 million investment in a new instrument landing system at Worcester that allows for landings in low visibility weather conditions.

Massport CEO Thomas Glynn said the connection to Philadelphia "is a clear dividend of that investment."

The only other commercial airline offering flights out of Worcester is JetBlue, which has daily flights to Florida.

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Maria and Tom came in to see a Marriage and Family Therapist at the Carson Center. Maria described returning home one evening from a day out all together with the family. She helped the children off with their coats and shoes and began to prepare for bath time. She asked Tom to begin the supper.

An hour later, after the three children were bathed and dressed, Maria brought the hungry and tired children into the kitchen to find that Tom had not begun any kind of supper. Instead, he had decided to fix a lamp that he's been meaning to fix. Maria felt desperate and abandoned.

But Tom felt desperate and alone, too. He had hidden from Maria the growing requirements he faced in order to get through each day. He needed to check every drawer in each room, several times a day. He needed to open and close the refrigerator four times in a row, at least twelve times a day. He checked the pantry, the closets and the lock on the front door hourly. Once he remembered the lamp was broken, he did everything in his power to tell himself to attend to it, later, but this he could not manage to do. He soothed his feelings of failure by playing video games.

All Maria saw was a man more interested in himself and his games than his wife and family, so she had begun to live as if he weren't there. On weekends she went out with friends and didn't think to invite him.

Tom got his own Carson therapist to deal with his Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. In Marriage and Family Therapy, they were asked to tell the original love story that brought them together. From there, they identified their fears and misunderstandings and loss of connection that had gotten in the way of their relationship. They saw how OCD had undermined their connection. They hired a babysitter to help them spend time alone together. Tom kept going to therapy.

In six month's time, they could sit, holding hands while they told their Carson therapist that they'd found their way back to one another. When they celebrate their wedding anniversary now, they buy one another a small token, and spend an evening out together. And they send a card to Carson too.

By JAC Patrissi



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PSYCHOLOGISTS: Early help could deter school violence

By GARY D. ROBERTSON
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Hiring more psychologists and guidance counselors would help school officials identify students with mental health challenges sooner and deter serious violence, professionals in those fields told legislators Monday.

Leaders of state associations representing these professionals spoke to House members who are seeking ideas about how to make schools and students safer after the Feb. 14 shooting that left 17 dead at a Florida high school.

A House school safety committee formed by Speaker Tim Moore is aiming to make some recommendations in time for the next legislative session starting in mid-May.

The associations and an education consultant for state government presented data showing that the ratios of school psychologists and school counselors per student in North Carolina's public schools are below recommended levels.

This school year, for example, there is one school psychologist serving roughly every 2,100 public school students in North Carolina, compared to the ratio of one counselor per every 500 to 700 students that is recommended by the National Association of School Psychologists.

The state ratio of school counselors to students — one for every 386 students — is better than the national average of a little under 500 students but still above the recommended ratio of one per 250 students, a presenter said. While high school counselors often are focused on helping students prepare for colleges or careers, they and counselors for lower grades often serve on the front lines to address mental health issues in schools, said Tim Hardin, a counselor at Gaston County elementary school and president-elect of the North Carolina School Counselor Association.

"The teachers may know that something's off about little Johnny and they may bring him to us and let us talk to him and try to get to the bottom of what is going on," Hardin told the House school safety subcommittee. "We're able to see some issues before they truly become severe issues."

A dozen school districts had no school psychologist employed during the 2016-17 school year, and this year at least 17 lack a full-time psychologist, according to Department of Public Instruction numbers. There is also at least the equivalent of 75 psychologist vacancies statewide, department figures show.

The lack of staffing means most school psychologists are assigned to several schools or to an entire district, said Heather Lynch Boling of the Wake County schools and president of the North Carolina School Psychology Association.

Most of them must allot much of their time to collecting standardized test results to determine whether students qualify for special education programs, Boling said, with little or no time for student intervention services or other detailed evaluations.

That may create a disincentive for school psychologists — who must undergo at least two years of graduate school and often work in an internship before getting licensed by the state — to continue in the profession in North Carolina. State compensation for school psychologists ranges from \$43,390 to \$61,920, according to the department.

Boling said the students who are most at risk to commit mass violence aren't "tearing up classrooms." Instead, they may be students who are quieter, and could be identified by school support staff trained to look for problem signs.

"We need the right data to find the right kids to do the right work," Boling said.

WESTFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Senior Options 2018

WESTFIELD — On Thursday April 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Westfield Senior Center, 45 Noble Street, will be transformed with thirty-five exhibitors participating in the Senior Options 2018 event. All regularly scheduled programs will be suspended for the day. Older adults and their family members will have a unique opportunity to discover the multitude of services available to them regarding physical and emotional health, overall safety and wellness, housing options, and active lifestyle opportunities for older adults. The Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, the Senior Medicare Patrol Program, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Baystate Home Health, Mercy Hearing Center, the Westfield Fire and Police Departments, Westfield Gas & Electric, Highland Valley Elder Services, Baystate Noble Hospital, Mercy Adult Day Health Center, Westfield's assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, and Whip City Travelers are just a sampling of the organizations that will be represented at the event. Local legislators will be available to discuss participants' ideas and suggestions. Senator Donald Humason will be collecting worn-out or damaged American flags so that they can be disposed of or "retired" respectfully. A hearty 'Grab and Go' brown bag meal will be available for purchase as participants leave the event. A Chinese drawing will offer plenty of gift options for participants. In addition, drawing tickets will be sold in advance at the Senior Center as well as at the event for the

grand prize, a "Westfield Dining Gift Smorgasbord" featuring gift cards to six different Westfield eateries, donated by Firtion Adams Funeral Service. Senior Options 2018 provides an ideal opportunity to obtain valuable information regarding an array of services available for older adults in Westfield. There is no admission fee for the event. Please note that the Senior Center will close and the doors will be locked at 2 p.m. after the event is over so that the staff can clean up and set up for Friday's activities and programs.



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Safety-net hospitals, med school leaders sound budget alarm

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana's health officials have ramped up their warnings to lawmakers about budget cuts, saying proposed reductions could devastate services at safety-net hospitals, cripple medical education programs and create damaging ripple effects for years.

Lawmakers are debating how to close an estimated \$700 million gap in the budget year that begins July 1. Health care services are the biggest target for cuts, because those programs account for nearly half of Louisiana's annual operating budget.

Over two days of House and Senate budget hearings, managers of the charity hospital system that cares for the poor cautioned of clinic shutdowns and widespread service eliminations if plans to dramatically scale back their financing take hold. Medical school leaders said shuttering of clinics, inpatient beds and services would give them fewer places to train students and fewer dollars to run their programs.

"We're very, very concerned. Unless a viable budget is approved ... what I can tell you is that it's going to be catastrophic," G.E. Ghali, chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Shreveport, told the Senate Finance Committee on Sunday.

Larry Hollier, chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, told the House Appropriations Committee on Monday that the medical school's accreditation could be in jeopardy with the cuts proposed. He said of the school's accrediting body: "They're watching very carefully about what happens with our funding."

