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Southwick educators honored with teaching award

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent
SOUTHWICK – On February 15, the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District announced that Francesca Fydenkevez, Kathy Schlichtig and Ann Simonet were the 2019 winners for the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award.
Through the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award honors educators throughout the three Western Massachusetts counties of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin.
All three recipients will be honored at a banquet hosted by the Harold Grinspoon Charitable

Foundation at the Log Cabin, in May.
In her third year teaching first grade at Woodland School, Francesca Fydenkevez serves as a co-team leader where she focuses on writing curriculum at the first grade level.
"I feel very honored to have received this award," said Fydenkevez. "It's wonderful to be recognized for the work I do both in and out of the classroom to best support my students."
Teaching for almost 25 years, this school year will be the last one for Kathy Schlichtig. Currently a sixth-grade teacher at Powder Mill School for math and social studies, Schlichtig



Ann Simonet (middle) is with Assistant Principal Michael Pescitelli (left), Assistant Principal Serena Shorter, Superintendent Jen Willard, and Southwick Regional School Principal Joe Turmel. (Photo from Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District)

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Mayor, City Councilors remember David Bannish

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – David A. Bannish, who passed away on Feb. 10 at the age of 68, served nine terms as a Councilor for the city of Westfield from 1988 to 2009, with the exception of 1994-1995 and 1998-1999. He served several times as Chair of City Property Committee, Governmental Relations and Public Health and Safety Committee, according to the City Clerk's office.
Mayor Brian P. Sullivan who served with Bannish on the City Council, and several other councilors who served with Bannish and knew him expressed similar opinions about his dedication and willingness to speak up for what he believed in.

"I worked with Dave for many years. He was always respectful of process and knowledgeable of how legislation worked. He voted against me for President the first time I ran, but changed his vote the second time telling me I earned his support. That meant a lot to me coming from such a veteran councilor," Sullivan said.
Community Development Director Peter J. Miller said Bannish was a fixture on the Council through the '90's and into the 2000's, when he served with him for six years. He said he

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DAVID A. BANNISH



Snowmobile Drag Racing

Sam Heckman gets a good start against Jim Balesky, Jr. Snowmobile drag races were held Saturday at the Blandford Fairgrounds as a fundraiser for the Fair. Several dozen snowmobilers from across Western Mass and Connecticut brought their machines out to compete. See additional photos Page 8. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

AAA Pioneer Valley to Donate Emergency Roadside Kits

SPRINGFIELD – AAA Pioneer Valley recently supported the work of MHA with a donation of 34 Roadside Emergency Kits to support the nonprofit's Division of Developmental Services (DDS) Outreach Team.
"AAA encourages drivers to be vigilant when hitting the road and to always stay prepared by carrying an emergency roadside kit," said Mindy J. Ginley, Communications Manager, AAA Pioneer Valley. "A comprehensive emergency roadside kit should contain a mobile phone and car charger, first aid kit, blankets, drinking water and snacks, a flashlight with extra batteries, a basic toolkit, warning flares, jumper cables and a

shovel."
Each of the 34 Emergency Road Kits that AAA Pioneer Valley is donating to MHA provides a range of basic, useful items such as a first aid kit, booster cables, an LED flashlight with extra batteries and roll of duct tape. There are 42 items in each kit, and they come in a handy carry case.
"Our DDS Outreach Teams are on the road every day serving clients in our Individual Support Program, so having these Emergency Roadside Kits safely tucked in their vehicles will provide our staff with important items that can help keep them and the clients who are often with them safe until

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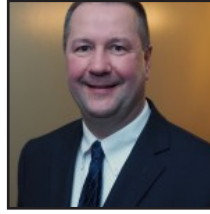


The Roadside Emergency Kit as provided by AAA Pioneer Valley to MHA. (Photo submitted)

Recommendations on Solar and Meals Tax go before full City Council Monday night

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent
WESTFIELD – Two votes by the Legislative and Ordinance committee that will be going before the full City Council for a vote on Monday night include a 3-0 recommendation to approve a resolution to allow the Mayor to sign a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement for Sunfarm Westfield LLC solar on Western Ave., and a 2-1 recommendation not to rescind the local option meals tax.
City Advancement Officer Joe Mitchell spoke to the committee about the PILOT agreement. He said the solar farm will be on 9.61 acres of a 30-acre property, and bring in \$29,999 per year for the next 20 years into the city, which he said is most advantageous from a tax perspective.

Mitchell added that the solar project would be selling their power to the Westfield Housing Authority.
In discussing the vote to have the Law Department prepare the necessary papers to rescind within 20 days the local option meals tax, L&O Chair William Onyski said the department had prepared the language. He also said that the meals tax brought in \$836,000 last year, more than originally anticipated.



WILLIAM ONYSKI
Ward 6 City Councilor

The discussion followed several other items that were held in committee concerning developing a road and sidewalk repair stabilization fund, and dedicating local meals tax to the fund. The items were held in committee at the request of At-large Councilor Matthew Emmershay, who said that Ward 3 Councilor Andrew K. Surprise could not attend Thursday's meeting, and wanted to participate in the discussion.

Emmershay also said he didn't think the committee should vote on whether to rescind the tax before the other discussion took place.
Onyski said he wanted to move forward with the vote on whether to rescind the tax regardless. "My feeling is that no matter what happens here with the special funds, I don't think we should rescind this," he said, adding that it was bringing in \$830,000 a year, much of which comes from out of town," he said.

L&O member Nicholas J. Morganelli, Jr. also said the motion was tied to the stabilization fund, and said he was reluctant to rescind the tax, although he had not been in favor of it. "I'm not in favor of more taxes. I don't have a problem

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Review: 'Detroit '67' at Hartford Stage

By MARK G. AUERBACH
Correspondent
Hartford Stage is presenting Dominique Morriseau's Detroit '67, a co-production with New Jersey's McCarter Theatre, in a partnership which gave us Murder on The Orient Express and The Age of Innocence last season. The show received positive notices in New Jersey, so I was anticipating this production. It's directed by Jade King Carroll, whose direction of Emily Mann's Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years was a Hartford Stage highpoint for me, especially for the elaborate dinner scene cooked onstage.



Myxolydia Tyler in Detroit '67 at Hartford Stage. (Photo by T. Charles Erickson)

Dominique Morriseau is one of the most talked-about contemporary voices in the American theatre. Morriseau is among 25 individuals nationwide to be named as a MacArthur Foundation 2018 MacArthur Fellow (also known as the "Genius Grant"). Her theatre pieces are performed regularly at theatres across the country. Theaterworks produced Sunset Baby a couple of years ago, and Pipeline is on the WAM season schedule. Morriseau will make her Broadway debut this spring as book

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WSU to host annual Spring Job & Internship Fair

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University will host its annual Spring Job & Internship Fair on **Wednesday, March 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** in Scanlon Banquet Hall, 577 Western Ave., Westfield. The University enrolls more than 5,000 undergraduate students in a variety of disciplines including business, psychology, communications, and criminal justice.




More than 80 national companies and organizations will be represented at the fair, providing students with a wide range of opportunities to explore and network while offering

full-time, part-time, and internship positions throughout the Northeast.

“The fair is a great opportunity for students to connect one-on-one with recruiters and hiring managers from various industries,” said Junior Delgado, director of the University’s Career Center. “If students do not attend, I strongly believe it is a missed opportunity.”

The fair is free and open to the public. Public parking is available in South Lot off Western Avenue. For more information, contact the Career Center at Westfield State University, 413-572-5206.

22 STORM NEWS TEAM LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 Mostly Clear, Windy.	 Sunny.	 Mostly Sunny.
15-16	22-25	21-24

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32. Windy, with a west wind 20 to 26 mph, with gusts as high as 55 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 15. Breezy, with a northwest wind 18 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 55 mph. Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 25. Wind chill values as low as -1. Northwest wind 14 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 32 mph. Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 8. Wind chill values as low as zero. Northwest wind 8 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 29 mph. Wednesday: A chance of snow, mainly after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 24. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Westfield Wednesdays: 350th Historical Lecture Series

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 - May 8.** Things Change: The Lost Homes of Westfield. First Congregational Church. Presented by Dr. Robert Brown.
- Free to the public. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

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TODAY		
6:34 AM SUNRISE	5:36 PM SUNSET	11 hours 2 Minutes LENGTH OF DAY

Greater Westfield Community Band to start rehearsals

WESTFIELD — The Greater Westfield Community Band will start rehearsals for the spring of 2019 concert, on Monday **March 4th** at 7:30 at the Westfield Intermediate School (formerly North Middle school) located on Southampton Road (behind Southampton Road School). We are always looking for new members, but will gladly welcome back returning or previous members. Under the guidance of Jim O’Connor the band practices for 6 Mondays and will perform a concert on April 10th at 7:30. Members must be 18 years of age and able to read music. Otherwise, all levels of ability are accepted. Anyone from the area is gladly welcomed. Dust off an old instrument or bring the one that gets lots of use, and come join us on March 4th.

ODDS & ENDS

Giant wooden troll is returning to Colorado ski town

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — A huge wooden troll will be reincarnated in a Colorado ski town, although it’s unclear what it will look like or where it will sit.

The Summit Daily reported Friday that Breckenridge officials have a deal with Danish artist Thomas Dambo to rebuild his troll this spring. It was erected beside a trail last summer for a festival, but it was so popular that nearby homeowners complained about all the foot traffic. It was taken down in November.

The troll, named Isak Heartstone, was 15 feet (4.5 meters) high.

Parts were discarded or recycled when it was removed, but some pieces were saved and will be used in the new version. Rebuilding is expected to take about a week sometime in May.

More discussions are planned to choose a location.


LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT’S NUMBERS

MASSACHUSETTS

MassCash
01-10-27-29-33
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$245 million

Numbers Evening
0-2-3-6
Numbers Midday
0-0-1-4
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$322 million



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Cash 5
09-16-19-28-30
Lucky Links Day
03-04-05-07-10-11-17-21
Lucky Links Night
06-08-11-12-13-14-15-16
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$245 million
Play3 Day 1-8-5
Play3 Night 0-9-2
Play4 Day 5-3-1-6
Play4 Night 7-8-6-4

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS MONDAY, FEB. 25, THE 56TH DAY OF 2019. THERE ARE 309 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On Feb. 25, 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

ON THIS DATE:

- In 1570, England’s Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Pope Pius V, who accused the monarch of heresy.
- In 1793, President George Washington held the first Cabinet meeting on record at his Mount Vernon home; attending were Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox and Attorney General Edmund Randolph.
- In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.
- In 1862, Nashville, Tenn., became the first Confederate state capital to be occupied by the North during the Civil War.
- In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.
- In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.
- In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon.
- In 1922, French serial killer Henri Landru, convicted of murdering 10 women and the son of one of them, was executed in Versailles (vehr-SY’).
- In 1964, Eastern Airlines Flight 304, a DC-8, crashed shortly after taking off from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 58 on board. Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius

Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was 71.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers. At the Winter Olympics in Norway, Oksana Baiul of Ukraine won the gold medal in ladies’ figure skating while Nancy Kerrigan won the silver and Chen Lu of China the bronze; Tonya Harding came in eighth.

TEN YEARS AGO:

President Barack Obama introduced former Washington Gov. Gary Locke as his nominee for commerce secretary after two earlier choices dropped out. A Turkish Airlines Boeing 737 crashed while trying to land at Amsterdam’s main airport, but 126 of the people on board survived; nine were killed, including the pilots.

FIVE YEARS AGO:

In a blunt warning to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, President Barack Obama threatened to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2014 if a crucial security pact wasn’t signed. (U.S. and Afghan officials signed the pact in Sept. 2014.) Jim Lange, the first host of the popular game show “The Dating Game,” died in Mill Valley, California, at age 81.

ONE YEAR AGO:

China’s official news agency said the country’s ruling Com-

munist Party had proposed scrapping term limits for China’s president, appearing to lay the groundwork for Xi Jinping to rule as president beyond 2023. (China’s rubber-stamp lawmakers approved that change on March 11.) The board of directors of The Weinstein Company, co-founded by Harvey Weinstein, said the company would likely file for bankruptcy after last-ditch talks to sell its assets collapsed. (A private equity firm emerged in May as the winning bidder for the company.) Students at the Florida high school where 17 classmates and staff members were killed returned to gather belongings that had been abandoned in panic during the shooting. The Winter Olympics in South Korea came to an end as officials from North and South Korea shared a VIP box at the closing ceremonies with U.S. presidential adviser and first daughter Ivanka Trump.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS:

Actress Ann McCrea is 88. Actor Tom Courtenay is 82. Former CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 82. Actress Diane Baker is 81. Actress Karen Grasse is 77. Former talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 77. Former professional wrestler Ric Flair is 70. Humorist Jack Handey is 70. Movie director Neil Jordan is 69. Rock singer-musician/actor John Doe (X) is 66. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smithereens) is 62. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm; Big Country) is 60. Actress Veronica Webb is 54. Actor Alexis Denisof is 53. Actress Tea (TAY’-ah) Leoni is 53. Comedian Carrot Top is 52. Actress Lesley Boone is 51. Actor Sean Astin is 48. Singer Daniel Powter is 48. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Justin Jeffre is 46. Rock musician Richard Liles is 46. Actor Anson Mount is 46. Comedian-actress Chelsea Handler is 44. Actress Rashida Jones is 43. Country singer Shawna Thompson (Thompson Square) is 41. Actor Justin Berfield is 33. Actors James and Oliver Phelps (“Harry Potter” movies) are 33. Actress Jameela Jamil is 33. Rock musician Erik Haager (Carolina Liar) is 32.

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 Westfield River Watershed Association, 65 Years of Service
 WSU: Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

Presented By: WRWA Members Dr. Aaron Reyes, Dr. Brian Conz, Bill Rose, Mark Damon

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Stop & Shop workers' union votes to authorize strike

RANDOLPH, Mass. (AP) — A union representing thousands of Stop & Shop workers in Massachusetts has voted to authorize a strike.
 UFCW Local 1445's vote Sunday allows the union to call a strike if the contract dispute with the supermarket chain continues. The union is asking members to keep working while negotiations continue.

The fight centers on health insurance, pensions and vacation time. The union says Stop & Shop is looking to "degrade the quality of life" of workers.
 Stop & Shop says it has offered proposals that "would ensure full-time associates continue to be among the highest paid food retail workers in the region."
 Five union locals of the United Food & Commercial Workers have been negotiating with Stop & Shop for more than a month. Local 1445 is the first to vote on a strike.

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEB, 25

WESTFIELD:

Personnel Action Committee at 6:30 pm
 City Council at 7 pm

GRANVILLE:

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

BLANDFORD:

Council on Aging Meeting at 4 pm
 Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm
 Zoning Board Meeting at 7 pm

CHESTER:

Board of Health Meeting at 6 pm
 Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 pm

TOLLAND:

Board of Selectmen at 5 pm

SOUTHWICK:

Board of Appeals Meeting at 7 pm

TUESDAY, FEB, 26

GRANVILLE:

STGRSD School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm

WESTFIELD:

Conservation Commission at 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEB, 27

WESTFIELD:

Parks and Recreation Informational Meeting Public Safety at Sadie Knox Playground at 6:30 pm

BLANDFORD:

Fire Department Meeting at 7 pm

High winds could bring power outages to southern New England

BOSTON (AP) — Officials say strong winds could knock down trees and power lines across southern New England.

