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## City Advancement Officer Joe Mitchell announces his departure

By AMY PORTER  
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – City Advancement Officer Joseph Mitchell has announced that he will be leaving the City of Westfield's employ later this month after nine years of service, when he will be joining Eversource as a community relations and economic development specialist serving 40 communities in Western Massachusetts. Mitchell said in the new position he will serve as a liaison between Eversource and the customers, especially as it relates to strategic projects.

"Per City ordinance, the City Advancement officer serves a 2 year term concurrent with the Mayor. It is definitely with mixed emotions that I tendered my letter of resignation to

Mayor Brian Sullivan a short time ago. However, like the Mayor, I am looking forward to the challenges this next chapter in my life may bring," Mitchell said, adding that even though the next mayor could decide to rehire him, this opportunity presented itself.

"The city as a whole, but me personally, will be losing a very hard-working individual who has done tremendous work in moving many city projects forward," said Mayor Sullivan on Monday. "Joe has made his name and the city's name well-known throughout the Baker-Polito administration, and it shows by the grants and the financial services we have received over the last three and a half years of my administration," he added.

Mitchell first joined the city in 2010

when then Mayor Daniel Knapik appointed him to the Airport Commission, which he later served as Chairman. Later in 2010, Knapik hired him as the Veteran's Services officer. Mitchell served in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he received a degree in electrical engineering in 1987. He then served on active duty in the Air Force from 1988 to 1995, leaving as a captain and combat-decorated aviator from action in Desert Storm.

Mitchell also serves on the Aviation Advisory Board for the Aviation Maintenance shop at Westfield Technical Academy.

In March 2014, Knapik hired Mitchell

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City Advancement Officer Joseph Mitchell will be leaving later in the month for a new position with Eversource. (Photo by Amy Porter)

## Congamond Road construction resumes

By GREG FITZPATRICK  
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – The Congamond Road project resumed on Monday after being put on hold during the winter season.

According to information from the Southwick Police Department, Mass DOT (Department of Transportation) informed town officials that the project was going to resume.

Pereira Construction of Ludlow, Mass., contractor, is continuing phase one of the project which consists of widening the road, constructing sidewalks, and reclaiming the road surface. Dick Grannells of the Southwick DPW added that Pereira has resumed their work on the eastern end of Congamond Road by the Suffield town line.

The work on Congamond Road will continue to the top of the hill on Congamond Road, which is west of Sheep Pasture Road. Mass DOT, who is overseeing the project, wants to have phase one completed in the next six to eight weeks so as not to affect access to one of the boat launches for Congamond Lake during the summer months when it becomes a much busier area.

"That's the area where you've got lots of people backing up boat trailers," said Grannells.

Grannells went on to say that people traveling down Congamond Road should expect delays as two lanes will be condensed into one lane. Police officers will be on scene to help direct vehicles.

Once phase one is completed, phase two

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(Left to Right) Megan Beliveau from Kevs Foundation, Gateway Nurse Leader Jodi Cabral-Croke, Superintendent David Hopson and Susan Canning (also from Kevs Foundation) hold the new AEDs granted to Gateway by the Foundation. (Submitted photo)

## Kev's Foundation grants two defibrillators to Gateway

HUNTINGTON – The Gateway Regional School Committee heard a presentation from Jodi Cabral-Croke, district Nurse Leader and her guests—Megan Beliveau and Susan Canning from Kevs Foundation—about the incidence of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) in young people. The women also presented Cabral-Croke and Superintendent David B. Hopson with two new automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) for

use at Gateway.

According to the Kevs Foundation website, cardiovascular disease is the second leading medical cause of death in children and adolescents in the United States. Kevs Foundation, created in memory of student athlete Kevin J. Major who died in 2011 at age 19 of sudden cardiac arrest, grants resources

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## Municipal Light Board preview 4/3/19

By PETER CURRIER  
Correspondent

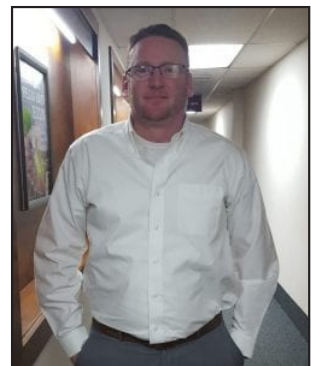
WESTFIELD- The Municipal Light Board will meet Wednesday night at 7 p.m. for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. To be discussed as part of the agenda are reports from the 2018 fiscal year on replacements of main lines, the number of outages for the year, and the gas service reliability benchmark report.

There is no information in the agenda about how many mains were replaced or where they were in the city. For reference, in last year's report for 2017, 10,250 feet of cast iron pipes and 12,450 feet of bare steel pipe were replaced throughout the city. At least 81 miles of pipes have been replaced throughout the city since 1981, according to the same report.

Also on the agenda is a discussion on the criteria by which the performance of new General Manager, Tony Contrino, will be reviewed. Contrino replaced Dan Howard at the General Manager position after Howard retired in November.

On the table for discussion as well is the release of the Quarterly Powerline Publication. According to the meeting minutes from last April, the publication is delivered to ratepayers along with their bills.

There will also be a discussion on filling the vacant Ward 3 seat on the Municipal Light Board. The seat was previously held by Jane Wensley, who passed away suddenly last month. During the previous Municipal Light Board meeting on March 20th, Jane's son Jeff announced that he intended to run for her position. As of now, nobody else has indicated their intention to run for the position.



Jeff Wensley, son of the late Jane Wensley. Jeff announced his intention to fill the Municipal Light Board seat left behind by his mother.