Louisiana's budget shortfall is caused by the expiration of temporary taxes. A special session called by Gov. John Bel Edwards earlier this year failed to raise any money to close the gap. Edwards wants another special session to consider replacement taxes, but some lawmakers — particularly House Republican leaders — are trying to find ways to slash spending to balance the budget without passing as many taxes as the Democratic governor is seeking.

Cuts to health care spending trigger the loss of federal matching dollars and other revenue sources tied to state spending levels, so slashing the health department can balloon to billions of dollars in reductions.

The New Orleans and Lafayette safety-net hospital managers have formally notified the governor they will return the state-owned facilities and exit their contracts if the worst-case-scenario cuts are enacted. Layoff notices to hospital staff are slated to start going out at the end of the month in Lafayette. Other facility managers have warned of people unable to access services.

If the facilities revert back to state control, that worsens Louisiana's budget hole, because hospital managers would no longer pay an estimated \$168 million next year to lease the facilities.

Members of the Senate and House budget committees differed in their reaction to the dire scenarios presented.

"This really comes down to a matter of life and death," said Sen. Regina Barrow, a Baton Rouge Democrat.

Lake Charles Sen. Ronnie Johns, a Republican, told hospital operators: "Hopefully, we'll fix this."

Appropriations Chairman Cameron Henry, a Metairie Republican, suggested the deals struck by former Gov. Bobby Jindal's administration were "a fiasco," too lucrative for private companies. He questioned claims that facility managers would walk away from the deals.

"If you're making money, I can't expect that you're going to leave," he said.

"If you're not going to pay them, I think we can all assume that they're not going to make any money," replied Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne, the governor's chief budget adviser.

Rep. Dustin Miller, an Opelousas Democrat, predicted the hospital deals wouldn't be sustainable even if they are patched together for another year.

"The public/private partnerships are going to implode," Miller said. "I'm telling you this will not last."



Sen. Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, left, listens as Senate President John Alario, R-Westwego, asks questions ahead of the Senate Finance Committee's budget hearing on Sunday, April 8, 2018, in Baton Rouge, La. (AP Photo)

Overdose

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pill, as one way to prevent inmates from giving the drugs to others for any illicit use, Howard said.

Researchers from Brown University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found that the addiction treatment program was leading to a drop in post-incarceration overdose deaths. They published a study in February in the Journal of the American Medical Association Psychiatry.

Though overdose deaths decreased overall last year in Rhode Island, deaths from the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl increased by about 5 percent. There were 205 fentanyl-related deaths.

Livestrong at The YMCA

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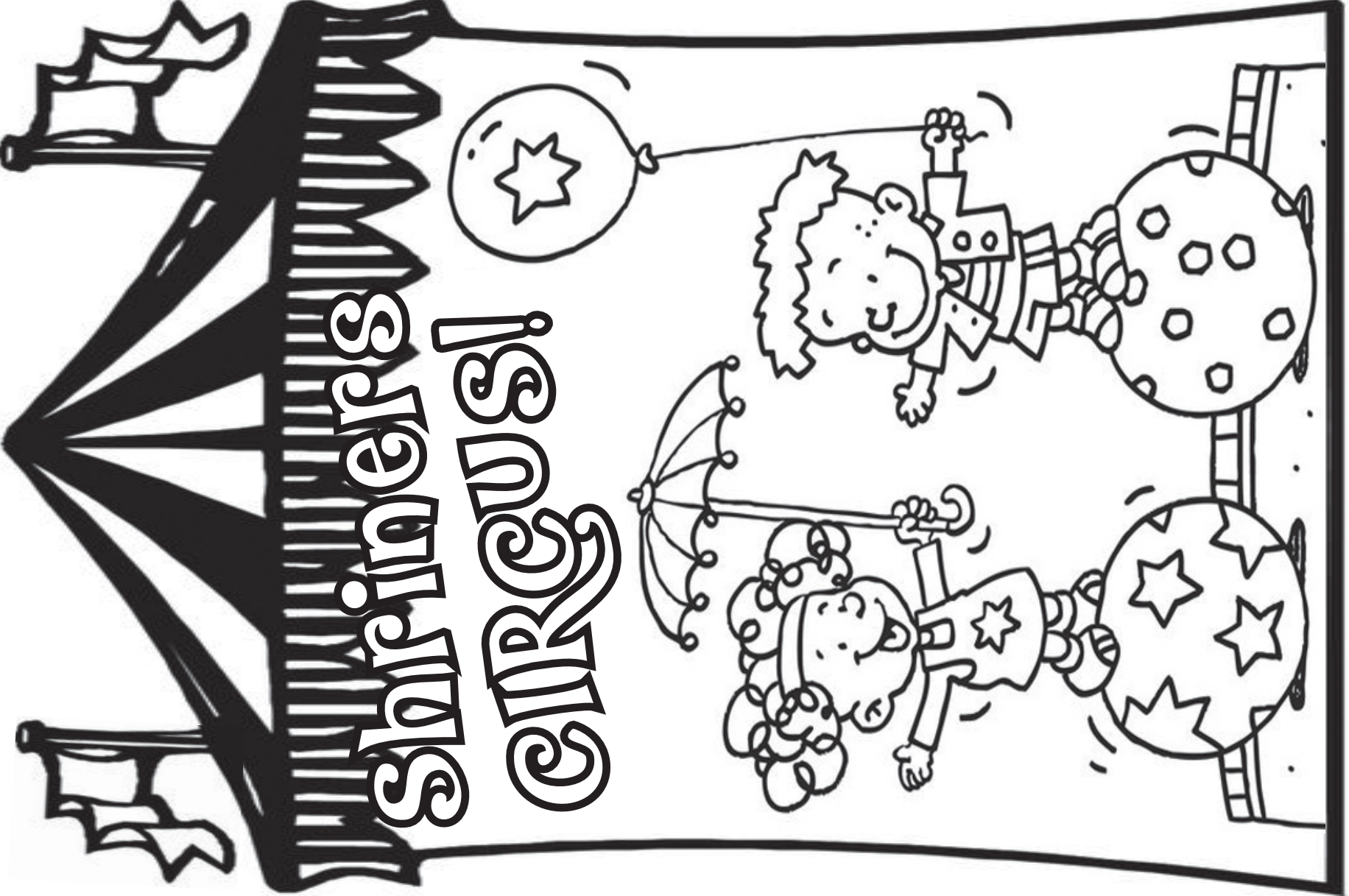

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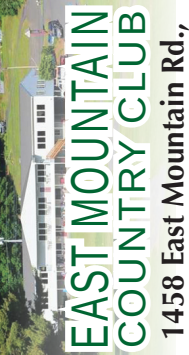
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SPORTS

Opening salvo

By CHRIS PUTZ
Staff Writer
SPRINGFIELD – The Gateway Regional High School softball team knocked back their opponent on the road in a season opener, and had a blast doing it.
Donna Viel and Lily Waters went a combined 7-for-9 from the plate, and Audrey Gamble recorded 10 strikeouts as Gateway blasted Commerce 13-1 in a mercy-shortened six-inning game Monday at Marshall Roy Field.
“It was good to come out strong,” said Gateway softball coach Matt Bonenfant, whose Gators also opened the 2016 season in similar fashion. “It was good to come out strong. We hit the ball hard, and despite being our first time on a dirt infield, played solid defensively.”
Gamble silenced Commerce, scattering four hits and striking out three.
Gateway’s offense belted 13 hits, and took advantage of seven Commerce errors.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Bombers tame Lions

Westfield def. Ludlow, 25-13, 23-25, 25-18, 25-11
Javier Santos (10 kills, 1 block), Shane Kiendzior (15 kills, 7 digs), Luis Castro (23 assists), and Ryan Murray (9 kills, 4 blocks) fueled Westfield’s third straight victory to begin the 2018 regular season.