The National Weather Service has issued a high wind warning for Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island from 10 p.m. on Sunday until 7 p.m. on Monday.

Meteorologists say some areas could see gusts as high as 65 miles per hour.

The National Weather service says the damaging winds will likely mean scattered power outages as well as damage to trees and property.

Meteorologists are urging residents to bring any loose objects indoors.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

Hello Westfield. First I would like to express my condolences over the loss of two people of late. First is Lynn Boscher, who has worked tirelessly for the greater good of Westfield. None of us will forget seeing Lynn taking photos of downtown events. He generated a permanent archive of these wonderful events and the memories that we have from them. It would be great if someone could gather them, and create a book of them, as they are; in this anniversary year, the start of the next anniversaries that celebrate everyday Westfield.

The other person is one that many of you may not know, Dave Vigneault, former Rep. from Springfield. He too was a man that you saw everywhere working to support people issues. He was a very long time member of the Springfield and State Democratic Committees. It was not his presence that you noticed it was only his absence for he too worked tirelessly for those people issues he championed and supported. They, both will be sorely missed.

On the positive side: I previously mentioned about my fall, etc. A major downer was that I could not keep up with my shoveling my walk. Well, to the rescue: Lt. Eric Hall of the Westfield Community Police; who on his own time, and with his heavy duty snow blower cleared much of the cement snow from my side walk. You want to know why I am so supportive of our police, he is a primary example. Not only do they do a great job in their jobs, but are even greater Human beings. It is why I wave, say hi, whenever I see them. And, if possible, chat. I sent out an e-mail seeking help; if he knew anyone who could help. His response was himself. THANK YOU so very much.

Lastly, I think a lot of us who attend City Council meeting, or watch them on T.V. note that there is often some fancy rhetoric. Even in the Commissions and sub-committees, for those who attend. And, while they do a lot, I do have a problem. This time it is over the opening of the cannabis business. If you watch the news, you see how much local revenue is being generated already. OK, the problem, a lot of the fancy rhetoric is about taxes!!!! But, what are they doing to generate revenue so as to actually lower them or at least keep them from going up? Everyone knows costs/prices do not go down. And, being stagnant or living in the past is not going to cut it.

What I would like to see is: Instead of just say No, or yes... come up with a way to how to do it. Change rules, do something: adapt or go extinct! Not only would this procedure better enable new businesses, as the Cannabis business (before there is so much competition that they saturate the market) but it would motivate more people to become creative about starting a new business knowing the city would help, not hinder. Old adage: last in first out. Loser!!! This business is not going to go away. We are in the start of a wholly new way of doing businesses. We have cyber marketing, on line sales that can enable mini-businesses startups to stay up. Malls and big box era businesses are fading. Diversity will stay if you know what kind. Like gas stations with a coffee shop, or variety store. Deal with our real realities or gone down with our delusions. **Your former Ward 3 City Councilor, Brian Hoose ...** brhoose@comcast.net.

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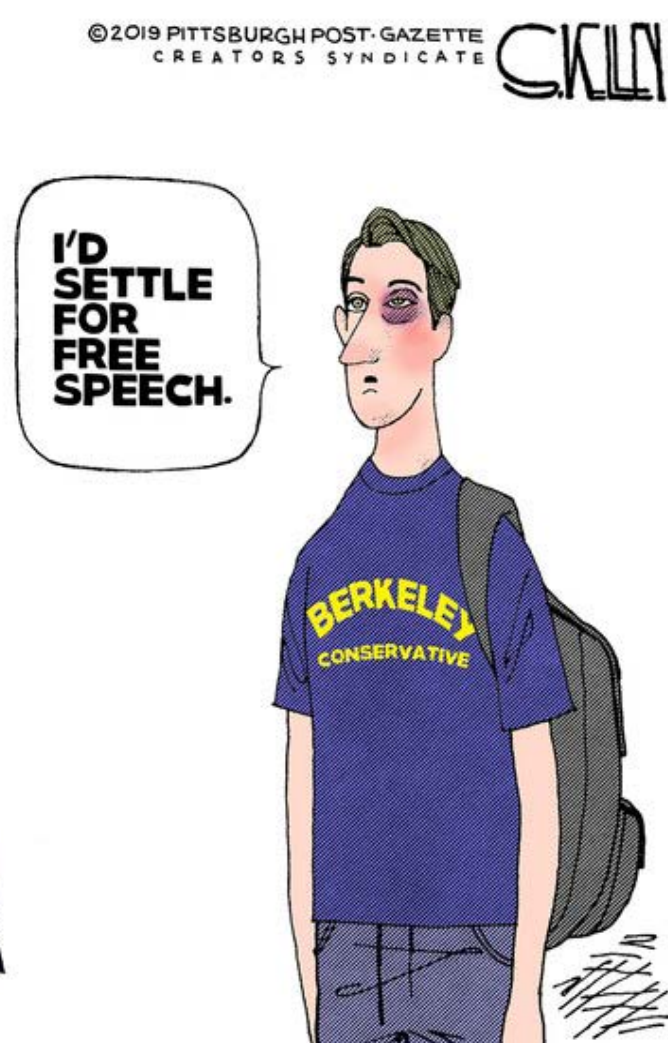
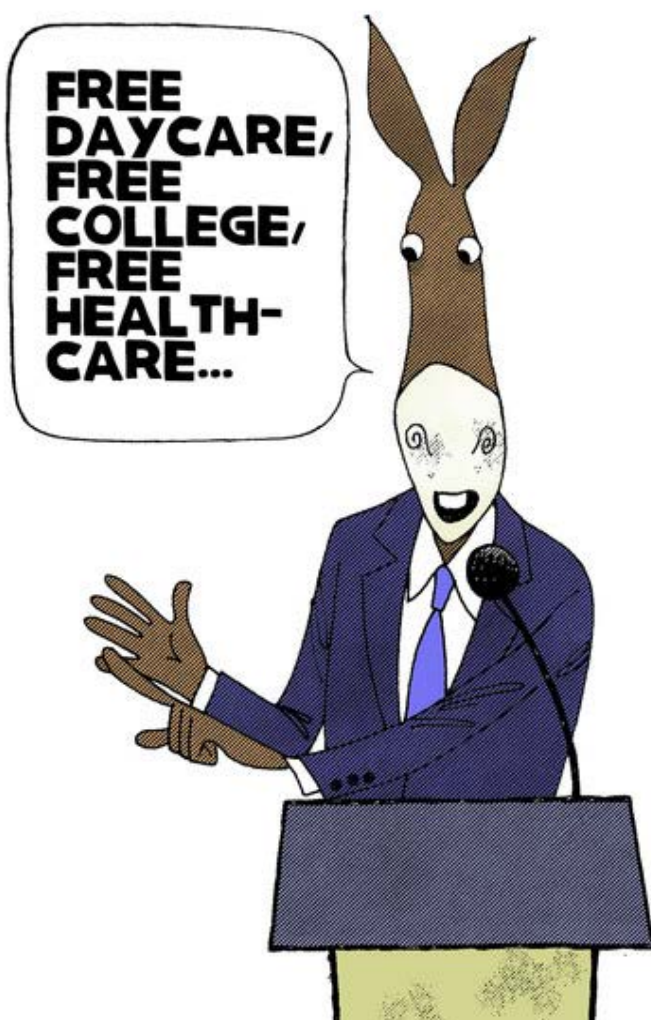
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Expectations low as President looks for win in NKorea summit

By JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump will head into his second meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un having reframed what would make a successful summit, lowering expectations for Pyongyang's denuclearization while eager to declare a flashy victory to offset the political turmoil he faces at home.

Trump was the driving force behind this week's Vietnam summit, aiming to recreate the global spectacle of his first meeting with Kim, although that initial summit yielded few concrete results and the months that followed have produced little optimism about what will be achieved in the sequel. He once warned that North Korea's arsenal posed such a threat to humanity that he may have no choice but to rain "fire and fury" on the rogue nation, yet on Sunday declared that he was in no hurry for Pyongyang to prove it was abandoning its weapons.

"I'm not in a rush. I don't want to rush anybody, I just don't want testing. As long as there's no testing, we're happy," Trump told a gathering of governors at the White House. Hours earlier, he ended a tweet about the summit by posing the key question that looms over their meeting in Vietnam: "Denuclearization?"

He did not provide an answer.

Though worries abound across world capitals about what Trump might be willing to give up in the name of a win, the president was ready to write himself into the history books before he and Kim even shake hands in Hanoi.

"If I were not elected president, you would have been in a war with North Korea," Trump said last week. "We now have a situation where the relationships are good — where there has been no nuclear testing, no missiles, no rockets."

Whatever the North Koreans have done so far, the survival of the Kim regime is always the primary concern.

Kim inherited a nascent, incomplete nuclear program from his father, and after years of accelerated effort and fighting through crippling sanctions, he built an arsenal that demonstrates the potential capability to deliver a thermonuclear weapon to the mainland United States. That is the fundamental reason Washington now sits at the negotiating table.

Kim, his world standing elevated after receiving an audience with a U.S. president, has yet to show a convincing sign that he is willing to deal away an arsenal that might provide a stronger guarantee of survival than whatever security assurance the United States could provide. The North Koreans have largely eschewed staff-level talks, pushing for discussions between Trump and Kim.

Trump will arrive in Hanoi on Tuesday on Air Force One while his counterpart, lacking a modern aircraft fleet, travels via armored train. Though details of the summit remain closely held, the two leaders are expected to meet at some point one-on-one, joined only by translators.

The easing of tension between the two nations, Trump and his allies believe, stems from the U.S. president's own unorthodox and unpredictable style of diplomacy. Often prizing personal rapport over long-held strategic interests, Trump has pointed to his budding relationship with the young and reclusive leader, frequently showing visitors to the Oval Office his flattering letters from Kim.

Trump, who has long declared that North Korea represented the gravest foreign threat of his presidency, told reporters recently that his efforts to defang Pyongyang had moved Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to nominate him for a Nobel Peace Prize, something Abe would not confirm or deny. And, always with an eye on his media coverage, Trump had delighted in the round-the-clock phenomenon created by the first Kim summit, held last June in Singapore. He urged reluctant aides as early as last fall to begin preparations for a second meeting.

The images of the first face-to-face meeting between a U.S. president and his North Korean counterpart resonated across the globe. Four main goals emerged: establishing new relations between the nations, building a new peace on the Korean Peninsula, completing denuclearization of the peninsula and recovering U.S. POW/MIA remains from the Korean War.

While some remains have been returned to the United States, little has been achieved on the other points. Korean and American negotiators have not settled on either the parameters of denuclearization or the timetable for the removal of both Korean weapons and American sanctions.

"The key lessons of Singapore are that President Trump sees tremendous value in the imagery of diplomacy and wants to be seen as a bold leader, even if the substance of the diplomacy is far behind the pageantry," said Abraham Denmark, director of

the Asia Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

U.S. intelligence officials testified before Congress last month that it remains unlikely Kim would fully dismantle his arsenal. And many voices in the Trump administration, including national security adviser John Bolton, have expressed skepticism that North Korea would ever live up to a deal.

Mark Chinoy, senior fellow at U.S.-China Institute at the University of Southern California, made clear that after generations of hostility, the convivial atmosphere of Singapore "can't be discounted." But Chinoy noted that Trump had agreed to North Korea's "formulation of 'denuclearization of the Korean peninsula,' which Pyongyang has long made clear meant an end to the US security alliance with South Korea and an end to the US nuclear umbrella intended to defend South Korea and Japan."

After the last summit, Trump unilaterally suspended some military drills with South Korea, alarming some in Seoul and at the Pentagon. But he was insistent this week that he would not drawdown U.S. troops from South Korea. And American officials, even as they hint at a relaxed timetable for Pyongyang to account for its full arsenal, have continued to publicly insist they would not ease punishing sanctions on North Korea until denuclearization is complete.

A year ago, North Korea suspended its nuclear and long-range missile tests and said it dismantled its nuclear testing ground but those measures were not perceived as meaningful reductions. Experts believe Kim, who is enjoying warmer relations with South Korea and the easing of pressure from Russia and China, will seek a U.S. commitment for improved bilateral relations and partial sanctions relief while trying to minimize any concessions on his nuclear facilities and weapons.

"Kim is doing pretty well as it is," said Scott Seaman of the Eurasia Group. "The threat of a U.S. military strike is essentially zero, Kim's diplomatic charm offensive has made him into a bigger player on the world stage, and he continues to whittle away at international commitment to sanctions."

The Hanoi summit comes at a politically perilous time for Trump.

His potential 2020 foes have begun unleashing their attacks. The newly elected Democratic House has begun its onslaught of investigations into the president, calling his former fixer, Michael Cohen, to appear before Congress while the president is in Vietnam. And special counsel Robert Mueller, who has investigated possible ties between Trump's campaign Russian election interference, may finalize his report within days of the president's return to the United States.

Trump may be eager to change the subject and some foreign policy experts fear that could prompt the president to make a significant concession or strike an attention-grabbing deal — such as a declaration to formally end the Korean War, which has been suspended in an armistice since 1953 — without extracting much in return from Kim. North Korea's long history of human rights abuses is also unlikely to be on the agenda.

"Clearly, the president is looking for a win," said Denmark. "The North Koreans know this and will likely expect President Trump to be looking to make an agreement with limited regard for its content."

Associated Press writers Kim Tong-hyung in Seoul and Deb Riechmann, Catherine Lucey, Zeke Miller and Jill Colvin in Washington contributed to this report.



OBITUARIES

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Helen L. Gornall

WESTFIELD — Helen L. Gornall, 91, died Friday, February 22, 2019 in Baystate Noble Hospital. She was born April 15, 1927 in Winsted, CT to the late Nicholas and Margaret (Carrozza) Angino. Raised in Winsted, she graduated from St. Anthony's parochial school and then Gilbert High School in 1944. She was a 1947 graduate of the Henry W. Bishop School of Nursing in Pittsfield, MA while a member in the Nurse Cadet Corps. After graduating, she worked at Winsted Hospital. She married Rayburn H. Gornall in 1950. She has been a resident of Westfield since 1952. Helen was a Registered Nurse at many local hospitals including Baystate, Cooley-Dickinson, Mercy, Noble and Wesson for 45 yrs retiring in 1992. She was a passionate world traveler who also enjoyed camping, cooking, country music, fall foliage, gardening, reading, sewing, skiing and square dancing. She loved her children and grandchildren dearly, and spending time with family and friends. She was compassionate, forgiving and kind, always looking for the good in people. She was a member of the Stella Di Italia Club in Springfield. She was pre-deceased by her husband Rayburn H. Gornall in 2013. She leaves her children Jeffrey W. Gornall and his wife Julie of St. Petersburg, FL, Gail E. Kelliher and her husband Michael of Longmeadow, Scott R. Gornall and his wife Sarah of Spofford, NH. She also leaves her grandchildren Stuart, Justin, Katlyn and Elisabeth and great-grandchildren Bryant, Logan and Colin, her sisters Dolores Roberts of Bantam, CT and Jeanne Mulville of Torrington, CT. She was pre-deceased by her infant son Mark Andrew Gornall and sisters Vivian Wolfe and Christine Gronski. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, February 26th from 11am to 1pm at the Firion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad Street, Westfield. A service will follow at 1 pm. Burial to be held in the spring, at Pine Hill cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital Memphis, TN. Firionadams.com



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Woodland School (K-2)
Powder Mill School (3-6)
Southwick Regional School (7-12)

PLEASE NOTE: School choice seats are not available in substantially separate or alternative education programs and transportation to/from school is the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

The District will conduct a random drawing at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019, to determine selection order for all openings.

