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— KATE CHOPIN



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## Bingo event will benefit 'survivors and warriors'

By LORI SZEPELAK  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD—For more than 25 years, April Lassard has been raising funds for the fight against cancer and now as a board member of Western Mass Mom Prom, she sees firsthand how fundraisers make a difference in the lives of local residents.

"This will be my second year on the board and I have to say this is a great organization of volunteers," said Lassard, noting three generations of her family have been affected by cancer. "Last year was different. I was able to see how volunteering can brighten someone's day."

Lassard and a team of volunteers are currently working behind the scenes on the latest Mom Prom fundraiser, the second annual Handbag/Purse Bingo, slated for May 2 at Tekoa Country Club on Russell Road.

"We are well past where we were last year at this time with ticket sales and have our sights set on selling out," said Lassard. "Readers should keep an eye out for some early bird ticket bonus (before April 1) and extra incentives if we sell out."

Proceeds raised from the bingo event will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Cancer House of Hope, as well as "survivors and warriors." Both organizations were chosen to receive funds because of the commitment made to support cancer services in Western Massachusetts.

"The yearly fundraising efforts allow us to make large donations to our charities, as well as host an amazing 80's dance party prom themed ladies' night out," said Lassard, adding that tickets are limited to the prom and are available now. Also, nominations for survivors/warriors are currently being accepted.



A Kate Spade purse will be among the gifts to win during the Western Mass Mom Prom bingo fundraiser at Tekoa Country Club. (Submitted photo)

"We sponsor nominated survivors and warriors to attend our prom event, free of charge," said Lassard. "They are treated to the works, including hairdo, makeup, gown, dinner, dancing, special raffles, gift bags and more. The energy at our event is truly amazing, there's laughter, dancing, singing, a night of nothing for them to do but smile and have fun with friends and family."

The cost to attend the bingo event is \$30 per person in advance or \$35 on the night of the event if tickets are still available. Doors open at 5:30 with a vendor and craft event and bingo starts promptly at 7.

"We have changed the location to Tekoa Country Club," said Lassard. "With the move, we've opened up more room for local vendors and artisans, more room for guests, more room for our raffle, and we've also added catered food to this year's event."

The pre-purchased ticket price at \$30 is for 10 bingo games (triple plays per sheet and a dauber), and for an extra \$10, participants can preorder from three dinner options, catered by Tekoa. Dinner selections include a sandwich, chips and cookie or an entree sized garden salad with or without grilled chicken.

"This will allow guests to come over and enjoy the craft and vendor fair before bingo without having to worry about dinner or being hungry, as well as help us offset the cost of the venue," said Lassard.

Lassard is anticipating 20 artisans and vendors at the event, including 2 Bay Machine & Metal Works of Westfield, handmade jewelry by Calluna Jewelry of West Springfield, all natural health, home, beauty and pet products from Relax, Rinse, Repeat of Westfield, as well as vendor representatives including Magnabilities, Norwex and Tupperware.

"Spaces are filling up fast, but we still have a few available and tables are available for a \$25 donation and for a product donation of \$25 or more," said Lassard, adding that vendors may also participate in the bingo event.

Bingo and bonus games will include purses

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The Kiwanis Club of Westfield serves up some chili with a smile. See additional photos Page 8. (Photos by Marc St.onge)

## YMCA's Chili, Chowder, Chocolate Cook-Off



Good food puts smiles on the faces of Ciara Toporowski and Natalie and Nick Melo.

## Discussions continue on Safe Routes to School program

By GREG FITZPATRICK  
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK—Late last week, DPW Director Randy Brown and Select Board Vice-Chairman Russ Fox met with Steve Presnal of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District to discuss the Safe Routes to School Program.

A federally-funded program established in 2005 by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT), the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) works with schools to increase transportation for children that are in elementary or middle school.

In order for a community to be a part of the SRTS program, the respective school district would

need to initiate the program into the school system. The program would allow the school district to fix infrastructure issues that are two miles or less from an elementary or middle school in the district.

At the meeting last week, it was agreed that Brown would continue to gather more information on the program and explore any potential grant opportunities that could go along with the program.

If the school district decided to enter into the program, Brown has already identified which streets could be involved. Those include Powder Mill Road, Depot Street, Birchwood Street, and Fernwood

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## American Legion Post 124 hosts 72nd March of Dimes dinner

By GENE H. THEROUX  
Past Commander American Legion Post 124,  
Commander The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 124,  
Chairman Post 124 Americanism Committee

WESTFIELD—This past Friday evening, American Legion Post 124 opened its doors and hosted the 72nd consecutive annual spaghetti dinner to benefit the March of Dimes Foundation.



Left to right: The American Legion's Gary Fontaine, Sid Aguinaga, and Sharon Ambrose. (Photo submitted)

Members of the Westfield High School National Honor Society volunteered as servers for the guests. Ed Dougherty, the March of Dimes Executive Director for New England, spent a moment with the students and shared with volunteers from Westfield High School the history of the March of Dimes and the significance of when the Post 124 Spaghetti Dinner originated during the time that Polio was an epidemic and had afflicted thousands of citizens across the United States.

The March of Dimes is celebrating their 81st anniversary of helping parents of children afflicted with life threatening illnesses. This traditional Benefit Dinner started in 1947 by a group of WW II Post 124

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## WE2BA School to Business Alliance teaches essential skills to future workforce

By AMY PORTER  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Education to Business Alliance (WE2BA) is making a difference by bringing businesses and students together to work on essential skills that prepare students for the workforce.

Chamber of Commerce director Kate Phelon explained that back in 2013 when Superintendent Stefan Czaporowski was principal of Westfield Technical Academy, they invited technology companies to the school. "We listened to them talk about essential skills," she said, things like firm handshakes and eye contact, and how to communicate with people. "The school started listening," she added.

"In moving forward, what we initially called soft skills, we now call essential skills. Skills you need to be a successful person," Czaporowski said.

"Engineers in particular noticed a big gap, and had an issue with that in new hires," said Science, Technology and Engineering supervisor Lauren Figy.

One of the new initiatives that WE2BA is piloting this year is Adopt a Classroom, which pairs a member of the business community with a teacher to present a mini-session to students. The themes of this year's sessions are presentations, empowerment and self-care.

Peter Letendre, plant manager of Mestek paired up with WHS chemistry teacher Ben Hatch for the first Adopt a Classroom project, to teach students how to give a good presentation. Hatch, Figy, and Mary Keane, English supervisor for Westfield Public Schools worked with Letendre on a lesson plan and tips to make it friendly and engaging before teaching the class.

Keane said Letendre started with a really bad presentation, and asked the students for feedback. He then gave a better presentation. Following the workshop, Letendre told Keane that the students' comments were perceptive and articulate, and that he was excited for the future workforce.

There were immediate results as well. Figy said at the annual Science and Engineering Fair at Westfield High School, of the 30 projects that went to a second round of judging, 50% of the students came from Mr. Hatch's class. Letendre, who served as a community judge, said he could tell the difference in presentations by the students who were in his group and those who weren't.

The second Adopt a Classroom will be run by the Forum House, a social service organization in Westfield. In preparation, Keane met with Forum House director Sally English and had a tour of the facility.

"It was an organization in the community I didn't know much about," Keane said, adding that it was beneficial to her as an educator. She said one of the goals of WE2BA is community building.

The Forum House Adopt a Classroom will teach empowerment and resiliency skills, how to overcome obstacles and draw on your strengths. The class will be taught by a staff person and a member of Forum House to WHS teachers Paul Mason and Sarah Corbett's tenth grade classes.

Keane said the workshop and exchange will benefit both the students and the members of Forum House, because the students will be interested in what they have to say.

The third project will be with Melissa Richter of Peoples Bank, who will be working with teachers Joyce Manchino and Kathy Hedge at Abner Gibbs elementary school. The students are researching different states, and will present their projects

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Lauren Figy, Mary Keane, Charles Jendrysik, Stefan Czaporowski and Kate Phelon all demonstrate the Superman pose. (Photo by Amy Porter)



# AROUND TOWN

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## Historic Westfield displays at Athenaeum

This year, the City of Westfield is celebrating its 350th Anniversary. There are many events and displays located within the city. The Westfield Athenaeum has two displays relating to the history of Westfield. One is in the larger room, Jasper Rand, which is located to the right as you enter the library. This display covers the many business aspects from the small and larger industries and manufacturing from the beginning to the present. To the left, in a larger bookcase, features Ralph M. Sizer, architect, designer of the city seal in 1920, holder of many city positions, and architect of many structures emphasizing only some of those in the city. This is on display through the end of March. At right, standing in front of the display of Ralph M. Sizer is his son, Quentin Sizer, well known name involved with Westfield history. (Photo by Don Wielgus)



### 22 STORM NEWS TEAM LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy.	Mostly Sunny.	Sunny.
28-29	39-42	41-44
<small>Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 48. West wind 8 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. West wind 9 to 13 mph. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Northwest wind 11 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph. Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. Northwest wind 5 to 9 mph becoming light after midnight. Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 44. Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. South wind around 5 mph.</small>		

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### ODDS & ENDS

## Most expensive new car ever: Bugatti sells for \$19 million

GENEVA (AP) — The most expensive new car ever sold is a one-off Bugatti luxury sports car that has gone for 16.7 million euros (\$18.9 million). “La Voiture Noire” — French for “The Black Car” — is a low-slung sports car with a huge 16-cylinder engine and Bugatti’s trademark front grille. The manufacturer unveiled it at the Geneva auto show this week, and said Thursday that it had been sold at what it and industry experts said was a record price for a new car. The identity of the buyer was not revealed, though the buzz surrounding the move will have burnished Bugatti’s image as a maker of luxury trophy cars. Stephan Winkelmann, the president of Volkswagen-owned Bugatti, said: “The true form of luxury is individuality.”

### LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT’S NUMBERS  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MassCash**  
 05-16-19-24-27  
**Mega Millions**  
 Estimated jackpot: \$50 million  
**Numbers Evening**  
 7-6-4-2  
**Numbers Midday**  
 5-8-7-1  
**Powerball**  
 Estimated jackpot: \$448 million



**CONNECTICUT**  
**Cash 5**  
 12-18-28-31-33  
**Lucky Links Day**  
 02-04-08-12-13-19-21-22  
**Lucky Links Night**  
 02-03-05-08-14-17-19-20  
**Play3 Day** 8-7-1  
**Play3 Night** 6-7-6  
**Play4 Day** 8-5-1-1  
**Play4 Night** 9-5-8-7

## TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS MONDAY, MARCH 11, THE 70TH DAY OF 2019. THERE ARE 295 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On March 11, 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Konstantin U. Chernenko as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

### ON THIS DATE:

In 1513, Giovanni de’ Medici was proclaimed pope, succeeding Julius II; he took the name Leo X.

In 1888, the Blizzard of ‘88, also known as the “Great White Hurricane,” began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1918, what are believed to be the first confirmed U.S. cases of a deadly global flu pandemic were reported among U.S. Army soldiers stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas; 46 would die. (The worldwide outbreak of influenza claimed an estimated 20 to 40 million lives.)

In 1935, the Bank of Canada began operations, issuing its first series of bank notes.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

In 1954, the U.S. Army charged that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., and his subcommittee’s chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee. (The confrontation culminated in the famous Senate Army-McCarthy hearings.)

In 1959, the Lorraine Hansberry drama “A Raisin in the Sun” opened at New York’s Ethel Barrymore Theater.

In 1977, more than 130 hostages held in Washington, D.C., by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.

In 1993, Janet Reno was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be U.S. attorney general.

In 2003, a U.S. Army helicopter crashed near Fort Drum in upstate New York, killing 11 soldiers. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the leader of Turkey’s governing party, was named prime minister. After a four-day walkout that cost New York City \$10 million, Broadway musicians settled the first strike on the Great White Way in nearly 30 years.

In 2004, ten bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people in an attack linked to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

In 2011, a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan’s northeastern coast, killing nearly 20,000 people and severely damaging the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station.

### TEN YEARS AGO:

President Barack Obama signed a \$410 billion spending package to keep the government running through September 2009, even as he called it “imperfect” because of the number of earmarks it contained. A teenager, Tim Kretschmer, went on a shooting rampage starting at a school in Winnenden, Germany, killing 15 people before committing suicide.