SOFTBALL
Brownies shut out Bombers

Agawam 5, Westfield 0
Hayley Moniz struck out eight batters, and collected two base knocks at the plate for Westfield. She yielded five runs over seven innings.

Rams win thriller

Southwick 9, Easthampton 3 (8 inn.)
Southwick exploded for six runs in extra innings to earn a season-opening victory at Nonotuck Park.
Southwick pitcher Nikki Willey scattered five hits, struck out seven batters, and walked two in a complete game.
T. Pellac (3-for-4) and Gillian Ensign (2 hits) each scored two runs for the Rams, and McKenna Leary had two hits and a run.

GIRLS TENNIS
Indians clip Saints

Turners Falls 3 – Saint Mary’s 2
After two weather cancellations, St. Mary’s finally graced the court Monday. The Saints made a strong showing but ran out of gas against a quality opponent.
In singles play, Saint Mary’s Jessica Crosby continued her strong play from last season.
Crosby’s games were very relaxed and she mixed her shots well on her way to defeating Turners Falls’ Carlie Kretchmar, winning in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2.
Saint Mary’s Alexis Shedd played a long two-set match against Turners Falls’ Amber Taylor. Taylor won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. Shedd returned shot after shot in extended rallies against Taylor but couldn’t overtake her.
Saint Marys’ Erin Olearcek played her first match as a singles player against Turners Falls’ Amber Taylor. Olearcek dropped the first set to Taylor 6-1, but rebounded in the second set playing Taylor to a tie breaker, coming up just short in a 7-6 loss.
In doubles play, Saint Mary’s Maura O’Neal and Gina Mulvenna lost a tough match against Turners Falls’ Rachel Tucker and Izzy Farrick.
These teams played exciting early sets to start the match with Turners Falls taking the first set 6-1, only to be rocked back on their heels in the second set with O’Neal and Mulvenna taking the second set 6-1. The match went the distance with Turners Falls winning by taking the third set, 6-4.
Saint Mary’s Abigal Shannahan and Mary Turbolski won their first doubles match against Turners Falls’ Maria Labelle and Ceci Wood, winning in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. Shannahan and Turbolski worked their special brand of strategy well against Turners.
St. Mary’s head coach Frank Crosby said he his was pleased with the way the duo communicated and stayed on top of their match. – Frank Crosby contributed to this report

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Gateway’s Grace VanBuren (7) reaches first base safely as Commerce’s infield throw whizzes by the head of Gators’ (14) who is serving as the first base coach. (Photo by Chris Putz)



Gateway’s MaKayla Gogal (1) tosses the bat after drawing a walk in the first inning. (Photo by Chris Putz)



Gateway starting pitcher Audrey Gamble winds up for her delivery to a Commerce batter. (Photo by Chris Putz)



Gateway’s Katie Bean (6) crosses home plate. (Photo by Chris Putz)



Donna Viel (8) bats for Gateway. (Photo by Chris Putz)



Gateway’s Lily Waters (3) comes home for one of seven first-inning runs. (Photo by Chris Putz)



Stephanie Paiva (2) races home for Gateway. It was one of seven runs scored by the Gators in a first-inning explosion. (Photo by Chris Putz)

HIGH SCHOOL STANDINGS/RESULTS

BASEBALL Westfield 1-0 Westfield Tech 0-0 St. Mary 0-0 Southwick 0-0 Gateway 1-0	St. Mary 0-0	BOYS TRACK & FIELD Westfield 0-0 Southwick 0-0	BOYS VOLLEYBALL Westfield 3, Ludlow 1
SOFTBALL Westfield 0-2 Westfield Tech 0-0 Southwick 1-0 Gateway 0-0	GIRLS LACROSSE Westfield 1-1 St. Mary 0-0	BOYS TENNIS Westfield 1-0 St. Mary 1-0	GIRLS LACROSSE Minnechaug 15, Westfield 4
BOYS LACROSSE Westfield 1-0	BOYS VOLLEYBALL Westfield 3-0 Southwick 0-1	GIRLS TENNIS Westfield 0-0 St. Mary 0-1	SOFTBALL Agawam 5, Westfield 0 Southwick 9, Easthampton 3 (8 inn.)
	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Westfield 0-0 Southwick 0-0	MONDAY'S RESULTS SOFTBALL Gateway 13, Commerce 1	GIRLS TENNIS Turners Falls 3, Saint Mary's 2 BOYS TENNIS St. Mary 3, Greenfield 2 BASEBALL Gateway 6, Pioneer Valley Christian 1



Jordan Kowalski looks upfield for a receiver.



Westfield's Mackenzie Liptak and Minnechaug's Lauren Barry are both intent on getting the ball.



Kylie Buchanan maneuvers the ball close to the Minnechaug goal during Monday night's game.



Grayce Juan goes for height.



Elizabeth Clark makes a save at the goal.



Hannah Jarvis looks to get past Minnechaug defenders Aleksei Mendrala and Jennifer Kovarik.



Kyana Alvarado works to outrace her Minnechaug opponent.

H.S. Roundup

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Falcons swoop past Bombers

Minnechaug 15, Westfield 4

Kylie Buchanan led Westfield with two goals. Hannah Jarvis and Jordan Kowalski had one goal apiece for the Bombers.

Westfield goalie Liz Clarke finished with 11 saves.

"This was definitely a wake-up call for us," Westfield coach Paul Fenwick said. "Learn from this, reload."

BOYS TENNIS

Saints edge Green Wave

St. Mary 3, Greenfield 2

Kevin Lu and Joe Wilcox led St. Mary to victory with a 6-2, 6-2 over Greenfield's Anjou Kong-Stryker and Jacob Frank at first doubles. The Saints won at third singles and second doubles by forfeit due to insufficient number of players for the Green Wave.

St. Mary's No. 1 and 2 singles players' Jared Rusin and Dominick Nomakeo each lost in 3-set tiebreakers.

BASEBALL

Gators win opener

Gateway 6, Pioneer Valley Christian 1

Gateway pitcher Ryan Orr struck out 12 batters and scattered six hits in a complete game effort.

Brett Bonenfant and Anthony Piquette each collected a hit for Gateway. Bonenfant scored two runs and Piquette had one RBI.



It's a toss up for Minnechaug's Grace Crochiere and Westfield's Grayce Juan.

