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Chester residents notified of drinking water violation

By AMY PORTER Correspondent

CHESTER – The town of Chester sent a notice this week to residents using town water, advising them that the Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) levels, a disinfection byproduct, had exceeded the maximum contaminant level in the drinking water at the 381 Huntington Road testing location. The notice was in response to a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) dated Dec. 4.

The Chester Water System is supplied by two reservoirs, the Austin Brook Reservoir and Horn Pond Reservoir. The Austin Brook Reservoir, the main supplier is located one mile west of the center of town. The Horn Pond Reservoir is in Becket and flows by gravity through conduit into Austin Brook, once the level drops to a prescribed level, according to a 2007 Drinking Water Quality Report.

The report goes on to say that the Chester Water System uses slow sand filtration for treatment of the raw water from Austin Brook. Before the water reaching the clear wells, sodium hydrochlorite is injected into the water for disinfection purposes. Upon discharge to the water system, sodium hydrochlorite is injected into the water for the purpose of reducing the effect of acidic water on household plumbing. The water quality is monitored regularly be the MassDEP.

Approximately half of the residents of Chester, 800 people, use Chester town water.

According to spokesperson Catherine Skiba, MassDEP issued a notice of noncompliance to the town dated Dec. 4 for exceedance of TTHMs in the drinking water, a byproduct of disinfecting the water with chlorine. TTHMs are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. While Skiba said the situation is not an emergency, as a cautionary measure MassDEP requires public notice be provid-

Drinking water with excessive TTHMs over many years may result in health impacts such as problems with liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. People with compromised immune systems, have an infant, are pregnant or elderly may be at higher risk and should seek advice from a health care provider about drinking this water.

Skiba also said that Chester has not been consisently in exceedance of standards but has reported elevated TTHMs in the past. As a result of the most recent exceedances, MassDEP requires Chester to evaluate treatment processes and propose modifications to the treatment system to reduce the likelihood of elevated disinfection byproducts. The evaluation includes additional water quality monitoring and possible physical changes to the treatment process. Skiba said MassDEP staff have provided technical assistance to Chester in the past and suggested system modifications.

Town Administrator Patricia Carlino sent the notice to residents on Wednesday informing them of the violation of the drinking water standard at the 381 Huntington Road location for TTHMs in the Chester Water Department drinking water, as determined over an average of four quarters. The notice also states that this is not an emergency, and residents do not need to

do anything in response.

For their response, the town stated the following: "We are conducting more water quality monitoring to assess the source water quality and treatment processes and will use this information to evaluate the cause(s) of elevated levels and potential corrective actions, such as improvements in our treatment system. We began additional monitoring in August due to water quality concerns and will use that information in our evaluation. We anticipate resolving the problem within the coming months. We will work with MassDEP throughout the process.



CHESTER TOWN HALL



Kristen Mello and Christopher Clark speak to residents about a public health study at a WRAFT meeting on Tuesday. (Photo by Amy Porter)

WRAFT is seeking participants for **PFAS** health study

By AMY PORTER

Correspondent

WESTFIELD - Westfield Residents Advocating for Themselves (WRAFT) held an information meeting on Tuesday on efforts to begin a public health study with UMASS on the health effects of exposure to polyfluorinated compounds (PFAS), such as the elevated levels found in Westfield water on the north side of town due to contamination from fire-fighting foam used by the Air National Guard decades ago.

Christopher Clark, an environmental science major at UMASS, said he has been communicating with the School of Public Health, which he said is very interested and is actively applying for grants. He said they need as many people to participate as possible. "UMASS has told us, if we work the community side to get people involved, they'll work the science," Clark said.

According to Kristen Mello, founding member of WRAFT, the current focus of the community-driven project is to gather information from a broad group of people interested in participating.

Both Clark and Mello said the purpose of the study will be long-term science, and isn't going to answer direct concerns in the community. "Science is all about not proving things, but disproving," said Clark.

Although PFAS is considered an emerging contaminant, Mello said that some people have known about it since the '70's. She said in 1999, the 3M Company, one

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Hydrant on Feeding Hills Road. (WNG File Photo)

Hydrant flushing finished for the year

By GREG FITZPATRICK Correspondent

SOUTHWICK - According to DPW Director Randy Brown, the town-wide hydrant flushing project has concluded for the season as it has become too cold to con-

"I don't see us getting back on that until next year," said

Brown added that the DPW could resume the flushing in the spring if it permits.

Most recently, the hydrant flushing was occurring on College Hwy as well as Tannery Road.

The annual town-wide flushing began on October 10 on Feeding Hills Road, Powder Mill Road, and the side streets off of those roads. The flushing took place every Wednesday morning from 3 a.m. until 7 a.m.

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Westfield man charged with attempted murder

By CARL E. HARTDEGEN Correspondent WESTFIELD - A city man

was held Wednesday pending a dangerousness hearing after he was arraigned on charges which include attempted murder.

Officer Harry Sienkiewicz reports in a court document that on Dec. 11 Donald K. MacLeod, 28, of 5 King Ave., Westfield, attacked a 67-year-old victim who is related to him by blood with a straight razor and a ham-

Seinkiewicz alleges that the victim "sustained slash wounds from the straight edge razor near the left side of the throat, the left side of his neck near the ear, and the webbing of his left hand causing all of the wounds that could be seen to bleed profusely."

Sienkiwwicz also wrote that the victim "sustained blows to the top and back of the head with a hammer which caused serious injuries and also profuse bleed-

The victim was transported to Baystate Medical Center for treatment in the trauma unit there, Sienkiewicz reports.

At his arraignment Wednesday in Westfield District Court on charges of attempted murder, assault and battery on a family or household member and two charges of assault and battery on a person 60 years-of-age or older the Commonwealth filed a motion to hold McLeod without right too bail pending a dangerous hearing and Judge William A. Rota allowed the motion. The hearing is scheduled fro Dec. 18.

Restaurant owner retiring, property for lease

By GREG FITZPATRICK

Correspondent

SOUTHWICK - A restaurant owner on Congamond Lake is looking to lease his property. Joe Scuderi, the owner of Crabby Joe's Bar and Grille on 141 Congamond Rd., is planning to retire in the spring of 2019 after being in the restaurant business for more than 36 years and will be closing the restaurant.

Mark O'Neill, a local developer of Hamlet Homes in Suffield, Conn., is working with Scuderi to finalize a lease-purchasing agree-O'Neill and Scuderi have hired LDL Design Studios of Providence,

R.I., to conduct a study on the renovations that need to be done on the restaurant's building.

"We are in the process of designing a destination in the making for the (Congamond) lake," said O'Neill.

Both individuals feel that the property is best suited to be another restaurant with what it already has to offer.

"It's an absolute beautiful piece of property," said O'Neill. "The emographics are changing around here rapidly, it's growing. A casual upscale restaurant on the water we believe would be great for

At a Planning Board meeting this week, O'Neill and Scuderi met with the board to go over their site plan. One of the main renovations that needs to be completed is paving the parking lot. With an occupancy of 166 people, guidelines are that 40% of the occupancy is the number of parking spots that need to be available, which is 66 parking spots. The town also requires that there needs to be a parking space per employee. The plan from O'Neill is to pave the parking lot at some point this spring.

Planning Board Chairman Mike Doherty didn't see many issues with the site plan and changed it to a preliminary plan until O'Neill comes back to the board with the changes that need to be made in the



Crabby Joe's owner Joe Scuderi is retiring and will be closing the restaurant. (Photo courtesy of Crabby Joe's)



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Sun. 9am-5pm























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gency parking sign located in a Westfield mnuicipal parking lot. (WNG file photo)

Municipal Parking Lots Snow Emergency Instructions

WESTFIELD - On Wednesday, the City of Westfield issued information regarding snow plowing during snow storms.

Plowing of municipal off-street lots are not done during business day hours. Core lots are plowed after a snow storm ends and after the snow emergency lots are plowed. Snow emergencies are called after a snow storm ends or just as it is ending.

To sign up for the snow ban phone alert, please contact Community Development at (413) 572-6246 or by email at p.miller@cityofwest-

If you are not on the snow ban phone alert list, please call the Snow Phone Line at (413) 642-9411 for parking lot status updates. The phone line will tell you the time that the ban will be effective

and will instruct you on when to move to alternative lots. Do not move to snow emergency lots until such time as the phone line

Core paved municipal parking lots are served by the "Blue Light." When the "Blue Light" is flashing, these lots are closed for plowing and parkers should find a spot in an alternative location.

Snow emergency lots will be: Church & Elm street gravel lot, Main Street restaurant lot, Railroad Ave lot (north side) and Riverwalk lot (Meadow Street)

MHA Honored for Innovative **Work to Address Homelessness**

Mass Housing & Shelter Alliance Recognizes MHA with

Cornerstone Award

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. - MHA was recognized by the Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (MHSA) with a Cornerstone Award for the agency's efforts as a leading Home & Healthy for Good provider. MHA's recognition was part of MHSA's Annual Meeting on December 11, 2018 at the Boston College Club in Boston, MA.

"It's quite validating to know that throughout the state, community leaders acknowledge the value of MHA's good work involving a difficult population to serve," said Cheryl Fasano, President & CEO of MHA, Inc. "Housing is a cost-effective and humane solution to homelessnessone that brings stability to individuals' lives, regardless of their health histories or personal challenges. We know that addressing the wide-ranging needs of these people can be

especially challenging, but we are committed to serving them with respect, integrity and compassion." Through its Home & Healthy for

Good program, MHA demonstrates that providing housing and supportive services to chronically homeless individuals through a low-threshold, housing first model is less costly and more effective than managing their homelessness and health problems on the street or in shelter. The Home & Healthy for Good initiative is at the forefront of a significant paradigm shift in how Massachusetts addresses the costly phenomenon of homelessness. This is particularly true for chronically homeless individuals and individuals who represent the highest usage of emergency public services.

Since 2006, Home & Healthy for Good providers across Massachusetts have placed 1011 chronically homeless adults, including 196 veterans, into permanent housing with supportive services. Home & Healthy for Good results show a trend toward tremendous savings in health care costs, especially hospitalizations,



Pictured left to right are Christine Palmieri, MHA Vice President, Housing and Recovery; Cheryl Fasano, MHA President and CEO; Joe Finn, Executive Director, MHSA. (Photo courtesy of MHA)

when chronically homeless individuals are placed into housing with services. Once in housing, individuals are safer than they were on the streets or in shelter, experiencing fewer accidents and injuries that require immediate attention.

With access to supportive services through Home & Healthy for Good, formerly homeless individuals no longer need to rely on public emergency services as their primary sources of care. Instead, tenants are able to utilize mainstream systems of preventive and primary health care, better coordinate with mental health providers, and maintain consistent permanent tenancy rather than using more costly public systems, such as emergency shelters and detox facilities.



ODDS & ENDS

Crews rescue man stuck in grease vent of empty restaurant

SAN LORENZO, Calif. (AP) — A man who authorities say was possibly trying to burglarize an abandoned Chinese restaurant has been rescued from the grease vent, where officials say he had been trapped for two days.

The Alameda County sheriff's office says deputies and firefighters were called to the vacant building in San Lorenzo on Wednesday after someone heard cries for help.

The office says that when officials arrived they found the grease-covered man stuck inside the metal vent. Sgt. Ray Kelly tells the San Francisco

Chronicle the man was in generally good condition despite being exposed to the elements.

Kelly says the unidentified man was taken to a hospital, and deputies will decide later whether to book him into jail or issue a citation.

LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS

MASSACHUSETTS MassCash 03-11-18-23-31 **Mega Millions** Estimated jackpot: \$262 million

Megabucks Doubler 08-12-14-41-46-49 Estimated jackpot: \$900,000 Numbers Evening 9-9-9-4 Numbers Midday 5-4-1-3 **Powerball**

04-09-21-29-64, Powerball: 26, Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$230 million



CONNECTICUT

Cash 5 06-11-17-18-27 **Lucky Links Day** 06-07-09-12-15-17-18-21 **Lucky Links Night** 01-03-05-09-13-17-20-21 Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$262 million Play3 Day 4-4-4 Play3 Night 5-6-2 Play4 Day 3-0-1-3 **Play4 Night** 4-0-9-5

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2018. There are 18 days left in the year.

n Dec. 13, 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of

ON THIS DATE:

In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces during the Sino-Japanese War; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains that up to 300,000 people were killed; Japanese nationalists say the death toll was far lower, and some maintain the massacre never happened.)

In 1944, during World War II, the light cruiser USS Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack off Negros Island in the Philippines that claimed 133 lives.

In 1977, an Air Indiana Flight 216, a DC-3 carrying the University of Evansville basketball team on a flight to Nashville, crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 29 people on board.

In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1996, the U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan of Ghana to become the world body's seventh secretarygeneral.

In 1997, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Los Angeles for the 1 billion-dollar Getty Center, one of the largest arts centers in the United States.

In 2000, Republican George W. Bush claimed the presidency a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shut down further recounts of disputed ballots in Florida; Democrat Al Gore conceded, delivering a call for national unity.

In 2002, Cardinal Bernard Law resigned as Boston archbishop because of the priest sex abuse scandal.

TEN YEARS AGO: The White House weighed its options for preventing a

collapse of the troubled U.S. auto industry. Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford won the Heisman Trophy after guiding the highest-scoring team in major college football history to the national championship game.