### FIVE YEARS AGO:

In an extraordinary public accusation, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., declared the CIA had interfered with and then tried to intimidate a congressional investigation into the agency’s possible use of torture in terror probes during the Bush administration. Swedish Radio reporter Nils Horner was shot dead in Kabul, Afghanistan, in an attack claimed by a Taliban splinter group. Dallas Seavey ran a blistering pace and took the lead just hours before the finish to win the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

### ONE YEAR AGO:

The White House pledged to help states pay for fire-

arms training for teachers, and renewed its call for an improved background check system, as part of a new plan to prevent school shootings like the one that left 17 people dead at a Florida high school four weeks earlier; the plan did not include a push to boost the minimum age for purchasing assault weapons to 21. British officials investigating the nerve agent attack on a Russian ex-spy and his adult daughter said limited traces of contamination were found in a restaurant and a pub in the English city of Salisbury. Lawmakers in China abolished presidential term limits that had been in place for more than 35 years, opening up the possibility of Xi Jinping (shee jihn-peeng) holding power for life.

### TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS:

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 88. Former ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 85. Musician Flaco Jimenez is 80. Actress Tricia O’Neil is 74. Actor Mark Metcalf is 73. Rock singer-musician Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) is 72. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 69. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 69. Singer Cheryl Lynn is 68. Actress Susan Richardson is 67. Recording executive Jimmy Iovine is 66. Singer Nina Hagen is 64. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Statler Brothers) is 64. Actor Elias Koteas is 58. Actor-director Peter Berg is 57. Singer Mary Gauthier is 57. Actor Jeffrey Nordling is 57. Actress Alex Kingston is 56. Country musician David Talbot is 56. Actor Wallace Langham is 54. Former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., is 54. Actor John Barrowman is 52. Singer Lisa Loeb is 51. Neo-soul musician Al Gamble (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 50. Singer Pete Dinklage is 50. Actor Terrence Howard is 50. Rock musician Rami Jaffee is 50. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 48. Rock singer-musicians Benji and Joel Madden (Good Charlotte; The Madden Brothers) are 40. Actor David Anders is 38. Singer LeToya is 38. Actress Thora Birch is 37. TV personality Melissa Rycroft is 36. Actor Rob Brown is 35. Actress Jodie Comer is 26.

# MBTA control board meets to discuss fare hikes

BOSTON (AP) — Commuters may soon find out if they will have to pay more to ride the commuter rail, subway, and buses in the Boston area.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Fiscal and Management Control Board is scheduled to meet Monday to discuss the proposed hikes that would boost fares an average of 6.3 percent. The agenda for the meeting indicates that members may vote.

CharlieCard holders would see local bus fares increase 10 cents to \$1.80, while subway fares would rise 15 cents to \$2.40.

If approved, the fare hikes would take effect July 1. The T says they would raise another \$32 million annually.

Commuters have generally spoken out against fare hikes, demanding better service first.

Politicians say higher fares would hit the region's low-income residents the hardest.

# St. Patrick's Day March 17th

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Thanking everyone who came, Mayme Lajoie with the mike, and volunteer server, Lenny Seher.



Dress in his Irish green, Cliff Gamble and Rev. Shirley Anderson getting ready to serve the dinner tables.

## St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner

Saturday night was a celebration of the 25th anniversary of St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner, held annually at the First Congregational Church, located on Broad Street in Westfield. The event was sold out and those in attendance enjoyed a great night with family and friends.



Everyone enjoying the St. Patrick's Day dinner.



Mary and Oscar Machietto come back every year enjoying the annual dinner.



Alice and Augie Krupa enjoy a sweet time together.



Mary Nilsson picking out a cake with Irish green on top.



Heads are bowed as Rev. Shirley Anderson ministering a prayer of thanks.



Joan Corell gets a plate full of cabbage from server Bob Seher.

### Grocery workers vote to authorize strike over contract fight

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Unions representing thousands of Stop & Shop workers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island are voting to authorize a strike if a contract dispute with the supermarket chain drags on.

Members of Local 328 of the United Food and Commercial Workers' union voted unanimously in favor of the authorization Sunday in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Three other UFCW locals have also voted to authorize a strike. Another chapter representing Stop & Shop workers, Local 919, is slated to meet later Sunday.

The contract dispute centers on health insurance, pensions and vacation time. The union says Stop & Shop is looking to "degrade the quality of life" of workers.

The supermarket chain says it's offered proposals that "would ensure full-time associates continue to be among the highest paid food retail workers in the region."

### Cities and towns post strong tax growth

BOSTON (AP) — A new report says cities and towns in Massachusetts experienced their strongest revenue gains in a decade during a recent 12-month period.

The Massachusetts Taxpayer Foundation says the state's 351 cities and towns totaled \$28.4 billion in revenues and expenditures in fiscal year 2018, a 4.2 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. It was the highest growth rate since 2008.

The annual municipal finance report notes major differences remain between local communities when it comes to relative economic health.

Property taxes in Massachusetts rose by an average 4.5 percent in the last fiscal year, while the total assessed value of residential properties increased 5.7 percent.

The trend of fewer Proposition 2 1/2 tax overrides also continued in 2018, with only 20 in Massachusetts compared to 26 the previous year.

## GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

### MONDAY, MAR, 11

**GRANVILLE:**

Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm

**BLANDFORD:**

Conservation Commission Meeting at 6 pm  
Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm  
Zoning Board Meeting at 7 pm

**CHESTER:**

Conservation Commission Meeting at 5 pm  
Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 pm  
Board of Health Meeting at 6 pm  
Public Hearing: Proposed  
Adult Use Marijuana Bylaw at 7 pm  
Planning Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

### TUESDAY, MAR, 12

**CHESTER:**

Municipal Light Department Meeting at 6 pm

### WEDNESDAY, MAR, 13

**BLANDFORD:**

Fire Department Meeting at 7 pm

# COMMENT

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### To the Editor

Hello Westfield, and especially the good people of Ward 3: Due to weather and injuries, I have been remiss. Catching...1st ABOUT TIME! Someone is paying attention to realities. Councilor Surprise's comments for approving a cannabis producer/distributor is important. If people were not issue brain locked we could have already brought in a goodly amount of revenue for the city, as has Easthampton and Northampton. While you may have reasons to oppose the idea, it is staying around. Cannabis has been smoked in the U.S. for well over 100 years. I do not recall too many crimes committed under the influence of cannabis, or accidents caused by it. Banning it was a part of anti-immigrant hysteria of the 1920's.

Next, let's look at the next 2 campaign seasons. From conversations and reporting: Sen. Humason wants to be Mayor. That shook up the, who's on first, of potential candidates as: Surprise, Morganelli, and Flaherty. From what else I heard Mr. Surprise will then go for At-Large. It is expected that if Humason is elected, that Velis will go for the Sen. seat, who is in the wings to go for Rep.? Hey people are forever figuring changes in a sports line up. For, me it is far more important to know the lineup of those seeking to be hired and manage our public affairs.

As written previously I want to start changing tone and subject matter; at least somewhat. To start: are the Democrats with all their exuberance about to pluck defeat from the jaws of victory? Here is an opportunity, that by working together they may have a very good chance in 2020. The problems as I see them, after almost 50 years being a Dem. Are: 1. Still not talking with or listening to the man and the woman on the street. And, still selling that we will take care of you instead of enabling you. This matches the Rep. we can and will do it for you. Neither seem to remember that this nation was created and prospered by the fantastic work of farmers and shop keepers. Yes, they had some very competent leadership,

but it was everyday Americans that hired them, and directed their attention to the issues that mattered. Thus, then, I am taking out of my plan book the need for Independent (Unenrolled) Voters to associate, and network to restore a working level of mutual trust and cooperation; and as well to restore those exceptional principles that enable us thrive and prosper in a wilderness. We must put an end to Predator Politics, or have our own Amexit. I am NOT suggesting a new political party, but an interactive association of shared and common interest's voter/taxpayers to work together where we agree, and that is mutually beneficial. No More Civil War! We are too accessible by our enemies. As pointed out by Ben Franklin at the Constitutional Convention: beyond our shores are those still awaiting our experiment in government to fail. While throughout our history we have been divided into diverse and even at times conflicting. What else could be expected from 13 colonies founded for different social/economic reasons, and possessing different ethnicities and religions, different senses of social order, and governance? But, they knew that their survival and ability to thrive were dependent upon our abilities to cooperate and compromise. They even titled our Constitution: the Great Compromise. Inde voters are at least a plurality, if not a majority. We need to stop the usurpers from talking for us and give ourselves back our voices, and have the guts to represent ourselves, together. TO BE REAL NEW WORLD AMERICANS, and not return to be a cheap copy of the Old World that even they have to great degree abandoned. NO Monarch, NO Despots, NO Elite Mercantilists; restore a nation of, by, and for the people.

So, for a while I want to talk about that real America, and our real unique, and exceptional principles, and practices; and to take on the language of deception that has been used to take away our authority and status. If interested please contact me.

Your former Ward 3 City Councilor, Brian Hoose ...  
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## Powell says Trump's attacks played no role in rate pause

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell says political attacks by President Donald Trump played no role in the Fed's decision in January to signal that it planned to take a pause in hiking interest rates. He also said in an interview broadcast Sunday that he can't be fired by the president and that he intends to serve out his full four-year term.

In a wide-ranging interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," Powell said that the Fed decided to pause its rate hikes in January, after increasing rates four times in 2018, because the global economy was slowing and other risks to the U.S. economy were rising. The Fed said it planned to be "patient" in deciding when to change rates again.

Asked to define patient, Powell said, "Patient means that we don't feel in any hurry to change our interest rate policy."

At another point, Powell said the Fed felt its interest rate policy "is in a very good place right now" with the benchmark rate in a range of 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent, which Powell said was "roughly neutral," meaning the Fed's policy rate was not stimulating growth or holding it back.

"We think that's an appropriate place for an economy that has the lowest unemployment in 50 years, that has inflation right about at our 2 percent objective, that has returned significantly to good health," Powell said.

Powell said in the last three months, the Fed has seen increasing evidence of a global growth slowdown with slower activity in China and Europe and potential threats from such events as Brexit, Britain's planned exit from the European Union.

"We've said that we're going to wait and see how those conditions evolve before we make any changes to our interest rate policy and that means patient," Powell said in the interview with Scott Pelley.

Powell said that despite outside criticism, the Fed will always "make decisions based on what we think is right for the American people. ... We will never, ever take political considerations into effect."

Asked if Trump could fire him, Powell said: "The law is clear that I have a four-year term. And I fully intend to serve it."

Powell's appearance on "60 Minutes" continued a tradition begun by then-Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, who appeared on the program in March 2009, breaking a long tradition of Fed leaders not giving television interviews.

Bernanke's appearance came during the depths of the Great Recession when the country was losing millions of jobs and the country struggled to get out of the deepest downturn since the 1930s.

Bernanke and Powell's immediate predecessor, Janet Yellen, both appeared with Powell during the Sunday broadcast. Powell was picked for the top Fed job by Trump after the president decided not to offer a second term to Yellen. Both Bernanke and Yellen were asked what advice they had given Powell on withstanding outside criticism.

Bernanke said he kept a quotation from Abraham Lincoln on his desk saying that if your decisions turn out to be correct, the criticism will not matter. Yellen said that she and Powell had worked together closely on the Fed and that Powell was doing a good job of being "inclusive" in his decision-making.

Trump has been highly critical of the Fed's rate hikes, calling the increases his biggest threat. Trump's attacks were frequent last fall when the stock market was plunging in value, a drop that the president blamed in part on the Fed's

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## Democratic presidential hopeful Castro isn't ruling out reparations

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Julian Castro isn't ruling out direct payments to African-Americans for the legacy of slavery — a stand separating him from his 2020 rivals.

"If under the Constitution we compensate people because we take their property, why wouldn't you compensate people who actually were property," the former Obama-era housing secretary and ex-San Antonio mayor said on Sunday.

Castro was among the last of a pack of 2020 candidates to speak at the South by Southwest Festival in Texas, in what amounted to one of the biggest gatherings of the Democratic field yet.

As Democrats have addressed reparations in the early stages of the race, other candidates are discussing tax credits and other subsidies, rather than direct payments for the labor and legal oppression of slaves and their descendants. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders would put resources such as "Medicare for All" and tuition-free college into distressed communities.

Castro tells CNN's "State of the Union" he doesn't think that's the proper argument for reparations if "a big check needs to be written for a whole bunch of other stuff." Castro stopped short of saying he would push for direct compensation to descendants as president, saying instead that he would appoint a commissioner or task force that would make recommendations.

Sanders was in New Hampshire, while Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts was in Dallas, Kamala Harris of California was in Miami and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota was in Tampa.

Other highlights from Sunday's campaigning:

### BERNIE SANDERS

The Vermont senator emphasized his rise from longshot candidate to major Democratic presidential contender in his first trip to New Hampshire since launching another run for president.

Sanders said his ideas that seemed "radical and extreme" four years ago are now helping define Democrats cam-

paigns across the country.