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Huntington COA Travelers plan Sox trip

The Huntington COA Travelers have a day trip planned to Fenway Park on **Wednesday, May 2nd**. The game will feature the Boston Red Sox versus the Kansas City Royals. We are fortunate to have obtained excellent third base side grandstand seats to watch the game. The luxury Silver Fox Motor Coach conveniently departs Huntington at 9:30 am and Westfield at 10:00 am, and arrives at Fenway about an hour and a half prior to the 1:05 game where we will watch pre-game warm ups. Expected return time is about 6:00 pm. Tour cost is \$99. Huntington residents pay \$79 courtesy of the Huntington COA. **Final payments are due by April 11th.** Please call (413) 512-5200 or (413) 512-5205 to reserve your seats.

Holy Trinity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Holy Trinity Church 335 Elm St. in Westfield will be having a 1 weekend 3 on 3 (co-ed optional) basketball tournament on **April 27 & 28**. The age are groups will be; 8-10 playing Sat. 8:30a-noon. 11-13 playing Sat. 12:30-3:30 & 14-16 playing Fri. 7p to 9p. The cost will be \$60 per team. Concessions will be sold. If interested please call the Holy trinity office at 413-568-1506 or email at htoffice@comcast.net.

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: westfield-sportsmensclub.com

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Standings Week 1 of 24 4/4/18
Division 1

Pts	Players
12.5	Marc Grenier – John LaRose
11	Dan Harris – Shawn Bradley
10.5	Tom Massimino – Tim Huber
9.5	Bob Bihler – Larry Cournoyer
9.5	Mike Cote – Ryan Maloney
9	Tim Laramée – Dan Laramée
8.5	Rick Brown – Jim Cartwright
8.5	Randy Anderson – Bob Genereux
7.5	Sean Cahill – Mark O'Donnell
7	Dave Dubois – Alan Velazquez
5.5	Tom Dutton – Jim Johnson
4.5	Jesse Rasid – Al Nubile

Division 2

12	Mike Mahan – Joe Hebda
11	Cam Lewis – Bill Grise III
11	Bob Collier – Don Clarke
9.5	Ed Bielonko – Branden Bielonko
9	Jim Conroy – Fran Como
9	Gary Gladu – Fran Dwyer

8.5	Carlos Santos – Bill Grise II
7	Jay O'Sullivan – Rick Burke
6	Bruce Kellogg – Richard Kellogg
6	Dan Burns Jr. – Greg Glidden
5	Marty Tyler – Stan Jackson
5	Mike Douville – Jody Wehr

Division 3

11.5	Jason Fitzgerald – Steve Tomaino
11	Mike Soverow – Mike Mulligan
11	Dan Burns Sr. – Mike Manijek
11	Jim Strycharz – Richard Roy
9.5	Dave Dover – Bill Chaffee
9.5	Glenn Grabowski – Jeff Berger
8.5	Mark Chase – John Palivoda
7	Bob Lewko – Nick Stellato
7	Roy Barton – Bill Reinhausen
7	Paul Carrier – Pat Bresnahan
6.5	Jason George – Dan Van Kruiningan
5	Joe Boutin – Henry Smith

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HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SPRING SCHEDULES

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday 04/10

Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Westfield High School
Pope Francis High School
Spec Pond, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Track
Westfield High School
Springfield Central High School
Berte Field
Central HS, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Track
Westfield High School
Springfield Central High School
Berte Field
Central HS, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Tennis
Westfield High School
West Springfield High School
Clark Field, 4 PM

Wednesday 04/11

Boys Varsity Baseball
Westfield High School
Pittsfield High School
CLAPP PARK, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Northampton High School
Westfield High School, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Westfield High School
West Springfield High School
Mittineague Park, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Tennis
Westfield High School
Springfield Central High School
Central HS Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
West Springfield High School
Westfield High School, 6:30 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball

West Springfield High School
Westfield High School, 5 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Westfield High School
West Springfield High School
Mittineague Park, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse
Northampton High School
Westfield High School, 5:30 PM

Thursday 04/12

Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Northampton High School
Westfield High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Tennis
Westfield High School
Mohawk Trail Regional HS, 3:30 PM
Girls Varsity Tennis
Amherst-Pelham Reg High School
Westfield High School, 4 PM

Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse
Northampton High School
Westfield High School, 4 PM

Friday 04/13

Boys Varsity Volleyball
Westfield High School
Chicopee Comprehensive HS, 5 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
Westfield High School
Chicopee Comprehensive HS, 4 PM
Saturday 04/14
Boys Varsity Baseball
Bridgewater-Raynham
vs. Westfield High School
Silver Lake Reg. High School, 2:30 p.m.
Girls Varsity Softball
Pittsfield High School
Westfield High School, 3 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Pittsfield High School
Northfield High School, 3 PM

SAINT MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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, 4:30 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

Thursday 04/12

Girls Varsity Tennis
Sabis International Charter School
Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Baseball
Saint Mary Parish School
Palmer High School
Legion Field, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Saint Mary Parish School
Palmer High School, 4 PM

Friday 04/13

Girls Varsity Tennis
Saint Mary Parish School
Mount Greylock Regional High School
Williams Tennis Courts, 4:30 PM
Boys Varsity Tennis
Springfield Central High School
Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Hoosac Valley High School
Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Hoosac Valley High School
Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 5:30 PM
Boys Varsity Baseball
Saint Mary Parish School
Lee Middle and High School
Maple Street Complex, 4 PM

Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Saint Mary Parish School
Lee Middle and High School, 4 PM

Monday 04/16

Girls Varsity Tennis
Saint Mary Parish School
Greenfield High School
Davis St Courts, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Pope Francis High School
Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4:30 PM

Tuesday 04/17

Boys Varsity Tennis
Saint Mary Parish School
Turners Falls High School, 4 PM
Boys Lacrosse
Saint Mary vs. Belchertown,
Boardman Field, 4 p.m.

Wednesday 04/18

Girls Varsity Tennis
Saint Mary Parish School
Pope Francis High School
Forest Park, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Pittsfield High School
Saint Mary Parish School
Boardman Field, 4:30 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Saint Mary Parish School
Lee Middle and High School, 4 PM

Thursday 04/19

Boys Varsity Tennis
Mohawk Trail Regional HS
Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Baseball
Monson High School
Saint Mary Parish School
Bullens Field, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Monson High School
Saint Mary Parish School
North Middle School, 4 PM

Friday 04/20

Boys Varsity Tennis
Pioneer Valley Christian Academy
Saint Mary Parish School
Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Saint Mary Parish School
Lee Middle and High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
Saint Mary Parish School
McCann Technical High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Baseball
Saint Mary Parish School
Ware, Memorial Field, 4 PM

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

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

Monday 04/23

Boys Varsity Baseball
McCann Tech
Westfield Technical Academy,
Bullens Field, 4 PM
Boys JV Baseball
McCann Tech
Westfield Technical Academy,
Jachym Filed, 4 PM

SOUTHWICK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

Wednesday 04/11

Boys Varsity Baseball
Granby Jr./Sr. High School
Southwick Regional School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Granby Jr./Sr. High School
Southwick Regional School
Southwick JV Baseball Field, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Monson High School
Southwick Regional School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
High School of Commerce
Southwick Regional School
James E. Vincent Gymnasium, 4:30 PM
Boys Varsity Track
Belchertown High School
Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Track
Pope Francis High School
Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Monson High School
Southwick Regional School
Southwick JV Softball Field, 4 PM