FIVE YEARS AGO: North Korea's state-run media announced the execution the day before of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's

traitor. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian filed for divorce from Lamar Odom after four years of marriage. ONE YEAR AGO: Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton appointed Lt. Gov. Tina

Smith to fill the Senate seat of fellow Democrat Al Fran-

ken until a special election in November, 2018. Congres-

uncle, portraying Jang Song Thaek as a morally corrupt

sional Republicans reached agreement on a major overhaul of the nation's tax laws that would provide generous tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest Americans; middle- and low-income families would get smaller tax cuts. The New York Times published claims by three women that they had been raped by music mogul Russell Simmons in the 1980s and 1990s; Simmons denied the allegations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 98. Actorcomedian Dick Van Dyke is 93. Actor Christopher Plummer is 89. Country singer Buck White is 88. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 85. Singer John Davidson is 77. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 73. Singer Ted Nugent is 70. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 70. Country musician Ron Getman is 70. Actor Robert Lindsay is 69. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 69. Actress Wendie Malick is 68. Former Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 68. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 65. Country singer John Anderson is 64. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 64. Singer-actor Morris Day is 62. Actor Steve Buscemi (boo-SEH'-mee) is 61. Actor Johnny Whitaker (TV: "Family Affair") is 59. Rock musician John Munson (Semisonic; Twilight Hours) is 56. Actress-reality TV star NeNe Leakes is 52. Actorcomedian Jamie Foxx is 51. Actor Bart Johnson is 48. Actor Jeffrey Pierce is 47. TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos is 44. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 43. Actor James Kyson Lee is 43. Actress Kimee Balmilero (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 39. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 37. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 37. Actor Michael Socha is 31. Neo-soul musician Wesley Watkins (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 31. Actor Marcel Spears (TV: "The Mayor") is 30. Singer Taylor Swift is

29. Actress Maisy Stella is 15.

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The company of Hamilton. (Photo by Joan Marcus)



The company of Hamilton. (Photo by Joan Marcus)

Review: 'Hamilton' at The Bushnell

By MARK G. AUERBACH Correspondent

Can one of the most talked-about and hyped entertainments ever live up to its advance word-of-mouth? Can a musical so popular with the populace be worth second mortgaging one's house, standing in line at a box-office for days, or emptying your IRA be worth the price of admission? Well, in some ways,

Hamilton is one of thoe theatre experiences that may change the direction of the musical theatre, like Showboat, which in 1927 proved that a musical could have serious themes. Or like Oklahoma in 1943, which proved that a merger of dialogue, song and dance could propel a musical into an experience. Or like Hair in 1968, which proved that rock music and the rhythms of the streets could have a valid home amongst the standards and showtunes.

Hamilton takes a truly American story about an immigrant who comes to America to make a better life, told in the hip hop rhythms that envelop today's future leaders. Through Lin-Manuel Miranda's seamless fusion of script, song, and movement, as told by a cast representing a rainbow of cultures, and staged and designed in the best practices of today's theatre, Hamilton is superlative in every sense. I doubt any other play or musical around can exceed the power and ounch that

Hamilton delivers, and I'm a jaded theatergoer who has seen a lot of good works. There's something to be said when the enthusiasm of the audience converges with the performers to create a charged atmosphere in the room where it happens. Hamilton and audience are totally charged. It was so exciting to be a part of this experience. Inspired by Ron Chernow's book Alexander Hamilton,

Hamilton is the story of Alexander Hamilton, written and composed by Lin-Manuel Miranda and staged by Thomas Kail, two guys who met down river as students at Wesleyan in Middletown, CT and first made a Broadway splash with the award-winning In The Heights. There's another local tie. Scenic designer David Korins is a graduate of the UMass/ Amherst theatre department. Hamilton is non-stop music and movement from opening

note to final curtain, briskly staged by Tomas Kail, with movement and choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler. David Korins' simple multi-leveled set with revolving stage is used to the max, brilliantly lit by Howell Binkley. The ensemble are well-costumed by Paul Tazewell, and Alex Lacamoire's orchestrations are heavy with percussion and strings.

The ensemble performances were sharp, and there are some standouts, including Austin Scott as Hamilton, Josh Tower as Aaron Burr, and Peter Matthew Smith as King George. Isa



Julia K. Harriman, Sabrina Sloan, Isa Briones and Company in Hamilton. (Photo by Joan Marcus)

Vriones, Hannah Cruz and Stephanie Umoh are great as the Schuyler Sisters, and the company makes the score shine, from the haunting "It's Quiet Uptown" to the pulsating "The Room Where It Happens".

For information on availability of Hamilton tickets, start at The Bushnell's website. https://bushnell.org/hamilton Do not buy tickets from any venue other than The Bushnell box-office. Hamilton runs through December 30 in Hartford, and visits The Providence RI Performing Arts Center beginning July 23 and Schenectady's Proctor's Theatre beginning August 13.

The Bushnell presents Hamilton. Book, music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Directed by Thomas Kail. Musical direction by Andre Cerullo. Choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler. Music supervision and orchestrrations by Alex Lacamoire. Scenic design by David Korins. Costume design by Paul Tazewell. Lighting design by Howell Binkley. Sound design by Nevin Steinberg. Through December 30 at The Bushnell, Hartford, CT. 860-987-5900 or www.bush-

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PFAS Health Study

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of the makers of the fire-fighting foam, noted PFAS resistance to degradation in the environment.

Clark said fluorocarbons were considered "miracle chemistry" because of their properties of being stain proof, waterproof, and grease proof. They are used in jeans, tents, outdoor gear, stain-resistant fabric, cosmetics, and frozen food packaging, among other common items.

"We are as addicted to PFAS as we are addicted to oil,"

Mello said the way to get a public health study funded is to start with getting people interested in participating. Then, when the UMASS proposal goes forward, they will know that Westfield is ready. She said they are looking for people to get involved from all across the city, not just those from the north

WRAFT has posted a public health survey form on its Facebook page asking people who are interested to sign up for

Ward 1 Councilor Mary Ann Babinski, who attended Tuesday's meeting as did Ward 3 Councilor Andrew K. Surprise, said she had also recently attended an environmental conference at UMASS, and found that PFAS exposure is being studied all across the country and around the world. She said there were workshops on it every day. "The message they're putting out is that people are working on this," Babinski said, adding that it was also reassuring to learn that there are companies working on mitigation in soil and water.

After the meeting, Clark (WHS 2016), said he plans to make environmental contaminants the focus of his senior thesis next

Hydrant Flushing —

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Not every hydrant in town was to be flushed during this period. This particular process was to help clear the mains of the hydrant and eliminate tuberculation. Tuberculation is the material that builds up on the walls in the pipeline of the hydrant and the flushing process removes that build up.

Brown posted a notice on the Town of Southwick website to inform residents that they shouldn't be concerned if they see a drop in the water pressure and discoloration of their water. If the public has any questions or comments to make about the town-wide flushing, contact the DPW at 413-569-6772.

December events in the Teen Room at WSPL

Monday, **December 17** at 6:00 p.m. Teen Movie Night – is a concert! Come in to watch Imagine Dragons Smoke +

Tuesday, **December 18** at 6:00 p.m. Teen Tabletop Game Night - Come in to play tabletop games, cards, and NEW

Saturday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. Teen Book Club -Throughout the month of December, we're reading All We Can Do is Wait by Richard Lawson. In the hours after a bridge collapse rocks their city, four teens are forced to face their pasts and the prospect of very different futures as they wait at Boston General Hospital for news of their loved ones. You can borrow an area library copy with your valid library

These programs are free and open to Teens, age 13-17. For more information on these programs call: 413-736-4561 ext. 5, or stop by either the Library's Adult Services or Young Adult Services Desks.

Events at the Southwick Public Library

2-5 year olds Have Fun at Southwick Public Library's Tuesday Storytime: You will love Storytime for 2-5 year olds at Southwick Public Library on Tuesdays December 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room. Listen to stories about winter. Mix-in a fun make-and-take craft and a song for a good time. Sign up by visiting or calling the library at 413-569-1221 ext. 4, or just stop in the day of the event.

Create Something Amazing at Southwick Public Library's LEGO Clubs: Southwick Public Library's LEGO Clubs will meet in the Community Room for building fun in December. Kids in grades 3-6 will meet on Thursday, **December 13**, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., and kids in K-2 will meet on Wednesday, **December 19** from 3:30-4:30. Build what you want using our LEGOs and your imagination, or work on a special challenge each monthly session. Enjoy a snack at the end of the session while we share our creations. We are looking forward to seeing your LEGO creations.

Southwick Public Library's Holiday Craft: Celebrate the holidays with a fun craft you make yourself. All materials will be available in the Children's Room during the week of

School Vacation Activities at Southwick Public Library: Stop-in during our open hours from December 26-29 and December 31 to try out our Scavenger Hunt! See if you can find all of the "hidden" snowmen. You could win a container of candy! On Thursday December 27, join us for Kids' Bingo! We will be playing Bingo from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Join in the fun when you stop in.

Gateway bands and choirs announce winter concerts

To enhance the holiday spirit throughout the community, Gateway's middle and high school bands and choirs are performing holiday favorites over two winter concerts. The students' dedication and practice will make for a great perfor-

mance for all attendees. On Thursday, Dec 13, the high school musicians take the stage at 6:30 p.m. in the GPAC. Performing groups include the Show Choir, Concert Choir, Concert Band and Jazz Band. Admission is \$2 or \$1 with a canned good for the Huntington Food Pantry. Intermission will include a blanket raffle for the bands and the start of a raffle for a beautiful fire pit, build by the school's welding department. (Proceeds from the fire pit raffle will be split between the band and welding department). Instrumental music director Beth Guertin and Choral Director Jerilyn Beauregard will conduct the high school concert.

Supper Club Launching at ACC

A new, exciting "Supper Club" series is being launched by Agawam Congregational Church at 745 Main Street with a special themed evening of supper and music. The first is a scheduled holiday supper with holiday music to be held Saturday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m. with a very special, catered meal by Agawam's American Classics Restaurant. The menu offering includes 3 delicious courses of a colorful salad, chicken Française, red-roasted potatoes, Manhattan-blend vegetables, rolls, butter, cheesecake dessert, and beverages. Each supper in the series will be catered by a different Agawam restaurant with its own specialty supper club meal offering. A theme for each supper will feature music recognizable of the specialty's origin.

The suppers give the church the opportunities for major fundraising and the local restaurants receive additional recognition of their menu offerings. The idea was a suggestion by the church's pastor Rev. Dr. Gregory Dawson. Church member Roberta Page contacted several Agawam restaurants to review the concept.

Tickets purchased for the December 15th supper at the church are \$20. The evening's attendees will receive a \$5.00 Gift Certificate for American Classic's Restaurant at 740 Springfield Street. Reservations and payment are required by Wednesday, December 12th and only 100 tickets will be available. Call the church office at 413-786-7111 or the restaurant at 413-789-2203. Credit cards may be used by calling the restaurant number.

Dan Kane Singers Christmas Show

Southwick Congregational Church is hosting the Dan Kane Singers on Sunday December 16, 2018 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are only \$10 and proceeds will help the Nehemiah House in Granby, CT. Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway, Southwick, MA, 01077. Please contact the Church office for more information and tickets (413) 569-6362 or SouthwickUCC@gmail.com.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

WESTFIELD:

Community Preservation Committee meeting at 6:30 pm

SOUTHWICK:

Lake Management Committee Meeting at 7 pm

MONDAY, DEC. 17

GRANVILLE:

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

WESTFIELD:

Joint Meeting Westfield School Committee and City Council at 6:30 pm

TOLLAND:

Board of Selectmen Meeting at 5 pm Planning Board Meeting at 7 pm

BLANDFORD:

Police Department Meeting at 6 pm Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm Zoning Board Meeting at 7 pm

CHESTER:

Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 pm

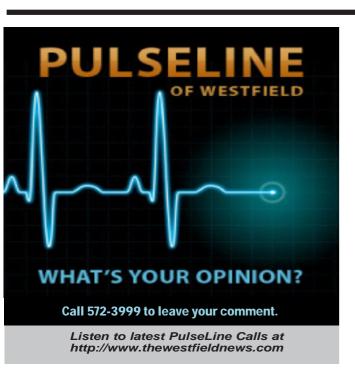
Humason to Hold Annual Free Ice Skating Party

WESTFIELD Senator Don Humason will again be hosting his annual Free Ice Skating Party at the Amelia Park Ice Arena on Saturday, December 15 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. The arena is located at 21 South Broad Street in Westfield. If you don't have your own ice skates, Amelia Park Ice Arena will have skate rentals available for \$3 per person. Humason has held this annual free event at Amelia Park Ice Arena for many years as a way to give back to constituents with a family-friendly way to celebrate the holidays in the community. Senator Humason represents the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District, consisting of the cities of Agawam, Easthampton, Holyoke and Westfield, parts of the city of Chicopee, and the towns of Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick and Tolland. Senator Humason maintains a district office for the convenience of his constituents and encourages them to contact him at his district office at 64 Noble Street in Westfield, Massachusetts 01085, (413) 568-1366; or his Boston office, State House, Room 313A, Boston, Massachusetts 02133, (617)722-1415. His email address is Donald. Humason@MASenate.gov.

Holiday Concert at the Russell Council on Aging

On Monday December 17th at 1:30 p.m., the Russell Council on Aging will host a Holiday concert with the Do Re Mi Choir from the Westfield Council on Aging. The group performance of approximately twenty singers will take place at the Russell Senior Center, 65 Main St., Russell, MA. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. It is open to the public of Russell and neighboring communities, and is free of charge. For more information, please leave message at 862-6205 or e-mail Carrie Florek at russellcoa@russellma.

COMMENT



Canseco makes pitch for chief of staff job in tweet to Trump

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Canseco (kan-SAY'-koh) is ready to take a swing at politics.

The former major league slugger has made his pitch for a big job at the White House, tweeting Wednesday to President Donald Trump: "u need a bash brother for Chief if (sic)

Canseco told his "little buddy" he has "a secret reorg plan already." He suggested Trump send him a direct message and signed off (hashtag)yeswecanseco. The outspoken Canseco knows his way around Washington.

He testified on Capitol Hill before Congress during its 2005 hearings into the use of steroids in baseball. Canseco hit 462 home runs during 17 seasons in the

majors. He played for seven teams from 1985 to 2001 and was the 1988 AL MVP with Oakland.

Trump's decision on a replacement for departing chief of staff John Kelly is expected by the end of the year.



In this Sept. 3, 2016, file photo, former Oakland Athletics player Jose Canseco throws out the ceremonial first pitch prior to a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Oakland, Calif. Canseco, a former major league slugger, has made his pitch for a big job at the White House, tweeting Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, to U.S. President Donald Trump: "u need a bash brother for Chief if (sic) Staff." (AP Photo/Ben Margot, File)

House, Senate reach agreement on anti-sexual harassment bill

By JULIET LINDERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators have reached an agreement on a bill to overhaul the process for handling sexual misconduct allegations in Congress.

The bill updates the decades-old Congressional Accountability Act, which governs how lawmakers and aides report sexual misconduct claims. The law has been widely criticized as confusing, cumbersome and unfair to victims of harassment and abuse.

The push for the legislation took on new urgency in the past year, as more than a half-dozen lawmakers resigned amid allegations of sexual misconduct and Capitol Hill found itself squarely at the center of the growing #MeToo movement.