"Those ideas that we talked about when I came here to New Hampshire four years ago, ideas that seemed so very radical at that time," Sanders said. "Well, today, virtually all of those ideas are supported by a majority of the American people and they are being supported by Democratic candidates from school board to president of the United States."

Sanders topped Hillary Clinton by 22 points in the state's 2016 primary. But he now faces a wider field of rivals who have adopted some of the same views on policy issues he pioneered during his last run for the White House.

"This is where the political revolution took off," Sanders said. "Thank you, New Hampshire."

### JAY INSLEE

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee laid down a challenge for his 2020 rivals — join him in calling to abolish the Senate filibuster.

Inslee is a newcomer to the Democratic field and is running a campaign that's almost singularly focused on climate change. But he was similarly adamant about doing away with the Senate filibuster while speaking to a small audience early Sunday morning at SXSW.

He said the six Democratic senators currently running for the White House shouldn't think twice.

"Maybe they get religion on this and realize that the filibuster is going to stop us from doing anything from health care to climate change," Inslee said. "As long as Mitch McConnell has the keys to the car, we're not going to drive it anywhere."

He was followed on stage by Castro, who also signaled an openness to the Senate doing away with the filibuster, which is a procedural tool that requires a supermajority of at least 60 votes to pass many big items, instead of a simple majority.

### JOHN HICKENLOOPER

Former Colorado Gov. John

Hickenlooper said he's not cut out for the Senate — and that he doesn't see himself switching races if his presidential run fizzles out.

"I don't see it in my future," Hickenlooper said.

Democrats have sights on Sen. Cory Gardner's seat. The Colorado Republican is up for re-election in 2020. Hickenlooper said he's spoken with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer but says he considers running for president a calling.

Hickenlooper also said decriminalizing prostitution is worth exploring. He brought up the recent Florida crackdown on massage parlor prostitution and investigation into human trafficking, which resulted in New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft being charged with two misdemeanor counts of prostitution. Kraft has pleaded not guilty.

"There are a lot of arguments, and I think they're worth taking into serious consideration, that legalizing prostitution and regulating where there are norms and protections" to prevent abuse should be looked at, Hickenlooper said.

### PETE BUTTIGIEG

Democratic presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg said Sunday night that he and Vice President Mike Pence have different views of their Christian faith and that he doesn't understand Pence's loyalty to President Donald Trump.

The mayor of South Bend, Indiana, said his feeling "is that the Scripture is about protecting the stranger, the prisoner, the poor person, and that idea of welcome. That's what I get in the Gospel when I'm in church." He said Pence's view "has a lot more to do with sexuality, a certain view of rectitude."

Buttigieg said he is puzzled by Pence's strong support for the president.

He asked how Pence "could allow himself to become the cheerleader of the porn star presidency?" and adds, "Is it that he stopped believing in Scripture, when he started believing in Donald Trump?"

Buttigieg made the comments at a CNN town hall in Austin, Texas.



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks to local residents Friday, March 8, 2019, in the Queens borough of New York. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

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# OBITUARIES

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## Theresa M. Nadeau

WESTFIELD – Theresa M. Nadeau, 93, (1925-2019) passed away peacefully on Monday, March 4, 2019 at Genesis Healthcare, Westfield. She was born in Springfield on October 13, 1925 to the late Salvatore and



Filomena Ragone. She grew up in Springfield's South End and attended local schools. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Alyre A. Nadeau and her son Ronald Nadeau. She was a dedicated homemaker and provided a caring home for her family. She enjoyed bus trips to the casino, vacations on the Cape and Sunday concerts at Stanley Park. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church. She leaves her

children Thomas, Paul, Marie and Jeanne Morin and her husband Mark, her grandchildren Elizabeth and Adam and nieces and nephews. She also leaves her sister, Rose Toti and brother Victor Ragone. She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Ragone. A special thank you to Kathy Snow of Aging at Home for the exceptional care that she gave our mother during these past six years. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m. till 10:30 am from the Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad Street, Westfield followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, 28 Bartlett Street, Westfield, MA 01085. Firtionadams.com .

## Frank J. Wojtowicz

WESTFIELD — Frank J. Wojtowicz, 98, (1920-2019) died Friday, March 7, 2019 in Baystate Noble Hospital. He was born in Poland on April 15, 1920. After surviving being a prisoner of war, he immigrated to the United States in 1950. He came to America to build a future where he first started working the tobacco fields in Deerfield, MA before moving to Westfield in 1952. He worked at Plainville Castings in Westfield from 1952-1985. He was a hardworking loyal family man, who was a dedicated parishioner of Holy Trinity Church where he served as lector and Eucharistic Minister. He was pre-deceased by his wife Irene T. (Lepczynski) Wojtowicz in 1994 and his daughter Roseann Jendza in 2006. He leaves his children Edward Wojtowicz and his wife Ellen of Westfield, Joan Miemiec and her husband Paul of Westfield, Monica Cormier (Ron) of Westfield and Theresa Archambault and her husband Armand of Glenn Allen, VA. He also leaves his grandchildren Eric, Angela, Megan, Mary, Caitlin and Christopher, Joseph and Emmitt and 4 great-grandchildren. The funeral for Frank will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 9 am from the Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad Street, Westfield followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 am in Holy Trinity Church. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 5-8 pm. Donations may be made to Holy Trinity Church, 335 Elm Street, Westfield, MA 01085. Firtionadams.com



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## Gov. Baker pushes road safety proposals

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is pushing a slew of road safety proposals from banning drivers from holding cellphones to letting police stop motorists for not wearing seatbelts as a primary offense.

Other proposals would require state-owned and operated trucks over 10,000 pounds to have side guards and extra mirrors and require the use of ignition interlock devices for first-time drunken driving offenders who apply for hardship

licenses. It would also set mandatory temporary speed limits in construction zones that would double fines when workers are present.

The proposal would also treat electric scooters and bicycles the same as regular bicycles under state law while creating an advisory group to propose future changes.

More than 15,600 people were seriously injured and 1,820 died on Massachusetts roads between 2012 and 2016.

## POLICE LOGS

### WESTFIELD Major crime and incident report Monday, March 4, 2019

**12:20 a.m.:** accident, Southampton Road, a caller reports that he was involved in a motor vehicle accident between his tractor trailer and a passenger vehicle, the responding officer reports that the tractor trailer had turned in front of the passenger vehicle, who struck the side of the truck with no injuries reported;

**12:42 a.m.:** accident, Central Street, a male and female party walked into the police station to report that they had struck a light pole with their vehicle on nearby Central Street, the responding officer filed a crash report;

**7:47 a.m.:** accident, Laro Road, an off-duty firefighter reports that a vehicle slid off the road and into a utility pole, the responding officer reports that there were no injuries and they requested a tow truck, the officer reports that Westfield

Gas & Electric were notified of the pole that was struck;

**7:44 p.m.:** motor vehicle violation, South Maple Street, a patrol officer reports that they pulled over a vehicle, the officer reports that he arrested **Scott H. Ayotte**, 52, of 220 Southwick Road, Westfield, for charges of subsequent offenses of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to stop or yield, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

### Sunday, March 3, 2019

**1:51 a.m.:** attempted breaking and entering, Taylor Avenue, a caller reports that a man who is unknown to her and clearly intoxicated is trying to enter her home, the caller reports the man was speaking very loudly and she does not know what he is saying, the responding officer reports that the man was taken into protective custody.

## Man to appear in federal court for kidnapping, killing woman

BOSTON (AP) — A Rhode Island man will appear in Boston federal court to face charges in the kidnapping and death of a 23-year-old mother from Massachusetts.

U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Andrew Lelling's office says 32-year-old Luis D. Coleman III, of Providence, will be in court Monday afternoon.

Coleman has been implicated in the death of Lynn resident Jassy Correia, who disappeared after celebrating her birthday at a downtown Boston nightclub on Feb. 24. Her body was found four days later in the trunk of Coleman's car after police stopped him in Delaware.

Correia's funeral was held Saturday at Saint Peter Parish in Boston. Authorities have said she died from strangulation and blunt force trauma.

Coleman, who did not fight extradition back to Massachusetts, faces the possibility of the death penalty if convicted.

## Gas company to replace heating equipment damaged in disaster

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — The natural gas company blamed for a series of explosions and fires in Massachusetts' Merrimack Valley says it'll resume replacing damaged heating equipment for property owners this spring.

Columbia Gas of Massachusetts said furnaces, boilers and hot water heaters repaired but not replaced during the monthslong recovery process will now be exchanged for new equipment.

A company spokesman said about 900 customers are expected to get the work, which won't cost them anything. The company has committed to finishing all work by Sept. 15. It announced this next phase in the recovery process Saturday during community forums in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.

The disaster last Sept. 13 resulted in one death, dozens of injuries, damage to hundreds of buildings and thousands of customers without natural gas service for months.

## COURT LOGS

### Westfield District Court Monday, March 4, 2019

**Michael J. Muranko**, 40, of 306 Elm Street, Westfield, was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery brought by Westfield police. He was released on his personal recognizance pending a May 15 pre-trial hearing.

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# BUSINESS FINANCIAL



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May speaks during Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons, London, Wednesday March 6, 2019 (House of Commons/PA via AP)

## UK Prime Minister May fights to save Brexit deal

By JILL LAWLESS and DANICA KIRKA  
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May was battling Monday to stave off a new defeat for her European Union divorce deal, with talks deadlocked a day before Parliament is scheduled to vote on the plan.

The House of Commons is due to vote Tuesday on whether to approve a deal it resoundingly rejected in January. There are few signs of any big shift in opinion.

Lawmakers' opposition to the deal centers on of concerns over arrangements for the Irish border. May's government has been seeking changes, but the EU refuses to reopen the 585-page agreement that it spent a year-and-a-half negotiating.

The bloc is frustrated at what it sees as the inability of Britain's divided government to lay out a clear vision

for Brexit — and because it is seeking changes to an agreement that May herself helped negotiate.

"Technical" talks aimed at securing concessions from the EU failed to secure a breakthrough over the weekend, and a rumored trip by May to meet EU leaders in Brussels on Monday looked to have been shelved.

If Parliament throws out the deal again, lawmakers will vote on whether to leave the EU without an agreement — an idea likely to be rejected — or to ask the EU to delay Brexit beyond the scheduled March 29 departure date.

May warned last week that any delay could mean "we may never leave the EU at all."

Hard-line Brexit supporters in May's Conservative Party said she should postpone Tuesday's vote rather than risk another crushing defeat.

Former Conservative chief whip Andrew Mitchell told the Times of

London that "anything that avoids what looks like a massive defeat on Tuesday is worth considering."

May has staked her political reputation on securing an exit deal with the EU, and is under mounting pressure to quit if it is defeated again. She survived a bid to oust her through a no-confidence vote in December, so can't be forced from office for a year.

Conservative lawmaker Nicky Morgan said May's position will become "less and less tenable" if she suffers more defeats in Parliament this week.

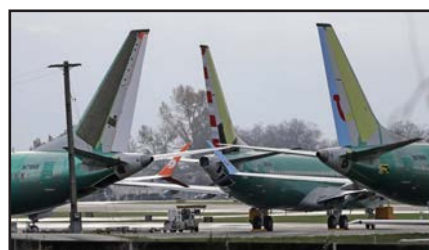
"If the votes go this week in a way which means that the prime minister's policy as she has set out and stuck to rigidly over the course of the last two-and-a-bit years is taken away, dismantled slowly by Parliament this week, I think it would be very difficult for the prime minister to stay in office for very much longer," Morgan told the BBC.

## Growing number of Boeing Max 8 planes grounded after crash

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Aviation authorities in China, Indonesia and Ethiopia ordered airlines on Monday to ground their Boeing 737 Max 8 planes after one of the aircraft crashed in Ethiopia, killing all 157 people on board.

The crash of the Ethiopian Airlines jet shortly after it took off from Addis Ababa on Sunday is drawing renewed scrutiny of the plane just four months after a similar crash of the same model of aircraft in Indonesia



near Boeing Co.'s 737 assembly facility in Renton, Washington, on Nov. 14, 2018. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File)

A spokesman for Ethiopian Airlines, Asrat Begashaw, said the carrier had grounded its remaining four 737 Max 8 planes until further notice as an "extra safety precaution."

The airline had been using five new 737 Max 8s and awaiting delivery of 25 more. Asrat said the search for body parts and debris from the crash was continuing.

China's Civil Aviation Administration said that it ordered airlines to ground all 737 Max 8 aircraft as of 6 p.m. (1000 GMT) Monday, in line with the principle of "zero tolerance for security risks."

It said it would issue further notices after consulting with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Boeing.

China Southern Airlines is one of Boeing's biggest customers for the aircraft.