Thursday 04/12

Girls Varsity Track
Belchertown High School
Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM

Friday 04/13

Girls Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School
Palmer High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Ware High School
Southwick Regional School
James E. Vincent Gymnasium, 6 PM
Boys Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
Westfield Technical Academy
Bullens Field, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
Westfield Technical Academy
Jachym Field, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School

Palmer High School
Legion Field, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
Ware High School
Southwick Regional School
James E. Vincent Gymnasium, 4:30 PM

Monday 04/16

Boys Varsity Baseball
Greenfield High School
Southwick Regional School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Greenfield High School
Southwick Regional School
Southwick JV Baseball Field, 4 PM

Tuesday 04/17

Girls Varsity Softball
Granby Jr./Sr. High School
Southwick Regional School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Granby Jr./Sr. High School
Southwick Regional School
Southwick JV Softball Field, 4 PM

Wednesday 04/18

Boys Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
Ware High School
Memorial Field, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Track
Southwick Regional School
Monson High School
Moriarty Field
Granite Valley Middle School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Track
West Springfield High School
VS Southwick Regional School
Moriarty Field
Granite Valley Middle School, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball
Southwick Regional School
Ware High School, 4 PM

Thursday 04/19

Girls Varsity Track
Palmer High School
Southwick Regional School
Richard Atkinson Track, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School
Ware High School, 4 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball
Springfield HS of Science and Technology
Southwick Regional School, 6 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Southwick Regional School
Ware High School
Grenville Park, 4 PM
Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball
Springfield HS of Science and Technology
Southwick Regional School
James E. Vincent Gymnasium, 4:30 PM

GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

Monday 04/23

Softball
Gateway Reg. High School

Ware High School, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Softball
Gateway Reg. High School
Ware, Grenville Park, 4 p.m.

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

Thursday 04/26

Girls Varsity Softball
Sabis International Charter School
Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Sabis International Charter School
Gateway Reg. High School
Littleville Elementary School, 4 PM

Friday 04/27

Boys Varsity Baseball
Gateway Reg. High School
High School of Commerce
Marshall Roy Field, 4 PM
Girls Varsity Softball
Springfield HS of Science and Technology
Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM

Monday 04/30

Girls Varsity Softball
Hopkins Academy
Gateway Reg. High School, 4 PM
Girls Junior Varsity Softball
Hopkins Academy
Gateway Reg. High School
Littleville Elementary School, 4 PM



Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Divorce Blocks Out Grandma

Dear Annie: I am hoping that you can help me solve this problem. My son recently divorced the mother of his two children. My former daughter-in-law has decided to unfriend me on Facebook and talk negatively about me to others. I would like to still be able to show my friends pictures of my grandchildren from her Facebook page. I am very sorry that their marriage did not endure. I have not treated her negatively. Do you have any suggestions that would help me reconnect with her? -- Blocked Out

Dear Blocked Out: The divorce was recent, and the wounds are fresh. When she speaks negatively about you, that's probably her pain talking. Rather than call, text or email, take a gentler, less invasive approach: Write a letter. Tell her exactly what you told me -- that you're sorry the marriage ended but you still care about her and the grandkids. Once she has had some time to heal, she may be better able to see the benefits of having you in her children's lives.

Dear Annie: I agree that "Distressed in Utah" should set boundaries for family members regarding what she will do in retirement. I can speak to the importance of this as someone who has guarded my free time in retirement. Many family members and friends assume that the newly retired person will have nothing to do and will be bored and lonely. And 50 years ago, that might have been true. But today, most of us retirees have hobbies and activities that keep us occupied, and we feel confident enough to treat ourselves to the luxury of sleeping in if we want to, after years of having that luxury only rarely.

I love my family members, and I love my grandchildren, but I am determined to maintain those boundaries and protect my ability to finally live a life I choose. I want to be a grandmother, not a baby sitter or a surrogate parent.

I assume this woman's children think she will be bored and lonely, and they probably like the idea of having the grandchildren with someone they can trust without question. But that doesn't mean Grandma should give up her long-anticipated freedom. And if Grandma's husband, who wants her to be a full-time servant to his elderly father, believes that his father's having care is so important, perhaps he should quit his job instead and take care of his own father. I'm guessing her husband would be more than happy to pay for a housekeeper or order Meals on Wheels if faced with that option. After being retired for a while, if "Distressed" feels she'd like to spend a day a week with her grandchildren, she certainly could offer that option to her kids -- but it's hers to decide and to offer, not theirs to expect or demand. -- Love Being Retired

Dear Love Being Retired: Beautifully said. Bravo for boundaries!

Dear Annie: In response to "Just Saying," who holds the door for female customers and then stews if they queue ahead of him: When you don't want to be passed, simply enter first but hold the door ajar behind you for the next customer to take. It's still a nice gesture, for which women today are unlikely to fault you. -- Adaptable

Dear Adaptable: This is the sort of solution I like: practical and polite. I wish I'd thought of it. Thanks for writing.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

THE VALUE OF THE VIN

Dear Readers: In the market for a USED VEHICLE? It's smart to do your homework. Learn everything you can about the make and model of the car you're interested in, of course, but there's something else you should check when you find a car you like: the VIN.

"VIN" is "vehicle identification number," 17 characters that can give you a wealth of information, like whether the car has been totaled in an accident or natural disaster (like a flood), or if it's been reported stolen.

Unscrupulous people can refurbish cars that have been totaled and resell them. This is illegal, because it is not safe. And stolen vehicles, of course, cannot be resold.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau offers a free VIN check service at www.NICB.org. You also can call 800-TEL-NICB (800-835-6422). This is one way to protect yourself and be a responsible consumer. -- Heloise

LETTER OF LAUGHTER

Dear Heloise: Regarding the hint in February about where to hold the steering wheel when driving, the 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock hand position versus the 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock one is very confusing to current young student drivers. They have spent their entire lives looking at digital clocks! -- Diane E., Springfield, Ill.



TV Sports Listings

Tuesday, April 10	Basketball
Baseball	8 p.m. NBA: Boston Celtics at Washington Wizards (TNT)
7 p.m. MLB: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (ESPN, YES)	10:30 p.m. NBA: Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)
7 p.m. MLB: New York Mets at Miami Marlins (SNY)	Soccer
10 p.m. MLB: Oakland Athletics at Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB Network)	2:30 p.m. UEFA Champions League: Manchester City vs. Liverpool (FS1)

On The Tube



This image released by National Geographic shows Katie Couric, left, "host of America Inside Out with Katie Couric," and Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, founder and editor of MuslimGirl, in New York. Couric's new series premieres Wednesday on National Geographic. (Jason DeCrow/National Geographic via AP)

Couric's Nat Geo series turned newsier than anticipated

NEW YORK (AP) — There's a danger in planning a news-oriented television series a year in advance.