Both chambers passed their own versions of the bill earlier in the year. But negotiations dragged on for more than six months as lawmakers tried to reconcile them. The sticking points included a \$300,000 cap for lawmaker liability in the Senate's version.

The language of the bill had not been released as of Wednesday evening. But according to the Senate Rules Committee, it holds lawmakers, including those who leave office, financially liable for settlements resulting from all types of harassment and retaliation, but doesn't cover discrimination claims. It also eliminates mandatory counseling, mediation and the "cooling off" period victims are currently required to wait before filing a lawsuit or requesting an administrative hearing.

The bill requires public reporting of settlements, including identifying lawmakers who are personally liable, and extends protections to include interns, fellows and other staff.

House staffers will have access to legal representation, while Senate staffers will be given access to a confidential advocate able to offer legal advice but not act as a representative.

The deal was announced just days before the end of the legislative calendar.

"A lot of this was our belief that we had an obligation to fix

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In this Dec. 12, 2018, photo, Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, leaves federal court after his sentencing in New York. Trump has gone from denying knowledge of any payments to women who claim to have been mistresses to apparent acknowledgement of those hush money settlements - though he claims they wouldn't be illegal. (AP Photo/

As protectors abandon Trump, investigation draws closer

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump has now been abandoned by two of his most powerful protectors, his longtime lawyer and the company that owns the National Enquirer tabloid, bringing a perilous investigation into his campaign one step closer to the Oval Office.

Both Michael Cohen and American Media Inc. now say they made hush money payments to a porn star and a Playboy Playmate for the purposes of helping his 2016 White House bid, an apparent campaign finance violation.

The women alleged affairs with Trump, and federal prosecutors say the payments were made at Trump's direction.

The admissions by Cohen and AMI conflict with Trump's own evolving explanations. Since the spring, Trump has gone from denying knowledge of any payments to saying they would have been private transactions that weren't illegal.

Though prosecutors have implicated Trump in a crime, they haven't directly accused him of one, and it's not clear that they could bring charges against a sitting president even if they want to because of Justice Department protocol.

Nonetheless, Trump's changing explanations have clouded the public understanding of what occurred and are running head-on into facts agreed to by prosecutors, AMI and Cohen, who pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations and other crimes and was sentenced on Wednesday.

"You now have a second defendant or group of defendants saying that these payments were made for the primary purpose of influencing the election, and that it was done in coordination with Trump and his campaign," said Rick Hasen, an elec tion law expert at the University of California, Irvine

Trump's first explanation of the payment that would eventually help lead Cohen to a three-year prison sentence came at 35,000 feet over West Virginia.

Returning to Washington on Air Force One, Trump on April 6 for the first time answered questions about the reports of \$130,000 in hush money paid to porn star Stormy Daniels, issuing a blanket denial to reporters while saying they would "have to ask Michael Cohen."

Three days later, the FBI raided Cohen's office, seizing records on topics including the payment to Daniels. Furious, Trump called the raid a "disgrace" and said the FBI "broke into" his lawyer's office. He also tweeted that "Attorney-client privilege is dead!"

The raid was overseen by the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan and arose from a referral from special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating Russian election interference. At the time, Cohen said he took out a personal line of credit on his home to pay Daniels days before the 2016 election without Trump's knowledge.

Later that month in a free-wheeling "Fox & Friends" interview, Trump acknowledged that Cohen represented him in the "crazy Stormy Daniels deal."

In May, Trump and his attorneys began saying Cohen received a monthly retainer from which he made payments for nondisclosure agreements like the one with Daniels. In a series of tweets, Trump said those agreements are "very common among celebrities and people of wealth" and "this was a private agreement."

People familiar with the investigation say Cohen secretly

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recorded Trump discussing a potential payment for former Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal two months before the election. On the tape, Cohen is heard saying that he needed to start a company "for the transfer of all of that info regarding our friend David," a possible reference to David Pecker, Trump's friend and president of AMI.

When Cohen began to discuss financing, Trump interrupted him and asked, "What financing?"

"We'll have to pay," Cohen responded.

Prosecutors announced Wednesday that AMI acknowledged making one of those payments "in concert" with the Trump campaign to protect him from a story that could have hurt his candidacy. The company avoided prosecution under a deal with prosecutors.

In August, Cohen pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations and other charges, saying he and Trump arranged the payment of hush money to Daniels and McDougal to influence the election. That next day, Trump argued that making the payments wasn't a crime and that the matter was a civil dispute, then took a swipe at his former employee.

"If anyone is looking for a good lawyer, I would strongly he tweeted.

Earlier this week, Trump compared his situation to one involving President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign. The Federal Election Commission, which typically handles smaller campaign finance violations, where the actions aren't willful, with civil penalties that are typically fines, docked the Obama campaign \$375,000 for regulatory civil violations. The fines stemmed from the campaign's failure to report a batch of contributions, totaling nearly \$1.9 million, on time in the final days of the campaign.

But legal analysts said the accusations against Trump could amount to a felony because they revolve around an alleged conspiracy to conceal payments from campaign contribution reports - and from voters. It's unclear what federal prosecutors in New York will decide to do if they conclude that there is evidence that Trump himself committed a crime.

The Justice Department, in opinions issued by its Office of Legal Counsel, has said a sitting president cannot be indicted because a criminal case would interfere with the duties of the commander in chief. Prosecutors in the Southern District of New York, and with Mueller's office, would presumably be bound by that legal guidance unless the Justice Department were to nullify the opinions.

Politically, Trump's shifting claims could harm his credibility with voters, but legally they may not make much of a differ-

"It's not clear to me that he's made any false statements in legal documents that could open him to liability for perjury,' Hasen said.

For the payments themselves to be a crime rather than a civil infraction, prosecutors would need to show that Trump knew that what he was doing was wrong when he directed Cohen to pay the women and that he did so with the goal of benefiting his

Trump has not yet laid out a detailed defense, though he could conceivably argue that the payments were made not for the purposes of advancing his campaign but rather to prevent sex stories from emerging that would be personally humiliating to him and harm his marriage.

That argument was advanced by former Sen. John Edwards, a North Carolina Democrat, in a similar campaign finance case that went to trial. But that may be tougher for Trump than it was for Edwards given the proximity of the president's payment to the election — timing that, on its face, suggests a link between the money and his political ambitions.

Still, the cases aren't always easy, as proven by the 2012 trial of Edwards. Jurors acquitted Edwards on one charge of accepting illegal campaign contributions, but couldn't reach a verdict on the five remaining counts including conspiracy and making false statements. Prosecutors elected not to retry Edwards, the Democratic vice presidential nominee in 2004 and a candidate for president in 2004 and 2008.

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YMCA apologizes for threat to report parents smelling of pot

BOSTON (AP) — A YMCA in Massachusetts is apologizing to its members after a staffer posted a notice threatening to report parents who smell like marijuana.

The Boston Globe reports that Greater Springfield YMCA president and chief executive Dexter Johnson said the letter was prematurely sent out by another staffer, without proper evaluation and authorization.

The executive director of youth development, Uriah Rodriguez, wrote a letter that was displayed at several of the group's Springfield-area facilities last week, stating he had received complaints about parents smelling like marijuana when dropping off or picking up their children. He wrote that staffers are legally obligated to report con-

cerns about possible child neglect, and asked parents to "smell check" themselves before coming to the group's

The first recreational pot shops in Massachusetts opened last month.

Prosecutors: 8th trooper charged in overtime abuse scandal

BOSTON (AP) — Prosecutors say an eighth Massachusetts State Police trooper has been arrested in connection with an ongoing investigation into an overtime abuse scandal.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling says 40-year-old Heath McAuliffe, of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, was charged Wednesday with embezzlement from an agency receiving federal funds.

It wasn't immediately clear if McAuliffe is represented by an attorney who could comment on his behalf. He was expected to appear in federal court in Boston on Wednesday. McAuliffe is the latest trooper to be charged with receiving

overtime pay for shifts he didn't work or from which he left Court documents filed Wednesday show two retired troop-

ers, 58-year-old David Wilson and 57-year-old Daren DeJong, have agreed to plead guilty.

A suspended trooper, 46-year-old Eric Chin, also pleaded guilty Wednesday.

Connecticut approves 9 more medical marijuana dispensaries

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Connecticut has approved 9 more medical marijuana dispensaries, doubling the number of facilities in the state.

Consumer Protection Commissioner Michelle Seagull said in a statement Tuesday the state's program has been "thoughtfully expanded" to 18 approved dispensaries since its inception in 2012. The department received 73 applications this year.

According to officials, there are over 30,000 patients who are approved for medical marijuana. There are currently 31 conditions that qualify adult patients for medication.

Democratic Gov.-elect Ned Lamont has said he expects recreational marijuana legalization will be a priority for the new legislative session, which begins in January. Lamont campaigned in favor of legalization during the election.

The first recreational pot shops in Massachusetts opened last month. They're located in Northampton and Leiceste

Westfield Community Education Free

HiSET/GED Classes

On January 15, 2019 at 5:30pm at The Westfield Athenaeum-6 Elm Street in Westfield -downstairs in The Lang Auditorium, WCE will hold their Spring 2019 HiSET/ GED Information & Registration night. Registration night attendance is mandatory for new and current students. New students should be prepared to complete registration paperwork and take an assessment test to determine class placement. Spring classes officially begin on January 23, 2019 at the Westfield Athenaeum. For more information, call: 413.336.3100 or visit us online at www.westfieldcommunityeducation.org.

Lunch at the Russell Senior Center

The Russell Council on Aging serves lunch at the Russell Senior Center, 65 Main St., Russell, each Tuesday at noon. Lunch is provided by Highland Valley Elder Services. There is not a fee for lunch, but a \$3.00 donation is suggested by Highland Valley. Reservations should be made and meal choice stated, by calling and leaving a message at 862-6205, by the Sunday before. The menu for Tuesday, **December 18** is cheeseburger or shepherd's pie served with steamed corn, whipped potatoes, a dinner roll and tapioca pudding for des-

Holiday Schedule At Westfield Gas **And Electric**

In recognition of the upcoming Christmas holiday, the 100 Elm Street Business office at Westfield Gas and Electric will close at 5PM on Friday, December 21st and re-open on Wednesday, **December 26th**. The 24/7 Dispatch Center will remain open and available for calls at (413) 572-0000 if you need assistance with your gas, electric or Whip City Fiber internet service.



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Police Logs

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Major crime and incident report Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

4:14 a.m.: robbery, Notre Dame Street, a State Police dispatcher reported a contact with a female party who had said that she was assaulted in the Clay Hill area, the responding officer reports the victim was located at the gas station/convenience store at the top of Clay Hill where she works, the woman told the officer that while she was walking to work she was mugged on Notre Dame Street by two black men who had been driving a silver colored sedan, a search of the area did not yield the vehicle or the suspects, see story in the Tuesday, Dec. 11, edition of The Westfield News;

10:28 a.m.: animal complaint, Farnham Lane, the director of animal control operations reports she took custody of a raccoon captured in an illegal trap and transported it to the shelter, the ACO reports the EPA was notified and the animal was held pending transfer to a wildlife rehabilitator;

11:55 a.m.: motor vehicle violation, Montgomery Road, a patrol officer reports he observed a vehicle operating at a high rate of speed and stopped the car, the operator was found to be the subject of an outstanding warrant issued by Westfield District Court, a citation for speeding was issued and Nicole S. Fastiggi, 47, of 3 North Road, Montgomery, was arrested on the warrant;

2:09 p.m.: animal complaint, Allen Avenue, caller reports there is a chicken in her yard, the responding animal control officer reports a hen was transported to the municipal animal shelter;

2:11 p.m.: identity fraud, Day Avenue, a resident came to the station to complain of fraudulent activity on his checking account, the responding officer reports the victim said that when his checking account did not balance he found a regular withdrawal had been set up to pay for an internet access service he does not subscribe to, the case remains under investigation;

10:33 p.m.: disturbance, Collins Street, a caller complains of excessive noise, the responding officer reports when he arrived he observed several persons in he back yard of the residence and heard screaming and yelling, officers were able to identify four tenants who were advised to disperse their party and were issued city ordinance violation citations, an officer counted 272 persons leave the party, officers report the departing revelers created a disturbance, a traffic snarl and noise.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

Colleen A. King, 27, of 690 Burt Hill Road, Granville, submitted to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding for a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor brought by Southwick police and the charge was continued without a finding with probation for one year. She was assessed \$600 and her license was suspended for 45 days. A charge of negligent operation of a motor vehicle was not prosecuted and she was found to be not responsible for a charge of speeding in violation of special regulations.

Kevin D. Doyle, 30, of 46 Brook Road, Enfield, Conn., saw charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration dismissed upon immediate payment of \$100 in court costs. A charge of operating a motor vehicle with a license suspended for operating under the influence of liquor was not prosecuted. Paula M. Santos, 55, of 14 Carrington Road, Huntington,

submitted to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding for a charge of resisting arrest brought by State Police and the charge was continued without a finding with probation for three months. She was assessed \$50 and a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member was not prose-Mark A. Miller, 34, of 51 Beech Hill Road, Blandford,

submitted to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding for a charge of improper storage of a firearm brought by State Police and the charge was continued without a finding and dismissed upon payment of a \$150 fine.

Stuart J. Marsh, 27, of 19 Williams St., Chester, saw charges of assault and battery and malicious destruction of property valued less than \$250 brought by State Police dismissed when the alleged victim claimed her Fifth Amendment rights and refused to testify. Charges of assault and battery on a family or household member and disturbing the peace were not prosecuted.

Mark A. Grenda Sr., 43, of 15 Fowler St., 2nd Floor, Westfield, submitted to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding for a charge of assault and battery brought by Westfield police and the charge was continued without a finding with probation for one year. He was assessed \$50.

2nd child dies after being struck by SUV

REVERE, Mass. (AP) — Authorities say a 2-month-old girl who was among of group of five people struck by an SUV in Massachusetts last weekend has

A spokesman for the Suffolk district attorney's office announced Thursday that Natasha Nicole Mejia-Rivera died at a Boston hospital on Wednesday

Natasha's sister, 5-year-old Adrianna Mejia-Rivera, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash in Revere at about 5 p.m. Sunday. Authorities say two adults and three children were on a grass median when they were struck.

The woman police say was driving the SUV, 42-year-old Autumn Harris, of

Boston, has pleaded not guilty to charges including motor vehicle homicide.