Indonesia also grounded 737 Max 8s for inspections. Director General of Air Transportation Polana B. Pramesti said the grounding was taken to ensure flight safety and ensure the planes are airworthy.

There are currently 11 Max 8 planes operated by airlines in Indonesia including 10 by Lion Air and 1 by the national carrier, Garuda.

Cayman Airways said it was temporarily grounding the two Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft it operates, as of Monday.

Real time flight radar apps showed dozens of the aircraft still operating around the globe.

Chicago-based Boeing said it did not intend to issue any new guidance to its customers. It plans to send a technical team to the crash site to help Ethiopian and U.S. investigators, however, and issued a statement saying it was "deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the passengers and crew" on the Ethiopian Airlines Max airplane.

The 737 is the best-selling airliner in history, and the Max, the newest version of it with more fuel-efficient engines, is a central part of Boeing's strategy to compete with European rival Airbus.

"Safety is our number one priority and we are taking every measure to fully understand all aspects of this accident, working closely with the investigating team and all regulatory authorities involved," the company said in a statement.

The head of Indonesia's national transport safety agency, Soerjanto Thahjono, offered to aid the Ethiopian investigation into Sunday's crash.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board likewise said it was sending a team to help Ethiopian authorities. Boeing and the U.S. investigative agency are also involved in the probe into the Lion Air crash in Indonesia in October.

Like the Ethiopian Airlines crash, which happened minutes after the jet's takeoff from Addis Ababa, the Lion Air jet that crashed off Indonesia had erratic speed during the few minutes it was in the air.

Safety experts cautioned, however, against drawing too many parallels between the two disasters.

"I do hope though that people will wait for the first results of the investigation instead of jumping to conclusions based on the very little facts that we know so far," said Harro Ranter, founder of the Aviation Safety Network, which compiles information about accidents worldwide.

The situation will be better understood after investigators find and analyze the Ethiopian plane's black boxes, said William Waldock, an aviation-safety professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

He said the way the planes both crashed — a fatal nosedive — was likely to raise suspicion. Boeing will likely look more closely at the flight-management system and automation on the Max, he said.

"Investigators are not big believers in coincidence," he said. Boeing has delivered about 350 737 Max planes to scores of airlines and has orders for more than 5,000.

Shares in the company fell 9.6 percent Monday in pre-market trading.

Alan Diehl, a former National Transportation Safety Board investigator, said reports of large variations in vertical speed during the Ethiopian jetliner's ascent were "clearly suggesting a potential controllability problem."

Other possible causes include engine problems, pilot error, weight load, sabotage or bird strikes, he said.

Ethiopian has a good reputation and the company's CEO told reporters no problems were spotted before Sunday's fight. But investigators also will look into the plane's maintenance, which may have been an issue in the Lion Air crash.

Days after the Indonesian accident, Boeing notified airlines that faulty information from a sensor could cause the plane to automatically point the nose down. The automated system kicks in if sensors indicate that a plane is about to lose lift, or go into an aerodynamic stall. Gaining speed by diving can prevent a stall.

The notice reminded pilots of the procedure for handling such a situation, which is to disable the system causing the automatic nose-down movements.

Indonesian investigators are examining whether faulty readings from a sensor might have triggered the automatic nose-down command to the plane, which the Lion Air pilots fought unsuccessfully to overcome.

## World shares mostly higher as China-US trade talks drag on

By ELAINE KURTENBAC  
Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Shares were mostly higher in Europe on Monday, tracking gains in Asia as investors awaited further developments in trade talks between the U.S. and China.

Britain's FTSE 100 gained 1 percent in early trading to 7,175.46 as Prime Minister Theresa May battled to stave off a fresh defeat for her proposal on the divorce from the European Union. Talks were deadlocked a day before Parliament was scheduled to vote on the plan.

Germany's DAX edged 0.1 percent higher to 11,471.01 and the CAC 40 in France was less than 0.1 percent higher at 5,235.74. Wall Street looked set for a mixed start, with the future contract for the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 0.7 percent to 25,350.00. That for the S&P 500 gained 0.1 percent to 2,754.10.

"Brexit jitters are setting in ahead of a series of Brexit votes starting tomorrow," Jasper Lawler, head of research for London Capital Group, said in a commentary. "With Theresa May's deal now an almost certain failure, pound traders are concerned about what actually comes next. A delay is looking like the most likely outcome."

The British pound was trading at \$1.2986, down from \$1.3014 on Friday.

Shares in aircraft manufacturer Boeing Co. dropped 9.6 percent in pre-market trading after the crash Sunday of a 737 Max 8 plane in Ethiopia that killed all 157 people aboard.

News on the trade front was quiet.

Speaking on the sidelines of the annual legislative session on Sunday, China's central bank governor, Yi Gang, gave no indication China and the U.S. had reached a consensus beyond previous commitments produced by meetings of the Group of 20 major economies.

Yi, who attended the latest round of talks in Washington, reaffirmed official promises not to manipulate China's currency to boost exports. He said the issue was discussed in those talks, which are aimed at ending a conflict over Beijing's technology ambitions that has led both sides to raise tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's goods.

He repeated official promises that China's stock and bond markets would open wider to



A man with an umbrella looks at an electronic stock board showing Japan's Nikkei 225 index at a securities firm in Tokyo Monday, March 11, 2019. Shares were mixed in Asia on Monday as investors awaited further developments in trade talks between the U.S. and China. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

global investors and its currency would trade more freely but gave no details or a timeline.

Weaker than expected Chinese loan and money supply data raised hopes for further action to spur the slowing economy. The 885.8 billion yuan (\$132 billion) in new loans in February reported Monday was below forecasts and much lower than the 3.23 trillion yuan in new lending in January.

The Shanghai Composite jumped 1.9 percent to 3,026.99 and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong gained 1.0 percent to 28,503.30. Japan's Nikkei 225 index added 0.5 percent to 21,125.09 and the S&P ASX 200 in Australia slipped 0.4 percent to 6,180.20. India's Sensex surged 1.1 percent to 37,071.03 while South

Korea's Kospi was flat at 2,138.10.

It was a steady start for the week after a wave of selling on Wall Street Friday left the S&P 500 with its worst weekly showing since January and its eighth loss in nine trading sessions.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil gained 44 cents to \$56.51 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It lost 59 cents to \$56.07 per barrel on Friday. Brent crude, the international standard, gained 54 cents to \$66.28 per barrel. It lost 0.8 cents to close at \$65.74 per barrel on Friday.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 111.22 yen from 111.17 yen on Friday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1248 from \$1.1230.

In this July 25, 2011, file photo, NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith, left, and NFL football Commissioner Roger Goodell speak during a news conference at the NFL Players Association in Washington, after the NFL Players Association executive board and 32 team reps voted unanimously to approve the terms of a deal with owners to the end the 4½-month lockout. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File)



## Virginia print manufacturing mill ceases production

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A Virginia newsprint manufacturing mill is ending production less than a year after it reopened. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reports that White Birch Paper Co. said Friday that it's ceasing production at the Bear Island mill immediately. The Connecticut-based company restarted the mill last year after a previous shutdown in 2017. About 140 people work at the plant. White Birch sold the mill in July 2018 to Cascades Inc., a Canada-based maker of packaging and tissue products. Cascades has said that it plans to invest about \$275 million to make recycled paper products there. White Birch leased the mill back from Cascades and had planned to make newsprint for two years before Cascades expects to take over the operations. The mill previously produced newsprint for the Times-Dispatch and other Virginia publications.



Left to right: American Legion Post 124's Gene Theroux, Ed Dougetry, Ted Gage, Deb Fafard, and Stephen Sycks. (Photo submitted)

## March of Dimes Dinner

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veterans to combat the dreaded polio disease. Gene Theroux, Past Commander of American Legion Post 124, said that they are proud to say that Post 124 is the longest third-party consecutive fundraiser for the March of Dimes in the country. The American Legion will be celebrating its centennial on March 15, 2019 and the Westfield Post 124 received its charter on July 17, 1919. The original Post members, Westfield Veterans who started the tradition 72 years ago, were former State Representative Anthony Parenzo, after whom WSU's Parenzo Hall is named, Alfred Calagari, George Hickson, John "Tux" Murphy and Joseph "Nookie" Calagari.



(Standing from left) Brian Moss, Wunnam Ziblim, and Victoria Kravchuk, Volunteers from Westfield High School's National Honor Society serving dinner to the guests. (Photo submitted)



Left to right: Brian Moss, Thea Glenzei, Wunnam Ziblim, Allison Bower, Victoria Kravchuk of Westfield High School's National Honor Society. (Photo submitted)

## Events at Armbrook Village

WESTFIELD — Noah Lis Entertains at Armbrook Village **March 13, 2019, 3:30 pm** at Armbrook Village Senior Living and Memory Support Community, 551 North Road, Westfield. Join us for a return visit from vocalist Noah Lis, former contestant and finalist on NBC's The Voice! Alzheimer's Support Group at Armbrook Village **March 27, 2019, 6:00 pm** at Armbrook Village Senior Living and Memory Support Community, 551 North Road, Westfield. Enjoy a light dinner and a chance to share your personal experiences and strategies for communicating with your loved one! For more information, call (413) 568-0000. Held on the last Wednesday of every month.

# NFL at 100: Another labor stoppage looms in 2 years

By BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight years ago at this time, when the NFL was hitting a mere 91 and counting, discord between players and owners reached such a fevered state that the league locked out the union.

Two years from now, when the NFL heads into its 102nd season, it could happen again.

Yes, pro football as a business is healthy. Incredibly so, with revenues beyond \$14 billion, TV ratings up and modern stadiums nearly everywhere. But the money-filled pot the league and its players share is beginning to heat up if not exactly boil. The boil could come in 2021, when the 10-year labor deal struck to end the 2011 lockout itself concludes.

It's difficult to argue that the current CBA hasn't been profitable for the people who own the 32 clubs and the hundreds of guys who play for them and are earning seven — and for some, eight — figures a year. It's also impossible to maintain that these are peaceful times overall, with the union and league at odds over nearly every issue, from players' rights to protest, to disciplinary powers for the commissioner, to roster size, to length of schedule.

The 2011 work stoppage seemed a certainty from the time in 2008 that the owners opted out of an agreement reached in 2006 — the final bargaining act between then-Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and union boss Gene Upshaw. Negotiations sputtered until just after midnight on March 12, 2011, when NFLPA President Kevin Mawae, in a simple text to The Associated Press, said "We are locked out."

And they were for 132 days into late July; there was a brief respite by court order that then was overturned. A deal probably could have been reached in a far shorter time, but the union complicated matters by decertifying so it could bring an antitrust lawsuit against the league.

"The lockout, it was not inevitable, it was likely," says Marc Ganis, president of SportsCorp, a Chicago-based consulting firm, and an adviser to several team owners. "All parties could demonstrate to their constituencies how strong their

resolve was to fight for them. For the players, it became be careful what you wish for. They won the first round in a Minnesota court, then it was reversed. The original decision was flat-out wrong and that is why it was reversed. But all of that extended the period by which they were in court and not negotiating."

When there were negotiations, whether in Washington, New York, New England and points elsewhere, they tended to be contentious.

Then, as Ganis notes, "The calendar came up."

The sides had moved into July with some but not enough progress toward an agreement. Training camps were scheduled to open in a few weeks, followed by preseason games that, while despised by veteran players and ignored by lots of fans, are extremely lucrative for owners.

Both sides got serious, dropped the posturing and, by July 14, the parameters of a deal were reached. A week later, the owners voted 31-0 (Oakland abstained) to approve the 10-year CBA, and the players soon after ratified it.

Why 10 years? "For the last five or six months, we've been talking about the business of football," said Patriots owner Robert Kraft, a key figure in the settlement. "But the end result is, we've been able to have an agreement that I think is going to allow this sport to flourish over the next decade."

Business-wise, it certainly has. The average NFL team is worth \$2.57 billion; the least valuable NFL franchise is Buffalo at \$1.6 billion. The average NFL player salary — skewed somewhat by the high price of quarterbacks — is more than \$2 million.

Yet, the storm clouds are gathering. Each side is preparing funding — a war chest, if you will — for a potential labor stoppage.

"It's our job to prepare for wars we don't want to fight," NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith said during Super Bowl week.

"The NFLPA has a difficult job," adds Don Yee, one of the top NFL player agents who represents, among many others, Tom Brady. "Irrespective of the leader, it has been historically difficult

for football players to stick together during any kind of labor effort. If the players want change and progress, they will have to stick together and be willing to make the necessary sacrifices.

"We all know the history of the strikes and stoppages and how many star players crossed picket lines. One of the strengths is that the current director, De Smith, no longer is a rookie. He now has the necessary experience. When he was selected, he had no experience, and that simply is a tough spot to be in."