To obtain an application for School Choice, please contact the Office of the Superintendent or visit the District website: www.stgrsd.org

Deadline for applications is April 30, 2019

Return Completed Forms To: Superintendent of Schools
Southwick-Tolland-Granville RSD
86 Powder Mill Road
Southwick, MA 01077

(413) 569-5391 FAX: (413) 569-1711
Email: superintendent@stgrsd.org

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019

2:07 a.m.: motor vehicle violation, Elm Street, a patrol officer reports that he has pulled over a vehicle on Elm Street that appeared to have been driving erratically, the officer reports that the vehicle's operator, **Angel Guzman**, 24, of 118 Parker Street, Springfield, was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation, and speeding;

2:46 a.m.: hit and run, Southampton Road, a caller reports that he was on his way home when he was hit by a silver pickup truck that appeared to have been heading towards Holyoke, the responding officer filled out an accident report;

3:01 p.m.: accident, East Mountain Road, a caller reports that there is a two vehicle accident with airbag deployments and fluids leaking from the cars, the responding officer reports that a dual response of the police and fire departments was dispatched and that both vehicles are on snowbanks and appear to have smoke emitting from their engines, the officer reports that one of the vehicle's operators was trying to turn left, thinking she had more time to do so safely than she did.

Monday, Feb. 18, 2019

12:36 a.m.: accident, Ponders Hollow Road, a caller reports that they had been involved in a motor vehicle accident with three passengers but no apparent injuries, the responding officer reports that they conducted a field sobriety test on the operator of the vehicle, the officer reports that **Ferdinand Rivera**, 40, of 665 High Street, Holyoke, was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, child endangerment while operating under the influence, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and speeding;

4:47 p.m.: well being check, Elm Street, a caller reports that a man is on the ground in the area in front of their store, the responding officer reports that the man is highly intoxicated and has an outstanding warrant for his arrest, Gary Woodin, 60, of no fixed address in Westfield, was placed under arrest for an active warrant issued by Westfield District Court.

Police: Drunken driver left child behind at scene of crash

REVERE, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts State Police say a drunken driver who rolled over her car left a child behind at the scene of the crash.

Authorities say the 37-year-old Revere woman faces nine charges, including one count of operating under the influence of alcohol and two counts of child endangerment. WCVB-TV reports troopers were called to the scene just after midnight Sunday to reports of a single-vehicle crash.

Witnesses told police the vehicle had three occupants: the driver and two children. Police say the driver left the scene in a bystander's vehicle with one of the children, leaving the other child behind. The woman was later arrested at an area hospital.

State police say both children suffered severe, but not life-threatening injuries.

The driver is scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Tribe: Martha's Vineyard gambling hall construction to begin

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts tribe says construction is expected to begin next month for a gambling hall on the resort island of Martha's Vineyard.

The Aquinnah Wampanoags tribe says Williams Building Company of Hyannis has been chosen as general contractor for the project.

The 10,000-square-foot (929-square-meter) facility that's planned to have about 250 electronic gaming machines is being built on tribal trust lands. The tribe says the gambling hall will employ almost 100 full-and-part time employees when operating.

Site preparation began this month. The tribe says construction is expected to take about six months to complete.

The tribe already announced that Global Gaming Solutions would be the developer and consultant for the facility.

The U.S. Supreme Court last year declined to take up a legal challenge brought by the state and town.

Senator Warren plans to forgo big-money donors

By ELANA SCHOR and BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren says she will forgo the chase for campaign money from the biggest donors in her quest for her party's nomination for president.

In an email to supporters on Monday, Warren, of Massachusetts, acknowledged that "this decision will ensure that I will be out-raised by other candidates in this race."

But by making her move now as a proactive gesture, vowing to avoid any "fancy receptions or big money fundraisers only with people who can write the big checks," Warren is betting that focusing on grassroots supporters will ultimately pay off by boosting her small-dollar donations as she battles a half-dozen or more rivals.

Warren billed her new fundraising policy as a way of matching her actions to her calls for a sweeping change to the nation's political systems. She already has sworn off campaign donations from political action committees and federal lobbyists, but her new policy puts her in a league beyond most of the other Democrats already seeking the presidency or weighing runs.

Some of those rivals are already besting Warren in the hunt for donations that can often make or break a presidential candidacy. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' campaign reported nearly \$6 million raised in the first 24 hours after he entered the race last week, and California Sen. Kamala Harris' campaign reported \$1.5 million raised during the first day after her launch.

Harris and Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York reportedly have signed on to appear at high-dollar fundraisers as they hustle to raise the cash necessary to compete in the jam-packed primary. They have sworn off donations from corporate political action committees, but none has gone as far as Warren pledged Monday.

"We're going to take the time presidential candidates typically reserve for courting wealthy donors and instead use it to build organizing event after organizing event, in the early primary states and across the country," Warren wrote to supporters.

Warren's campaign has stayed mum about how much money it has taken in since she announced her candidacy. An early glimpse was included in Federal Election Commission year-end filings, which showed that she collected around \$300,000 in the hours after launching her exploratory committee at the end of December. That's a far smaller figure than what several of her competitors have reported raising. More recent fundraising emails have said she's "falling short" in the money race.

"Let's be real: Out of all the candidates Elizabeth is probably never going to raise the most money," says a fundraising solicitation sent out Friday.

But during recent midterm elections she was a fundraising powerhouse who out-raised all of the other senators currently running for the presidency, pulling in more than \$30 million between her Senate fund and two separate fundraising committees, which she has since shut down. She also cut big checks at the time to candidates, Democratic federal campaign funds and state-level party committees in Iowa, Florida, Arizona, Nevada and New Hampshire.

That left her with about \$11 million in the bank at the end of December, records show.



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., acknowledges applause at the New Hampshire Democratic Party's 60th Annual McIntyre-Shaheen 100 Club Dinner, Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, in Manchester, N.H. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

Instructor killed in plane crash called devoted teacher

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — An instructor pilot who was killed when a small plane he was in crashed at a Massachusetts airport is being described as a loving father and dedicated teacher.

Police said Sydney Miti, of Waltham, and Julian Lattermann, of Dover, were killed on impact in Saturday's crash at the Mansfield Municipal Airport.

Miti's uncle tells The Boston Globe that his nephew came to the U.S. from Uganda in 2011. Prince Henry E. Ssuuna says Miti had a passion for teaching and loved to inspire others who wanted to fly.

Miti lived in Waltham and leaves behind a wife and 2-year-old son.

The National Transportation Safety Board along with the Federal Aviation Administration and state police are investigating the crash.

Call and volunteer firefighters to graduate training program

STOW, Mass. (AP) — More than a dozen Massachusetts towns are getting new volunteer and call firefighters.

A ceremony for the latest group of firefighters to graduate from the state training program is scheduled for Wednesday night at the Department of Fire Services headquarters in Stow.

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey and state Firefighting Academy Director David Evans will present certificates of completion to the graduates.

The training program delivers a standard recruit training curriculum that meets national standards on nights and weekends to accommodate the schedule of firefighters in rural areas.

The graduates represent 16 fire departments in Auburn, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Leicester, Lunenburg, Millbury, Monson, Northbridge, Oxford, Paxton, Spencer, Templeton, Uxbridge, Warren, and Webster.

Man accused of dragging officer with stolen car arrested

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP) — Authorities in Massachusetts have arrested a man they say dragged a police officer with a stolen car.

Police say 37-year-old Theodore William Newton of Newark, Delaware was arrested early Sunday.

Police say a Wellesley police officer stopped the vehicle Saturday evening and saw it had been reported stolen in Delaware. He struggled with the suspect, who took off.

The officer was dragged about 15 feet before he could free himself.

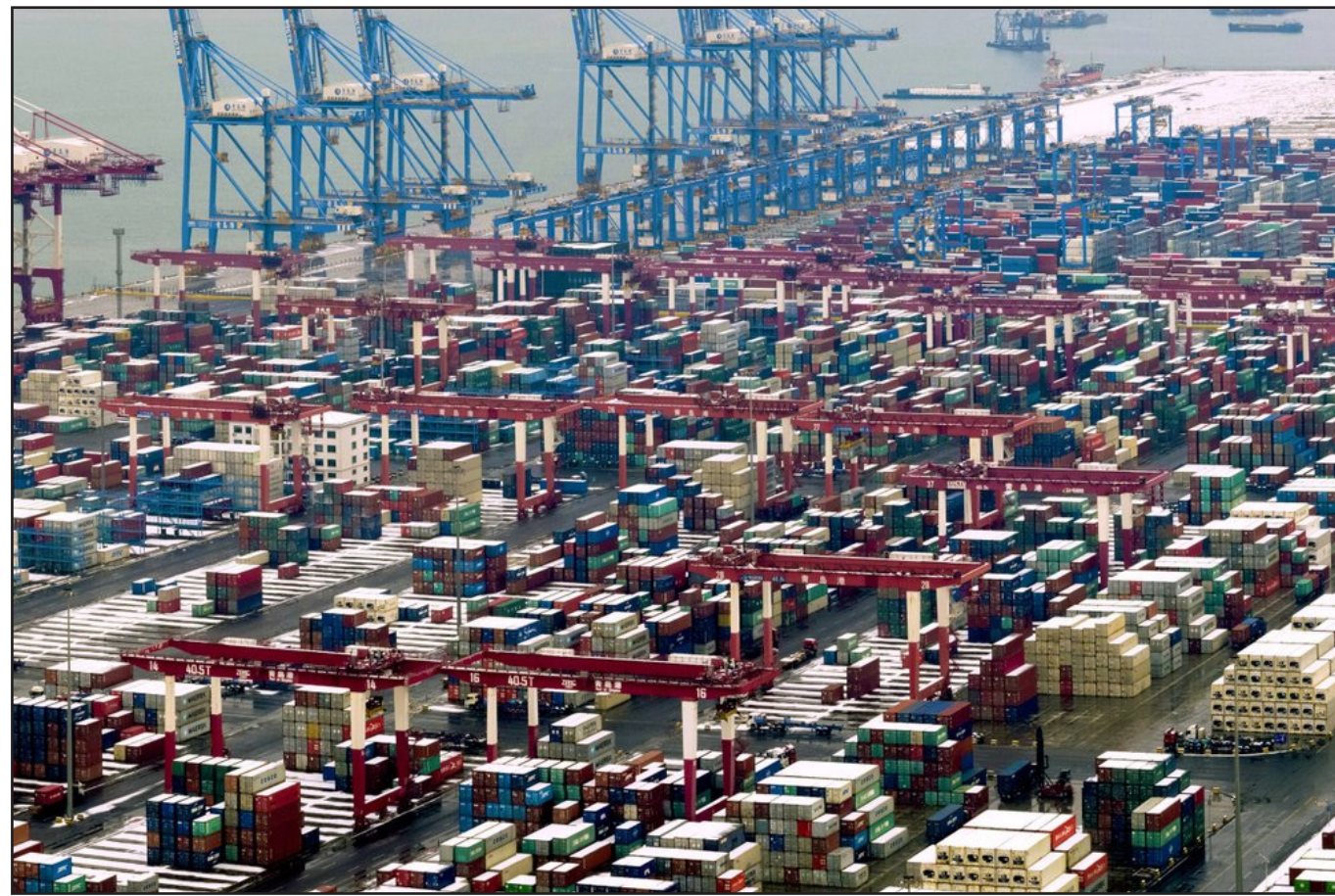
The officer was taken to the hospital with injuries authorities described as serious but not life-threatening. The officer has since been released from the hospital.

Newton is expected to appear in court Monday on charges including assault and battery on a police officer. It wasn't immediately clear Sunday whether he has a lawyer.

Westfield Homeless Cat Project seeking donations

As the temperatures drop, WHCP has a dramatic increase in requests for assisting homeless and abandoned cats. Winters are especially harsh for stray cats and while our lucky feline family members have warm places to sleep and humans to snuggle, there are many out there fending for themselves. Every day is a struggle as they try to survive the brutal cold and inclement weather. During these frigid winter months, WHCP strives to assist each and every cat at risk which creates an urgent need for canned cat food, monetary donations and supplies. At this time we especially need canned Friskies and Fancy Feast. WHCP is also seeking donations of gently used items for upcoming tag sales. Donations can be dropped off at 1124 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA. For more information please contact Denise at denisesinico@hotmail.com or (413) 568-6964. Thank you for your support!

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In this Feb. 14, 2019, photo, trucks move around containers stored at a port in Qingdao in east China's Shandong province. U.S. President Donald Trump said Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, he will extend a deadline to escalate tariffs on Chinese imports, citing "substantial progress" in weekend talks between the two countries. (Chinatopix via AP)

Stocks surge on US decision to postpone China tariff hike

By JOE McDONALD

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China's stock market surged Monday after President Donald Trump's decision to postpone a tariff hike on Chinese imports and state media expressed hopes the fight with Washington over Beijing's technology ambitions can be resolved.

Other financial markets in Europe and Asia recorded more modest gains following Trump's announcement the Washington talks made "substantial progress" toward ending the tariff fight.

The conflict has threatened to disrupt global trade and drag on weakening economic growth.

Washington accuses Beijing of stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over technology. The Trump administration wants China to roll back plans for government-led creation of global leaders in robotics and other technology that its trading partners say violate Beijing's free-trade obligations and some American officials worry they might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

The weekend talks made progress on technology transfer, protection of intellectual property rights and non-tariff barriers to market access, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. It cautioned there are "still some differences that need more time to be ironed out."

On Twitter, Trump said negotiators also made progress on U.S. agricultural sales to China.

Neither government gave more details but both expressed optimism.

Trump said he would postpone a March 1 deadline for increasing 10 percent punitive duties on \$200 billion of Chinese imports to 25 percent but he set no new date.

Trump said many disputes will take more time to resolve but he hopes to "put these more challenging issues into a longer-term negotiating framework." He said if progress is made, he will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping at his Florida resort to finalize an agreement.

"If all works well, we're going to have some very big news over the next week or two," Trump told American governors at a White House ball. He added, "we still have a little ways to go."

The talks "sent a positive signal to the world" and "laid the foundation for the final agreement," the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said.

"China solemnly shows it is willing to adopt a cooperative approach to resolve economic and trade frictions," the newspaper said.

The Shanghai Composite index rose 5.6 percent to an eight-month high.

Trump's decision was a "positive signal," said the vice president of the U.S.-China Business Council, Jake Parker.

The decision "seems to indicate that there's enough forward momentum that they believe they don't need to raise tariffs now," Parker said.

Another ruling party newspaper, the Global Times, said the talks "solved most of the problems of both sides" and negotiators were "already preparing the text of an agreement."

However, it cautioned they "still need

to continue to make efforts."

Even if the two sides reach a compromise on trade, relations also are strained by disputes over technology, investment and geopolitics.

"The U.S.-China relationship should remain contentious," Marie Diron of Moody's Investors Service said in a report. She expects relations to "swing between compromise and conflict."

A potential stumbling block is Chinese resistance to U.S. pressure for an enforcement mechanism with penalties if Beijing fails to carry out its commitments. American officials accuse China of failing to fulfill past promises to change economic regulations.