Prosecutors say she may face more Prosecutors said there was evidence

of drug and alcohol use.

Harris' mother said her daughter's heart is broken.

Anti-Harassment Bill

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this ourselves, and while I have no doubt a new Congress could have gotten it done I think we needed to fix the mess," said Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., the Senate bill's sponsor. "The focus was to make sure we had a system that protected victims and not politicians."

The final bill doesn't include some House measures, including making lawmakers liable for discrimination settlements and requiring an independent investigation into harassment complaints at the beginning of the process.

But Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., says she's working with House Democrats and Republicans to introduce a separate bill next Congress to address those issues. Speier became a poster child for the #MeToo movement and champion of anti-harassment legislation on Capitol Hill after sharing her own story of being sexually assaulted by a high-ranking aide when she was a young staffer.

"Having spoken with many survivors, the process of going up against a lawyer for the institution and the harasser was as traumatic, if not more traumatic, than the abuse they suffered, Speier said. "The House has remained focused on taking a system rigged in favor of the harassers and making it more victim-centric. We are committed to offering victims the tools they need to pursue justice. We will address these issues in the next Congress."

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., along with Committee on House Administration leadership, released a joint statement Wednesday praising the bill but acknowledging that more work lies ahead.

"The agreement reflects the first set of comprehensive reforms that have been made to the Congressional Accountability Act since 1995," it reads. "We believe this is a strong step toward creating a new standard in Congress that will set a positive example in our nation, but there is still more work to be done."

The statement says members of both caucuses "remain committed to working in a bipartisan manner to address outstanding issues."

Westfield Homeless Cat Project seeking donations The Westfield Homeless Cat Project is seeking donations of

cat food - especially Fancy Feast and Friskies - as well as cat and shelter supplies such as litter, towels/blankets, household cleaners and paper products. As the cold winter months approach, WHCP is inundated with requests to assist cats and kittens in need. Your generosity will allow us to continue our efforts and food, supply and monetary donations can be dropped off or sent to 1124 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA. For more information, please email Denise at denisesinico@hotmail.com. Happy Holidays and thank you for your support!

Self-Defense Series at the YMCA of Greater Westfield

Awareness, Safety and Protect: Self-Defense Series at the YMCA of Greater Westfield will consist of three Sunday afternoons. Each Sunday you will get workouts that will maximum physical efficiency and self-confidence to help deal with a variety of situations. You will learn how to quickly disable an attacker and learn how to take advantage of time and space. You will learn various stances, striking motions, kicks, choke holds, and other defense techniques to help protect yourself. Learn to prepare for the unexpected! The instructor, Catlin McCue, is a certified R.A.D., rape aggression defense, instructor. This program is based on realistic self-defense tactics taught for woman only. The Sunday dates are January 13, 20, & 27, 2019 from 12:30PM to 1:45PM. Girls 14 and 15 of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration is required. Space is limited. For more info, contact Cindy Agan, Fitness Director, 413-568-8631 or email: cagan@westfieldym-

Officials certify signatures to remove mayor

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — Officials have certified more than 4,000 signatures gathered in an effort to recall a Massachusetts mayor charged in a federal fraud case.

The Fall River City Clerk's office announced Wednesday the Board of Election Commissioners has certified the signatures to remove Mayor Jasiel Correia, and they will now send the signatures to City Council. Correia pleaded not guilty in October to a 13-count indict-

ment charging him with defrauding investors in an app he created and filing false tax returns. Federal prosecutors say the Democrat spent more than

\$230,000 of funds from investors on luxury items and political campaign contributions.

The 27-year-old has denied the allegations.

City Council will notify Correia in writing once they receive the signatures. If he refuses to resign, a recall election will be scheduled.

Elementary school evacuated over gas leak

MASHPEE, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts elementary school has been evacuated for the second day in a row due to a gas leak that sent one staff member to the hospital.

Mashpee Deputy Fire Chief John Phelan says elevated levels of carbon monoxide were detected at Quashnet Elementary School in Mashpee around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Students were dropped off at their bus stops or taken to the Mashpee Middle-High School for the day.

No one required medical treatment.

Phelan says the gas leak appears to be coming from a malfunctioning boiler that was spewing gas Tuesday and lead to one kitchen worker's hospitalization.

He says crews are working to repair the boiler.

A firefighter will report to the school Thursday to check carbon monoxide levels throughout the day.

Gold Dome Ringers Hand Bell Concert

Southwick Congregational Church is hosting the Gold Dome Ringers on Sunday January 6, 2019 at 1:30 pm. Free will donation will be accepted to help the bell program at the Historic Southwick Congregational Church. Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway, Southwick, MA, 01077. Please contact the Church office for more information (413) 569-6362 or SouthwickUCC@gmail.com.



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The Newsmakers

Milestones

Berkshire Theatre Group celebrated its 90th season, and many regulars and alums of the theatre returned to perform, turning the entire season into a warm homecoming of talent. Directors Eric Hill, Gregg Edelman, Matthew Penn and David Auburn brought James Barry, Tara Franklin, David Adkins, Joey Collins, Rebecca Brooksher, Rocco Sisto and others to the footlights.

Both The Hartford Symphony Orchestra and The Springfield Symphony Orchestra are celebrating their 75th seasons. The two orchestras are top-notch, led by dynamic music directors, Carolyn Kuan in Hartford and Kevin Rhodes in Springfield. Hartford's performance roster is more robust, at the Bushnell during the year, at Talcott Mountain in the summer, and at brew pubs, distilleries, and other unique concert venues in between, thanks to its Intermix Series. Springfield retooled its chamber music program with a new Longmeadow venue

The Sevenars Chamber Music Series celebrated its 50th season. Founded by the late Robert and Rolande Schrade, this popular series is run by their children, and it is beloved by musicians and audiences alike. Shakespeare & Company celebrated its 40th season.

WAM Theatre, the dynamic performance group, operates on a model of giving back to the community, by donating a portion of their box-ofice take to non-profits that better the lives of women and children. They donated a record \$15,000 split evenly between The Denise Kaley Fund and the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts' 2018 Leadership Institute for Political and Public Impact (LIPPI).

Theaterworks' Artistic Director Rob Ruggiero celebrated his 25th year at the innovative Hartford theatre, while continuing to get rave reviews for his productions at Goodspeed Musicals and St. Louis Muny 100th Anniversary season.

Tanglewood devoted much of its season honoring Leonard Bernstein's and Jerome Robbins' centennials, and Barrington Stage honored their West Side Story with a highly-charged revival directed by Julianne Boyd with choreography by Robert La-Fosse. It was brilliance!

World Stages

Our regional arts groups produced works for the national arena. Barrington Stage's commissioned work, American Son, has moved to Broadway with Kerry Washington starring, and powerful notices. Their production of The Chinese Lady was welcomed Off-Broadway in a limited run. Berkshire Theatre Group sent its production of Children of a Lesser God to Broadway, winning a Tony nomination for its star Lauren Ridloff. It also sent The Stone Witch Off-Broadway for a short run. Shakespeare and Company's The Mother of The Maid, staged by Matthew Penn, is a big hit at The Public, with Glenn Close playing Joan of Arc's mother, with music by the talented Alexander Sovronsky.

On the European stage, Springfield Symphony Maestro Kevin Rhodes was chosen to conduct the Delibes ballet Sylvia, which had its revival at the Vienna State Opera House. Rhodes and company have received rave reviews from the European dance press; the ballet was streamed in performance, and returns to Vienna after the holidays with Rhodes on the podium.

Westfield's Burrage brothers are bringing Broadway across the country. Joshua made his Broadway debut in Cats, and is

now touring the country in A Bronx Tale. Nick toured the country in Cinderella and is now part of the Cats national

Comings and Goings

#MeToo movement caught up with Houston's Alley Theatre director Gregory Boyd, an alum of Spring-StageWest, field's

along with Long Wharf Theatre Artistic Director Gordon Edelstein. Both were abruptly fired. Jacob G.Padrón will place Edelstein.

Hartford Stage **Artistic Director** Darko Tresnak, the genius behind the

Joshua Jackson and Lauren Ridloff in Berkshire Theatre Group's Children of A Lesser God Photo by Matthew Murphy.

Rob Rugglero of

Hartford's

Theaterworks

theatre's A Gentle man's Guide to Love and Murder and Anastasia, which moved to Broadway and theatres around the world, is leaving at season's end. He just made his Metropolitan Opera debut. Before he goes, he'll stage the world premiere of The Engagement Party and the musical The Flamingo Kid. Hartford Stage's manager Michael Stotts is moving to The Paper Mill in New Jersey. As of press time, no successors have been announced.

Springfield Performing Arts Development Corporation announced it will not renew its contract to program and run Symphony Hall and Citystage; New Century Theatre shelved its summer season last year. Time will tell how this plays out.

Final Curtains

The arts community will miss Duane Robinson, Northampton Academy of Music manager; Hartford Stage executive Stephen Albert, Callboard Theatre director and dance teacher David Potter, jazz legend Charles Neville, Dennis Krausnick, Founder and Director of Training at Shakespeare and Company, and Hartford Symphony cellist Eric Dahlin, all who passed away.



Tara Franklin and James Barry in Eric Hill's production of Naked at Berkshire Theatre Group.



Sarah Crane, Magdalena Rodriguez, Skyler Volpe, Tamrin Goldberg, and Jerusha Cavazos in Barrington Stage Company's West Side Story. Photo by Danielk Rader.



Richards in WAM's Ann, a sell-out. Photo by Joey Moro.



He's worked for arts organizations and reported on theatre for newspapers and radio. Mark produces and hosts ArtsBeat Radio on 89.5fm/WSKB Radio.



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Arts Beat Radio airs every Friday at 8AM, on 89.5fm/ WSKB. On December 21, Mark G. Auerbach and fellow arts reporters J. Peter Bergman of Berkshire Theatre Critics, Chris Rohmann of The Valley Advocate, and Fred Sokol from Talking Broadway recap the year in theatre. Tune in live on the airwaves, on Comcast ch. 15, or www. wskb.org And, if you miss an episode, find it on YouTube at WSKB Community Radio's page



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Music by Ari & Sarah, Visit with Santa & take a photo with ELSA from Frozen make a craft & decorate a cookie (FREE) ***********

December 22nd "Sip, Dip & Last Minute Shop" & Music by "Ali Sings & Friends"

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Chester Common Table to Host Free Weekly Live Music Chester Common Table (30 Main St, Chester, MA 01011) will host live performances by local musicians every Friday night from 6:30-9:30pm. There is no cover charge, reservations are accepted (but not required) and the atmosphere is family friendly. Locally sourced comfort food menu and beverages available for purchase.

December 14: James Barry (James' quirky brand of original power pop celebrates our 20th century musical heritage in the jingle jangle morning and in the still of the night);

December 21: Steve Adams (It's Roots, Country soul, Folk Rock.....Vocal purity with a heart on your sleeve urgency);

December 28: Marc Delgado (a traveling solo performer. His songs are eclectic & unexpected & portray characters trying to make sense of The American Landscape);

December 31: New Years' Eve Party Featuring the Franklin County Sweethearts (call for details and reservations for this

Events at the Southwick Public Library

GIVING TREE at Southwick Public Library. Our Giving Tree is now up and waiting to be decorated with homemade or newly, purchased winter hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. We are collecting items for all ages. The library will be collecting these winter articles of clothing until January 5th and the items will be distributed in our local area by the Department of Children and Family Services. This is the second year that we have had a Giving Tree in the library. Last year, you helped us collect 4 large tightly, packed boxes of items to keep others in need warm. Thank you.

Annual Holiday Cookie Sale

Southwick Congregational Church will host their Annual Holiday Cookie Sale on Saturday December 15, 2018 from 8:30 – 1:30 pm. Pick your favorite cookies or mix and match them. \$9 a pound. Gluten-free and nut-free varieties will be available. Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway, Southwick, MA, 01077.

Friends of Agawam Senior Center Trips for 2018/2019 Feb 25-Mar 8 SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE from

\$10 deposit due with sign up for day trips. Final payment due 45 days prior to trip. Please include phone number & date of trip on checks. For more information contact: Penny at (413) 519-7223.

Westfield Creative Arts Seeking Instructors

Westfield Creative Arts is currently looking for experienced artists and artisans with a passion for their craft and a willingness to share their expertise in our growing curriculum of high quality courses in crafting, fiber and fine arts in downtown Westfield. If you have a unique art form that can be taught in our bright, friendly and relaxed atmosphere, we would love to talk with you! All classes take place at Westfield Creative Arts, 105 Elm Street in Westfield MA. For more information, contact Amy at create@westfieldcreativearts.com or call 413-579-5967.

Agawam Community Artists

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans (ACAA) are currently accepting artisans working with wood, ceramics, encaustics, glass, metal, leather, mosaic, paper, printmaking, stone, mixed media, or fine jewelry. ACAA offers free monthly demonstrations and opportunities to enter our free shows throughout the year. A monthly newsletter is provided with a member biography. We are highly publicized in newspapers and the media. We encourage learning new skills through our many varied workshops. We post on our Facebook page. Come and visit us during one of our monthly meetings and free demonstrations. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, at 6:30 pm. Membership is only \$20.00 per year beginning in September. Our meetings are always free and open to the public. For more information please contact Ceil Rossi (413) 207-1247 or email tocarefree2@hotmail.com.

Christmas Caroling Events at the Irish Cultural Center

The Irish Cultural Center of Western New England will celebrate the holiday season with six Christmas caroling events, including four with the Dan Kane & Friends Carol Singers and two with a choral group from the Springfield Symphony Carolers. All events will be held at the ICC's Irish House Restaurant and Trinity Pub at 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield. The public is welcome. Details on the events:

On Sundays December 16 and 23, tickets are required. A fixed-price 3-course dinner will be included in the ticket cost, with the Dan Kane & Friends Carol Singers, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. The pub opens at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 for ICC Patrons and \$30 for general public. Tickets can be purchased by calling 413-342-4358; or buy online at www. IrishCenterwne.org.

On Saturday, December 15 and Friday, December 21, the Springfield Symphony Carolers will entertain visitors from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. These events are free and open to the public. The Irish House Restaurant regular menu will be available for order. Dinner reservations are strongly advised, and can be

made by calling 413-342-4358. For more information, please visit the ICC website at www.