The contentious issues will be many, of course. Yee, for one, lists these:

- "creating an entity that will have a source of funding that is solely for the benefit of the lifetime health of the players;
- "reforming the 'fine' and 'punishment' system;
- "reforming all league policies that artificially hold down wages, e.g., internal league 'funding rules';
- "reforming the entire free-agency system, including eliminating the salary cap and player 'tags';
- "eliminating the draft;
- "reforming the entire system regarding PEDs, substance use."

Ganis is among those who believe there is plenty of room for agreement.

"There are mutually beneficial deals that can be negotiated where fans get another game, players more money, players get a change in the disciplinary program," Ganis explains. "Where the broadcasters get more inventory, where there are more roster spots and more union jobs. Where there is more attention to player health and safety if that is even possible; they are paying a lot of attention to that."

"There is absolutely a compromise situation where everyone wins," he added. "That doesn't mean they will get there without the pain of negotiating."

Eric Winston, the union president, joked about any greed element, then also expressed optimism about the future.

"Money always will be a major point," he said. "We want 99 percent and they want us to have 0.1 percent. Where do we meet?"

"But there might not be as big a bridge to build," he said.

## Rate Hikes

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rate hikes. Trump has not been as vocal about the Fed since the Fed announced it would be "patient" about future rate hikes, but in a March 2 speech he referred to Powell, without using his name, as a "gentleman" who likes raising rates and who likes tightening credit.

In his 2009 appearance, Bernanke talked about "green shoots" and said he felt the recession would "probably" be over by the end of 2009 if the efforts by the Fed and other government agencies were successful in stabilizing the banking system following the 2008 financial crisis.

The country did emerge from the recession in mid-June of 2009 and is currently in the tenth year of an expansion that will become the longest in U.S. history if it lasts past this June.

In the Sunday broadcast, Powell said while he felt U.S. growth would slow this year, he did not feel the country was headed for a recession.

"The outlook for our economy, in my view, is a favorable one," Powell said. "This year, I expect growth will continue to be positive and continue to be at a healthy rate."

The Fed in January signaled that due to a slowing global economy and other economic risks, it had decided to be "patient" in deciding when to raise interest rates again. Powell also delivered that message last month in testimony before Congress.

While the Fed in December had signaled it expected to raise rates two more times in 2019, many economists believe the central bank will now keep rates unchanged for a prolonged period and may not hike rates at all this year.

The economy grew at a solid 2.9 percent rate in 2018, helped by Trump's tax cuts and billions of dollars of increased government spending. But economists believe that support will wane this year and with the global economy slowing, the U.S. economy is likely to slow to growth of just above 2 percent.

On other topics, Powell: Said he did not see much evidence that financial markets

had gotten "irrationally exuberant" but he did say that there were some areas that were "hotter than others" such as leveraged lending being extended to corporations.

Said that while the economy might achieve annual growth of 4 percent in some years it would be difficult to have an extended period with growth that high because growth in the labor market and productivity, the two factors that determine overall growth, had both slowed.

Described the federal government's growing debt burden as an "unsustainable path but said at the moment the country was "not on the verge of a debt crisis or anything like that." He said the government will ultimately find a way to deal with the debt problem.

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A crowd fills the YMCA gym for Saturday's Chili, Chowder, Chocolate Cook-Off benefiting the Y's Livestrong program.



Westfield State's Caitlyn Wheeler, Kevin Perrault, and Jessica Gannon dish out the chocolates, chili, and chowder.



From the Westfield Police Department booth, Steven Nacewicz and Mark Carboneau serve up some fine chili to JoAnn Graydon.



Maureen Basile of Maureen's Sweet Shop shows off some fudge to Sylvia Abar of Westfield.

# YMCA's Chili, Chowder, Chocolate Cook-Off

A Chili, Chowder, Chocolate Cook-Off was held Saturday at the Westfield YMCA benefitting the Y's Livestrong program. Several hundred attendees were treated to delectables from various organizations including the Westfield police and fire departments, Kiwanis Club of Westfield, and Westfield State University.



Members of the Westfield Fire Department take their chili competition seriously. L-R David Albert, Niles Lavaley, Mike Albert, and Ben Hogan.



George and Geana Delisle check out one of the many chili offerings.



Sonia Brill is ready for a little dessert at the Westfield YMCA's Chili, Chowder, Chocolate Cook Off.



Charles Singleton tries one of the many chili recipes at Saturday's Cook Off.



Christine Michonski makes her pick for favorite chili while Grace Iglesias ponders the choices.



The Lavelle family gets a taste of some chowder from the Tekoa Country Club's Anthony Padilla.

## Safe Routes

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Street. All within less than two miles of either Powder Mill or Woodland School that are used by children who walk or bike to school. Powder Mill Road features baseball and soccer fields as well as Whalley Park, all places children utilize and travel to on their own.

At a meeting with the school district this past December, Fox brought the SRTS program up for discussion with Superintendent Jen Willard. Fox noted that implementing the SRTS program affects the town's budget, as it could help the town secure funding to help the district's school resource officer as well as further enhance Advance Life Support tools that first responders would have access to at the schools.

However, according to Willard in December, the school district currently has 39 walkers across all three schools in the district. Pointing out that it would be a year-long process with the SRTS program where the district would have to do all of these initiatives to get students to walk to school, the district still may not be able to get the funding they want from the program once those initiatives have been complete.

After the meeting last week, Fox did have some optimism for the program after speaking with Presnal.

"He's hoping to looking at it and that's all we're asking," said Fox.

The plan moving forward is to hold another meeting with town officials after Brown gathers more information.

"Once Randy (Brown) has more information and it's viable, we're going to have a session with the principals for the two schools involved," said Fox.

Fox added that Willard as well as Chief of Police Kevin Bishop and other town officials could be invited to the meeting.

## WE2BA

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during the first week in June. Richter will be talking to them about how to take care of themselves, self-care, before their presentations.

Part of the presentation will be teaching students the Superman pose, which Keane demonstrated with arms stretched high for confidence. "People can't just walk into a class and present. It has to be engaging," Keane said.

"It's having a great impact on the students. It's encouraging to see the business community stepping up," said WHS Principal Charles "Chuck" Jendrysik.

The Adopt a Classroom program is not the only opportunity for community businesses to get involved with the schools this year. Recently, the Westfield Middle School held a career symposium, inviting 17 professionals in to speak to students about their work. Keane said at a reception afterwards, each of the business leaders gave positive feedback.

The High School Career Fair is also scheduled for April 25 at Westfield State, for both WHS and WTA. Phelon said the goal is to have 75 businesses attend. Some hands on displays are being planned, including the Department of Public Works and Lane Construction, both of which are bringing in equipment. She said there is also talk about

having a police cruiser and emergency equipment from the University simulation lab.

Phelon said from a business point of view, the fair is an opportunity for the business community to show the students what businesses and career opportunities are here in Westfield, even for students on a college pathway, to encourage them to come back.

Czaporowski said the career fairs are important to help students find career choices that fit their interests.

Phelon said they need more businesses, both Chamber members and non-members, to become involved in WE2BA. "This is our future workforce. Businesses need to be involved with our students' education, to be part of the solution. Whether students are on a college or career pathway," Phelon said, adding that it's important for businesses to have a "buy-in" with the schools.

"Having the businesses have a voice, helps the school in our program focusing on 21st century skills," said Jendrysik.

"It's about community. We want to provide businesses with a future work force that is invested in the community; that lives here, plays here, and will come back here," Czaporowski said.

"It's about the future," Phelon added.

## Bingo Event

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such as Coach, Kate Spade, Tory Burch, Dooney & Bourke, as well as others in a wide variety of sizes, colors and styles, according to Lassard.

"The raffle will include some great prizes from our vendor sponsors, as well as gift cards and donations from our supporters," said Lassard. "There may even be an opportunity to win a special besties bundle consisting of two purses and two tickets to our Nov. 2 80's dance party prom event."

All designer bags and runner-up wristlets are all new with tags and have either been purchased by board members, or "with much appreciation," donated or sponsored, added Lassard.

"If there is more than one winner per bingo game, names will be placed in a pool and a name will be drawn for the handbag," said Lassard. "The remaining names will go into a second-round drawing for one of the wristlets. If we sell out

the evening, there would be more than 10 wristlets available."

Working behind the scenes with Lassard includes board members Tammy Glynn, who is the chairperson, Marianne Langlois, Linda Linard-Ligsukis and Brenda Tyrowicz. Also, Elaine Weatherwax is a new volunteer for the fundraiser, and Susan Cash Cannizo is adding her support to the effort.

At press time, the committee is also looking for local

residents who would like to make a guest appearance as an emcee or a bingo caller to contact Lassard at admin@westernmassmomprom.com or astarmary@msn.com.

To purchase tickets, visit www.westernmassmomprom.com or checks can be mailed to 37 Daniel Ridge, Westfield, MA 01085. Checks should be made payable to Western Mass Mom Prom and include your name on the memo line and a note if you are purchasing food.

Lassard noted that supporting events like the bingo fundraiser can make a "big impact" for those survivors and warriors in the region.

"The smiles of the survivors and warriors, especially my mother, along with friends, family and supporters the night of the Mom Prom was just truly amazing and inspirational and that alone will keep me coming back year after year," said Lassard.

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# SPORTS



The Longmeadow High School girls ice hockey (WHS co-op) team celebrated a Division 1 state quarterfinal victory against Shrewsbury, 3-2, Friday at Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center. (Photo by Bill Deren)

## Longmeadow vs. Methuen: Round 3

By CHRIS PUTZ

Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – While the Longmeadow High School girls ice hockey (WHS co-op) team is playing in its first Division 1 state semifinal, there is something familiar about this game.

For the third time in four years, Longmeadow will face Methuen-Tewksbury in the postseason.

Methuen-Tewksbury knocked Longmeadow out of the playoffs in consecutive seasons (2015-16, '16-'17) behind a heroic effort from forward Kelly Golini. Golini had a hand in all six of her team's goals in the 2016 matchup with the Lancers, scoring three goals and assisting on three others. She followed that up with a hat trick the following year.

Last season, Longmeadow suffered an

upsetting preliminary round loss to HPNA despite a hat trick from the Lancers' sensational forward Brigitte Goeler-Slough.

This season, Goeler-Slough and No. 7 Longmeadow (14-2) have, thus far, put it all together, shutting out No. 26 Brookline 3-0, dominating No. 23 Masconomet Regional 6-1, and turning back No. 15 Shrewsbury 3-2 to advance to Monday's semifinal game against third-seeded Methuen (20-1-1).

After receiving a preliminary round bye, Methuen dismantled No. 19 Westford Academy, 6-2, before thrashing No. 11 Peabody-Lynnfield-North Reading in the quarterfinals, 7-1.

The two teams will square off at O'Brien Arena in Woburn at 7:30 p.m.

"They're a good team," Longmeadow coach Melissa Vandermyn said in describing

Methuen. "They lost their top scorer, but ... they have another."

That likely will not deter Longmeadow, which has been playing with a bit of an edge or somewhat of a swagger unmatched by previous Lancers' squads.

That might be somewhat surprising to their most harshest critics, considering this team is comprised of girls hockey players from all over Western Massachusetts.

"It's definitely hard if you only get to see people at practice every day," Goeler-Slough said. "You don't get to see them in school and you don't get to grow as a team like that, but I think we have a really great time. We do a lot of team bonding after practices and stuff like that."

While Goeler-Slough hails from Northampton, three players are from Westfield

(Jordan Kowalski, Samantha Scanlon, Madison Fox), one from Southwick (Kayla Russ), and one from the hill towns (Kaitlyn Quinn).

"I think we all bring something a little bit different to the team and from our different school," Goeler-Slough said. "We're able to work really well together."

Longmeadow senior goalie Kayla Brown has delivered a tremendous effort as well, allowing just three goals through three games and corraling 28 saves in the quarterfinals.

"This is everything to us," Brown said. "This is what we've been working for for three years now. We're a new program and we really want to define ourselves as having a presence in Massachusetts. Western Mass is kind of ignored for hockey and we really want to change that."



Emily Woodworth delivers a pitch against Scranton.

## Softball drops pair to Open Season

Westfield State softball dropped its opening two games in Florida, losing a close one late, 5-4 to the US Coast Guard Academy in the season opener, then falling by a 10-1 final to the University of Scranton in the Sunday nightcap.

GAME ONE- COAST GUARD 5; WESTFIELD 4

Westfield took a 2-0 lead with two RBI's on a double from Caitlin Hughes.

Senior Sharayah Simco cut the deficit, putting the Bears on the board, 2-1 as she grounded out to shortstop, with an RBI at the top of the first.

The Bears took a 3-2 lead at the top of the third as McKenna advanced to second with two RBI's.