The world's two biggest economies have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's goods.

Trump and Xi agreed Dec. 1 to postpone more penalties while they negotiate. Increases that already were imposed remained in place, battering companies on both sides.

Other financial markets rose Monday, with London's FTSE 100 index up 0.4 percent, but gains were smaller. Share prices already had risen in recent weeks on expectations Trump would postpone the tariff hike.

Some Chinese were skeptical.

"We won't really fight, right? A trade war, by its nature, is nothing more than a war of words, isn't it?" said Geng Yanhua, an employee of an Internet company.

"Playing up the tariffs issue only won't really hurt us," said Geng. "It will be fine as long as no one wages a war."

Consumer goods companies preparing for climate change impact

By FRANK JORDANS

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Companies behind some of the best-known consumer products — from soaps to sodas — are beginning to factor climate change into their business equation, according to a report published Monday.

The survey of 16 major corporations by nonprofit group CDP found that many are working to lower their carbon emissions, prepare for the effects of global warming on their supply chain and respond to growing environmental consciousness among customers.

Examples include brewer AB InBev's efforts to develop a variety of barley that needs less water and Unilever adjusting its detergent formulas so they work at the lower "eco" temperature settings on modern washing machines, the London-based group said.

"We were surprised how much these companies were aligning themselves with changes in consumer preferences," said Carole Ferguson, the report's lead author.

This includes chasing trends such as veganism, a small but growing factor in the market that's driven by people who shun animal products for ethical or health reasons, but also because meat and dairy have a large carbon footprint. PepsiCo's recent acquisition of Health Warrior, a maker of plant-based nutrition bars, is a typical example where a large company has snapped up a small brand to fill a niche it didn't yet cover.

Such purchases help companies bolster their green credentials at a time



In this Thursday, March 15, 2018 file photo, the logo for Unilever appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. (AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)

when they're beginning to feel the heat of climate activism. Consumer goods account for about a third of greenhouse gas emissions, meaning companies that make them play a key role in efforts to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) by the end of the century.

But manufacturers like Nestle, Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble also face growing scrutiny from investors who want to know what business risks they face from climate change before deciding whether to buy their stock, Ferguson said.

CDP ranked the companies surveyed according to how strongly their business is threatened by climate change, what they are doing to prepare for it and how much information they disclose to the market.

"Climate change is going to be disrupt-

ive to revenues and costs," Ferguson told The Associated Press. "What I would want to know as an investor is what kind of strategy they have going forward."

In general, CDP found that European makers of fast-moving consumer goods are ahead of U.S. rivals in preparing for climate change — a disparity also seen in other sectors, such as automotive or oil and gas. France's Danone came first in the food and drinks sector, while Kraft Heinz came last out of nine; similarly Paris-based cosmetics company L'Oreal ranked second in the household and personal care sector, against New York-based rival Estee Lauder, which came last out of seven.

Possible reasons for this disparity include stricter regulation from the European Union, Ferguson said.

Consumer concern over plastic waste recently spurred strict new EU rules on packaging, the report noted.

"Product labelling and carbon footprinting is on the horizon," the authors added.

CDP, which was once described as "the most powerful green NGO you've never heard of" by Harvard Business Review, isn't alone in suggesting it's time for companies to publish data on climate risks.

Influential business weekly The Economist recently proposed that voluntary climate-related guidelines for listed companies drawn up by the Financial Stability Board, an international body that monitors global financial system, should be made mandatory.

EU official Tusk calls for Brexit delay

By RAF CASERT and LORNE COOK

Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — European Union official Donald Tusk added pressure on British Prime Minister Theresa May on Monday to delay the country's departure from the bloc, saying it would be a "rational solution."

Tusk said that "all the 27 (member states) will show maximum understanding and goodwill" to make such a postponement possible after two days of talks between May and several European leaders at the EU-Arab League summit in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh failed to produce a breakthrough in the negotiations.

May met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker early Monday as she sought elusive changes to the U.K.-EU divorce agreement.

Britain's Parliament has rejected the deal once, and May has just over a month to get it approved by lawmakers before the U.K.'s scheduled departure day of March 29.

May says a new vote won't be held this week and could come as late as March 12.

Tusk, the European Council president, said that such a timeframe might get too tight to avoid a chaotic and costly cliff-edge departure.

"I believe that in the situation we are in, an extension would be a rational solution," Tusk told reporters.

At the moment though, and after his talks with her on Sunday, Tusk said that "Prime Minister May still believes that she is able to avoid this scenario" of extending the departure beyond March 29.

Tusk refused to say how long such an extension should be as rumors swirled it should go to anything from two months to almost two years.

U.K. lawmakers' objections to the Brexit deal center on a provision for the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland. The mechanism, known as the backstop, is a safeguard that would keep the U.K. in a customs union with the EU to remove the need for checks along the Irish border until a permanent new trading relationship is in place.

May wants to change the deal to reassure British lawmakers that the backstop would only apply temporarily.

But EU leaders insist that the legally binding withdrawal agreement, which took a year and a half to negotiate, can't be reopened.

A group of British lawmakers will try this week to force the government to delay Brexit rather than see the country crash out of the bloc without a deal. They want Parliament to vote Wednesday to extend the negotiating process.

Labour lawmaker Yvette Cooper, one of those behind the move, said it was irresponsible of the government that just a few weeks before Brexit "we still don't know what kind of Brexit we are going to have and we're not even going to have a vote on it until two weeks before that final deadline."

"I don't see how businesses can plan, I don't see how public services can plan and I think it's just deeply damaging," Cooper told the BBC.

Sarah Gillett Services Accepting Grant Requests

Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly, Inc. is currently accepting preliminary Grant Requests from non-profit organizations providing services to the elderly residents of the greater Westfield area. The filing deadline is **March 1, 2019**. Since the Sarah Gillett Trust was established in 1971, thousands of dollars have been awarded each year to those non-profit organizations in the greater Westfield area that are serving the elderly populations within this location.

Preliminary applications should include the specific amount desired, with a brief, one page explanation of the services the organization would provide. No brochures or lengthy descriptions of the organization should be provided at this time. Shortly after the filing date of March 1st, qualifying applicants will be contacted and an appointment for an interview with the trustees will be established. Interviews are generally set for Thursday afternoons between 2:15 PM – 4:15 PM.

Preliminary Grant Requests are to be mailed to: THE SARAH GILLETT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, INC. P.O. BOX 1871, WESTFIELD, MA 01086.

Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce Upcoming March Chamber Events

March 4: March Mayor's Coffee Hour, 8-9 a.m., please join us for coffee with Westfield Mayor Brian Sullivan hosted by Westfield Gas & Electric at the Operations Center, 40 Turnpike Industrial Rd., Westfield, MA 01085. The event is free and open to the public. To register, visit www.westfieldbiz.org/events or call (413) 568-1618 so we may give our host a proper head count.

March 15: St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, 7-9 a.m., hosted by Westfield State University, Scanlon Hall, 577 Western Ave., Westfield, MA. Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast as we honor our 2019 Sons of Erin Colleen, Hannah Elizabeth Jury and her court; Irishwoman of the Year, Terri Broderick Hathaway; Irishman of the Year, Jim Road, and Parade Marshal, Bo Sullivan. Thank you to our sponsors. Platinum Sponsor: Westfield State University; Small Business Sponsor: Puffer Printing; In-Kind Sponsor: Flowers by Webster. Breakfast tickets \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members. For more information and to register visit www.westfieldbiz.org/events or contact the chamber at (413) 568-1618.

March 20: Big Honkin Business After Hours 3-Chamber event with Greater Westfield, Chicopee and Holyoke Chambers, 4:30-7 p.m., hosted by Marcotte Ford, located at 1025 Main St., Holyoke. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Hearty appetizers, food stations, beer, and wine provided. Live jazz music and valet parking. Bring your truck load of business cards to make connections and enter to win raffle prizes. 50/50 raffle to benefit our Chamber Scholarship fund. Pre-registration is recommended at www.westfieldbiz.org/events or call the chamber at (413) 568-1618.

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help arrives,” said Kimberley A. Lee, VP Resource Development & Branding for MHA. “We’re so thrilled to know that AAA Pioneer Valley believes in the work of MHA and the meaningful and measurable difference we are making. Partnerships like ours are critical in our ability to impact the lives of those we serve.”

The Individual Support Program is a community outreach model that supports individuals who live in their own apartments in the Greater Springfield area. The program currently serves 86 individuals and we continue to grow. Outreach workers provide support to individuals in their homes and community settings. The staff focuses on providing support with skills of daily living to increase independence and build on individual strengths. For instance, one individual may need assistance with medication administration while another needs help to negotiate the purchasing of groceries. The staff provide transportation to and from required appointments and community-based activities. The supports are person-driven and provide opportunities for each person to pursue



Pictured left to right: Kimberley Lee, MHA Vice President of Resource Development & Branding; Sandra Marsian, Vice President, Membership, Travel & Marketing at AAA; Mindy J. Ginley, Communications Manager, AAA Pioneer Valley; Kim Barbero, Outreach Program Director, MHA. (Photo submitted)

interests and activities guided by personal choice. This program provides 24 hour mobile access to staff who can address emergency situations.

Detroit ‘67

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writer for the musical Ain’t Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations.

Detroit ‘67 explores the lives of several people caught up in the infamous Detroit race riots of 1967, which began in the early morning hours of Sunday July 23, 1967. The precipitating event was a police raid of an unlicensed, after-hours bar. When all was said and done, the result was 43 dead, 1,189 injured, over 7,200 arrests, and more than 2,000 buildings destroyed. All of this was playing out as Detroit, or Motown, became famous for churning out pop music. The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and Tammy Terrell, The Temptations, and The Four Tops all had hits during that long hot summer of 1967.

In Detroit ‘67, two siblings are at odds with how to spend their parents’ estate. Lank, powerfully played by Johnny Ramey, and his friend Sly want to buy a bar. Sister Chelle, in a tour de force performance by Myxolydia Tyler, has other ideas, although the siblings run an after-hour joint in the family home basement. A mysterious white woman, who has been the victim of a beating, is taken in, and Nyahale Allie is Bunny, a character who provides some much needed comic relief.

Morriseau has created strong characters and given them some interesting interactions, infused with the Motown sounds and Karin Graybash’s superb sound design, which bring the riots outside all too close to the

home. Jade King Carroll’s direction is packed with nuance and balance, and she help temper the play’s anger with humor. Riccardo Hernandez’ tenement basement set; Dede M. Ayite’s spot-on costume design, and Nicole Pearce’s lighting are great.

Dominique Morriseau has plenty to say in Detroit ‘67, and director Jade King Carroll helps balance the message. Detroit ‘67 is a polished play with stirring performances.

Hartford Stage, in association with the McCarter Theatre Center, presents Detroit ‘67 by Dominique Morriseau. Directed by Jade King Carroll. Scenic design by Riccardo Hernandez. Costume design by Dede M. Ayite. Lighting design by Nicole Pearce. Sound design by Karin Graybash. Hair & Makeup Design by Leah J. Loukas.. Cast: Nyahale Allie, Will Cobbs, Ginna Le Vine, Johnny Ramey, Myxolydia Tyler, . through March 10.. Hartford Stage, 50 Church Street, Hartford, CT. 860-527-5151 or www.hartfordstage.org.

Mark G. Auerbach studied theatre at American University and the Yale School of Drama. 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.



Nyahale Allie and Johnny Ramey. n Detroit ‘67 at Hartford Stage. (Photo by T. Charles Erickson)



Nyahale Allie n Detroit ‘67 at Hartford Stage. (Photo by T. Charles Erickson)

Bannish

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was thoughtful, did his homework, and was unapologetic in his beliefs.

“He was always pleasant, and had the best interests of the city at heart. He was very important to what we did through that time frame,” Miller said.

Miller also called Bannish an “interesting guy,” who loved his farming. He remembers the meetings before Memorial Day, when he would always be excited to get out on his tractor.

At-large Councilor Brent B. Bean also served with Bannish for a couple of terms. He said Bannish helped with the permitting process in the early years, and felt strongly that the Council plays a role which is distinct from the Planning Board, a debate still going on today.

“He wasn’t afraid to ask the hard questions. The politics of our world didn’t leak into any of the decisions he made, and he served the citizens of Westfield with great honor,” Bean said.

City Council president Ralph J. Figy never served with Bannish, but knew him. “He was a dedicated city guy. He definitely had his opinions, and stuck by his opinions,” Figy said.

Figy, Bean and Miller all mentioned that the city lost two former councilors in the last few weeks, referring to former councilor and Westfield News photographer Lynn Boscher. Figy said he would pause for a moment of silence to remember them both at the start of the City Council meeting on Monday night.



Francesca Fydenkevez is seen with Woodland School Principal Kimberly Saso and Superintendent Jen Willard. (Photo from Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District)

Teaching Award

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was grateful to receive the award.

“It was a real thrill to get the Grinspoon award and a huge surprise,” said Schlichtig. “It doesn’t get any better than receiving recognition from my fellow teachers and administration.”

Schlichtig’s Powder Mill School Principal, Erin Carrier, expressed her thoughts on Schlichtig’s achievement.

Kathy (Schlichtig) is an amazing teacher and that is because she is a life-long learner,” said Carrier. “As her retirement approaches, you would expect Kathy to continue with what she has done for years.”

A seventh-grade math teacher at Southwick Regional School for five years now and having been an educator for over 20 years, Ann Simonet was glad to receive the award after being nominated for the first time.

“I was truly honored to be nominated for the award. I was humbled to have received the award based upon the number of nominees,” said Simonet. “I feel fortunate to work with so many talented individuals at Southwick Regional School.”

City Council

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rescinding it. I know that’s a loss of revenue,” he said.

L&O member Michael Burns said he was in favor of bringing the recommendation out of committee to the whole Council for a vote. Emmershay said the whole reason the motion was in committee, was due to whether or not the stabilization funds would be created.

“The Council was promised those funds would be put towards roads. If they are not going to their intended purpose, let’s get rid of the tax,” Emmershay said.

Mayor Brian P. Sullivan has said that the funds received have been going to the roads. At a meeting with department heads in November, Sullivan said the city did \$5 million of road improvements from different funding sources, more than \$1 million of which came from his budget. “We budgeted \$400,000, but did \$1 million worth of road work,” he said, by adding in meals tax money, which came in above what was estimated. He and the department heads said other work not included in that \$1 million was all of the pot hole and infrared work, plus \$200,000 work of drainage work on Granville road, crack sealing, and tree work.

On Thursday, Ward 1 Councilor Mary Ann Babinski said the motion before the L&O committee did not mention anything about the roads. “It just says rescind the tax,” she clarified.

Morganelli said if this money was intended to be used for the stabilization funds several councilors sought to create, it shouldn’t be rescinded just yet.

“My thought is to bring it out,” Onyski said, adding that he wanted to move old items in committee along.

The motion by Burns to rescind the tax was defeated 2-1, with Morganelli voting to rescind. The vote will go to the full City Council on Monday night.



NICHOLAS J. MORGANELLI, JR. At-Large Councilor

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Snowmobile Drag Racing at Blandford Fairgrounds



Track crew Adrian Berndt, Robert Bitso, and Robert Littlefield watch as Greg Girard sets a flag.