IrishCenterwne.org. The ICC has a broad reach of Patrons and support from across the region, including the communities of Springfield, West Springfield, Westfield, Agawam, Chicopee, Holyoke, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Northampton, Greenfield, and into Connecticut.

Pound at the YMCA of Greater Westfield The YMCA of Greater Westfield is offering the fastest growing group fitness phenomenon inspired by the sweatdripping, infectious, energizing fun of drumming! POUND is a full body cardio jam session championed by fitness rebels around the world. Pound is the brainchild of Kirsten Potenza and Cristina Peerenboom, California-based former drummers who set out to fuse conditioning moves and cardio interval training with the distracting fun of drumming. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rockin' out! The workout is easily modifiable and the alternative vibe and welcoming philosophy appeals to all abilities. Sweat, Sculpt, & ROCK with POUND at the YMCA on Thursdays 6:30PM and Saturdays at 9:15AM. For more info, contact Cindy Agan, Fitness Director, 413-568-8631 or email: cagan@westfieldymca.org.

Teen events at the Southwick Public Library

Harry Potter Escape Room—Don't miss out on this live action escape room! Lord Voldemort has broken into the room and has left the most revealing of secrets. Do the lowly Muggles have what it takes to decipher the clues and BreakOut? Students in 7th-12th grade, meet up from 2:30-3:30 at the Southwick Public Library on Wednesday, December 12th.

Southwick Public Library Teen Winter Reading Program Start—Cozy up by the fire with a good book this winter, and get raffle tickets for a chance to win a prize! The Winter Reading Program works like this - for each hour you read (maximum of 5 hours per week), you can get an entry to put in for your choice of three prizes. You can enter your hours read by filling out a raffle ticket at the library OR by filling out the Google Form available on our website, Facebook page, and Teen Blog (if you enter hours online, you will be asked to note which prize you want your raffle entries for). Prizes will be raffled off at the end of the program. You can enter hours in beginning **December 17th**, and the last day to enter hours in is by 5pm on January 18th. Winners will be announced on Monday, January 21st.

Teen Hangout—make touch screen gloves to keep your hands warm while you text this winter! Materials provided. Play video games or Giant Jenga, listen to music and just snack and relax after school! Students in 7-12th grade, stop by the Southwick Public Library 2:30-3:30 on Tuesday, December 18.

Manga Club—Try out Anime Studio Debut 10 to create your own animation on the computer. Talk manga, play trivia, decorate fans, and try some Japanese snacks! Students in 6-12th grade, meet up at Southwick Public Library from 2:30-3:30 on Thursday, **December 20th**.



The Abner Gibbs School Band performs "First Journey" at the Winter Concert Wednesday under the direction of band director Jessica Pietrosanti.

Olivia Morissey a moment with the Abner Gibbs School Chorus.



Abner Gibbs School principal Stacy Burgess addresses the audience at Wednesday's Winter Concert.



Family and friends gather at Abner Gibbs Elementary School for the Winter Concert.



Chorus Director Tyler Cook leads the Abner Gibbs School Chorus in "Cold Snap"

Abner Gibbs School Winter Concert



Tanya Hatch and Lanah Woody perform at the Abner Gibbs School Winter Concert.

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SOUTHWICK REGIONAL SCHOOL — TERM I HONOR ROLL

2018-2019

GRADE 7 HIGH HONORS: Borese Antropov, Amanda Belliveau, Robin Berry, Johnny Blase, Lucas Caron, Adelina Carr, Valerie Chu, Sophia Crain, Margaret Cronin, Sydney Demyon, Isabella Doe, Hunter Gargano, Mason Garrity, Alaney Glynn, Brenna Halley, Merrick Kelso, Brian Kendall, Kayla Kowal, Michael Lachtara, Char-lee Lafleur, Claudia Lafleur, Robert Lempke, Jessica Longhi, Haley Martin, Lena Michael, Maria Michael, Evan Michelucci, Madison Neiweem, Zachary Olsen, Jake Petrangelo, Sarah Powell, Sean Rodgers, Isabella Ronzoni, Bryce Russ, Scarlett Sebastyn, Samuel Taylor, Skylar Thompson, Zachary Zastawny

GRADE 7 HONORS: Isabel Bailey, Isabella Belyshev, Mya Bray-Motley, Devan Cerone, Wyitt Cornell, Mia Dulchinos, Carleigh Goldberg, Madison Landis, Brayden Maymon, Elise Nowak, Griffin Parrow, Nathan Pudlo, Emma Reardon, Joshua Reed, Ryan Rodgers, Gabrielle Smigiel, Natalie Strong, Kaeleigh Sullivan, Aria Willey

GRADE 8 HIGH HONORS: Kai Albano, Georgiana Andrade, Wyatt Baker, Hannah Bannish, Rebecca Bertera, Gillian Bourque, Natalie Chouinard, Paige Clark, Marisa Coviello, Kara Dougherty, Aidan Drenen, Sophia Erdem, Mia Ferrentino, Myia Gilday, Nicholas Goodwin, Emily Hanifan, Sophia Healey, Rayna Humason, Molly Lafayette, Amanda Lis, Austin Mason, Aidan Moore, Michael Moriarty, Annabeth Nowak, Ryder Pieczarka, Lilith Randall, Bryce Roberts, Trinity Ross, Connor Sagan, Abigail Schoenthal, Diane Seddon, Julia Smidt, Michelle St Jacques, Catherine Stevens

GRADE 8 HONORS: Sophia Andrade, Chase Blase, Jake Buchter, Josyan Council, Matthew Coviello, Joseph Crain, Sean Crowley, Brielle Ensign, Aniya Kamara, Bridget Loudon, Logan Lynch, Alexandria Monczka, Vlad Renkas, Diana Roldan-Wirth, Elleigh Sanctuary, Carter Scott, James Shovak, Isabel Stowell-Marcoux, Savannah Torte, Case Viamari, Sophia White

GRADE 9 HIGH HONORS: Grace Brockbank, Hannah Burke, Daniel Chavez, Emma Cheffer, Angelina Cianfarani, Emma Cleland, Graceann Coon, Avery Couture, Joseph Cronin, Isabella Davis, Devan Fox, Ruby Francis, Alivia Glynn, Sarah Hough, Megan Hoxha, Aidan Jubb, Dylan Kelleher, Allison Kingsley, John Lacey, Jillian Lemon, Madison Loubier, Malleigh McGivney, Nicholas Michael, Marissa Ouellette, Dakota Phillips, Samantha Pitoniak, Raheem Planter, Mia Pompi, Hayley Potter, Danella Protsun, Jacob Raymond, Nora Reilly, Julia Rowley, Kayla Russ, Jack Sebastyn, Brienne Senez, Annette St Jacques, Zoey Stevenson, Olivia Vercellone, Brennen Vinesett, Jewelianna Walker, Jayden Wilson

GRADE 9 HONORS: Christian Bach, Jack Bartholomew, Andrey Belyshev, Leighton Billings, Angelo Bottass, Hannah Bovat, Isabell Brenckman, Emily Buchter, Lydia Castonguay, Abigail Chevalier, Nolan Christenson, Joseph Consolini, Mackenzie Crawford, Kya Cummings, Nathan Daugherty, Jordan Davis, Mia DellaGiustina, Anna Dimitrova, Seth Doe, Logan DuBois, Matthew Garrity, Jared Grant, Ashton Hedges, Alaysia Jenkins-Graham, Zachary Kimball, Mckenna Kingsley, Marissa Langan, Cassandra Lorom, Haley Markel, Sadie Martin, Morgan McCasland, Aidan Mora, Andrew Morris, Ryan Musambai, Marian Ozaruk, Kailey Pare, Christopher Peterson, Ryan Pinney, Mandie Smith, Sienna Spina, Olivia Stiles, Kate Turcotte, Paul Whalley

GRADE 10 HIGH HONORS: Maksym Alforov, Ivanna Alforova, Dominic Allaire, Kayla Andrade, Alina Antropova, Anastasia Antropova, Harriet Boakye, Jaydin Brown, Molly Bryant, Victoria Burkovskiy, Sarah Calabro, John Cammisa, Sarah Cerone, Caitlyn Chu, Amelia Coviello, Emma Cronin, Melanie Desroches, Jordan Drzyzga, Justin Durand, Autumn Frailey, Morgan Grilli, Brandon Haseltine, Lauren Kowal, Abigail Lefleur, Morgan Lawrenchuk, Taylor MacIntosh, Savanna Masso, Lesley McCorison, Irving Monjaras, Andrew Pitoniak, Matthew Pitoniak, Adam Smith

GRADE 10 HONORS: Brooke Bellows, Brianna Bennett, Jenna Bessette, Ava DeGrange, Hannah DeGray, Isabella Doyle, Timothy Gerrish, Hannah Giroux, Nathan Goodwin, Clare Hanna, Maggie Hannah, Kaitlyn Haseltine, Evan Iglesias, Mason Iglesias, Mason Imbriglio, Mianca Kieu, Ashley Marek, Benjamin Marek, Rylin McGivney, Alexandra Methe, Katerina Richardson, Alivia Roberts, Chase Roberts, Karina Rotar, Stephanie Roy, Alejandra Salva, Cooper Smith, Emma St Onge, Teagan Stannard, Collin Strain, Matthew Wood

GRADE 11 HIGH HONORS: Brenna Aylward, Anna

Blumenthal, Cameron Brockbank, Alexandre Broggi, Caileigh Ellsworth, Julia Gardner, Nathan Girard, Noah Harriman, Abby Hoschouer, Gabrielle Houle, Ariana Kimball, Nicholas Lafayette, Ryan Laferriere, Isabella Lombardi, Marissa Longhi, Stephanie Marcil, Emily Martin, Arden Massoia, Ryan Molta, Sean Moriarty, Jennifer Motsko, Parker Neiweem, Gabriela Peterson, Isabella Poules, Riley Prewett, Denis Protsun, Kayla Pudlo, Karina Renkas, Madison Rose, Evelynn Schoenthal, Devin Sheehan, Nicholas Spagnolo, Clare Stratton, Maura Wurster

GRADE 11 HONORS: Jonathan Backus, Isabelle Belisle, Cade Billings, Tessa Bonatakis, Robert Boulanger, Nicholas Breen, Andrew Brown, Henna Carr, Benjamin Cleland, Mary Dugan, Nicholas Ensign, Xander Fox, Alexandra Grimaldi, Caroline Hess, Ronald Hoxha, Noah Jubb, Katerina Kavrakis, Savannah LeDuc, Gabriel Linn, Aiden Mapel, Zachary Paul, Kristina Piazza, Joshua Ronghi, Kathleen Shea, Cory Small, Lauren Sussmann, Joshua Sutton, Joshua Wackerbarth, Savannah Weston, Ariana Whalley, Frank Wynglarz

GRADE 12 HIGH HONORS: Matthew Allen, Nicholas Blais, Dante Broggi, Isabel Cheffer, Maya Daley, Mikaila Davenport, Madison DeWinkeleer, Emily Elton, Kelechi Ezeugwu, Alex Fletcher, Hannah Gerrish, Emily Giancola, Shannon Green, Jillian Hess, Bianca Hiltz, Camryn Hughes, Julia Impoco, Grace Ingledue, Matthew Jansen, Andrew Lachtara, Devin Loubier, Nicholas Malouin, Molly McCasland, Aelish McGivney, Molly McLaughlin, Elizabeth Methe, Skylar Mitchell, Samuel Mizanoglu, Anthony Mora, Shea O'Neill, Brittany Penland, Emily Pinney, Victoria Podmore, Alyssa Pompi, Dylan Porter, Jasmine Ramos, Ashley Raymond, Connor Roy, Valeria Salva, Jacqueline Seddon, Sarah Smith, Brandon St Onge, Jessica Starkey, Meekly Walden, John Westcott, Ashley Wild, Cecilia Winiarski

GRADE 12 HONORS: Hailee Abelin, Ashley Aulston, Jordan Beaulieu, Joshua Bell, Kyle Cahill, Jack Chambers, Kamaris Desroches, Vincent Diaz, Rebecca Drohen, Julia Ellinger, Tyler Gellert, Jillian Gentile, Sydney Gorman, Alexander Jackson, Steven Kolek, Nicholas Lakata, Karli Langan, Maria Lempke, Devin Parrow, Erica Pierson, Tiffany Rindels, Bethany Roche, Matthew Rowe, Bartholomew Shea, Joshua Sylvia, A'Jenai Thompson, Brooke Waitt, Nolan Winch, Elijah Wood

SPORTS

Irving, C's defeat Wizards in OT

By HOWARD FENDRICH AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — To Boston Celtics coach Brad Stevens, Kyrie Irving's pair of 3-pointers in the final 40 seconds of overtime — the first from in front of his team's bench; the second from straightaway, 31 feet out — were "amazing.'

To the man contesting both of those key shots, Washington Wizards point guard John Wall, they were "incredible.'

To Irving himself? He was a lot more matter-offact, saying: "I was just trying to win the game."

Did just that, too. Serenaded on the road by chants of "MVP!" in the closing seconds, Irving scored Boston's last 12 points to finish with 38, and the undermanned Celtics extended their winning streak to seven games with a 130-125 victory over the Wizards on Wednesday night.

'We've seen Kyrie do that on multiple occasions," said Marcus Smart, a guard who spent some time at center and had 18 points and five rebounds. "But to see it again in person — every day we see that is something that is jaw-dropping for us.'

Marcus Morris added 27 points and nine rebounds for Boston, which played without Al Horford, Gordon Hayward and Jaylen Brown, its No. 4-6 leading scorers.

"The hallmark of this group has been whoever's available plays and is counted on to do what they're supposed to," Stevens said. "Not everybody had their best night, but everybody did their jobs and kept adding value when they checked in. They played whatever role they were asked to and gave us a chance to win."

Wall returned after missing a game with an aching left heel to pour in 34 points with 13 assists, and stayed on the court in overtime after getting his right foot stepped on during a drive to the basket. But his seven points in OT weren't enough to keep pace with fellow All-Star Irving.

The Wizards led 123-122 when Irving made a 3 with 38.6 seconds to go. After Wall tied it at 125, Irving hit another shot from beyond the arc that gave Boston the lead for good, because Beal (22 points; zero in OT) and Wall then each missed a 3.