Bri Tortora hit a triple for the Owls to bring in two RBI's and tie the game 4-4 in the bottom of the fourth.

Sophomore Charlee Kraiss led off with a double, advanced to third on a ground out by Courtney McKenna and

scored on a passed ball to give Coast Guard a 5-4 lead at the top of the seventh.

Ferris pitched a clean inning, retiring the last three batters of the game with help from a diving catch from McKenna to end the game.

GAME TWO - SCRANTON 10, WESTFIELD 1

Scranton jumped out to a 2-0 with the help of two unearned runs in the top of the first, and added another run in the second.

Westfield State starter Emily Woodworth worked out of a bases-loaded, none-out situation in the second inning, inducing three straight fielders choice groundouts that retired two Royals runners at the plate to limit the damage in the inning.

The Owls pushed their lone run across in the third, as leadoff hitter Lindsay Cordopatri singled, took second on a wild pitch, advanced to third on a

sacrifice bunt and scored on another wild pitch to cut the lead to 3-1. Westfield had two on via the walk with only one out in the inning, but were unable to push another run across.

Scranton finally put together a big inning in the fourth, scoring four runs on four hits and two walks.

Westfield mustered another chance in the sixth, mulling two aboard with one out, but a fielders choice and a spectacular diving catch on Karly Mastello's line drive by Scranton second baseman Jessica Indelicato ended the threat.

Woodworth took the loss for the Owls, with Brenna Welch working the final three innings. Jennifer Sweeney went the distance to earn the pitching win for the Royals, and reached base four times and drove in two runs at the plate to help her own cause. Indelicato and Maggie Donnelly each had a pair of hits.

## Owls Outfox Lesley, 14-2

KISSIMMEE, Fla. -- Westfield State University baseball rapped out 15 hits, including six extra-base hits as the Owls raced past Lesley University, 14-2 at the Osceola Heritage Park on Sunday morning.

Nick Martin led the Owls with three hits, including two triples and three runs scored. Jake Gibb added three hits with a double and three runs batted in, and Casey Boudreau and Colin Dunn each added two hits and two runs batted in.

Shane Bogli started for the Owls and worked 4.1 innings while giving up just one earned run. Alex Honey picked up the win in relief, and Frankie Novio worked a 1-2-3 seventh inning for the Owls to seal the win via the RussMatt Invitational's 10-run lead after seven innings rule.

Westfield will be back in action tomorrow at the Osceola County Stadium in Kissimmee, the former Spring Training home of the Houston Astros, and the current home field for the Atlanta Braves' minor league A-ball franchise the Florida Fire Frogs.

The Owls square off with Suffolk University at 2 p.m.



Aaron Clancy tries to avoid being tagged out at the plate while trying to score on a would-be inside-the-park home run. Clancy was tagged out on the play as the Owls waved him home trying to ensure that the 10-run rule would end the Owls 14-2 win over Lesley.



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x-Tampa Bay	69	52	13	4	108	266	181
Boston	69	42	18	9	93	207	173
Toronto	68	42	21	5	89	244	193
Washington	69	41	21	7	89	237	212
N.Y. Islanders	68	39	22	7	85	198	168
Pittsburgh	69	37	23	9	83	237	210
Carolina	68	37	24	7	81	205	191
Columbus	68	38	27	3	79	209	202
Montreal	69	36	26	7	79	208	207
Philadelphia	68	33	27	8	74	209	226
Florida	69	30	27	12	72	224	234
Buffalo	68	30	29	9	69	194	219
N.Y. Rangers	68	28	28	12	68	196	224
New Jersey	69	25	35	9	59	191	232
Detroit	69	24	35	10	58	188	238
Ottawa	69	23	40	6	52	203	258

WESTERN CONFERENCE							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	69	42	20	7	91	241	199
San Jose	68	41	19	8	90	246	210
Winnipeg	68	40	24	4	84	233	202
Nashville	70	39	26	5	83	210	189
Vegas	70	38	27	5	81	212	196
St. Louis	68	36	25	7	79	198	188
Dallas	68	35	28	5	75	172	172
Minnesota	69	33	28	8	74	191	202
Arizona	68	34	29	5	73	183	188
Colorado	69	30	27	12	72	223	215
Edmonton	68	30	31	7	67	192	221
Chicago	68	29	30	9	67	227	255
Vancouver	69	28	32	9	65	187	217
Anaheim	70	27	34	9	63	161	214
Los Angeles	69	25	36	8	58	164	220

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 Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 2  
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 Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 1  
 Chicago 2, Dallas 1  
 Carolina 5, Nashville 3  
 Arizona 4, Los Angeles 2  
 Vegas 6, Vancouver 2

**Sunday's Games**  
 Florida 6, Detroit 1  
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 Pittsburgh 4, Boston 2  
 Calgary 6, Vegas 3  
 Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2

**Monday's Games**  
 Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

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 Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
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 N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

# Penguins end Bruins' 19-game point streak with 4-2 win

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jared McCann scored twice, Matt Murray finished with 39 saves and the Pittsburgh Penguins handed the Boston Bruins their first regulation loss since January with a 4-2 victory on Sunday night.

Nick Bjugstad and Jake Guentzel also scored for the Penguins, who survived another late push by the Bruins.

David Krejci picked up his 19th of the season and John Moore got Boston within one when he scored with just over a minute to go. But the Bruins couldn't complete the comeback, ending their 19-game point streak.

It was the first regulation loss for Krejci and company since Jan. 19 against the New York Rangers.

Jaroslav Halak made 33 stops, but Boston remained winless in Pittsburgh since December 2015.

CAPITALS 3, JETS 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carl Hagelin scored the go-ahead goal on a breakaway out of the penalty box and Pheonix Copley made 33 saves, helping the Capitals to their seventh consecutive victory.

Led by Copley, Hagelin and Nick Jensen, the Capitals killed off all five minor penalties they took and won despite being outshot 34-18. They haven't lost since adding Hagelin and Jensen to their lineup before the trade deadline.

Nicklas Backstrom also scored and Lars Eller added an empty-netter for the Capitals, who now lead the Metropolitan Division by four points.

Mathieu Perreault scored for Winnipeg, and Connor Hellebuyck made 15 saves.

FLAMES 6, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 3

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Matthew Tkachuk scored three goals for his first NHL hat trick, and Calgary snapped Vegas' six-game winning streak.

Mikael Backlund added two goals and an assist for the Flames, who ended a four-game

skid to move back atop the Pacific Division standings ahead of San Jose.

Playing alongside Tkachuk and Backlund, right wing Michael Frolik had four assists as the line combined for 11 points. Andrew Mangiapane also scored for Calgary, and David Rittich made 25 saves.

Brandon Pirri, Reilly Smith and Mark Stone scored for the Golden Knights. Malcolm Subban finished with 29 saves.

PANTHERS 6, RED WINGS 1

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Aleksander Barkov reached 30 goals for the first time in his career, and Florida earned its second straight win since a costly six-game slide.

Josh Brown and Dryden Hunt each scored their first NHL goal for the Panthers. Jonathan Huberdeau had a goal and an assist, and Jamie McGinn and Frank Vatrano also scored.

Making his third NHL start, Sam Montembeault stopped 19 shots as the Panthers finished their season series against the Red Wings with a 3-0-1 record.

The 23-year-old Barkov had at least 21 goals in each of the previous three seasons, but he had never reached 30 until he made it 6-1 7:44 into the third period.

Thomas Vanek had a power-play goal for Detroit, which dropped to 1-7-3 in its past 11 games. Jimmy Howard had 37 saves.

KINGS 3, DUCKS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Carl Grundstrom scored his second NHL goal in his second career game and the Kings won for just the second time in 15 games.

Dustin Brown and Kyle Clifford also scored first-period goals, and Jonathan Quick made 18 saves in the 15th-place Kings' second win in the Freeway Faceoff rivalry this season.

Jakob Silfverberg and Daniel Sprong scored for the 14th-place Ducks, who followed up an impressive performance against Montreal with a lifeless effort against their neighbors. Ryan Miller stopped 22 shots.

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Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James gestures after scoring during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in Los Angeles. The Nuggets won 115-99. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

# All about LeBron: Where does the Lakers star go from here?

The year was 2005. No one had an iPhone. No one had tweeted. Facebook wasn't part of the mainstream.

And it was the last time the NBA playoffs didn't have LeBron James.

The Los Angeles Lakers aren't mathematically eliminated from postseason consideration yet, but it's only a matter of time. For the first time in 14 years, the postseason will begin without James — and for the first time in nine years, the NBA Finals will be played without him.

It will be a very long offseason for James. It is not what he envisioned, either.

"It's challenging," James said of the current state of the Lakers. "But I kind of knew what I was getting myself into."

That's not entirely true. He knew it would be difficult but he couldn't have foreseen anything like this, since the only other losing season of his life came when he was a rookie in 2003-04.

Thing is, he doesn't possibly know what comes next. No one does. The offseason will see roster change, top free agents to play alongside James will be pursued hard by Rob Pelinka and Magic Johnson, and it will not be a surprise if the Lakers decide Luke Walton isn't the right coach anymore.

But the key for the 2019-20 Lakers — obviously — is going to be James. The grind of eight straight runs to the NBA Finals is over. He's about to get six months off to rest, recover, reset, heal, think, plot, prepare. It's been a long time since that happened, and at this point in his career it might be precisely what he needs.

"Rest is going to help," said Miami guard Dwyane Wade, one of James' closest friends. "I think the biggest thing with him is probably mental, the mental break from it. Physically, obviously, he's getting older but he's still very good at this game. Look at his numbers. They're still very good. But he's been going at it for a long time, so to get away from it and kind of look at it from a different lens, it'll definitely help."

It has been proven that setbacks inspire James.

Miami lost the 2011 NBA Finals in his first season with the Heat. Fueled by that, he came back the next year better than ever, and his fingerprints smudged the Larry O'Brien Trophy for the first time in 2012. Cleveland lost the 2015 finals in his first year back there, and he carried that all the way to winning the 2016 title.

Of course, he was younger then.

He'll turn 35 in December. Next season is his 17th in the NBA. Does he have the ability to engineer the sort of turnaround that LA needs?

Kevin Love, his former Cleveland teammate, has no doubt.

"Just having that break, being able to reassess and come back really, really highly moti-

vated, I think it's going to be big for him," Love said. "If you get Bron highly motivated, anything can happen."

James is still putting up amazing numbers. At 34, he's on pace to become the oldest person in NBA history to average 27 points, eight assists and eight rebounds. If it happens, he'll break the record set by 33-year-old LeBron James last season. No other 30-something has finished a season with stats like that.

Still, this Lakers' season is lost. But Wade warns against expecting the same next season.

"This is definitely going to make him hungrier for what he's trying to accomplish next year," Wade said.

### MORE JAMES

James passed Michael Jordan for No. 4 on the NBA's all-time regular season scoring list last week.

This week, he'll pass Kobe Bryant on another scoring list.

Including playoff games, James now has 39,252 points. That leaves him 31 shy of matching Bryant for No. 3 on the all-time total points list, when including the postseason. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has 44,154 points including playoffs, Karl Malone has 41,689 and Bryant scored 39,283.

Bryant will remain No. 3 on the regular-season list, though James is on pace to pass him in that department next season.

### AND MORE JAMES

One thing to think about as James enters potentially six months without any basketball: It might not be six months without any basketball.

USA Basketball certainly is hoping that's the case.

With the FIBA World Cup looming in China this summer, and with the Americans — set to be coached by Gregg Popovich — not convening for camp until more than three months after the end of the Lakers' season, it would seem like James would have plenty of time to feel refreshed and ready for a return to game action by then.

There are pros and cons that he'll consider.

Pros: He's enormously popular in China, he's greatly enjoyed playing for USA Basketball before and the chance to be coached by Popovich is going to be a major selling point.