Snowmobile drag races were held Saturday at the Blandford Fairgrounds as a fundraiser for the Fair. Several dozen snowmobilers from across Western Mass and Connecticut brought their machines out to compete. The Worthington Snowmobile Club and board member Greg Girard supplied equipment to clear snow and groom the track.



Cole Main and Cody Paschal of Middlefield work to get their snowmobile warmed up.



Lacey Magni is ready to ride with dad Matt, right, and family friend Victor Nardacci, left.



Harley Harris and Peter Noga sign in while the Bad Kitty Racing Team from Becket waits behind.



Brian Regensburger of Westfield gets his snowmobiles ready for the race.



Kate Gagnon helps Tristan Gorenc keep his footing on the ice.



Tom Gleason, Jr and Brandon Smith go head-to-head on the snow.



Snowmobilers start lining up for the drag races held Saturday at the Blandford Fairgrounds.



Leonardo Morin is bundled up and ready for the races with dad DJ Morin.



Mel Scuderi takes the lead from Tom Gleason, Jr. at Saturday's snowmobile drag races.



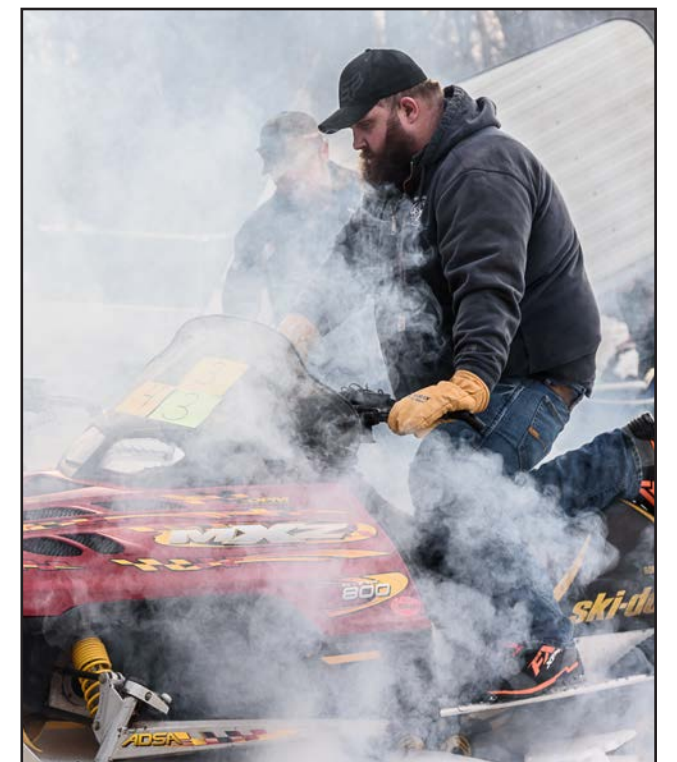
Snow flies as this racer takes off.



Racers and spectators watch from the sidelines.



Speed is the name of the game at Saturday's snowmobile drag races held at the Blandford Fairgrounds.



Cole Main and Cody Paschal of Middlefield work to get their snowmobile warmed up.



Racers launch from the starting line at the green light.



Gage Gagnon of Gage Racing shows off his Ski-Doo XRS "Nightmare".

SPORTS

Tigers net MVP honors, trip to No. 1 Ware

By CHRIS PUTZ

Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – In one of the closest votes since our Westfield News High School MVP of the Week poll's inception last fall, Westfield Technical Academy High School boys basketball players Brody Zabielski and David Tikhonchuk slipped past Southwick hoops' Devin Parrow by the narrowest of voting margins, garnering 53 percent of all the votes cast on our company Facebook Page.

Tikhonchuk and Zabielski scored 15 points apiece to lead the tournament-bound Tigers to a recent 53-48 win over Pathfinder, spoiling the Pioneers "Senior Night" festivities.

Westfield Technical Academy drew the last seed, No. 16 overall, in the West Division 4 boys basketball tournament. The Tigers (7-11) will open up the post-season at top-seeded Ware (18-2) Monday night at 7.

Parrow will lead the No. 12 Southwick Rams (10-10) into No. 5 Wahconah (15-5) for a D3 tournament opener Monday. Tip-off is also at 7 p.m.

In girls basketball postseason action, No. 17 St. Mary (11-9) travels to No. 16 Pathfinder (10-10) for a Monday night preliminary round game at 7.



The Westfield Technical Academy High School boys basketball team enters the postseason on a high note. The Tigers were rewarded with a trip to top-seeded Ware for a first round Division 4 tournament game Monday night. (Staff File Photo)

On Tuesday, the 13th seeded Gateway girls basketball team (14-6) travels to No. 4 Mount Everett (13-7) for a D4 tournament opener. Game time is also 7 p.m.

Hockey tournament action begins Thursday

with No. 3 Westfield (11-7-2) squaring off against No. 2 Minnechaug (11-6-3) in a Division 3 semifinal at the Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield. The puck drops at 8 p.m.

Stay up-to-date with the latest dates, times, and sites for all the postseason action online with our Winter 2018-19 Tournament Schedule.

MONDAY'S PVIAC SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

have been canceled due to high winds. They will not be rescheduled.

Johnson cruises to 20th career title in Mexico Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Dustin Johnson arrived in Mexico trying to figure out what was wrong with his swing. He left Sunday night with his 20th career PGA Tour victory, his sixth World Golf Championship and now wonders how far that will take him.

Over 72 holes, only two were worse than par. No one got closer than two shots to him all weekend.

Johnson overcame a sloppy start, caught a good break from behind a tree and made the rest look easy, just like when he was on top of his game two years ago. He closed with a 5-under 66 for a five-shot victory over Rory McIlroy in the Mexico Championship.

"This is a big one for me, and it gives me a lot of confidence for the rest of the year," Johnson said. "I feel like the game is in good form right now."

Johnson becomes the 38th player in PGA Tour history with 20 victories, which makes him a lifetime member when he puts in 15 years.

He won on both sides of a four-week journey, which started with his victory in the Saudi International, and he will return to No. 1 in the world next week.

McIlroy did all he could, making six birdies in a seven-hole stretch on the back nine, and closed with a 67.

"I was making birdies and going nowhere," McIlroy said. "He just played great this week. Hats off to him. He's arguably the best player in the world. And he's got two wins already this year, and he has been one of the best players for a long time."

Johnson won the Mexico Championship for the second time in three years. It was in 2017 when he was playing the best golf of his life, with three straight victories against the strongest fields, only to suffer a back injury when he slipped down the stairs in his rental house on the eve of the Masters.

"It's the closest I've felt to that since I got hurt two years ago," Johnson said. "I finally feel like everything is getting very close to where I was then. ... If I know I'm hitting it well and driving it good, it's going to give me a lot of confidence."

The only drama came early.

Johnson had to make an 18-foot par on No. 2 to avoid a two-shot swing. He had to make a 6-foot putt to salvage bogey on the next hole to keep his lead at two. McIlroy made bogey on the next hole, and then the tournament turned on two holes and two trees.

Johnson hit iron off the tee to the right at No. 5 and his ball settled right behind a tree. He called for a ruling, and showed the official that with a shot slightly behind toward the fairway, his right heel was on the curb of a cart path.

He was given free relief, carved a punch 6-iron under the tree limbs and two-putted from 50 feet for an unlikely par.

"I got a fortunate break there on No. 5 and ended up making a nice par," he said. "Sometimes the rules work to your advantage."

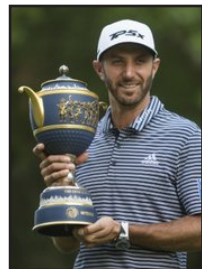
On the par-5 sixth, McIlroy went left and his ball settled behind a tree. He asked for relief and was denied. McIlroy said he wanted to chip away from the fairway to an open area, and when he showed European Tour official Mike Stewart his intended shot, his right foot was on the path. However, to play at that angle, a 4-inch knob on the trunk blocked the path of his club, meaning McIlroy wouldn't be able to make contact.

To play out left-handed, McIlroy would have had to stretch his foot to reach the path. In both cases, relief was denied. Stewart said he asked McIlroy if he wanted a second opinion, and McIlroy declined. He punched out left-handed, and his third shot went into the water, leading to a bogey.

Johnson made an 8-foot birdie, the lead was up to five shots and he was on his way.

Johnson finished at 21-under 263, the lowest score by five shots in the three years at Chapultepec. McIlroy continues his solid run. This was his fourth consecutive finish in the top five, the longest such streak of his career.

Tiger Woods got his first top 10 of the year, but it wasn't all that inspiring. He again struggled on the poa greens of Chapultepec. Over the last two rounds, Woods hit 31 out of 36 greens in regulation and only had scores of 70 and 69 to show for it.



DUSTIN JOHNSON

Brad Keselowski drives into Victory Lane after winning a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, in Hampton, Ga. (AP Photo/John Amis)



Built Ford Tough: Keselowski shakes off flu to win Atlanta

By JENNA FRYER

Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Brad Keselowski had his hands full with a new car and a new rules package — enough to make for a trying race — before a stomach virus nearly flattened him.

Keselowski missed a portion of final practice, received intravenous fluids at Atlanta Motor Speedway's medical center, and had a replacement driver on standby Sunday in case he couldn't make it the full 500 miles.

Sick day? No way.

Keselowski recovered from flu-like symptoms to win at Atlanta and move past Mark Donohue as the winningest driver in Team Penske history. It was the first win for Ford's new Mustang and a rebound for the manufacturer after Toyota swept the season-opening Daytona 500.

"A race car driver is who I am. It's what I do and what I love. I'm not going to let anything get in the way of it," Keselowski said after the win. "We had the team to win, of course things still have to go your way, but I don't want to be the reason why they don't."

He was admittedly hot, tired and somewhat dazed after 3 1/2 hours of racing. Had the event been one day earlier, Keselowski said he wouldn't have been healthy enough to drive. He lost nearly 6 pounds battling the illness but wasn't complaining after the win.

"Whenever you have a fast car, it's funny how fast those things disappear," he said.

Keselowski has proved his toughness before, most notably in 2011 when he won at Pocono just days after breaking his ankle in a crash while testing. This time he fell ill late Friday night after surprising fans in the Atlanta infield with beer during their rainy night of partying.

Keselowski's wife also was sick, and Keselowski missed the start of Saturday's final practice as Austin Cindric turned laps in the No. 2 Ford. Keselowski was able to complete two runs before practice ended, but medi-

cal workers took him via golf cart from the garage to receive treatment.

"Whatever we had, I'm not sure what we had, it floored both of us," he said.

NASCAR debuted its new competition package Sunday that is designed to improve the on-track product and help the smaller teams contend. But the first look at the new rules was tempered because the abrasive asphalt at Atlanta is unlike any other surface NASCAR will race on this season.

But it was clear NASCAR successfully designed a package that slowed the cars and bunched them closer together, which made for intense racing when the field was packed on restarts. The nature of Atlanta's challenging 1.5-mile speedway led drivers to eventually fan out into single file, which NASCAR is trying to avoid, but the racing is expected to improve moving forward.

"I saw a fairly entertaining race," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's chief racing officer. "We didn't know what to expect, either, and we thought this package would showcase itself more once we got to the West Coast. All in all, we are satisfied with the outcome and we've got a lot of work to do to go back and review it."

NASCAR's final statistics showed most meaningful categories were up from last year, including lead changes (25), passes for the lead (35) and so-called quality passes.

Keselowski, meanwhile, raced to his 60th win for Roger Penske to pass Indianapolis great Donohue's mark as the team leader. He has won 27 of his 28 Cup victories for Penske.

"I think when you go back and know what Mark meant to our team as we were building it over time, it really set a mark that in some cases we thought nobody would ever beat it," Penske said. "But Brad had that on his windshield, he's been looking at that now for a year, and he said this was the year he was going to make it happen."

Keselowski confirmed he'd been chasing the Penske record.

"All wins are special but some just

mean more," Keselowski said. "And this one means more for many reasons. When you look at the list of (Penske) drivers, it's a pretty big list, and it's big not just with the amount of drivers but big with the superstar power, and just to be on that list as a winner means a lot, but to be on top of it means even more."

Martin Truex Jr. finished second in a rebound from his disappointing debut with Joe Gibbs Racing. His three JGR teammates swept the podium in the Daytona 500 while Truex failed to ever contend in his Toyota. He was unhappy after the race because he said lapped traffic slowed his shot at catching Keselowski.

"Just a little upset," Truex said. "We had the best car. We probably should have won that one."

Kurt Busch was third in a Chevrolet for Chip Ganassi Racing while celebrating his 650th career Cup start. Kyle Larson, his Ganassi teammate, led a race-high 142 laps but was taken out of contention by a speeding penalty.

"To finish third ... and to run with the who's who of the sport, it just shows Ganassi has got the right stuff," Busch said.

Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer rounded out the top-five in a pair of Fords for Stewart-Haas Racing.

Kyle Busch started last but drove through the field to finish sixth, a day after he became the Truck Series' career victory leader with 52 victories. JGR teammate Erik Jones was seventh, pole-sitter Aric Almirola finished eighth. Chris Buescher was ninth in a strong finish for JTG-Daugherty Racing, while Daniel Suarez finished 10th in another SHR entry.

Ryan Blaney, Keselowski's teammate, led 41 laps until a poor pit stop ruined his race.

Other items of interest from Atlanta: UP NEXT:

NASCAR heads to the West Coast for Sunday's race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Harvick is the defending race winner.

HS SPORTS: WINTER 2018-19 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Feb. 25
SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Canceled (High Winds)

Tues., Feb. 26
No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Feb. 27
No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Feb. 28
D3 HOCKEY SEMIFINALS
No. 3 Westfield (11-7-2) vs. No. 2 Minnechaug (11-6-3), Olympia Ice Center (West Springfield), 8 p.m.

SOUTHWICK -TOLLAND -GRANVILLE

Mon., Feb. 25
D3 BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST ROUND
No. 12 Southwick (10-10) at No. 5 Wahconah (15-5), 7 p.m.

SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Canceled (High Winds)

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Mon., Feb. 25
D4 BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST ROUND
No. 16 Westfield Technical Academy (7-11) at No. 1 Ware (18-2), 7 p.m.

SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Canceled (High Winds)

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Feb. 25
D4 GIRLS BASKETBALL PRELIMINARY ROUND
No. 17 St. Mary (11-9) at No. 16 Pathfinder (10-10), 7 p.m.

SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Canceled (High Winds)

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Feb. 25
SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Canceled (High Winds)

Tues., Feb. 26
D4 GIRLS BASKETBALL FIRST ROUND
No. 13 Gateway (14-6) at No. 4 Mount Everett (13-7), 7 p.m.

Spring sports sign-ups underway

Online sign-ups for spring sports at Gateway Regional High School are now open on the Gateway website. Any Gateway student entering grades 6 – 12 who wishes to play baseball or softball should sign up now. The link to register for Spring Sports is on the home page of the Gateway website (www.grsd.org) under "Quick Links". Tryouts have been scheduled for all teams, beginning Monday, March 18. Tryout times for each team will be posted on the Gateway Athletics page by **March 1**.

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

Ice Hockey
Tues Feb. 26 MASCAC Semifinals TBD
Indoor Track
Saturday Mar. 2 Last Chance Qualifying Meet TBD

Ice Hockey
Sat Mar. 2 MASCAC Championship TBD
Indoor Track
Fri.-Sat. Mar. 8-9 NCAA Division III Championships Reggie Lewis Center, Roxbury, Mass.