This sure was a close one: There were nine ties and 18 lead changes. Neither club was ahead by more than three points over the final 10 minutes of regulation. Up 113-110, Boston opted to foul Beal on purpose with 13 seconds left, but that backfired, because after he made the first free throw, he missed the second — but grabbed the rebound and put it in

Irving blew by Beal at the other end but missed a layup right before the buzzer, sending the game to an extra period.

And then Irving really took over. **ŤIP-INS**

Celtics: Horford sat for the third consecutive game — he's expected to miss at least a few more because of an injured left knee - and Brown and Hayward were out because of illness. ... Outscored Washington 38-22 in the third quarter. ... Daniel Theis fouled out after just 14 minutes. He had eight points and six rebounds. ... Semi Ojeleye was 1 for 7 on 3-point attempts.

Wizards: Kelly Oubre Jr. scored 20 of their 32 bench points. ... Rebounding has been a problem all season and this was no different. Washington was beaten 50-41 on the boards and outscored 24-8 in second-chance points.

WALL ON THE CALLS

Wall was not thrilled with the officiating, saying the Wizards kept getting whistled for "ticky-tack" fouls, but did not get the same sort of calls when they had the ball. "We get so many hand-check calls to put those guys on the free throw line. Let guys make plays," he said. "I mean, then we drive to the basket, getting fouled, and we're not getting it.' Washington actually took more foul shots, 29 to 25; the Wizards only made 21, while the Celtics were perfect at the line. "We play just as aggressive as anybody else," Wall said. "So I don't understand it. I don't respect it."

SMART AT 5 Smart said he hadn't played the "5" position since high school. "That's just what we needed tonight," he said.

UP NEXT Celtics: Host Atlanta on Friday. Wizards: At Brooklyn on Friday.

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Southwick goalie Andrew Morris makes a save with Paul Whalley defending against a rebound. (Photo by Bill Deren)



Great crowd on hand for the Southwick Varsity Hockey team's home opener at Amelia. (Photo by Bill Deren)



Nick Ensign "gently" separates the Greenfield player from the puck. (Photo by Bill Deren)



Jake Martin beats the defenseman and takes a shot on goal. (Photo by Bill Deren)



Noah Jubb fights for control of the puck with Aidan Jubb in support. (Photo by Bill Deren)

Green Wave spoils Rams' home debut

By CHRIS PUTZ Staff Writer

WESTFIELD - The Southwick High School boys ice hockey team continued its historic inaugural season, welcoming the Greenfield Green Wave to town for the Rams' first-ever home game as a varsity

Doug Hanieski recorded a hat trick and Greenfield skated past Southwick 9-0 in front of large crowd Wednesday night at Amelia Park Ice Arena.

Greenfield scored five goals in the first period, but were held scoreless in the middle frame. The Green Wave padded their lead in the third period with four additional goals.

"It's nothing that we're upset or frustrated about," Southwick boys ice hockey head coach Chris D'Angelo said. "It's all stuff we're going to build upon. We're already moving forward to tomorrow's game."

Southwick suffered some key injuries, but put forth some positive

Jake Martin created a lot of offensive opportunities, with Evan Iglesias working with him to move the puck. Teagan Stannard and Nick Ensign delivered phenomenal defense. Seventh grader Johnny Blase displayed great vision on the ice and patience, outplaying his small stature with a big-time defensive effort helping out against much bigger players.

"We have a good group of kids who are young for the most part," coach D'Angelo said. "Once they put the pieces together, things will get better. As coaches, we're looking forward to what they're going to produce over 18 games. There's been a tremendous progression

Southwick goalie Andrew Morris finished with 49 saves. Southwick returns to action Thursday on the road against West

Springfield at the Olympia Ice Center. The puck drops at 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Guimond, McCoy lead Smith past WTA

Smith Academy 63, Westfield Technical Academy 12 Karlie Guimond and Bailey McCoy scored 10 apiece, Emma Kelly

chipped in eight points, Victoria Smiarowski had seven, and four others each had six to lead Smith Academy.

Jaymee Hall led Westfield Tech with four points. Tigers' Leilani Marsh and Alannis Camacho each collected three.

Marchand has 2 goals, 1 assist as Bruins top Coyotes

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer BOSTON (AP) — In a span of

five minutes, the Boston Bruins turned a two-goal deficit into a two-goal lead.

David Krejci was just happy to be along for the ride.

Moving up to Boston's top line to fill in for the injured Patrice Bergeron, Krejci assisted on three of Boston's four goals during a second-period flurry that put away the Arizona Coyotes 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Brad Marchand scored twice, and David Pastrnak had a goal and two assists for the Bruins all during the five-minute span midway through the second.

'Those are two world-class players," Krejci said. "They make lots of skilled plays, so they kind of make it easy for you. ... I've just got to be at the right time at the right place, and the puck will find you.

Arizona led 2-0 before Danton Heinen and Pastrnak scored 33 seconds apart. Marchand gave the Bruins the lead two minutes later, "The guys bounced back really on the way down. and then added another two minutes after that to make it 4-2.

"It was those three minutes. We played a good hockey game for 50," Arizona coach Rick Tocchet said. "Two-nothing, there, we backed off."

Tuukka Rask stopped 30 shots for Boston, which beat the Coyotes for the 14th time in a row. The Bruins have won three in a row after snapping a threegame losing streak.

Coach Bruce Cassidy said the victory over Toronto on Saturday night was key.

"It can go in a hurry," he said. "Three can turn into five or six, and all bets are off and it's panic mode."

Nick Schmaltz and Nick Cousins scored 40 seconds apart for Arizona in the first period, and Darcy Kuemper made 22 saves for the Coyotes. Michael Bunting, who was making his NHL debut, scored an unassisted goal cut the deficit to 4-3 with 5 minutes left in the second.

well," Bunting said. "You can feel bad for yourself and pack it in. We didn't do that."

The 2014 fourth-round draft pick admitted to jitters before the game, and snapped out of it during the national anthem.

"I was like, 'All right, I'm in an NHL game now,'" he said. "It's pretty special. It's something I'm going to remember for the rest of my life."

The Coyotes had a shorthanded breakaway midway through the third period, but the Bruins got back to keep them from getting a shot off. Arizona also pulled the goalie with 75 seconds left but managed just one shot on net, as time expired.

BLOOD ON THE ICE

Bruins forward David Backes rushed himself off the ice after taking a skate blade to the face in the first period. Backes was to the side of the net when he pushed Oliver Ekmann-Larsson aside and the Arizona defenseman went to the ice, kicking up his left skate

It caught Backes in the face and he went down before skating on his own quickly to the Bruins bench and out the tunnel. He returned for - and won the opening faceoff to start the second

Backes did not speak to reporters after the game, but he told The Boston Globe that he had a cut on the side of his nose that needed a few stitches and some ointment.

NOTES: Bruins F David Krejci played in his 800th career NHL game and Coyotes D Niklas Hjalmarsson played in his 700th career game. ... Clayton Keller, who went to Boston University, had one assist and leads Arizona in scoring with eight goals and 12 assists. ... The Coyotes have not beaten Boston since the teams played in Prague to open the 2010-11 season.

UP NEXT

Coyotes: Visit Buffalo on Thursday. Bruins: Visit Pittsburgh on

H.S. WINTER SPORTS RESULTS/STANDINGS

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

WESTFIELD 1-0 SOUTHWICK 0-2

GIRLS BASKETBALL

WESTFIELD 2-0 WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY 0-2 ST. MARY 0-0 SOUTHWICK 1-0 **GATEWAY 1-1**

BOYS BASKETBALL

WESTFIELD 0-2 WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY 0-1 ST. MARY 0-1 SOUTHWICK 0-1 **GATEWAY 0-0**

GIRLS SWIMMING WESTFIELD 2-0

BOYS SWIMMING WESTFIELD 2-0

WRESTLING

WESTFIELD 3-1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

BOYS ICE HOCKEY GREENFIELD 9, SOUTHWICK 0 **GIRLS BASKETBALL** SMITH ACADEMY 63 WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY 12

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

WESTFIELD **HIGH SCHOOL** Thurs., Dec. 13 No Sports Scheduled Fri., Dec. 14 BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING vs. Central, 4 p.m. JV BOYS HOOPS @ Monument Mountain, 5:30 p.m. JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Agawam, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Monument Mountain, 7 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS vs. Agawam, 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 15 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 17 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Agawam, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs. Agawam, 7 p.m. Tues., Dec. 18 BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING @ Chicopee Comp, 4 p.m. JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Central, 5:30 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS vs. Central, 7 p.m. Wed., Dec. 19 WRESTLING vs. Holyoke, 7 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 20 GIRLS HOOPS vs. Paulo Friere Social Justice Charter School, 7 p.m. Fri., Dec. 21 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Minnechaug, 5:30 p.m. JV GIRLS HOOPS @ Longmeadow, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs. Minnechaug, 7 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS @ Longmeadow, 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 22 **BOYS ICE HOCKEY @** Agawam, Olympia (West Springfield), 5:20 p.m. Mon., Dec. 24 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Dec. 25 **CHRISTMAS** Wed., Dec. 26 **BOYS ICE HOCKEY @** Gloucester High School, 7 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 27 JV BOYS HOOPS @ Minnechaug, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Minnechaug, $7~\mathrm{p.m.}$ BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Gloucester High School, 7 p.m. Fri., Dec. 28 JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Northampton, 5:30 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS vs. Northampton, 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 29 **BOYS ICE HOCKEY @** Westborough, NorthStar Ice Sports, Time TBA Sun., Dec. 30 JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Chicopee, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 10:45 a.m. Mon., Dec. 31 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Jan. 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY** Wed., Jan. 2

BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Minnechaug, Amelia Park Ice

Arena, 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 3 JV BOYS HOOPS @ Amherst, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS HOOPS @ Amherst, 7 p.m. WRESTLING vs. East Longmeadow, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 4 BOYS/GIRLS INDOOR TRACK vs. Chicopee Comp, Smith College (Northampton), 3:45 p.m. BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING @ Agawam, Agawam Junior High

School, 4 p.m. JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Holyoke, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS HOOPS vs. Holyoke, 7 p.m. Sat., Jan. 5

No Sports Scheduled Mon., Jan. 7 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Northampton, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs.

Northampton, 7 p.m.

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Thurs., Dec. 13 No Sports Scheduled Fri., Dec. 14 No Sports Scheduled Sat., Dec. 15 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 17 JV BOYS HOOPS @ Baystate Academy Charter Public School. South End Community Center, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Baystate Academy Charter Public School, South End Community Center, 7 p.m. Tues., Dec. 18 No Sports Scheduled Wed., Dec. 19 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Dec. 20 BOYS HOOPS - Box Out Cancer Challenge vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, 7 p.m. Fri., Dec. 21 GIRLS HOOPS @ John J. Duggan Academy, 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 22 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 2 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Dec. 25 **CHRISTMAS** Wed., Dec. 26 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Dec. 27 No Sports Scheduled Fri., Dec. 28 GIRLS HOOPS vs. Renaissance, 6 p.m. Sat., Dec. 29 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 31 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Jan. 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY** Wed., Jan. 2 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Jan. 3 JV BOYS HOOPS @ Gateway, 5 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Gateway, 6:30 p.m. Fri., Jan. 4 GIRLS HOOPS @ St. Mary, Westfield Intermediate School

(Southampton Road), 5:30 p.m. Sat., Jan. 5

No Sports Scheduled Mon., Jan. 7 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. St. Mary, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs. St. Mary, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 8 No Sports Scheduled Wed., Jan. 9 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Jan. 10 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. McCann Tech, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS HOOPS vs. McCann Tech, 7 p.m. Fri., Jan. 11 JV BOYS HOOPS @ John J. Duggan Academy, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ John J. Duggan Academy, 7 p.m. Sat., Jan. 12 No Sports Scheduled

ST. MARY'S

HIGH SCHOOL Thurs., Dec. 13 **BOYS HOOPS @ Red** Raider Holiday Tournament vs. Athol, Athol High School, 7 p.m. Fri., Dec. 14 BOYS HOOPS @ Red Raider Holiday Tournament – vs. TBD, Athol High School, 5:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 15 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 17 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Dec. 18 No Sports Scheduled Wed., Dec. 19 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Dec. 20 BOYS HOOPS @ Box Out Cancer Challenge – vs. Gateway, Westfield Technical Academy High School, 5 p.m. Fri., Dec. 21 GIRLS HOOPS @ Sci-Tech, 4 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Box Out Cancer Challenge – vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, Westfield Technical Academy High School, 5 p.m. Sat., Dec. 22 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 24 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Dec. 25 **CHRISTMAS** Wed., Dec. 26 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Dec. 27 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Baystate Academy Charter Public School, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 5 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs. Baystate Academy Charter Public School, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road),

6:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 28

GIRLS HOOPS vs. John J. Duggan Academy, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 6 p.m. Sat., Dec. 29 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 31 No Sports Scheduled

NEW YEAR'S DAY Wed., Jan. 2 GIRLS HOOPS @ Pioneer Valley Regional School, 6 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 3 No Sports Scheduled

Tues., Jan. 1

Fri., Jan. 4 GIRLS HOOPS vs. Westfield Technical Academy, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Pioneer Valley Christian Academy,

6:30 p.m. Sat., Jan. 5 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Jan. 7 JV BOYS HOOPS @

Westfield Technical Academy, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Westfield Technical Academy, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 8 GIRLS HOOPS @ Smith Vocational and Agricultural, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 9 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Jan. 10

SKIING @ PVIAC Race #1, Berkshire East, 5 p.m. JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 5 p.m.

BOYS HOOPS vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 6:30 p.m.