But circumstances smiled on Katie Couric and her six-part National Geographic channel series, "America Inside Out," which premieres Wednesday at 10 p.m. Eastern. Some of the topics she chose to explore, like gender inequality and racial attitudes as reflected in the debate over Confederate statues, became more prominent after she started working on the series.

Couric and a crew were filming the episode about Confederate monuments that kicks off the series this week in Charlottesville, Virginia, last August, and attended a rally by white supremacists that turned violent.

"While I had these ideas last spring, so many of them have intensified and even exploded into the public consciousness in a way that I never anticipated," Couric said.

The series is an outgrowth of Couric's special on gender fluidity that aired on National Geographic last year. Both Couric and National Geographic wanted to explore other issues with some depth; the series also looks into what it's like to be a Muslim in America; white working-class anxiety; how technology is affecting humanity; and the new rules of political correctness.

Couric even copped to some of her own bad behavior in the technology episode, revealing a smartphone reliance that is only getting worse.

Interviews are heavily featured, from the likes of Julianne Moore, Viola Davis, Elisabeth Moss, Aasif Mandvi, Roseanne Barr, Cornel West and others. The episodes offer a nuanced look at some meaty issues that are not often examined to this extent on television.

"The one thing that I've always enjoyed doing, and I hope have been pretty decent at, is to be able to look at stories, these disparate stories, and sense a trend or a big-picture change," Couric said.

The veteran television personality said it's important for people to get out of their own bubbles and speak to people who aren't necessarily like-minded.

"I still have a lot to learn," she said. "I think we all have a lot to learn. I think we should admit that, and we'd probably be a lot better off."

To that end, she logged plenty of miles in reporting for the series. She visited communities in Pennsylvania, Nebraska and Iowa for the episode on white anxiety, toggled between

Hollywood and Silicon Valley for the story on gender inequality and touched down on college campuses to learn a new glossary of "PC culture."

National Geographic hasn't broached the idea of making "America Inside Out" a regular series for Couric, nor is she certain about whether she would want to do that.

After her years in the network trenches as "Today" show host and "CBS Evening News" anchor, she's built a varied portfolio. She does a weekly podcast and is working on some scripted projects that she's reluctant to talk about yet. She can pick and choose, like she did recently with a temporary assignment hosting the Winter Olympics opening ceremony for NBC.

"Sometimes I miss being in the middle of it all," she said. "But then I remember being frustrated by being in the middle of it all and not being able to do deep dives on important topics. So the grass is always greener. I really enjoyed the opportunity to spend a few months doing the kind of journalism I wish there was more of, frankly."

Online:
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

Topless protester a former 'Cosby Show' actress and activist

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — The topless protester who leaped over a barricade and ran toward Bill Cosby at the start of his sexual assault retrial on Monday is an actress who appeared on the comedian's family sitcom "The Cosby Show" as a child.

Nicolle Rochelle, a member of European feminist group Femen, which is known for staging topless protests, said she wanted to send a message to the 80-year-old comedian.

"The main goal was to make Cosby uncomfortable because that is exactly what he has been doing for decades to women," she told reporters after her release from custody.

Rochelle, of Little Falls, New Jersey, had the names of more than 50 of Cosby's accusers scrawled on her body, along with the words "Women's Lives Matter," when she ran in front of Cosby toward a bank of TV cameras outside the suburban Philadelphia courthouse. She was taken down by sheriff's deputies and charged with disorderly conduct.

Her protest came ahead of opening statements in a case that pits Cosby against a former Temple University women's basketball official who says the comedian drugged and molested her in 2004. He says the encounter was consensual.

Rochelle, who guest-starred on several episodes of "The Cosby Show" more than 25 years ago, said she didn't have any bad experiences with Cosby when she was on the show, nor did she intend to physically hurt him on Monday.

"I wanted him to feel something. I wanted him to feel what he did and have it be in his face," said Rochelle, who has been living in Paris. "I wanted to approach him, but I didn't want to touch him at all."

Authorities told Rochelle to stay away from the courthouse, a warning she said she will heed.

The actress, singer and dancer's activist group Femen, which got its start in Ukraine



Actress Nicolle Rochelle, who appeared on several episodes of "The Cosby Show," is detained as Bill Cosby arrives for his sexual assault trial at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Monday, April 9, 2018, in Norristown, Pa. Rochelle of Little Falls, N.J., was charged with disorderly conduct. (AP Photo)

a decade ago, regularly stages topless protests against religious institutions, far-right politicians and other targets seen as oppressing women.

The group has been re-energized by the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct. Paris-based Femen leader Inna Shevchenko said Femen has a presence in eight countries.

Femen activists target their unauthorized protests — which have been staged at the Vatican, in front of Russian President Vladimir Putin and elsewhere — to attract as much media attention as possible. That media obsession, and the members' use of their breasts as a protest tool, has drawn criticism from feminist groups and others who see Femen protests as a distraction.

Femen argues that its actions are more effective than officially sanctioned protests.

"When a woman is nude, it usually attracts attention, and that was definitely the goal," Rochelle said. "To attract attention to the fact that women are not laying down peacefully and taking this kind of treatment, and that people are against Cosby."

Cosby's first trial ended in a mistrial. The case has helped demolish his image as America's Dad, cultivated during his eight-year run as kindly Dr. Cliff Huxtable on the top-rated "The Cosby Show" in the 1980s and '90s.

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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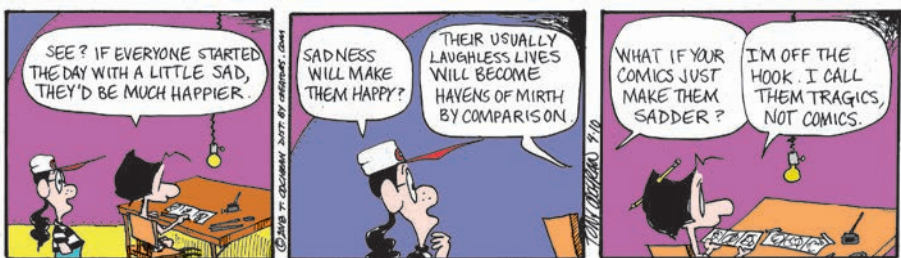
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ARCHIE Fernando Ruiz and Craig Boldman