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Hockey Hosts Salem In MASCAC Semifinal, Tuesday 7:35 PM

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State men's hockey team is set to make a run for their first ever MASCAC championship, as the #2 seeded Owls host #6 Salem State on Tuesday night at 7:35 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena.

Westfield State earned the second seed and a first-round bye for the first time in school history, posting an 11-6-1 record in the conference. The Owls also tied the record for most wins in a season since the program was reinstated in 2008 with 14.

The Owls are led by their top offensive line of Francois-Xavier Girard, Daniel Backstrom, and Paul Frys. Backstrom shares the lead as the squad's top point-getter with 22 total points, and Girard has carried a hot stick as of late, scoring five goals in the last four games. Freshman Paul Frys has been a valuable addition to this line, notching three game-winning goals already in his young career.

Westfield State has also received consistent offensive production from assistant captain Aaron Clancy and freshman Jake Ratcliffe. The New Zealand native Ratcliffe, a three-time MASCAC Rookie of the Week, has provided an offensive spark for the Owls, scoring 12

goals and adding 10 assists in his first season of collegiate hockey thus far.

The Owls have received strong defensive play headlined by senior captain Lenny Caglianone, who also ranks fourth in scoring on the team with 17 points.

Goaltender Thierry Messervier has been a huge part of the Owls' success this season, finishing the regular season with a 14-7-3 record, 2.64 GAA, and a .921 save percentage. Messervier ranks within the top three in the MASCAC in both winning percentage and save percentage.

Westfield State has taken all three games from the Vikings this year, outscoring Salem 13-6 in the process.

The Owls' first win came back in November, as Westfield State held off a Salem State comeback to claim a 5-4 victory in Salem. In the second matchup, the Owls exploded for four goals in the third period to pick up the 6-2 win at home. In the season finale, Messervier stole the show recording his second of three shutouts on the year to give the Owls the 2-0 victory on the road.

The #6 seeded Vikings pulled off the upset of



#3 seed UMass Dartmouth, defeating the Corsairs 4-3 on Saturday night with a late third period goal.

The Vikings always seem to be in the hunt to win it all, as they have appeared in four of the last five MASCAC championship games, and have been crowned champions three of those four times.

Salem brings a fairly young offensive group to the table, as three of the top four scorers on the squad are freshman. Ryan Tierney, Billy McGwin, and Matt Yianacopolus are the three young guns the Owls will have to watch for, tallying 18 goals and 29 assists between them

all.

Seniors Alexi Mustaniemi and Brody Heleno anchor the Viking defense, as the two shut down defenders have been a part of two MASCAC-champion teams in their time at Salem State.

It is a matchup of a storied history of championships against a program looking to continue a quest to raise a MASCAC championship banner for the first time.

The winner of Tuesday's game will advance to the title game on Saturday, March 2nd and the game will be held at the highest remaining seed.

Owl Women Win Fourth Straight MASCAC Title, 84-73 Over Worcester State

WORCESTER, Mass. – Senior Kierra McCarthy scored 22 points and classmate and tournament MVP Lucy Barrett added 20 more as Westfield State rallied from a 12-point deficit to win the 2019 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament championship game, 84-73 over top seeded Worcester State at the Brissette Court on Saturday.

With the win, the Owls claim their fourth straight MASCAC title and will earn the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament when the field is announced on Monday.

Westfield improves to 18-9 overall, while Worcester drops to 20-7.

"Worcester is so, so talented," said Bertini. "But we had so much fight in the second half and so much determination and made some big shots."

The Owls trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half, and were down 35-26 at the half.

Westfield exploded for 30 points in the third quarter.

The Owls hit back to back threes to open the second half, and trimmed the lead to three 50-47 on an Isabella Aitken three, then tied it at 54-all on a Barrett run out layup late in the quarter. Westfield found its shooting touch from long range, connecting on 5 of 10 three pointers in the period, including a pair from Aitken.

"When Bella got her chance today, and we needed her, she banged down three shots, like huge," said Bertini.

Worcester led 57-56 going into the 4th quarter.

A layup by senior guard Allison Hester, followed by a Hester steal and layup gave the Owls a 64-61 with 8:06 left in the game to give the Owls their first lead since the first quarter.

"We knew we had to start off with some fire," said Hester. "We needed to tighten down on defense . . . and our defense carries over into offense. I just wanted the ball, and I wanted us to get more points than they did. So whatever I could do to contribute. I was just in the zone."

A Chelsea Moussette steal and a Barrett three-point play with 5:10 to play gave Westfield a 73-67 advantage, then a McCarthy three point bomb put the Owls up 76-69. McCarthy stole the ball on the next possession to force a Worcester time out with 3:12 left. Another McCarthy 3 with 2:05 put the Owls up 79-71.

"Kierra had a couple of huge threes, Lucy with some drives. Ally Hester made some huge plays," said Bertini. "We really played as hard as we could possibly play and whatever happens happens, and we got back in the game."

"We played with 10 the entire second half, all shooters, so they couldn't sag into the paint like they had been doing, and we hit some shots. They had to come out and cover us, and then we could get to the basket, and we got a ton of rebounds, and when you play a team that big, that's just all effort."

"I missed the first one, and the next one I thought 'I am way too open to let this one go' . . . I need to shoot I'm way too open and I shot it and made it," said McCarthy about the late three pointers. "And on the next one I didn't even think, I just shot it. It was nice at that time as it gave us an extra lead, and kept it comfortable."

The Owls played in front of a sizeable crowd of more than

800, but Westfield State's families and fans comprised nearly half of that crowd.

"The crowd was incredible, it didn't feel like we were in an away gym," said Barrett. "It's incredible what that can do, when every possession they were getting into it, and we just took it to them and never let up."

Barrett hit three of four free throws in the closing minutes to help put the game away, though her streak of 27 straight free throws made was broken.

Barrett finished with 20 points and six rebounds despite rolling an ankle in the first quarter. She scored 27 points in the Owls semifinal round win en route to tournament MVP Honors.

"I was very surprised," to get the MVP award, said Barrett. "It was bittersweet to get it senior year. All I wanted coming in here was a championship. I don't care how the job got done. I didn't care who was the one scoring the points or getting the boards, I just wanted a championship and a wanted a four-peat with Ally and Kierra. The three of us have been through so much over four years, we just wanted it so badly. Getting the MVP was very humbling, and awesome but it was a team win, and I couldn't have done that without my teammates."

McCarthy scored 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds and three steals. The Owls got supporting scoring from Aitken, who netted a career best nine in the biggest game of her collegiate career, and eight from senior guard Hester.

Kate Suprenant, led Worcester with 17 points, Kaitlyn Berkel added 16, and the Owls limited 6-1 Lancers center Brittany Herring to 11 points and 10 rebounds after the post player went for 32 and 15 in the previous meeting between the two teams.

Worcester State grabbed a 21-15 lead at the end of the first quarter, closing the half with a 7-2 spurt in the final 2:32. The Owls shooting woes at the Brissette Court continued, just 5-20 in the opening frame and 1-11 from three point range.

Worcester State led 35-26 at the half behind 10 points each from Suprenant, Berkel and Cutting. The Lancers built the lead to as many as 12 on several occasions, but a three pointer from the Owls' Aitken with 16 seconds left trimmed the lead down to nine at the break.

The Owls forced the Lancers into 13 turnovers in the half, but committed 10 of their own. McCarthy led Westfield at the half with seven points.

"I think that first half we were frantic were not used to playing (the championship game) in a different gym," said Barrett. "They were making it very difficult. They are a very good defensive team and we were settling for shots that we don't usually settle for. We weren't getting our good looks, or passing, cutting, and screening away."

"We were so much more intense" in the second half, said McCarthy. "I think that because of how the last games went we were so packed down low, it was their guards who were shooting. We really picked up the intensity and started going for steals like we know how to do and started getting more transition points."

"I can't even believe it," said McCarthy about the tournament championship four-peat. "There was a lot of pressure coming in today – how do you win three and not win your senior year? It definitely shows our character as a group. We don't have any

height, I'm practically the tallest one, and (Worcester) is so tall down there, shows how much heart and intensity that we have that we could rebound with them and steal the ball, and we could win against them."

Barrett and McCarthy have combined for 2,552 career points, the most by any pair of classmates in Owls history. Combined with Hester, the trio has tallied over 3,100 points for Westfield.

"The seniors - I've never had a group that," said Bertini. "I'm going to sound like Calipari – they just refused to lose. They come out, they play hard, they don't get rattled. They walked into this gym and they were ready to go. They're the toughest minded – with such effort, such enthusiasm and play so hard and play for each other. It's an amazing senior class."

Westfield will earn their seventh NCAA tourney bid and fifth under 14th year head coach Andrea Bertini '96 which will be announced on Monday.

NCAA Selection Show Scheduled for 2:30 PM Monday

Westfield State women's basketball will learn their opponent and destination in the 2019 NCAA Division III Tournament on Monday, when the tournament field is announced on a live webstream broadcast at NCAA.com at 2:30 p.m.

The first and second round games will be played on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 16 regional sites around the nation.

To watch the live broadcast, tune in at: <https://www.ncaa.com/news/basketball-men/article/2019-01-03/2019-ncaa-championships-winter-selection-show-schedule>

(Insider tip; tune in a few minutes early, as the broadcasts can occasionally be slow to load)

Full coverage of the Owls' NCAA Tournament run will be available here at WestfieldStateOwls.com as details are announced.

Popp Lowers 400 Record, Moves to Third in Nation

Westfield State senior Lexi Popp (Westford Academy Westford, Mass.) lowered her own school-record time in the indoor 400 meters by .61 seconds to 56.09 while competing at the Boston University last chance meet on Sunday.

Popp moved into third place on the NCAA Division III performance list, which is used to select the field for the NCAA Championship meet.



LEXI POPP

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Milwaukee	45	14	.763	—	9-1	W-4	25-5	20-9	31-8
Toronto	44	17	.721	2	8-2	L-1	25-6	19-11	27-11
Indiana	40	20	.667	5½	8-2	W-2	23-8	17-12	28-11
Philadelphia	38	22	.633	7½	6-4	L-1	24-8	14-14	22-15
Boston	37	23	.617	8½	6-4	L-2	23-8	14-15	27-12
Brooklyn	31	30	.508	15	4-6	W-1	17-14	14-16	22-17
Detroit	28	30	.483	16½	7-3	W-2	17-13	11-17	19-19
Charlotte	28	31	.475	17	4-6	L-1	20-10	8-21	21-18
Orlando	28	33	.459	18	8-2	W-1	16-16	12-17	20-16
Miami	26	32	.448	18½	2-8	L-2	11-17	15-15	14-21
Washington	24	36	.400	21½	3-7	L-4	17-12	7-24	17-25
Atlanta	20	40	.333	25½	4-6	W-1	10-18	10-22	12-28
Chicago	16	44	.267	29½	5-5	W-3	7-23	9-21	12-25
Cleveland	14	46	.233	31½	5-5	W-2	9-22	5-24	10-29
New York	12	48	.200	33½	2-8	W-1	5-24	7-24	7-34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Golden State	42	17	.712	—	7-3	L-1	23-8	19-9	26-12
Denver	41	18	.695	1	7-3	W-4	26-4	15-14	26-10
Oklahoma City	38	21	.644	4	7-3	L-1	21-8	17-13	22-16
Portland	36	23	.610	6	7-3	W-3	24-8	12-15	20-19
Houston	34	25	.576	8	5-5	W-1	20-9	14-16	22-17
Utah	33	26	.559	9	6-4	W-1	19-10	14-16	20-17
San Antonio	33	28	.541	10	4-6	L-2	22-7	11-21	24-19
L.A. Clippers	33	28	.541	10	5-5	L-1	16-12	17-16	21-19
Sacramento	31	28	.525	11	6-4	W-1	19-11	12-17	17-22
L.A. Lakers	29	30	.492	13	4-6	L-1	17-12	12-18	20-19
Minnesota	28	31	.475	14	4-6	L-1	19-10	9-21	17-22
New Orleans	27	34	.443	16	4-6	W-1	18-11	9-23	17-21
Dallas	26	33	.441	16	4-6	L-4	20-10	6-23	14-22
Memphis	23	38	.377	20	3-7	L-4	14-16	9-22	15-22
Phoenix	11	50	.180	32	0-10	L-17	7-22	4-28	7-31

Saturday's Games

Portland 130, Philadelphia 115
 Atlanta 120, Phoenix 112
 Brooklyn 117, Charlotte 115
 Cleveland 112, Memphis 107
 Indiana 119, Washington 112
 New Orleans 128, L.A. Lakers 115

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 119, Miami 96
 Chicago 126, Boston 116
 Sacramento 119, Oklahoma City 116
 Houston 118, Golden State 112
 Milwaukee 140, Minnesota 128
 Utah 125, Dallas 109

Sunday's Games

Orlando 113, Toronto 98
 Denver 123, L.A. Clippers 96
 New York 130, San Antonio 118

Monday's Games

Golden State at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Houston, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Toronto, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Golden State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Boston, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NBA reminding teams to keep cool when hot with referees

By **TIM REYNOLD**

Associated Press

The NBA is not happy that tensions between teams and referees seem to be rising.

Then again, 'tis the season.

Playoff-race pressure is real, and the NBA thinks — or hopes — that some tantrums in recent weeks can be attributed to that and not an eroding of the always-tenuous relationship between those who commit infractions and those who call them. Golden State coach Steve Kerr smashing clipboards and Houston star James Harden calling out longtime official Scott Foster are sights and sounds that the league doesn't want, so the NBA is once again reaching out to teams to offer reminders about not going too far when ripping the refs.

"This is the dark ages of the season," said Michelle Johnson, the NBA's senior vice president and head of referee operations. "Teams are shaping up where they stand and it matters more to some teams than others, and some coaches do tactical outbursts for the good of their teams. So even if we go to teams and they don't have a lot of issues ... we want to keep the dialogue open."

Kerr got fined \$25,000 earlier this month for verbally abusing referee Ken Mauer, and the tirade was at the level where the Warriors' coach obviously knew it would be costing him cash so he decided to get his money's worth. He got ejected, the Warriors lost that night in Portland, but writing that check probably earned him some more points with players who always need to know that their coach has their back.

Kerr actually likes Mauer, and believes he's one of the best refs in the league.

That being said, Kerr also said the coach-referee dynamic is almost always weird.

"I don't know why anybody would want to be a ref," Kerr said. "What a brutal job."

Harden also got fined \$25,000 for saying that Foster should no longer work Houston's games, after the Rockets were upset with a number of calls in their loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. Foster is traditionally one of the league's highest-rated refs, and it's a really good bet that at some point in this post-season the Rockets will be playing a big game and Foster will be out there.

Johnson and referee-turned-league-executive Monty McCutchen have made improving relations a top priority. They're talking to every team again about finding common ground — just as they did around this time last year.

"I think there's progress," Johnson said. "It's still the same passionate game, a tough game and the stakes are up now."

Players and coaches have been fined more than \$2.2 million already this season for technicals, ejections and other reasons for sanctioning by the league office — not counting salaries lost to suspensions.

And if there's any good to be derived from behaving badly, it's this: That \$2.2 million (and more to come) goes to charities chosen by the NBA and the players' union.