Cons: The tournament goes until Sept. 15, which is not long before the start of NBA training camps, and the Lakers have to go to China for preseason games next fall. Even from Los Angeles, that's a long flight and it remains to be seen if James would want to make it twice in a relatively short amount of time.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

A game to watch each day this week, as the playoff races continue getting hotter:

— Monday, Boston at L.A. Clippers: The Celtics are red-hot, while the Clippers' Doc

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
x-Milwaukee	50	17	.746	—	7-3	L-1	27-5	23-12	34-8
x-Toronto	48	19	.716	2	7-3	W-2	27-7	21-12	29-12
Indiana	42	25	.627	8	4-6	L-2	25-9	17-16	29-15
Philadelphia	42	25	.627	8	6-4	W-1	26-9	16-16	24-16
Boston	41	26	.612	9	5-5	W-3	24-10	17-16	28-13
Detroit	34	31	.523	15	8-2	W-5	21-13	13-18	24-19
Brooklyn	35	33	.515	15½	6-4	W-3	20-16	15-17	24-20
Miami	31	35	.470	18½	5-5	L-1	15-19	16-16	18-22
Orlando	31	37	.456	19½	5-5	L-1	18-16	13-21	21-19
Charlotte	30	36	.455	19½	3-7	L-1	21-14	9-22	23-20
Washington	27	39	.409	22½	3-7	L-2	19-12	8-27	18-27
Atlanta	23	45	.338	27½	4-6	W-1	12-21	11-24	13-31
Chicago	19	49	.279	31½	5-5	L-2	8-26	11-23	14-30
Cleveland	16	50	.242	33½	5-5	L-2	10-24	6-26	12-32
New York	13	54	.194	37	3-7	L-6	6-26	7-28	8-35

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Golden State	45	21	.682	—	4-6	L-1	24-10	21-11	27-13
Denver	43	22	.662	1½	6-4	L-1	27-6	16-16	28-14
Houston	41	25	.621	4	8-2	W-8	23-9	18-16	23-17
Oklahoma City	40	26	.606	5	3-7	L-1	22-9	18-17	24-20
Portland	40	26	.606	5	7-3	W-1	25-9	15-17	21-21
Utah	37	28	.569	7½	6-4	L-1	21-11	16-17	23-19
San Antonio	38	29	.567	7½	6-4	W-5	26-7	12-22	26-19
L.A. Clippers	38	29	.567	7½	7-3	W-4	19-12	19-17	25-20
Sacramento	33	32	.508	11½	4-6	W-1	20-14	13-18	17-24
Minnesota	32	35	.478	13½	5-5	W-2	23-10	9-25	19-22
L.A. Lakers	30	36	.455	15	2-8	L-5	18-16	12-20	21-23
New Orleans	30	39	.435	16½	4-6	L-3	18-14	12-25	20-23
Memphis	28	40	.412	18	5-5	W-3	18-17	10-23	19-23
Dallas	27	39	.409	18	1-9	L-5	21-12	6-27	14-25
Phoenix	16	52	.235	30	5-5	W-1	10-23	6-29	9-33

### Sunday's Games

Detroit 131, Chicago 108  
Philadelphia 106, Indiana 89  
Toronto 125, Miami 104  
Atlanta 128, New Orleans 116  
Memphis 105, Orlando 97  
Houston 94, Dallas 93  
Minnesota 103, New York 92  
San Antonio 121, Milwaukee 114  
Phoenix 115, Golden State 111

### Monday's Games

Sacramento at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

### Tuesday's Games

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
San Antonio at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Denver, 10:30 p.m.  
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

### Wednesday's Games

Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Memphis at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Houston, 9:30 p.m.  
Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

### Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Dallas at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Rivers is a major coach of the year candidate.

— Tuesday, San Antonio at Dallas: Spurs are 2-0 against the Mavericks this season, winning those games by a total of nine points.

— Wednesday, Golden State at Houston: The Rockets are simply rolling right now, and are 3-0 against the Warriors this season.

— Thursday, Cleveland at Orlando: The Magic will not go away in the East playoff chase, and are 6-1 since Jan. 31 in home games.

— Friday, Charlotte at Washington: They

played a down-to-the-wire game last week, and both teams are fighting for their playoff lives.

— Saturday, Golden State at Oklahoma City: National TV game, and Kevin Durant's only trip this season back to his old home court.

— Sunday, Philadelphia at Milwaukee: These teams haven't played since Oct. 24, when Giannis Antetokounmpo did whatever he wanted.



Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, right, knocks the ball from the hands of Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James during the second half of an NBA basketball game Friday, March 1, 2019, in Los Angeles. The Bucks won 131-120. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)



# Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

## Vitamin D Quandary

**Dear Annie:** Lately, I've been reading that people aren't getting enough vitamin D. But I also hear that people should wear sunscreen more regularly. Doesn't wearing sunscreen limit the amount of vitamin D absorbed by your skin? How can we get more vitamin D while still wearing sunscreen every day? I hear that supplements are never as good as naturally occurring vitamins (in food, from the sun, etc.). I don't want vitamin D deficiency! -- Disconcerted About Vitamin D

**Dear Disconcerted:** Vitamin D is indeed important. It's one component of good bone health, as it helps our bodies absorb calcium. Humans evolved to be able to get all the vitamin D we need from the sun. But these days, we aren't out in the sun long enough for that to be sufficient -- and if we were, we'd be exposing ourselves to damaging, cancer-causing UV rays.

Fortunately, there are other options. There are a few things you can eat that naturally contain vitamin D -- mostly seafood, such as salmon and trout, but also portobello mushrooms that have been grown outside. More likely than not, you'll need to rely on foods that have been fortified with vitamin D or take a supplement to meet your daily nutritional needs. You are correct that naturally occurring sources of vitamins and minerals are preferable to supplements, but something is better than nothing. In the U.S., milks (including most nondairy milks) are fortified with vitamin D, as are many orange juices and cereals. You may also want to take a vitamin D supplement with your largest meal of the day -- but don't overdo it. According to Harvard Women's Health Watch, some recent studies have suggested that taking too much vitamin D can be harmful.

Keep wearing sunscreen. Harvard Health notes that "very few people put on enough sunscreen to block all UVB light." The benefits you stand to gain from blocking out the sun's UV rays are worth risking getting less vitamin D.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "To Go or Not to Go," who is refusing to attend her son's wedding because she doesn't approve of his bride. Your advice was good, but I don't think you went far enough.

Does this person not realize how controlling and hypocritical she is? That, too, is a form of abuse. First she has no contact with the bride-to-be for months, and then she buys her a diamond bracelet to make amends when her emotional blackmail doesn't work. And now she refuses to go to the wedding because it's not on a convenient date for her and her husband. The date is none of their business. Neither is anything else to do with the relationship.

Please advise people to stay out of their children's personal lives unless there is real physical or emotional abuse.

If this young man is making the wrong choice -- which is entirely possible at the age of 25 -- it will be a learning experience for him, and it is his, not their, decision to make.

I dealt with a controlling mother-in-law for years. No one could please her. She made my husband's and my lives miserable, as well as those of her other children. Thanks for listening. -- Been on the Other Side

**Dear Been on the Other Side:** And thank you for writing. You make an excellent point -- that even if this young man is making a mistake, it's his mistake to make, and family should not interfere unless there is abuse.

## HINTS FROM HELOISE

### THE PAINS OF GRIPING

Dear Readers: Today's SOUND OFF is about hypochondria. -- Heloise

"Dear Heloise: Why is it some people love to talk about their aches and pains nonstop? Two of my friends seem to do nothing but complain about every little ache and pain. They weren't this way years ago, but as they've aged, it's the main source of conversation with them. I've tried changing the subject, but they go right back to complaining about their health. After whining about minor aches, they complain that their kids never visit them. They drive people away with their complaints. There's an old saying, 'No one wants to hear about your health unless it's good.' Even then, keep it to a minimum and don't exaggerate."

"Instead of looking for the negative side of life, look for the positive, because it's all around you. No one has a perfect life, and no matter how much you have, there will always be problems of one kind or another. How you handle those problems will determine how happy you are. Complaining about them continuously will leave you lonely and isolated." -- Margie in Houston

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### FAST FACTS

Dear Readers: Here are some additional uses for baking soda:

- \* Sprinkle on carpets to deodorize before vacuuming.
- \* Use in place of toothpaste.
- \* Clean a stainless steel sink.
- \* Open a box and place in the fridge to deodorize.

-- Heloise



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

## TV Sports Listings

**Monday, Mar. 11**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
 6 p.m.  
 CBSSN — CAA Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN — Southern Conference Tournament: Teams TBD, championship  
 ESPNU — Horizon League Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
 8:30 p.m.  
 CBSSN — CAA Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
 9 p.m.  
 ESPN — WCC Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
 ESPN2 — MAAC Tournament: Teams TBD, championship  
 9:30 p.m.  
 ESPNU — Horizon League Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
 11:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — WCC Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
 2:30 p.m.  
 ESPNU — Metro Atlantic Tournament: Teams TBD, championship

4 p.m.  
 FS1 — Big East Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
 6:30 p.m.  
 FS1 — Big East Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — American Athletic Tournament: Teams TBD, championship  
 9 p.m.  
 FS1 — Big 12 Tournament: Teams TBD, championship  
**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 SEC — Arkansas at Ole Miss  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 NBA — Toronto at Cleveland  
 10:30 p.m.  
 NBA — Boston at LA Clippers  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
 8 p.m.  
 NBCSN — San Jose at Minnesota  
**SPEEDSKATING**  
 11:30 p.m.  
 NBCSN — ISU World Cup: day 2 of ISU World Cup final, Salt Lake City, Utah

## At The Movies



This image released by Disney-Marvel Studios shows Brie Larson in a scene from "Captain Marvel." (Disney-Marvel Studios via AP)

# 'Captain Marvel' rockets to historic \$153M debut

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — "Captain Marvel," Marvel Studios' first female-fronted superhero movie, launched with \$153 million domestically and \$455 million globally, according to studio estimates Sunday, making it one of the biggest blockbusters ever led by a woman.

Brie Larson's Carol Danvers, a character who first debuted in Marvel Comics in 1968, had never before made it into the movies and was previously lesser known than many Marvel heroes. But "Captain Marvel," which came in at the high end of the Walt Disney Co.'s expectations, ranks as one of Marvel's most successful character debuts.

Only "The Avengers" movies, "Black Panther," "Captain America: Civil War" and "Iron Man 3" have opened better in the Marvel cinematic universe.

"She definitely pushed us higher, further, faster," said Disney distribution chief Cathleen Taff.

"Captain Marvel" rocketed up other record books, too. It sets a new worldwide mark for a film directed or co-directed by a woman. "Captain Marvel" was helmed by the filmmaking team of Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, who previously made the indies "Half Nelson" and "Mississippi Grind."

It's the sixth largest worldwide debut ever. The only movie with a female lead that's opened better globally was "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which grossed \$529 million when it debuted in 2015.

Like the "Force Awakens" sequel "The Last Jedi," "Captain Marvel" had to tangle with trolls who sought to lessen the film's impact. Some fans claimed Larson's hero didn't smile enough, a charge she responded to with doctored pictures of previous male Marvel superheroes with awkwardly full grins. Others took issue with Larson's statements about making her press interviews for the film more inclusive and not "overwhelmingly white male."

The anti-"Captain Marvel" campaign included the flooding of Rotten Tomatoes audience scores, which artificially drove down the film's score to 55 percent fresh from more than 44,000 votes as of Sunday. To combat the down-voting issue in advance of "Captain Marvel," Rotten Tomatoes (which doesn't require users to verify that they've seen a movie that they're scoring) removed the ability to rate movies prior to release.

Taff declined to address "Captain Marvel" foes but applauded Marvel and Kevin Feige for propelling a movie that expanded the Marvel universe.

"What they believe is that the more you diversify perspective and experience in front of and behind the camera, the better the movies and the stories are," said Taff of Marvel. "You see that in their track record. I think you see that in their box office. And I think you see that in the broadening of their fan base."

CinemaScore, which relies on interviews with audience members coming out of theaters, found crowds very much liked "Captain Marvel," giving it an A rating. Reviews were less enthusiastic but still good, landing 79 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes.

It was easily the best opening of any movie thus far in 2019. The box office had been frigidly cold coming into the weekend with ticket sales down 26 percent, according to

Comscore. "Captain Marvel" single-handedly chopped almost 5 percent off that figure with a weekend that overall was up 47 percent from the same last year.

"The box office year of 2019 officially started this weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore. "We're going to have one of the biggest box-office years ever but looking at the first two months, you wouldn't know it."

Audiences in the U.S. and Canada for "Captain Marvel" were 55 percent male and 45 percent female. International grosses were especially strong, led by \$89.3 million in China, where "Captain Marvel" trailed only "Captain America: Civil War" and "Avengers: Infinity War" among Marvel releases.

For Disney, it's a strong start for a year littered with tentpole releases, some of which are sure to surpass "Captain Marvel," including: "Avengers: Endgame," "Toy Story 4," a remake of "The Lion King" and the next "Star Wars" movie.

Last week's top film, "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," slid to a distant second place in its third weekend of release with \$14.7 million. In its second weekend, Tyler Perry's "A Madea Family Funeral" dropped 55 percent with \$12 million. It's made \$45.9 million in 10 days.

"Captain Marvel" scared away any new wide releases. Vincent D'Onofrio's directorial debut, "The Kid," was largely overlooked by moviegoers. It sold \$505,000 of tickets in 268 theaters.