RUBES Leigh Rubin



DADDY'S HOME Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



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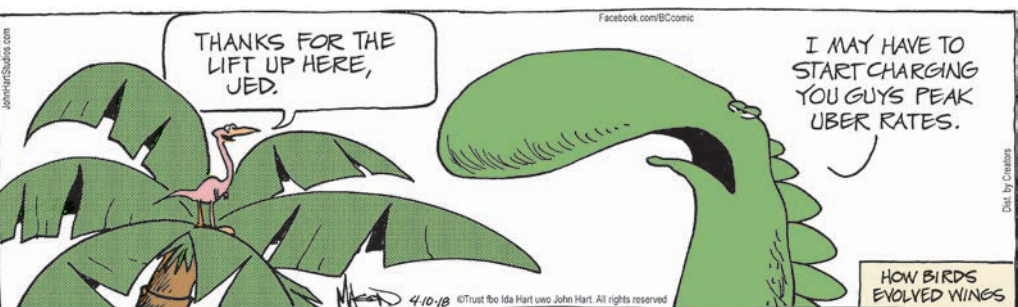
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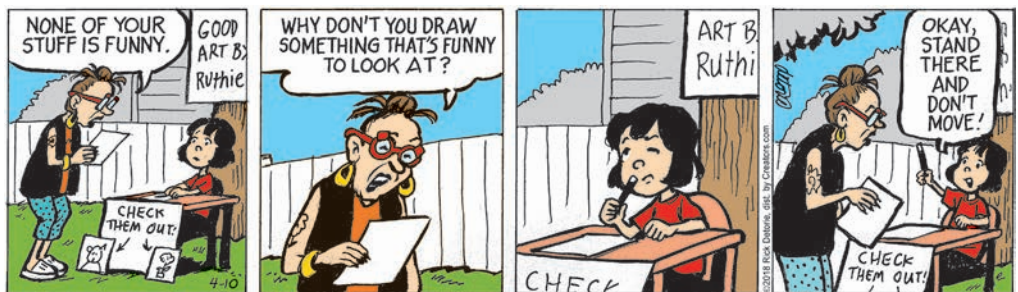
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 10, 2018:

This year you see the power of setting intentions. What you decide is important can easily be materialized. You know what you want, and you won't back down; you support yourself in pursuing your desires. If you are single, should you desire a passionate romance or relationship, you will have just that. Cupid's arrow could hit you any time from summer on. If you are attached, the two of you enter a meaningful period in your relationship. Plan on doing some traveling together. AQUARIUS reminds you of the wilder side of life.

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)

★★★★ Your fiery energy, when focused, can eliminate more work for you. Others note your efficiency and seem to want to tap into it. An observer might ask you how to proceed with a project. A financial matter could go from one extreme to the other. Tonight: As you like it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might feel pushed to get your errands done. Expect a heavy pace and a lot of distractions. You will reach your goal, but you could feel drained by the end of it. A supportive friend asks you if you want help. Say "yes," and you'll have more fun. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your ability to move through a problem and resolve it emerges. You have entered an excellent period in which you are able to prioritize your time. Be wise, and do not make a final decision just yet. You are in the process of evaluating. Tonight: Catch up on calls and emails.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be more forthright in what you do and how you do it. A friend proves to be extremely supportive and positive, as he or she understands where you are coming from. Don't underestimate what is happening. Remain more upbeat. Tonight: Buy a thank-you gift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You will want to head in a new direction, but you could get hit with so many distractions that you might not accomplish your goal. Use the delay well. Understand and embrace the power of slowing down. Tonight: Go along with a dear friend's or loved one's suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You are in a position where you can accomplish what you want and still have some extra time to spare. A call from a loved one might intrigue you. As a result, you'll be encouraged to move through some work more quickly than usual. Tonight: Soak away some stress, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You come up with some unique ideas that seem to work better than the present set of plans. Convincing someone else of that fact could be difficult. Listen to your gut when dealing with a playful person; you likely will be distracted by his or her charm. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as if you need to make a major change. What you do not realize is that you have been changing slowly and are in the midst of a personal transformation. Make no major decisions about your life for a while; revisit this issue later. Tonight: Happily head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Note the relaxed mood around you. Return calls and get into the social nature of the moment. Network and swap jokes. Understand what is happening with a loved one. You will feel much more upbeat than you have in quite some time. Tonight: Listen to a friend's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Postpone meetings unless they deal with financial matters. Stay in that realm, and you will see the benefits quickly. A mouthy friend could have some remarkable suggestions. You need to get past your initial reaction in order to hear them. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Refuse to blame others for a hassle. A friend will play into a decision where you could be waffling. Try to get as much done as possible. Do not hesitate to ask for more information. Once you start talking, you could have difficulty staying mum. Tonight: Let spontaneity rule.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Slow down, and get to the basics of a problem. You might not be sure how to handle what you are hearing. Just make sure you get all the facts before making a decision. If need be, speak to an expert. You could get more information than you can handle. Tonight: Get some R and R.

BORN TODAY

Actor Omar Sharif (1932), singer/actress Mandy Moore (1984), actress Shay Mitchell (1987)

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

Insurance policy

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

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

Opening lead — jack of spades.

A safety play allows declarer to protect himself against an unfavorable lie of the cards in a particular suit. The play comes in many forms, and can arise in a wide variety of situations.

Today's deal features a relatively simple illustration of a safety play and shows the thinking process that should be employed to decide whether one is necessary.

When dummy appears, it is obvious that six hearts can fail only if South loses two trump tricks. Since it

is impossible to lose two tricks in the suit if the opposing hearts are divided 2-1, declarer focuses his attention on what can be done to protect against a 3-0 break. This should lead South to the conclusion that cashing the ace of hearts after winning the spade lead will result in defeat if East has all three trumps, as in the actual deal.

To guard against this, as well as to guard against West having all three trumps, South should win the opening lead in dummy and lead a low heart toward his hand. After East produces the nine, he should play the ten.

In the actual case, the ten wins, and the slam is home. If the ten loses to West, then the trumps were originally divided 2-1 and the slam is also safe. If East happens to show out on the first heart lead, declarer puts up the ace and returns a heart toward the queen to assure just one loser. Of course, if East plays an honor on the first heart lead, South takes the ace, likewise securing the contract.

The same result can be achieved by winning the first spade in the closed hand and leading a low trump toward the queen. In the actual deal, East takes the queen with the king, but South later picks up the J-9 of trumps via a finesse. And if West has all three trumps, he is likewise limited to just one trick.

As long as declarer takes care to protect against a possible 3-0 break, he is virtually certain to prevail.

Tomorrow: Hook, line and sinker.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals M



This March 19, 2018, file photo shows Boston Bruins forward Ryan Donato, left, being congratulated by Danton Heinen (43) after his first goal in his first NHL game, during the second period of a hockey game against the Columbus Blue Jackets in Boston. In the East, Boston suddenly looks like the team to beat, Pittsburgh has won the Stanley Cup two years in a row and awakened from a midseason funk and Tampa Bay has shown flashes of being unstoppable. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa, File)

Matchup dynamics make Eastern Conference tough to predict

Seeding means nothing in the giant game of rock, paper, scissors that is the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Top-seeded Tampa Bay lost all three meetings this season against eighth-seeded New Jersey, Toronto beat Boston three out of four times and records don’t matter when Pittsburgh and Philadelphia meet in another battle of Pennsylvania. The Penguins are the back-to-back defending Stanley Cup champions while the Lightning and Bruins are among the best teams in the NHL — and yet there isn’t one obvious team to beat.

“In the East, anybody can beat anybody,” said Devils defenseman Ben Lovejoy, who won it all with the Penguins in 2016. “When we’re playing our best game, I think we can beat anybody, and I think that the opposite is true. We have to be dialed in no matter who we’re playing, and we’ve done a really good job of that against the best teams in the league this year.”

The Devils certainly match up better against the Lightning than they would have against the Bruins, who are in for a tough series against the Maple Leafs. Washington has had a lot of success in recent years against Columbus but has a big question of who to start in goal and the Capitals have not played the Blue Jackets and their additions at the trade deadline.