CRUNCH TIME

Forget his streak of eight straight appearances in the NBA Finals. LeBron James' streak of 13 straight trips to the playoffs is in major peril.

James and the Los Angeles Lakers (29-30) are currently 10th in the Western Conference. And the Lakers do not have the easiest stretch run in the NBA, either.

When he signed with L.A., James knew getting the Lakers to the playoffs in Year 1 would be a test. But it's proving to be a bigger mountain to climb than he imagined, partly because of injuries that the Lakers have been dealing with and partly because not all of his teammates have a real understanding yet of

what it takes to get into the postseason.

"I knew it was going to be very challenging, just because of the experience that the roster had at that point in time," James said. "I knew it was going to be challenging from that sense, but I felt like we could still play better basketball."

They still have to face Milwaukee and Utah twice, plus have a five-game Eastern Conference road trip in mid-March and four back-to-backs left to navigate. Among the other top teams left on the Lakers' schedule: Boston, Denver, Golden State, Oklahoma City, Portland and Toronto.

Assuming it'll take 44 wins — basically the average needed over the last five years — to secure the No. 8 seed in the West, that means the Lakers would have to finish 15-8 to get into the playoffs.

MAGIC HAPPENING

The Orlando Magic are on their hottest run in more than seven years.

Orlando's win in Toronto on Sunday was the eighth for Steve Clifford's club in its last 10 games. That's the first 8-2 stretch for the Magic since going 8-2 from Feb. 1-17, 2012.

The coach of that Orlando team? Stan Van Gundy, who just happened to be assisted by ... Steve Clifford.

THE WEEK AHEAD

A game to watch each day this week:

— Monday, Golden State at Charlotte: Stephen Curry goes back to his hometown, after All-Star weekend there was a Curry family celebration.

— Tuesday, Oklahoma City at Denver: Paul George has played himself into the MVP race, and the Nuggets' late-season schedule is brutally hard.

— Wednesday, Milwaukee at Sacramento: A win over the team with the NBA's best record would be a big help to the Kings' post-season hopes.

— Thursday, Miami at Houston: A brutal back-to-back for the Heat, who have Golden State at home on Wednesday and then go to the Rockets.

— Friday, Charlotte at Brooklyn: Few might have guessed last summer that these clubs meeting on March 1 would have post-season implications.

— Saturday, Orlando at Indiana: The Pacers, even without Victor Oladipo, keep plugging along, while the Magic have a real shot at a playoff spot.

— Sunday, Toronto at Detroit: Dwane Casey's new team plays host to Dwane Casey's old team, and right now every result matters to both clubs.



Houston Rockets' James Harden, left, reaches for a loose ball next to Los Angeles Lakers' Reggie Bullock during the second half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

NHL CONFERENCE GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	62	47	11	4	98	244	163
Boston	62	36	17	9	81	185	159
N.Y. Islanders	61	36	18	7	79	178	146
Toronto	61	37	20	4	78	216	173
Washington	63	35	21	7	77	213	203
Columbus	61	35	23	3	73	195	180
Montreal	62	33	22	7	73	187	183
Carolina	62	33	23	6	72	181	170
Pittsburgh	62	32	22	8	72	213	195
Buffalo	61	29	24	8	66	176	189
Philadelphia	62	29	26	7	65	183	209
N.Y. Rangers	62	27	26	9	63	183	207
Florida	60	27	25	8	62	190	204
New Jersey	62	24	30	8	56	182	213
Detroit	63	23	31	9	55	177	212
Ottawa	62	22	35	5	49	187	228

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	62	39	16	7	85	225	180
San Jose	63	37	18	8	82	228	197
Winnipeg	62	37	21	4	78	210	185
Nashville	64	36	23	5	77	193	169
St. Louis	62	33	23	6	72	182	172
Vegas	63	32	26	5	69	185	181
Dallas	62	31	26	5	67	157	162
Minnesota	63	30	27	6	66	173	184
Colorado	62	27	24	11	65	206	196
Arizona	62	29	28	5	63	164	177
Chicago	63	26	28	9	61	211	236
Vancouver	62	26	28	8	60	172	195
Edmonton	61	26	29	6	58	171	202
Anaheim	62	24	29	9	57	139	191
Los Angeles	61	23	32	6	52	145	190

* 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.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 2
 Buffalo 5, Washington 2
 St. Louis 2, Boston 1, SO
 Carolina 3, Dallas 0
 Florida 6, Los Angeles 1
 Columbus 4, San Jose 0
 Colorado 5, Nashville 0
 Toronto 6, Montreal 3
 Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Vancouver 0
 Edmonton 2, Anaheim 1

Sunday's Games

Washington 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, OT
 San Jose 5, Detroit 3
 Dallas 4, Chicago 3
 Minnesota 2, St. Louis 1, OT
 Calgary 2, Ottawa 1
 Arizona 4, Winnipeg 1

Monday's Games

Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Florida at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Calgary vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 7 p.m.
 San Jose at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Florida at Arizona, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Calgary at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Anaheim, 10 p.m.



Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Crushing on a Friend

Dear Annie: “Jeremy” and I have known each other for a few years and hung out as friends in group settings. Last year, he moved to my neighborhood, and we started occasionally grabbing a drink after work or carpooling to mutual friends’ things together. We have gotten to know each other really well, and at this point, I consider him among my closest friends. But a few months ago, I started to develop feelings for him -- getting excited and nervous before seeing him, happy when he sends me text messages, etc.

I am not sure, but I think he likes me, too. He contacts me almost every day, and I’ve noticed he hasn’t gone on a date in a few months. He used to go out with women from dating apps pretty regularly. Maybe I’m reading into it too much. But even if I’m not and he does like me back, I want to stamp this out before it goes any further. He’s such a good friend, and I would hate to mess that up. How do I get over this and get back to our friendship? -- Crushing Friend

Dear Crushing Friend: The value you place on friendship is admirable and wise. But you have feelings for Jeremy, and that fact changes the dynamics, whether or not you confess them. There’s no putting that genie back in the bottle.

If you should persuade yourself to move on without saying something, a part of you would always wonder what would have happened if you had. It’s the things we don’t do in life that we regret the most.

So say something. Tell Jeremy how you feel. If it should turn out he doesn’t feel the same, take some space and allow yourself to move on. You might find in a few months that you have no romantic feelings for him and can continue being friends, or you might never be close friends in the way you are now, and that would be OK, too. Sometimes Cupid’s arrow points our lives in different directions, and it’s nobody’s fault.

And if he does reciprocate your feelings, you may have just found a soul mate. There’s no better foundation for a long-term relationship than friendship.

Dear Annie: To me, “Stripped” sounded as if she was concerned about a possible personality change. I would have asked her to check with her doctor to make sure she doesn’t have a chemical imbalance or a tumor. I would not want a sudden change in habit to be overlooked. -- Diane

Dear Diane: You bring up a great point about the letter from “Stripped.” A sudden personality change can indeed be the canary in the coal mine for health issues, and I appreciate your writing. The following is another response to her letter.

Dear Annie: I also am 69 years old and find that getting naked for a while during the day is very relaxing. I think your assessment of the situation was spot on. Years ago, when many people our age were raising families, there was no privacy to speak of, so we just didn’t do it. Now, with no distractions, we can. I think “Stripped” is very normal, and truth be known, there are many more doing the same thing but keeping it to themselves. -- Stripped Also

Dear Stripped Also: It seems that this is a common habit, and aside from the point that Diane made in the previous letter, it seems totally harmless -- provided that proper privacy measures are taken, of course.

“Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie” is out now! Annie Lane’s debut book -- featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette -- is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

DIVORCE ADVICE

Dear Heloise: Working in an attorney’s office has given me some insight on what to avoid when a marriage has broken apart. During a divorce, most people are hurt, confused and angry, but there are some things you should never do. First, stay off social media until your divorce is final. Settle out of court if at all possible -- only your attorney will benefit if it goes to court. If you are having disagreements or arguments, NEVER have them in front of your children, and fight the urge to bad-mouth your spouse to the kids. It’s really not a good idea to date someone new while your divorce is in progress. And remember, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. -- A.M. in Indiana



WHEN TRAVELING ALONE

Dear Heloise: Just three suggestions for those like me who travel alone on business or for pleasure:

1. Arrive at your hotel before dark. Write down the address if you plan to use a taxi or in case you get lost.
2. Use just one piece of luggage.
3. Let a close friend or relative know about your travel plans: where you’ll be staying, when you expect to return and how you can be reached. Be sure to phone a friend or relative at least once during your trip.

Stay safe. -- Pete W., Seneca Falls, N.Y.

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

TV Sports Listings

Monday, Feb. 25
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — Notre Dame at Florida State
 ESPNU — South Carolina State at North Carolina Central
 8 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Iowa State
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — Kansas State at Kansas
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
 6 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Notre Dame at Syracuse
 6:30 p.m.
 BTN — Maryland at Purdue
 7 p.m.
 FS1 — Texas at Baylor
 SEC — Texas A&M at Florida
 8:30 p.m.
 BTN — Iowa at Nebraska
 9 p.m.

FS1 — Oklahoma State at Oklahoma
GYMNASTICS
 12 a.m. (Tuesday)
 NBCSN — FIG World Cup: apparatus finals, Australia
LUGE
 11 p.m.
 NBCSN — FIL World Cup: men's singles, Russia (taped)
NBA BASKETBALL
 8 p.m.
 NBA — Philadelphia at New Orleans
 10:30 p.m.
 NBA — Dallas at LA Clippers
NHL HOCKEY
 7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Los Angeles at Tampa Bay
SOCCER
 2:20 p.m.
 FS2 — Bundesliga: Hoffenheim vs. RB Leipzig

At The Movies

‘How to Train Your Dragon’ tops Oscar weekend with \$55.5M

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” breathed some fire into a slumping box office with a franchise-best \$55.5 million debut over Oscar weekend.

Writer-director Dean DeBlois’ third and supposedly final installment in the “How to Train Your Dragon” series notched the best opening of the year in U.S. and Canadian theaters.

Going into the weekend, overall ticket sales for 2019 were down 18 percent, according to Comscore, throwing cold water on the record box office of 2018.

But as Hollywood was set to gather for the Academy Awards on Sunday, “The Hidden World” lent the industry some good news — albeit not a hint at all of the magnitude of what that was in theaters last Oscar weekend when “Black Panther” was the top film.

Made for \$129 million, “The Hidden World” rode good reviews (91 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and warm audience reaction (an A CinemaScore) to exceed the \$43.7 million opening of the 2010 original (which ultimately made \$494.9 million worldwide) and the \$49 million opening of the 2014 sequel (which amassed \$621.5 million).

The latest installment, which similarly features the voices of Jay Baruchel, America Ferrera and Cate Blanchett, is the first DreamWorks Animation release under the Comcast-owned Universal, which bought Jeffrey Katzenberg’s company in 2016.

Universal trotted out “The Hidden

World” abroad first. It’s been in release internationally since January, earning \$216.9 million through Sunday.

Last week’s top film, “Alita: Battle Angel,” dropped steeply in its second weekend with \$12 million. That’s a slide of 58 percent, and further trouble for the 20th Century Fox release from producer James Cameron and director Robert Rodriguez. The sci-fi film cost a hefty \$170 million to make.

But “Alita” is doing better overseas. It grossed \$92.4 million internationally over the weekend, boosted by Fox’s biggest opening ever in China. It was the no. 1 film there with \$62.3 million in ticket sales.

MGM’s “Fighting With My Family,” about professional wrestling star Saraya “Paige” Bevis, was the only other new film in wide release. It expanded to 2,711 theaters after a limited release last weekend, grossing a modest \$8 million.

Directed by Stephen Merchant, “Fighting With My Family” stars Florence Pugh as Bevis and features a cameo supporting performance from Dwayne Johnson, an executive producer on the film. With an \$11 million budget, it’s a far smaller film than Johnson is typically a part of.

There was little of an Oscar bump for the Academy Awards nominees heading into Sunday’s show. Alfonso Cuarón’s “Roma” is tied for the most nominations with 10 but, as a Netflix release, it has been mostly streamed. Netflix has declined to give box-office figures for its theatrical release. The major theater operators have refused to screen Netflix

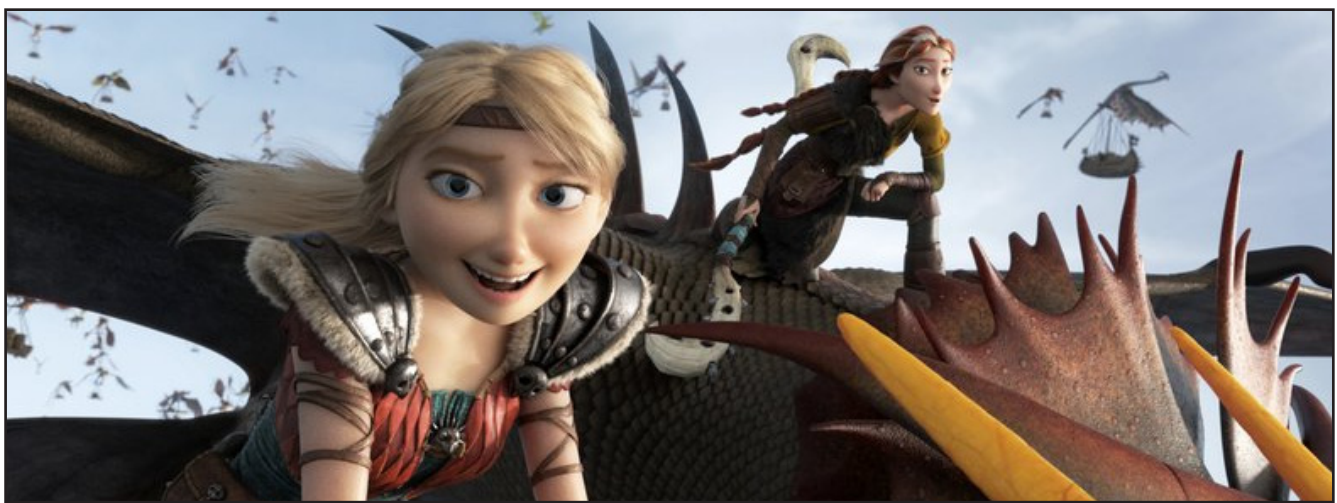
films since they don’t adhere to the traditional 90-day theatrical exclusivity window.

Of the nominees still in theaters, Peter Farrelly’s “Green Book” fared the best, grossing \$2.1 million on its 15th weekend. The best picture-nominated interracial road trip drama has grossed \$69.6 million through Sunday, including \$27.1 million since Oscar nominations were announced. That dwarfs the post-nominations hauls of all other contenders.

Ahead of the Oscars, “Vice” added \$731,391 (\$47.2 million total), “A Star Is Born” earned \$700,000 (\$210.9 million total), “Bohemian Rhapsody” added \$645,000 (\$213.1 million total) and “The Favourite” pulled in \$540,000 (\$32.1 million total).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included.

1. “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World,” \$55.5 million (\$34.7 million international).
2. “Alita: Battle Angel,” \$12 million.
3. “Lego Movie 2: The Second Part,” \$10 million (\$10.3 million international).
4. “Fighting With My Family,” \$8 million.
5. “Isn’t it Romantic,” \$7.5 million.
6. “What Men Want,” \$5.2 million.
7. “Happy Death Day,” \$5 million.
8. “Cold Pursuit,” \$3.3 million.
9. “The Upside,” \$3.2 million.
10. “Run the Race,” \$2.3 million.