SOUTHWICK -TOLLAND -GRANVILLE

Thurs., Dec. 13 BOYS HOOPS @ Falcons Holiday Classic – vs. Gateway, Smith Academy High School, 5:30 p.m. **BOYS ICE HOCKEY @** West Springfield, Olympia, 8:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 14 **BOYS/GİRLS INDOOR** TRACK vs. TBD, Smith College (Northampton), 3:45 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Falcons Holiday Classic - vs. TBD, Time TBA Sat., Dec. 15 WRESTLING @ Longmeadow, 8 a.m. Sun., Dec. 16 BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Drury, Amelia Park Ice Arena, 3 p.m. Mon., Dec. 17 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Smith Academy, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs. Smith Academy, 7 p.m. Tues., Dec. 18 JV GIRLŚ HOOPS @ Turners Falls, 6 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS @ Turners Falls, 7:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 19 BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Amherst-Pelham, Amelia Park Ice Arena, 7 p.m. WRESTLING vs. Mahar, 7 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 20 JV BOYS HOOPS @ Mahar, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Mahar, 7 p.m. Fri., Dec. 21 **BOYS ICE HOCKEY @** South Hadley, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 4 p.m. Sat., Dec. 22 WRESTLING @ Enfield High School, 8 a.m. Sun., Dec. 23 JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Agawam, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 1 p.m. Mon., Dec. 24 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS Wed., Dec. 26 No Sports Scheduled Thurs., Dec. 27 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Granby, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs. Granby, 7 p.m. Fri., Dec. 28

JV GIRLS HOOPS @ Mahar, Grzesik-Bixby Gymnasium Complex, 5:30 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS @ Mahar,

Grzesik-Bixby Gymnasium Complex, 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 29

WRESTLING @ Agawam, 8 a.m. JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. TBD, Amelia Park Ice Arena, 5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 30

JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Chicopee Comp, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, noon Mon., Dec. 31 No Sports Scheduled

Tues., Jan. 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY Wed., Jan. 2 **BOYS ICE HOCKEY @** Easthampton, Lossone Rink-Williston Academy, 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 3

JV BOYS HOOPS @ Ware, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Ware, 7 p.m.

GATEWAY HIGH **SCHOOL** Thurs., Dec. 13 BOYS HOOPS @ Falcons Holiday Classic – vs. Southwick, Smith Academy HS, 5:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 14 BOYS HOOPS @ Falcons Holiday Classic - vs. TBD, Smith Academy HS, Time TBA Sat., Dec. 15 WRESTLING @ Chickanias Memorial Tournament (Hudson Falls HS), 10 a.m. Mon., Dec. 17 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Dec. 18 JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Hopkins Academy, 5 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS vs. Hopkins Academy, 6:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 19 WRESTLING @ Smith Vocational and Agricultural, 7 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 20 BOYS HOOPS @ Box Out Cancer Challenge - vs. St. Mary @ Westfield Technical Academy High School, 5 p.m. Fri., Dec. 21 JV GIRLS HOOPS @ Pathfinder, 5:30 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Box Out Cancer Challenge - vs. Westfield Technical Academy @ Westfield Technical Academy High School, 7 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS @ Pathfinder, 7 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 22 No Sports Scheduled Mon., Dec. 24 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Dec. 25 **CHRISTMAS** Wed., Dec. 26 No Sports Scheduled

WRESTLING @ Berkshire Holiday Tournament, Monument Mountain Regional HS, 9 a.m. JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Franklin County Tech, 5 p.m. BOYS HOOPS vs. Franklin County Tech, 6:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 28 JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Sci-

Thurs., Dec. 27

Tech, 5 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS vs. Sci-Tech, 6:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 29 WRESTLING @ Phil Tomkiel

Holiday Tournament, Agawam HS, 9 a.m. Mon., Dec. 31 No Sports Scheduled Tues., Jan. 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY Wed., Jan. 2 WRESTLING @ Sabis, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 3 JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Westfield Technical Academy, 5 p.m.

BOYS HOOPS vs. Westfield Technical Academy, 6:30 p.m. Fri., Jan. 4 JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Smith

Vocational and Agricultural, 5 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS vs. Smith

Vocational and Agricultural, 6:30 p.m. Sat., Jan. 5

WRESTLING @ Jamie Mormiel Invitational, RCS High School, 10 a.m. Mon., Jan. 7

JV BOYS HOOPS @ Pathfinder, 5 p.m. BOYS HOOPS @ Pathfinder, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 8 JV GIRLS HOOPS @ Baystate Academy Charter Public School, 5 p.m. GIRLS HOOPS @ Commerce, 6 p.m.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE											
	W	East L	т	Pct	PF	PA					
New England	9	4	0	.692	364	293					
Miami	7	6	0	.538	278	333					
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	201	320					
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	270	330					
South											
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA					
Houston	9	4	0	.692	323	259					
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	349	300					
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	251	254					
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	212	273					
North											
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA					
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	367	306					
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	321	241					
Cleveland	5	7	1	.423	292	332					
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	307	397					
West											
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA					
x-Kansas City	11	2	0	.846	471	351					
L.A. Chargers	10	3	0	.769	366	270					
Denver	6	7	0	.462	290	282					
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	244	388					

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x-clinched playoff spot — y-clinched division

Thursday's Games Tennessee 30, Jacksonville 9

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Giants 40, Washington 16

Miami 34, New England 33 Cleveland 26, Carolina 20 Indianapolis 24, Houston 21 New Orleans 28, Tampa Bay 14 Green Bay 34, Atlanta 20 N.Y. Jets 27, Buffalo 23 Kansas City 27, Baltimore 24, OT L.A. Chargers 26, Cincinnati 21 San Francisco 20, Denver 14 Detroit 17, Arizona 3 Oakland 24, Pittsburgh 21

Dallas 29, Philadelphia 23, OT Chicago 15, L.A. Rams 6

Monday's Games Seattle 21, Minnesota 7

Thursday, Dec. 13

L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Houston at N.Y. Jets, 4:30 p.m. Cleveland at Denver, 8:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m. Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 1 p.m. Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Oakland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. Dallas at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Miami at Minnesota, 1 p.m. Washington at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m. New England at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m. Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 17 New Orleans at Carolina, 8:15 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

NHL CONFERENCE GLANCE														
EASTERN CONFERENCE							WESTERN CONFERENCE							
	GP	W	L	ОТ	Pts	GF	GA		GP	W	L	ОТ	Pts	GF
Tampa Bay	32	24	7	1	49	130	91	Calgary	32	20	10	2	42	113
Toronto	31	21	9	1	43	113	85	Nashville	31	20	10	1	41	98
Buffalo	31	18	9	4	40	95	91	Winnipeg	30	19	9	2	40	107
Washington	30	18	9	3	39	112	92	Colorado	31	17	9	5	39	112
Boston	31	17	10	4	38	85	79	Anaheim	33	17	11	5	39	87
Montreal	31	15	11	5	35	97	101	San Jose	32	16	11	5	37	102
Columbus	30	16	12	2	34	102	102	Vegas	33	18	14	1	37	99
N.Y. Islanders	30	14	12	4	32	85	88	Edmonton	31	17	12	2	36	88
Pittsburgh	30	13	11	6	32	101	98	Dallas	31	16	12	2	35	86
Detroit	32	14	14	4	32	93	107			16	12	ა ე	34	
N.Y. Rangers	30	14	13	3	31	88	98	Minnesota	30			2	_	95
Carolina	29	13	12	4	30	72	81	Vancouver	33	14	16	3	31	98
Ottawa	32	13	15	4	30	106	125	Arizona	29	13	14	2	28	76
Philadelphia	29	12	13	4	28	91	107	St. Louis	29	11	14	4	26	82
Florida	29	11	12	6	28	96	105	Chicago	33	10	18	5	25	93
New Jersey	29	10	13	6	26	88	105	Los Angeles	32	11	19	2	24	71

* Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Tuesday's Games Toronto 4, Carolina 1 Buffalo 4, Los Angeles 3, OT Vancouver 3, Columbus 2 Boston 4, Arizona 3 Washington 6, Detroit 2 Minnesota 7, Montreal 1 Nashville 3, Ottawa 1 Winnipeg 6, Chicago 3

St. Louis 4, Florida 3

Edmonton 6, Colorado 4

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Wednesday's Games

Vegas 3, N.Y. Islanders 2 Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 3 Calgary 6, Philadelphia 5, OT Anaheim 6, Dallas 3

Thursday's Games Arizona at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m. Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. Carolina at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m. Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m. Florida at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games Vegas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Arizona at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Carolina, 7:30 p.m. Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Winnipeg at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games Calgary at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Columbus, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m. Detroit vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Washington, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Toronto at Florida, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Nashville, 8 p.m. Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m. Philadelphia at Vancouver, 10 p.m.



Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Slighted by Old Friends

Dear Annie: My husband is friends with a couple from college with whom we have exchanged Christmas cards and graduation announcements over the past 25-plus years. They have three sons, all of whom we sent a card and money to when they graduated from high school. However, when our daughter graduated in May, they sent nothing -- not even a card. They are in great financial shape, so it is not a monetary issue. This has bothered me for months. I expect their Christmas card to arrive soon, and I really want to send it back either refused/"return to sender" or with a note saying how hurt we were by their failure to acknowledge our daughter's graduation. My husband thinks it would be sufficient to just throw the card away and not send them one. I feel that they need to know that we are upset about it, especially as he thinks it is the wife who was responsible and the husband may not even know. I would appreciate your suggestions. --

Dear Slighted: Just because you sent their children graduation gifts doesn't mean they were obligated to do the same for yours. A gift given with strings attached is really just a trap. Also, there are plenty of benign explanations for their not sending a gift. Maybe they're not so well-off as you think (we never know what goes on behind closed doors), or maybe they just forgot. Regardless, I urge you to try to find the grace within yourself to let this go. Retaliation is for war, not friendship. Send them that Christmas card, and put this behind you. I have a feeling you'd feel better for it in the long run.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Senior Dating Adventures." Although some of the points you made are valid and may apply to this gentleman, I feel that you missed the fact that the woman seemed to lose interest when he asked for a hug on the 34th date, which continued on the next two dates.

It is not uncommon for senior women to enjoy and even seek out the companionship of dating. However, many are not looking for a sexual relationship. This woman has been widowed twice, and she may be done with needing a man for an intimate relationship. Though many seniors still have sexual relations, many women say they would love to have someone to socialize and go out with but are really not looking for anything physical. They may enjoy the company of a certain gentleman but are not necessarily physically attracted to him or interested in having sex with

I agree that this gentleman had his feelings hurt, but your answer to him seemed to blame him for not being confident and fixating on the relationship. He seemed to just be trying to understand where he had gone wrong.

I live in Florida, am in my late 60s and know many women who had wonderful (and some not-so-wonderful) marriages and/ or relationships with men but now are not dating because they are not looking for another intimate relationship at this point. They are happy with who they are. -- Mary Lou

Dear Mary Lou: I'm printing your letter because you've shared valuable insight on another explanation for his date's behavior. There are even dating sites geared toward people over 60 that reflect different levels of companionship.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

FOOD LABELS

Dear Heloise: I've heard that on newer food labels, the serving sizes will be larger. With an obesity epidemic being so prevalent, it doesn't seem to be helping things. --Beatrix C., Pueblo, Colo.

Beatrix, some serving sizes will increase, while others may decrease, and this is due to the amount people typically consume, not

the amount anyone thinks they should eat. -- Heloise CHOCOLATE PHILLY FUDGE

Dear Heloise: You once had a recipe for Chocolate Philly Fudge that I loved! Would you repeat that recipe in your column? --Roxanna R., Williston, N.D.

Roxanna, here it is:

Chocolate Philly Fudge

4 cups sifted powdered sugar

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

1 teaspoon vanilla Dash of salt

Add the sugar to the cream cheese, then mix the warm chocolate thoroughly into the sugar and cream cheese mixture. Stir in the nuts, vanilla and salt. Spread into an 8-inch square greased pan and chill. When firm, cut into bite-size squares. This recipe makes about 1 3/4 pounds of fudge.

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Thursday, Dec. 13
COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 p.m. BTN — Savannah State at Wisconsin

GOLF 5:30 a.m.

GOLF — European Tour Golf, Alfred Dunhill Championship, first round, South Africa 12 a.m. (Friday)

GOLF — Asian Tour Golf, Indonesian Masters, second round, Indonesia

5:30 a.m. (Friday) GOLF — European Tour Golf, Alfred Dunhill

Championship, second round, South Africa

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m. TNT — LA Lakers at Houston 10 p.m.

ESPNU — G-League, Capital City at South Bay

TV Sports Listings

10:30 p.m. TNT — Dallas at Phoenix **NFL FOOTBALL**

8 p.m.

FOX/NFL — LA Chargers at Kansas City **RODEO**

CBSSN — PRCA Rodeo, Wrangler National Finals **SWIMMING** NBCSN — FINA World Championships, day 3 of

the 25m finals, China

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL 7 p.m.

ESPN — NCAA Tournament, semifinal, Stanford

vs. BYU

9:30 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Tournament, semifinal, Illinois vs.

Nebraska

At The Movies



In this Nov. 28, 2018 photo, actress Emily Blunt, poses for a portrait at the Montage Beverly Hills, in Beverly Hills, Calif., to promote her film "Mary Poppins Returns." (Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP)

Emily Blunt on the 'daunting' task of playing Mary Poppins

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Emily Blunt loves a challenge, and in the world of movie musicals there's no greater trial than following in the footsteps of Julie Andrews to bring one of her most iconic, and beloved, roles to the screen for the first time in over half a century.

It's only Mary Poppins. No pressure, right?

But the 35-year-old British actress has always been drawn to roles that scare her, and it's proven to be a good strategy. Some of her most memorable parts have been those "impossible" ones, like stealing scenes from Meryl Streep in "The Devil Wears Prada" and doing stunts with Tom Cruise in "The Edge of Tomorrow."

There's no one type of Emily Blunt role, but some roles seem like they could only be for her, and for director and choreographer Rob Marshall, the practically perfect nanny was one of them. When he signed on for "Mary Poppins Returns," which would be a sequel to the 1964 classic, hers was the first name he thought of.

"It was the quickest, fastest idea. I knew in one second who it was," said Marshall. "She had all the requirements."

He knew how big of an ask it was ("It's the climbing of Mount Everest," he said), but he also knew from directing her in Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods" that she was the right triple threat for the job.

"She's so fearless," he added. "I just knew that she would make it her own."

And Blunt said yes to Marshall in a single conversation. "I knew I had my work cut out for me just because of how

extraordinary the original was and how beautiful Julie was in the original. But I knew that if I was going to take a big swing and carve out new space for myself, if I do it under Rob's guidance, I'd be all right," Blunt said. "He's kind of a magician. He's a bit of a Mary Poppins himself." She was able to take a year, during which she was "mas-

sively" pregnant with her second child, before they started rehearsing and filming to figure out her interpretation of the character with the help of P.L. Travers' books. "She is very different in the books," Blunt said. "She is

completely batty and funny and vain and rude and terribly empathetic in a very weird way, not necessarily by what she says but by what she does." Although she held fond memories of Andrews' perfor-

mance, she hadn't revisited it as an adult and decided not to "I didn't have any of the details of what she did with the

character in my head, I just had the sort of lasting impact of the joy bomb that the original was," she said. "That was very helpful. I just read the books." For Blunt, who delights in altering her voice and physical-

ity for every role, her Mary Poppins was going to be "a weird amalgamation" of Rosalind Russell in "His Girl Friday" and Princess Margaret. "I wanted her to speak very quickly because I wanted her to

have that impact where she almost renders people speechless, so that they're helpless but to comply with what she wants. It's like she gives them no time to think," Blunt said. "You're almost not quite sure if she's planting a seed or not and you're like, 'Wait is there an enigmatic master plan afoot?"