Before stubbing their toe in game 82 and failing to win the Atlantic, the Bruins looked like they had the potential to be a buzz saw with Tuukka Rask in goal and enough depth to withstand injuries all season. They still might be.

“You don’t want to downplay how good every other team is, but you want to be the team to beat,” Boston defenseman Torey Krug said. “We try to play like the team that we are and play to our strengths and make sure that other teams are changing the way that they play to play against us.”

That’s half the fun of the playoffs, where matchups matter more than anything than points earned during the regular season.

“There’s no sitting here saying, ‘Who’s the best matchup?’” Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. “You need health. You need luck. You need so many things to go your way to win in the playoffs.”

Goaltending doesn’t hurt, either. If Tampa Bay gets the kind of Vezina Trophy-caliber play out of Andrei Vasilevskiy that he delivered for much of the season, it could go on a deep run, though the same could be said for Pittsburgh with Matt Murray, Washington with Braden Holtby or Philipp Grubauer, Columbus with Sergei Bobrovsky or Toronto with Frederik Andersen.

LIGHTNING VS. DEVILS

The East’s top team for much of the year, Tampa Bay hopes Steven Stamkos is healthy after dealing with a nagging lower-body injury late in the season. Stamkos, 100-point scorer Nikita Kucherov and top defenseman Victor Hedman make the Lightning a scary opponent. The Devils aren’t scared. They have Hart Trophy candidate Taylor Hall, star rookie Nico Hischier and enough veteran playoff experience to not look out of place.

“We’ve been in a playoff spot all year long and we’ve earned the right to be here, so that’s what we understand as a group,” said Devils center Brian Boyle, who went to the 2014 final with the Rangers and then the next year with the Lightning. “We believe in what we have. The way we play, our foundations, systems, are what got us here.”

BRUINS VS. MAPLE LEAFS

Plenty has changed since Boston beat Toronto in seven games in 2013.The Maple Leafs added Mike Babcock as



In this April 6, 2018, file photo, Tampa Bay Lightning center Brayden Point (21) celebrates with the bench after scoring against the Buffalo Sabres during the third period of an NHL hockey game, in Tampa, Fla. (AP Photo/Chris O’Meara, File)

coach, Andersen in goal and have young stars Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner and William Nylander.

“It’s a very exciting team, a very dynamic team,” Maple Leafs deadline addition Tomas Plekanec said. “A lot of young talent on this team.”

The Bruins can go punch-for-punch with the Maple Leafs and just about anyone in the league. Led by the top line of Brad Marchand, Patrice Bergeron and David Pastrnak, they have handled injuries to Bergeron, Rick Nash, captain Zdeno Chara and others and just keep clicking.

“We feel we’ve got a pretty strong lineup and that’s been a constant all along even though we’ve missed guys,” coach Bruce Cassidy said. “That’s just what it’s been this year. It’s just how we’re going to be. It’s become a bit of our fight song, so to speak, that, hey, we can do it and different guys in and out, guys are prepared to step in and play with whoever they’re asked to play with.”

CAPITALS VS. BLUE JACKETS

Despite losing several key players last offseason, the Capitals won the Metropolitan Division for the third consecutive year. Their reward: a matchup against Bobrovsky, Artemi Panarin and the John Tortorella-coached Blue Jackets.

“We’ve always thought that they’ve been a pretty good team for the last few years, not just the last couple where they’ve had more success,” Holtby said. “I think we’ve always had a good challenge against them. We play better against solid teams, teams that are coached well and it’s always fun to play against them. I think it’ll be a good series.”

At the very least, it probably won’t be a short series.

PENGUINS VS. FLYERS

These two teams don’t like each other, which should make for some fireworks in the first round. Since they last met in 2012, Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and the Penguins have won the Cup twice, but something about Philadelphia-Pittsburgh makes for good games.

“They’re really fun games to play,” Flyers MVP candidate Claude Giroux said. “They’re not easy games to play, but it’s easy to get up and play some hockey when you know you’re playing the Penguins.”

CONFERENCE FINAL PREDICTION

Toronto over Pittsburgh in seven games. Matthews out-scores Crosby and the Maple Leafs make their first trip to the Cup Final since they won it all in 1967.

A look at what’s happening all around the majors Tuesday:

BEST OF 19

Giancarlo Stanton and J.D. Martinez get their first swings in the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry when aces Luis Severino and Chris Sale start at Fenway Park in the opener of 19 games between the AL East powers. Boston has won eight in a row but is minus shortstop Xander Bogaerts, put on the 10-day disabled list because of a cracked bone in his left ankle. Stanton is still looking for his stroke — the NL MVP is hitting .167 with 20 strikeouts in 42 at-bats in his first year with New York.

SHO HIM

Shohei Ohtani could return to the lineup when the Los Angeles Angels visit Texas. The two-way star from Japan pitched perfect ball into the seventh inning Sunday, then didn’t start Monday. Ohtani has homered in his last three games as a designated hitter. He’s batting .389, and is 2-0 on the mound.

WRIGLEY WREADY

The Chicago Cubs try again to play their home opener, a day after a winter scene at Wrigley Field forced a snowout. The Cubs are only team in the majors that hasn’t had a home game. The forecast is for clear skies and temperatures in the low 40s when Tyler Chatwood starts against Pittsburgh.

NO GUARANTEE

The White Sox are still winless at home this season. They’ve opened 0-4 at Guaranteed Rate Field, and haven’t lost their first five home games since 1975 at Comiskey Park. Carson Fulmer starts for Chicago against Tampa Bay lefty Blake Snell.

BIG JUMP

The Orioles have promoted 2013 first-round pick Hunter Harvey from the minors to bail out a tired bullpen while they take on Toronto. The right-hander, the son of former All-Star reliever Bryan Harvey, has never pitched above Class A — he had been scheduled to start Monday for Double-A Bowie. The 23-year-old Harvey missed the 2015 season with an arm injury and had Tommy John surgery in July 2016.

LEGAL NOTICES

April 3, 10, 17, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stanley Ursia to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sovereign Bank, dated March 6, 2009 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17683, Page 162, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Sovereign Bank to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated March 21, 2012 and recorded with said registry on March 21, 2012 at Book 19173 Page 263, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 5 Morgan Avenue, Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Being known and designated as Lots #36 (thirty-six) and #37 (thirty-seven) as shown on a Plan of Lots belonging to F. Leonard located in Westfield, Mass., Thayer & Magill, Civil Engineers, Scale:100 ft to 1in., recorded in Hampden County, Massachusetts, Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 1, Page 182 to which plan reference is made for a more particular description thereof.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 12878, Page 355.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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April 10, 2018

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DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

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ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Timothy A. Broadhurst

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

PHH Mortgage Corporation

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Westfield, numbered 1 Delancy Street, given by Timothy A. Broadhurst to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for TD Banknorth, N.A., dated August 31, 2007, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16905, Page 289, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated March 12, 2010, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 18333, Page 588, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated October 22, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20251, Page 493, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before May 14, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER
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Please send letter of interest and resume to:

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