A24's "Gloria Bell," Sebastian Lelio's remake of his own Chilean drama, opened strongly in limited release with \$154,775 in five theaters. The film stars Julianne Moore and a middle-aged Los Angeles divorcee.

"Apollo 11," the acclaimed moon landing documentary featuring newly discovered and restored footage, continued to pack theaters. It made \$1.3 million from 285 locations, including many IMAX screens.

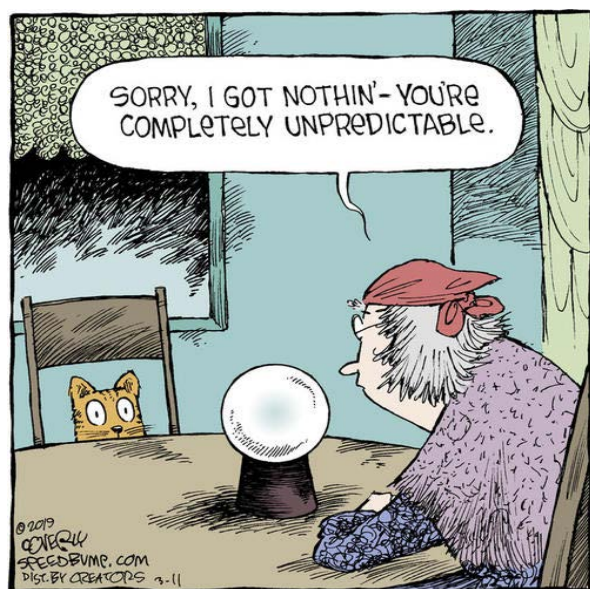
Academy Award best-picture winner "Green Book" continued to see one of the largest Oscar bumps in years. It grossed \$28.3 million overseas, boosted significantly by \$15.7 in its second weekend in China. With \$242.2 million worldwide, "Green Book" is the highest grossing best picture-winner since "The King's Speech."

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. "Captain Marvel," \$153 million (\$302 million international).
2. "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," \$14.7 million (\$21.7 million international).
3. "A Madea Family Funeral," \$12.1 million.
4. "Lego Movie 2: The Second Part," \$3.8 million (\$3.9 million international).
5. "Alita: Battle Angel," \$3.2 million (\$11.6 million international).
6. "Green Book," \$2.5 million (\$28.3 million international).
7. "Isn't it Romantic," \$2.4 million.
8. "Fighting With My Family," \$2.2 million (\$1.5 million international).
9. "Greta," \$2.2 million.
10. "Apollo 11," \$1.3 million.

# COMICS

**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



**AGNES** Tony Cochran



**ARCHIE** Fernando Ruiz and Craig Boldman



**RUBES** Leigh Rubin



Trade secrets of the chopstick industry revealed

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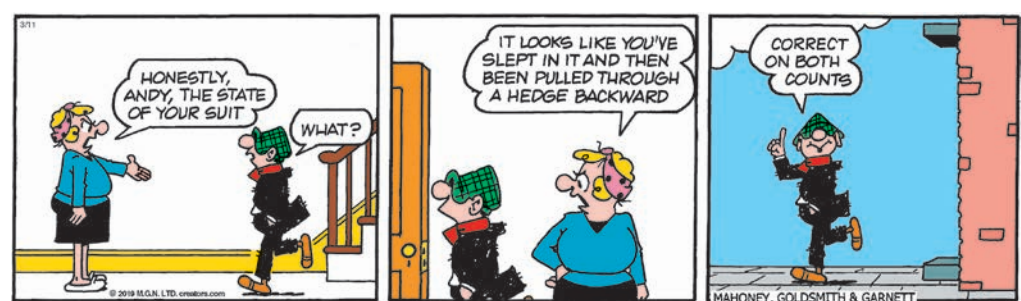
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**ZACK HILL** John Deering and John Newcombe



## YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, March 11, 2019: This year, you'll make your thoughts known, and others will respond in a forceful manner. You'll often be found debating the issues. If single, you might feel as though you've met The One. Try to stay realistic and accept this person's negative characteristics, too. If you're attached, you and your partner could be focused on creating a warmer, more-exciting bond. You will. **TAURUS** always has a stabilizing idea.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★ Your determination earmarks whatever you focus on and deem important. You have the energy to take a project to its grass roots and redesign it if necessary. Your patience and resourcefulness ensure that you come out with a sure winner. Tonight: Let the party begin!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ You refuse to accept "no" when it comes to a project or heartfelt request. How you approach this matter will determine how it turns out. You might not see the whole implication of this idea, but you see enough to push hard to make it so. Tonight: As you like it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★ You could feel overwhelmed by all that's on your plate. If you can pull back some or eliminate one project, you could be happier with the end results. Your feelings run high, and you appear to be invested in a certain outcome. Tonight: Cocoon some.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★ Once you focus on the long-term results you desire, a situation appears that you really could get involved in. Be careful with how you continue a specific drive or desire and what you'll do to draw the results that you want. Tonight: Let the party go on.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ All eyes turn to you and an impending need or challenge. You might need to push hard, but you'll inevitably land where you want to and draw the results you desire. Creativity soars. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ You could be in a position of having to explain another person's choices. In order to achieve those results, you will need to walk in this person's shoes and think in a similar manner. By clearing out an issue, your bond will warm and grow. Tonight: Adjust to a new friend's or loved one's request.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Pressure builds through a partnership and the other party's requests. You might need to give yourself some space to consider the possibilities. A parent or a domestic situation becomes quite demanding. Tonight: Flex.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Knowing full well what you need to do, defer to a loved one. If you become too demanding, you'll certainly hear about it. Others seem extremely reactive; tread carefully. You speak your mind, but don't have a very serious tone. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ You might want to think about frolicking away in some wonderful places; however, you realize the importance of maintaining and excelling in your daily life and work. Be careful; if frustrated, you could become accident-prone. Tonight: Keep your nose to the grindstone.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ The best laid plans could explode for no reason, leaving you scratching your head. Don't allow a situation to get to you. Given some time and consideration by all parties, the situation is likely to pass. Tonight: Dig up someone with whom you always have a good time.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You feel the innate tension of the day. The issue could surround your home or domestic life. You're also anxious about making a good impression on someone who is key to your well-being. Refuse to be cornered by a friend who can be demanding. Tonight: Time to hang loose.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ You'll speak your mind. However, others seem more than willing to speak louder than you do, and you might feel as though your thoughts are melting away unnoticed! Not so. Relax. Be open to a discussion. Tonight: Before deciding, return calls.

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

### Famous Hand

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 5 4  
 ♥ J 5 3  
 ♦ Q 1 3  
 ♣ A K 10 6

**EAST**  
 ♠ A Q J 9 8 3 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ 9 5 4  
 ♣ 9 8 5

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ A K Q 8  
 ♦ A 8 7 2  
 ♣ Q 7 4 3 2

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♦ Pass 2 NT 3 ♣  
 4 ♣ 4 ♣ 5 ♣ Pass  
 6 ♣ Pass 5 ♣ Dbl  
 Opening lead — two of hearts.

The lead-directing double of a slam, also called a Lightner Double, does not come up often, but when it does it can completely alter the outcome of a deal. Take this case from a match between the United States and Belgium at the 1984 World Team Olympiad.

At the first table, with a U.S. pair North-South, the bidding went as shown. The Belgian East-West disrupted the bidding somewhat, but the Americans (Bobby Goldman and Paul Soloway) reached the excellent six-club contract anyway.

East (Olivier Neve) made a Lightner Double of six clubs, directing his partner not to lead the suit he had bid, but to lead another suit instead. Neve was confident that his partner had enough heart length to work out the possibility of a heart void in the East hand.

West (Philippe Coenraets) had no trouble finding the killing lead. After ruffing the heart, East returned a low diamond. Declarer had no choice but to play low to try to make the slam, but West won with the king and led a second heart for East to ruff, giving the Belgians a 300-point pickup.

At the second table, with a Belgian pair now North-South, the bidding went:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ 3 ♣  
 4 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ All Pass

East (Bobby Wolff, playing with Bob Hamman) elected not to double since he did not know whether his side could score another trick even if he got a heart ruff. Whether he should have doubled is left to the tender mercies of the reader.

West naturally led a spade, and declarer lost only a diamond to score 920 points. This, plus the 300 gained at the other table, gave the Belgians a 15-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Safety first.  
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## CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS**

1 Atlas page  
 4 Ivy League University  
 9 Science room  
 12 GPS suggestion  
 13 Haunting  
 14 Docs' org.  
 15 1989 Al Pacino film  
 17 Decks in the ring  
 18 Small battery  
 19 Yard tools  
 21 "Understood"  
 24 Membership  
 25 Tolkien beast  
 26 Civil War soldier  
 28 Pulitzer category  
 31 Abound  
 33 Narc's org.  
 35 Dr. McGraw

**DOWN**

1 "Miniver"  
 2 Packed away  
 3 Shell-game item  
 4 "No cheat-ing!"  
 5 Akin  
 6 Acapulco gold  
 7 "The First Club"  
 8 Required  
 9 Sierra Nevada resort  
 10 Cupid's speciality  
 11 Low range

**ACROSS**

36 Anticipate  
 38 Chips go-with  
 40 Sugar suffix  
 41 Mark Harmon TV series  
 43 School break  
 45 Shun  
 47 Owned  
 48 Sashimi fish  
 49 New York City's Park  
 54 Decay  
 55 Ryan or Tatum  
 56 Gaiety  
 57 Sauce source  
 58 Actions  
 59 Turf

**DOWN**

16 Granola grain  
 20 John Irving hero  
 21 Teeny bit  
 22 Got bigger  
 23 Maryland beach town  
 27 Nap site  
 29 Avoid gold  
 30 Pub orders  
 32 Lansing's st.  
 34 Dunce  
 37 Steering system part  
 39 Gems from oysters  
 42 Pigs  
 44 LPs' successors  
 45 Jug handles  
 46 "Scram!"  
 50 Churchill gesture  
 51 Conditions  
 52 Pair  
 53 Conclusion

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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**Saturday's answer 3-11**

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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 CDYYQY?

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF SOMEBODY FAILS TO PROPERLY CARE FOR SOMETHING, THERE MIGHT BE UNTENDED CONSEQUENCES.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals T

# 2019 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## 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.  
 Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.  
 Houston vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 7:05 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.

## LEGAL NOTICES

March 4, 11, 2019

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Westfield Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on March 19, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 59 Court St., Westfield, MA on the application of Sao Joao Realty, LLC, for a Site Plan Approval per Zoning Ord. Sec. 6-10 to allow a restaurant /drive-thru and retail use at 95 Main St. & 4 Taylor Ave., zoned Business A. The application is available for public inspection at the Planning Office and at [www.cityofwestfield.org/applications](http://www.cityofwestfield.org/applications).

March 4, 11, 2019

### CITY OF WESTFIELD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held at 7:00 PM in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 59 Court St., Westfield, MA on March 19, 2019, by Planning Board & on March 21, 2019, by the City Council to consider a petition of the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance by adding a prohibition of Marijuana Establishments within 500 feet of a park. The full petition is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office and Planning Dept., 59 Court St., Westfield, MA and at : [www.cityofwestfield.org/applications](http://www.cityofwestfield.org/applications)

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**HELP WANTED**

**Town of Southwick  
Rails to Trails Employee**

Park & Recreation Commission

The Town is seeking interested candidates for the position of Rails to Trails Employee for the Park & Recreation Commission. The Rails to Trails Employee duties are as follows: may include but are not limited to mowing of grass, blowing of the trails, pruning, fertilizing, litter removal, cleaning park amenities, trash collection and maintenance of doggie stations. The occupant will be required to use such equipment as trucks, trailers, zero degree lawn mower, leaf blowers, weed whacker, hand tools, and any other tools required to perform various tasks.

Hours a week: This is a part time seasonal position (May 2019- Oct. 2019) approximately 20 hours per week. Requirements: A valid driver's license and a good driving record. Ability to operate a variety of machinery/equipment, and High School Education or G.E.D An employment application can be obtained at:

[www.southwickma.org](http://www.southwickma.org)

A copy of the job description and employment application can be obtained by contacting the Board of Selectmen's Office @ 569-5995. The rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour.

Applications must be submitted to:

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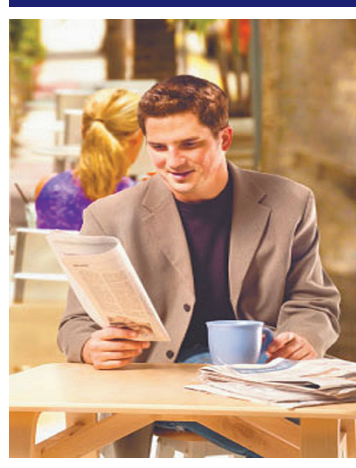
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