The film, out nationwide on Dec. 19, finds the now-grown Banks children Michael (Ben Whishaw) and Jane (Emily Mortimer) faced with their own troubles, and Mary Poppins steps in to help care for Michael's three children and get their lives back on track.

Blunt uprooted her own family, including her then 5-monthold, to London for about a year to film the massive project, which at the time was one of the biggest productions she'd ever been part of. She said everyone felt the weight of responsibility to do justice to the original, and she hopes that this version will give people joy and an escape.

"Everyone is always trying to do the next thing, the new thing, what else, what else what else, the grass is greener," she said. "And I think we need nostalgic moments in our lives."

It's also capping off a big year for Blunt and her husband, John Krasinski, which started with the unexpected success of "A Quiet Place" and is ending not only with the release of "Mary Poppins Returns," but awards buzz and nominations for both films as well. On Wednesday, she picked up Screen Actors Guild nominations for both films.

"It is sort of an impossible task to absorb and digest what's going on," Blunt said. "It's almost like it's happening to somebody else. It's a bit out of body."



EMILY BLUNT

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



AGNES Tony Cochran



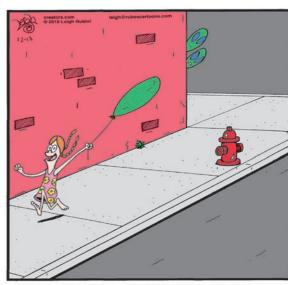
ARCHIE Fernando Ruiz and Craig Boldman







RUBES Leigh Rubin



"Good heavens, they've captured Barry!"

DADDY'S HOME Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein





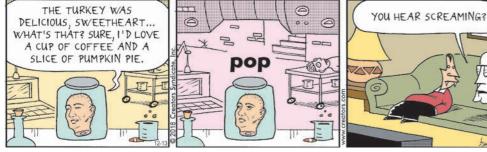


DUSTIN By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker





SCARY GARY Mark Buford



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B.C. Mastroianni and Hart



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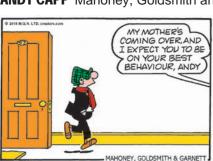








ANDY CAPP Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett







ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe



YOUR **HOROSCOPE** By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018:

This year you might appear to be more reflective than you have been in the recent past. You will be exploring within yourself to work through certain issues that keep coming up. Your personal life remains a high priority. If you are single, a person who you meet close to the midpoint of your birthday year could be very significant to your life. If you are attached, you and your partner seem to work through an issue that often rears its ugly head. By working through this issue, you'll make your life together enjoyable. PISCES could throw cold water on your most enthusiastic moments.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You like solid results and logic. Following your instincts causes you to feel uncomfortable at times. However, you need to follow your intuitive voice today. News heads in from someone at a distance. You might not be ready to discuss this information. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Friends play a substantial role in today's happenings. You hear a lot of information on one topic, but you could hear a lot of contradictions on the issue as well. Be more direct with a dear friend who sometimes causes you a problem. Tonight: Join a friend at a favorite restaurant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Others observe your performance. You are all smiles, yet you don't hesitate to do what you want. You could be sweet and appropriate, but someone else's reaction could be off the wall. Recognize that this person has an issue that he or she needs help with. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Your emotions might be on the verge of going out of control. You might not be sure which is the best way to proceed. Even if someone seems to come from a scattered position, you gain understanding quickly. Be careful when asking questions. Tonight: Listen to good music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** A situation that affects you and several ners might shock you. Fortunately, you recuperate quickly from this jolt and let go of what is bothering you. A loved one or dear friend shares his or her vision of where all the instability might be heading. Tonight: Keep it light and easy

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others. How you feel about a loved one sometimes confuses you. This person can be grim and serious or inspirational and nurturing. Remember to accept both facets of his or her personality. Without both, he or she might not be as loving. Tonight: Accept an exciting offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You make a difference where it counts. You know what needs to be done and will not hesitate to dive headfirst into the job. A family member could express displeasure with a decision that you make or an action that you take. Let it go. Tonight: Put up your feet and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ To those around you, your creativity seems endless. Still, you often don't have words for a difficult situation that could change at the drop of a hat. Allow yourself to feel tense, and let it pass. Fighting the feeling will only make it stronger. Tonight: Do your best to get into week-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Stay settled, and understand that

complications often occur around the holidays. You can choose to not get upset. Relax and use your imagination, especially with regard to family and holiday choices. You could be uptight about finances. Tonight: Start to run holiday errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ At first, you might be somewhat

uptight about what is going on. However, you will relax and see the situation through a more positive outlook. You will notice your sixth sense kicking in. You seem to know who is calling before you answer your phone. Tonight: Speak your mind. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** You might be eyeing some unanticipated last-minute expenditures. You could feel a little out of control and might respond by keeping a stronger hand on spending. You will be a lot happier once you use some self-discipline. Tonight: Allow one indulgence, just for you. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could be overly concerned about what is occurring around you. No matter how charming or sensitive you might be, a friend appears to be rather distant and unavailable. Try to stay focused on what you need to do. If possible, finish shopping. Tonight: Happy at home.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift (1989), actor Jamie Foxx (1967), actor Dick Van Dyke (1925)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Close but no cigar

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH** ♥K Q 1094 WEST EAST **♦**— **♥**7632 **♦**974 **♠** A J 9 ♦ K Q 10 8 3 ♠KJ9853 SOUTH ↑10876542 ▼AJ8 The bidding:
West East Pass Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The most interesting hands to play are those where the outcome depends not so much on power as on skill. Consider this deal where West led

the king of diamonds, taken by South with the ace. Declarer then played a spade to the queen, on which East

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

discarded the nine of clubs

Anxious to lead another trump to the king, but unwilling to play a heart to the ace for fear of subjecting himself to a subsequent heart ruff, South led a diamond to the jack at trick

West took the queen and shifted to his singleton heart. South won with the ace and led a trump, but West rushed up with the ace, led a low club to his partner's king and ruffed East's heart return to sink the contract. Although the East-West defense

was exceptionally good, South would have made his game if he had taken firmer steps to guard against the danger of a killing heart ruff. This could have been done by playing a low club from dummy at trick three in order to sever communication in that suit between East and West. Had South done that, no heart

ruff could have been negotiated by the defenders, and he would have finished with 10 tricks.

The club play at trick three does not seem to make much sense, but for a declarer who by nature fears the worst and thoughtfully prepares for that eventuality, it is the absolutely correct play.

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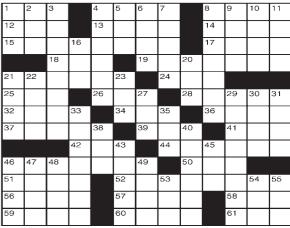
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals W

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Women's Basketball Wed Dec. 12 SMITH 7:00

Women's Basketball
Fri Dec. 14
SPRINGFIELD 7:00

Men's Basketball Sat Dec. 15 at Springfield 3:00 Men's Basketball

Fri Dec. 28 BARUCH 2:00

Women's Basketball Fri Dec. 28 VEGAS TOURNAMENT

Women's Basketball Fri Dec. 28 vs Amherst 12:00

Women's Basketball Sat Dec. 29 VEGAS TOURNAMENT

Women's Basketball
Sat Dec. 29 vs

Beuna Vista 10:00 a.m. **Men's Basketball**

Sun Dec. 30 ROGER WILLIAMS 12:00

Women's Basketball
Thur Jan. 3 at
Plymouth State 5:30

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Men's Basketball
Sat Jan. 5
MCLA 12:00
Women's Basketball

Sat Jan. 5 MCLA 2:00 Ice Hockey Tue Jan. 8 at

Franklin Pierce 7:30

Women's Basketball

Tues Jan. 8 MIDDLEBURY 5:30

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Men's Basketball Wed Jan. 16 at

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Women's Basketball
Wed Jan 16 at

Wed Jan. 16 at Framingham State 8:00 Ice Hockey

Ice Hockey
Thur Jan. 17 at UMass
Dartmouth 7:30

Swimming Fri Jan. 18 SAINT JOSEPH, CT 6:00

Indoor Track
Saturday Jan. 19

Pioneer Invitational
Smith CollegeNorthampton Mass

Northampton, Mass.

Men's Basketball

Sat Jan. 19 SALEM

STATE 12:00

STATE 12:00 Women's Basketball Sat Jan. 19

SALEM STATE 2:00 Ice Hockey Sat Jan. 19 at Worcester State 5:40

Men's Basketball
Tue Jan. 22
FITCHBURG STATE 5:30
Women's Basketball

Tues Jan. 22 FITCHBURG STATE 7:30

Men's Basketball Thur Jan. 24 at

Worcester State 5:30 Women's Basketball Thur Jan. 24 at

Worcester State 7:30
Ice Hockey

Thur Jan. 24 FITCHBURG STATE 7:35 Swimming

Sat Jan. 26 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE 1:00 Ice Hockey

Sat Jan. 26 at Plymouth State 6:00 Men's Basketball

Sat Jan. 26 at MCLA 12:00 Women's Basketball

Sat Jan. 26 at MCLA 2:00

Indoor Track
Saturday Jan. 26
Massasoit Classic
Springfield CollegeSpringfield, Mass.

Ice Hockey
Thur Jan. 31 at Salem
State 7:00
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Men's Basketball Sat Feb. 2 BRIDGEWATER STATE 12:00

Women's Basketball Sat Feb. 2 BRIDGEWATER STATE 2:00

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Wed Feb. 6 FRAMINGHAM STATE 7:30

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Thur Feb. 7

FRAMINGHAM STATE 7:35

Swimming

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Men's Basketball
Sat Feb. 9 at Salem
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Women's Basketball Sat Feb. 9 at Salem State 3:00

Ice Hockey Sat Feb. 9 UMASS DARTMOUTH 5:35

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Fitchburg State 5:30 Women's Basketball Wed Feb. 13 at

Fitchburg State 7:30 Ice Hockey
Thur Feb. 14

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Saturday Feb. 16 MASCAC/Alliance **Championships** Plymouth State-

Plymouth, NH
Ice Hockey

Sat Feb. 16 at Fitchburg State 4:00

Men's Basketball
Sat Feb. 16
WORCESTER STATE 12:00
Women's Basketball

Sat Feb. 16 WORCESTER STATE 2:00 Ice Hockey Tue Feb. 19 PLYMOUTH STATE 7:35

Men's Basketball Tues Feb. 19

MASCAC Quarterfinals TBA Women's Basketball Tues Feb. 19

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 $Lucy\ Barrett\ scored\ her\ 1000th\ career\ point\ for\ the\ Owls.\ (James\ English\ photo)$

Barrett Scores 1000th, Owls fall in Overtime

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Westfield State's Lucy Barrett (Mt. Greylock/Williamstown, Mass.) and Smith College's Lauren Biondi (Notre Dame Secondary/Burnaby, B.C.) each scored their 1000th career points, as Smith rallied past Westfield in a overtime barnburner, 108-100 at the Woodward Center.

Barrett finished with a career high 32, while Biondi netted 38 for the Pioneers while shooting 19-22 from the foul line. The scoring duel between the two guards overshadowed a 33-point, 28-rebound effort from Smith 6-foot senior center Kennedy Guest-Pritchett (Lawrenceville/Fairburn, Ga.).

Westfield (4-4) held a six-point lead entering the fourth quarter and led by as many as 11, but Smith (7-3) rallied late, grabbing its first lead of the game with 38 seconds left in regulation, on an and-1 three-point play by Katy McClellan (Palmyra Area/Palmyra, Ga.) to give the Pioneers a 94-92 lead.

Westfield answered with a three-pointer from Melissa Gray (Peabody, Mass.) to take the lead back 95-94, and after an Owls steal and a foul, Gray went to the line and made one of two free throws to give Westfield a 96-94 lead.

Biondi was fouled on a drive to the hoop with five seconds left in regulation, and hit both shots to tie the game at 96-all.

Barrett laid a runner off the glass as time

expired in regulation, but the shot wouldn't go down.

The Owls went ice-cold in the overtime,

shooting 1-10 from the floor and making just two of six free throws in the extra session. Smith took the lead for good, 102-100 with two free throws from Biondi with 3:30 left in overtime. The extra session was a war of attrition as five Westfield State and one

4-9 from the line in overtime as well.

Biondi, a 5-6 senior guard, hit the 1000point mark exactly with her final made free
throw of the night.

Smith player fouled out, and Smith was just

Barrett, a 5-6 senior guard, netted her 1000th on a third-quarter drive, entering the

GAME LEADERS

SMITH COLLEGE

Pts: Lauren Bondi - 38 Reb: Kennedy Guest-Pritch - 28 Ast: Lauren Bondi - 6

WESTFIELD STATE UNNIVERSITY

Pts: Lucy Barrett - 32 Reb: Siobhan Moriarty - 7 Ast: Chelsea Moussette - 7

game needing 13 points to hit the mark. Barrett finished with a career-high 32 on 10-27 shooting, 3-10 from downtown, and 9-10 at the foul line. She now has 1,019 and moves into 15th on the Owls all-time scoring list.

Gray finished with 17 points as the only other Westfield player in double figures.

Smith got 16 rebounds from Stephanie Foukaris (Pascal English/Nicosia, Cyprus), and McLellan added 20 points and nine rebounds.

Westfield forced 46 turnovers from the Pioneers, but Smith finished 33-52 at the foul line, both records for a Westfield State opponent.

It's the second time in three years that Smith came away with an overtime win at westfield, as the Pioneers were 111-103 winners in a similar fashion at the Woodward Center in 2016.

Westfield State will play one more game.

Westfield State will play one more game before the semester break, as the Owls host Springfield College in another local rivalry game on Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodward Center.

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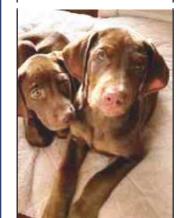
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