This image released by Universal Pictures shows characters Astrid, voiced by America Ferrera, left, and Valka, voiced by Cate Blanchett, in a scene from DreamWorks Animation’s “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World.” (DreamWorks Animation/Universal Pictures via AP)

Entertainment

Ja Rule taking heat on social media after NBA halftime show

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rapper Ja Rule is taking heat on social media after problems with his halftime show during Saturday’s Timberwolves-Bucks game.

Videos posted online show Ja Rule had sound problems at the beginning of his performance. At one point he said, “Are we ready?” then said, “I guess not,” before his music eventually started.

Another video shows Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo taking warmup shots while Ja Rule is still performing.

Ja Rule responded to critics on Twitter, saying his sound “didn’t come on when it was supposed to” but he “rocked.” When the Timberwolves’ official Twitter account mocked Ja Rule, he responded by cursing the team, saying, “You won’t win a championship for the next 30 years.”

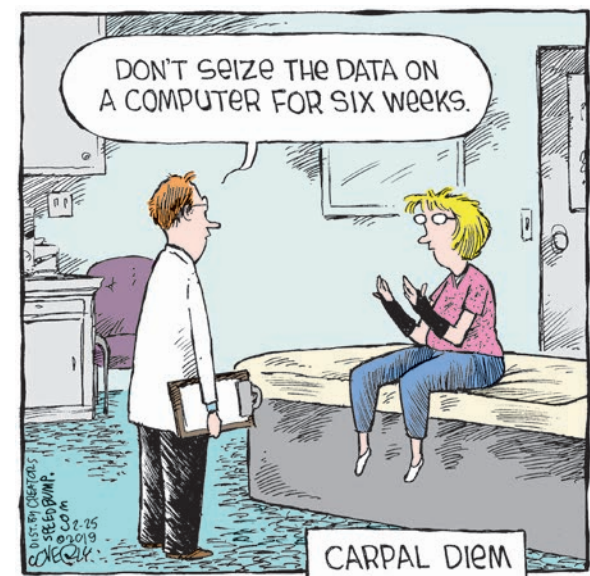
Ja Rule has been the subject of ridicule for his role in the failed Fyre Festival in the Bahamas. He recently told TMZ that he plans to create another music festival.



In this Wednesday, July 29, 2015 file photo, Ja Rule speaks onstage during the “Follow the Rules” panel at the Viacom Networks 2015 Summer TCA Tour held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Singer and rapper Ja Rule is taking some heat on social media, after video posted online showed problems with his halftime show during the Timberwolves-Bucks game on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019. Video shows Ja Rule had sound problems at the beginning of his show. (Photo by Richard Shotwell/Invision/AP, File)

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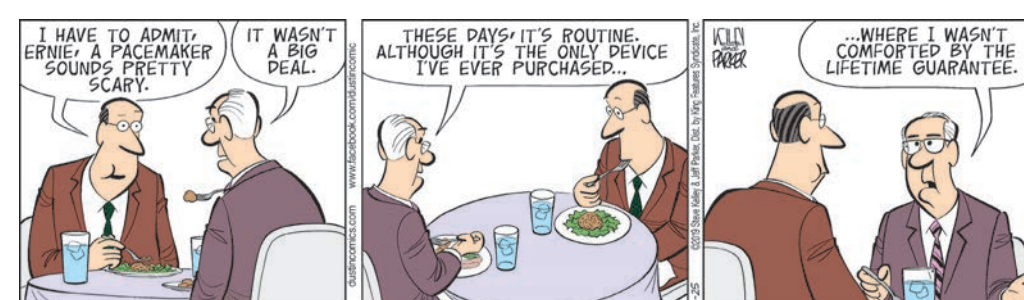
RUBES Leigh Rubin



DADDY'S HOME Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



DUSTIN By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



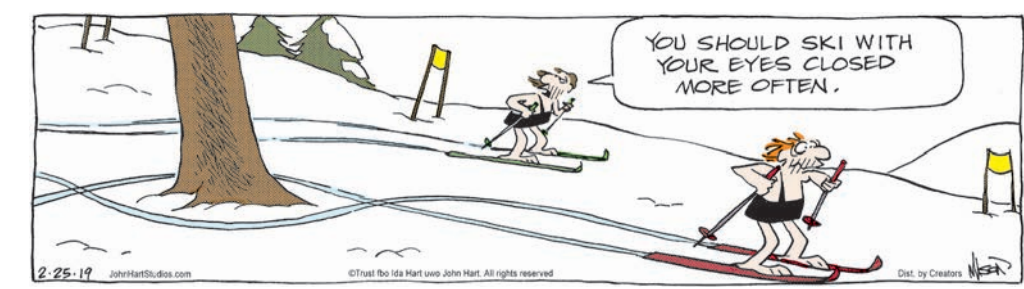
SCARY GARY Mark Buford



DOGS OF C-KENNEL Mick and Mason Mastroianni



B.C. Mastroianni and Hart



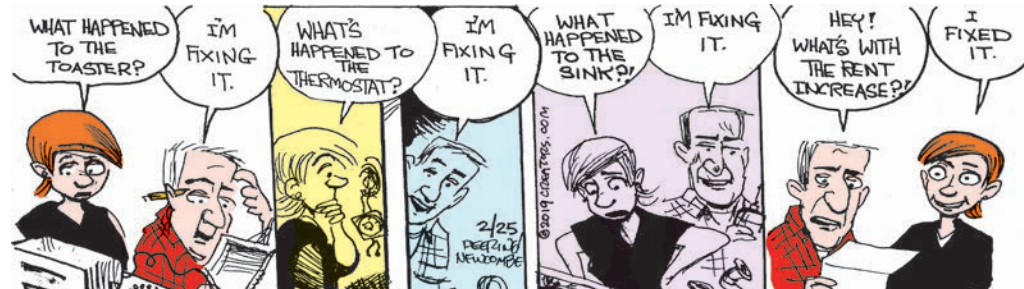
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ANDY CAPP Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett



ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe



YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 25, 2019:

This year, you will be evolving into a more dynamic person who can visualize and manifest. You seem to grow to a new level of understanding and willingness to proceed. If you're single, others find you unusually sensual and attractive. You will want to take your time dating someone to make sure that the person works well with you. If you're attached, you and your partner enjoy an active relationship in which you express an unusual creative streak. **SCORPIO** enjoys your depth.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ One-on-one relating helps to process an issue between you and a boss. Conversations open more possibilities than you could imagine. Keep processing new ideas and thoughts. Tonight: Quality time with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be more forthright and direct than you have been for a while. Others listen while you air your feelings. You're opinionated and cannot expect everyone to understand where you're coming from. Tonight: Acting as though there is no tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Dig into your work; accomplish as much as you can. You have many people around you who would like to visit or get advice from you. Keep your eye on the big picture. You will see quite a difference. Tonight: All smiles. Doing what you want to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You seem to be full of fun and willing to get past a repetitive problem. You might want to circulate and get feedback from someone who has had a similar experience. Stay on top of what's occurring. Tonight: Get extra z's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be considering options that have been unfathomable until now. You could discuss breaking precedent. You might find that a solution involving a new approach is much more favorable. Make no announcement until you're totally sure of yourself. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You surmise that others don't recognize what you do for them. Therefore, you could decide to act like a free agent. You become more spontaneous. Understand your limits; ask questions to help others see what they can expect from you. Tonight: In the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your personality generally melts boundaries and creates more friendship and fun than you're aware of. Open up to a new opportunity that presents itself late in the day. You feel as though you cannot be stopped. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Push as hard as you need to. You could be a key person in your life. Listen to what you're hearing. If you do, you're about to make a big difference. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines could make a considerable difference in an outcome. Listen to news with a grain of salt; however, apply what you learn. Others find you to be unusually hip. Tonight: In the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Aim to maximize a meeting. You need more group support to handle a particular project. Because of the feedback you receive, you will be more creative than you have been in a sustained period. Tonight: Don't be subtle; go for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others make it clear that you're needed. Stay on top of a project. Be ready to take a stand if necessary. You gain a great deal of insight into a boss or friendship. Express your feelings and caring. Communication flourishes. Great ideas seem to pop up from nowhere. Tonight: Happily nestled with your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Look beyond the obvious. You will see a situation in a new light. As a result, you could resolve any problem that has been lingering. Don't worry; you'll be able to work and get ahead with a project. Your popularity soars to unprecedented levels. Tonight: Wherever great music is played.

BORN TODAY
Musician George Harrison (1943), actor Sean Astin (1971), actress Rashida Jones (1976)

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

Famous Hand

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 8 3
♥ J 3
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 7 6 4
♥ 5 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 3 2
♣ J 4

EAST
♠ K 10 2
♥ K 2
♦ A K J
♣ K Q 10 9 7

SOUTH
♠ Q J 5
♥ A Q 10 9 8 7 6
♦ —
♣ A 8 6

The bidding:
West Pass North 1♣ East 1♥ South Pass
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Once upon a time, but not so many moons ago, a declarer named South arrived at a contract of four hearts on the bidding shown. West led the jack of clubs, overtaken by East with the queen and won by South with the ace.

It is certainly not difficult to see, especially if you look at all four hands, that declarer can easily make four finesses. All he has to do is take a trump finesse somewhere along the line and it succeeds. But the sad fact is that South wound up down one.

Tomorrow: A most unusual solution.
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

1 Creche trio
5 The whole enchilada
8 Outlet letters
12 Teensy bit
13 Irish actor Stephen
14 Vivacity, in music
15 At the summit of
16 Her bed was too soft
18 Jungle trek
20 Make happy
21 Swindles
23 Workout site
24 Spaghetti topper
28 Whirled
31 Hosp. area
32 Small stream
34 "As I see it," to a texter
35 Lavish affection (on)

DOWN

1 "Serpico" author Peter
2 "— girl!"
3 Blunder
4 Influence
5 How lovers may stroll
6 Meadow
7 Genie's home
8 Monasteries
9 Slapstick missile
10 "Buenos —!"
11 Apple center
17 H.S. math

37 Lunar light
39 Family card game
41 Greek letters
42 Regard highly
45 Morals
49 Legume used in Asian cuisine
51 Acknowledge
52 Wax-coated cheese
53 Baton Rouge sch.
54 Country's McEntire
55 Actress Ward

56 Shri11 bark
57 "Hey!"

19 Eldest Stark child on "Game of Thrones"
22 Sailing vessel
24 Central
25 Green prefix
26 Fall-related
27 Relax
29 Actress Thurman
30 — de plume
33 Make a scarf
36 Puzzle
38 It's equivalent to C, in some scores
40 Sphere
42 Iowa city
43 Ranch visitor
44 Silthery
46 Currier's partner
47 Corn castoffs
48 Smack a baseball
50 "— was saying ..."

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 2-25

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: DOWNLOADABLE INTERNET SERIES IN WHICH THE PRIMARY TOPIC IS THE MR. AMERICA CONTEST: A BROADCAST.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals M

2019 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Monday, Feb. 25

Miami vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit (ss) vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 QBaltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Houston vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Detroit vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Texas vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Baltimore vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 Kansas City vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Arizona vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28

Washington vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 Colorado vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 6:35 p.m.

Friday, March 1

Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 Kansas City vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 San Diego vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Phoenix, 8:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 2

Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Seattle vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Minnesota (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Minnesota (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Texas (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Oakland vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Monday, March 4

N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Houston (ss) at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

Boston vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 San Diego (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Seattle vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 South Florida vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (ss) vs. Miami (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami (ss) vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 8:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 8:40 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 Texas vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Seattle vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 8:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Friday, March 8

Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. St. Louis (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (ss) vs. Pittsburgh (ss) at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Miami vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
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 Texas vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (ss) vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 8:40 p.m.
 Kansas City (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

N.Y. Mets vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (ss) vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado (ss) at Monterrey, Mexico, 3:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 8:40 p.m.
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Sunday, March 10

L.A. Dodgers vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., TBA
 Colorado (ss) vs. Arizona (ss) at Monterrey, Mexico, TBA
 Atlanta vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Texas vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Arizona (ss) vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (ss) vs. Oakland (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Oakland (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Seattle (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

Monday, March 11

N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Kansas City (ss) vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Detroit vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Seattle vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 San Diego (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Texas vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 San Diego vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 10:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

Philadelphia (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Minnesota (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Texas (ss) vs. Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Texas (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.

Friday, March 15

Detroit vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (ss) vs. Houston (ss) at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Houston (ss) vs. St. Louis (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Atlanta vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Milwaukee (ss) vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (ss) vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

Seattle vs. Yomiuri at Tokyo, 11:05 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

Oakland vs. Nippon at Tokyo, 6:05 a.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Arizona (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Oakland vs. Nippon at Tokyo, 11:05 p.m.

Monday, March 18

San Francisco vs. Yomiuri at Tokyo, 6:05 a.m.
 Miami vs. Washington (ss) at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Washington (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Seattle vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Cincinnati at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.
 Colorado vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Seattle vs. Oakland at Tokyo, 5:35 a.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Cleveland (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Seattle vs. Oakland at Tokyo, 5:35 a.m.
 Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. St. Louis (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Texas (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (ss) vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati (ss) vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Arizona vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 6:07 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
 Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Colorado (ss) vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh (ss) at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Canada Junior Team vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Milwaukee (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
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February 25, 2019

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS (SEAL) LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Mark P. Quagliini;
Jennifer M. Quagliini

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Westfield, numbered 112 City View Road, given by Mark P. Quagliini and Jennifer M. Quagliini to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for, Mid-Island Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, dated May 6, 2009 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17777, Page 323, as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on August 25, 2014 in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 20400, Page 206, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 25, 2019 or you may be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER
Chief Justice of this Court on February 5, 2019

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

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LEGAL NOTICES

February 25, 2019

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

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ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Peter J. Siciliano;
Jacqueline Brown

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Southwest, N.A. f/k/a Wachovia Mortgage, F.S.B. f/k/a World Savings Bank, F.S.B.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Westfield, numbered 1076 East Mountain Road, given by Peter J. Siciliano and Jacqueline Brown to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated August 13, 2007, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16872, Page 516, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 25, 2019 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER,
Chief Justice of said Court on February 8, 2019.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

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February 18, 25, 2019

CITY OF WESTFIELD
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Westfield Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on March 5, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 59 Court St., Westfield, MA on the application of Robert Hinckley for a Site Plan Approval per Zoning Ord. Sec. 6-10.1 to allow for a seasonal farm labor camp on Parcel 27R-14/ at Crane Ave., Zoned Rural Residential and Floodplain. The application is available for public inspection at the Planning Office and at www.cityofwestfield.org/applications

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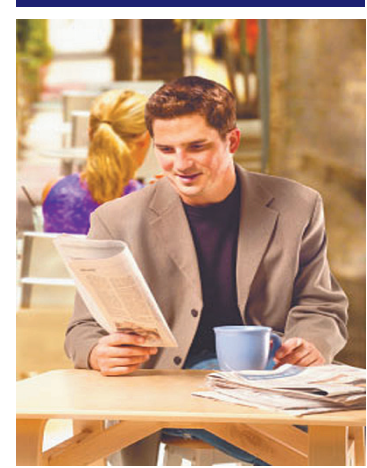
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The RFP will be available from the time of this notice until the due date specified below. The BOA will be the awarding and contracting authority and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so.

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