## Cultural Council seeks community input

By GREG FITZPATRICK  
Correspondent

GRANVILLE – The Granville Cultural Council has made surveys available throughout town for residents to give their input on what they would like to see for cultural events, what they miss or would like to see happen in town, and possible new programs moving forward.

In the past, the Cultural Council has had a program on bears that was hosted by the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife. Besides other programs involving music, the Cultural Council is having a Birds of Prey program on April 13 from

5 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Community Christian School. A professional falconer, who also rehabs injured birds, will have birds on display to show those in attendance.

Offering between eight and 10 programs each year, the Granville Cultural Council wants to improve the variety of events that they offer.

"We're trying to do something we haven't done before," said Cultural Council co-chair Mary Ann Fernandez.

Required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to do a survey every three years, the survey allows the

Granville Cultural Council to maintain funding for their events and programs.

According to Fernandez, the Massachusetts Cultural Council usually gives the Granville Cultural Council around \$4,500 a year to fund the programs they host.

The surveys are available for residents at the town hall and the public library, and can be filled out there and left there. There's also a copy of the survey in the latest country caller. People can also send the survey to the Granville Cultural Council at post office box 247 at the Granville Town Hall.



Residents can pick up a survey at the Granville Town Hall. (WNG File Photo)

### WESTFIELD TECHNICAL AUDITORIUM

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## Westfield Seniors Deliver Homemade Gifts to Holyoke Daycare

**HOLYOKE** — On February 27th, residents and staff from Armbrook Village Senior Living delivered a batch of homemade stuffed bears to The Kids' Place Daycare Center in Holyoke, Mass. Residents at Armbrook became involved in this project through a unique therapeutic program at their community called ConnectedLIFE, which is designed to offer additional support and engaging activities throughout the day for those with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), or in the early stages of memory loss. Learn more at [www.ArmbrookVillage.com](http://www.ArmbrookVillage.com). Back row left to right: Marion Pion and Lynne Baker (both residents at Armbrook Village), Corinne LaRoche and Yeimi Almonte (both teachers at Kids' Place), and Rachel Szlachetka (kneeling in front), Director at The Kids' Place.



22 **STORM NEWS TEAM**

LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 Late Rain. <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px 10px;">19-20</span>	 Mostly Sunny <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px 10px;">55-58</span>	 Mostly Sunny <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px 10px;">48-51</span>

Today: Sunny, with a high near 51. South wind 5 to 11 mph. Tonight: A slight chance of rain after midnight, mixing with snow after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. South wind 5 to 7 mph becoming calm in the evening. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, low around 34. West wind 7 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. West wind 8 to 11 mph. Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32.

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TODAY		
<span style="font-size: 12px;">6:33 AM</span> <span style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">SUNRISE</span>	<span style="font-size: 12px;">7:18 PM</span> <span style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">SUNSET</span>	<span style="font-size: 12px;">12 hours 44 Minutes</span> <span style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">LENGTH OF DAY</span>

### ODDS & ENDS

## In Sweden, naked policeman arrests fugitive in sauna

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)** — There's no escape from the long arm of the law in Sweden. Not even sitting naked in a sauna.

Police spokeswoman Carina Skagerlind says an off-duty police officer found himself sitting in the same sauna in Rinkeby, a Stockholm suburb, as a fugitive who had dodged a jail sentence for aggravated assault, among other offenses.

Skagerlind says after recognizing each other, "the naked police officer calmly told the man that he should consider himself arrested."

She said Tuesday the officer called colleagues to pick up the fugitive, adding "the arrest was undramatic and the wanted man didn't try to flee."

The officer was praised for the March 29 arrest and police warned fugitives on Facebook: "We are everywhere. Even if you do not see us, we are there."

### LOCAL LOTTERY

**LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS MASSACHUSETTS**

**Lucky For Life**  
09-19-22-33-41, Lucky Ball: 4

**MassCash** 02-04-13-19-35

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$88 million

**Numbers Evening**  
2-5-2-5

**Numbers Midday**  
8-3-9-9

**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$54 million



**CONNECTICUT**

**Cash 5**  
05-21-22-26-28

**Lucky For Life**  
09-19-22-33-41, Lucky Ball: 4

**Lucky Links Day**  
02-03-09-10-13-15-19-21

**Lucky Links Night**  
01-02-06-09-13-15-17-20

**Play3 Day** 3-8-8

**Play3 Night** 0-4-7

**Play4 Day** 6-0-3-1

**Play4 Night** 2-8-7-3

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**TODAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 2, THE 92ND DAY OF 2019. THERE ARE 273 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.**

On April 2, 2005, Pope John Paul II died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

### ON THIS DATE:

- In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.
- In 1863, during the Civil War, the Richmond Bread Riot erupted in the Confederate capital as a mob outraged over food shortages and rising prices attacked and looted stores.
- In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.
- In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.
- In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)
- In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS-TV.
- In 1958, the term "beatnik" was coined by San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen to refer to members of the pre-hippie counterculture; the term was inspired by the "Beat Generation" and by the Soviet launch of its second Sputnik spacecraft.
- In 1968, "2001: A Space Odyssey," the groundbreaking science-fiction film epic produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Keir Dullea and Gary Lockwood, had its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986, four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and grandmother, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

In 1992, mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life, and died in prison.

In 2003, during the Iraq War, American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline.

### TEN YEARS AGO:

Leaders of the world's rich and major developing countries met at an emergency G-20 economic summit in London; afterward, President Barack Obama hailed agreements they had reached as a "turning point in our pursuit of global economic recovery," but cautioned, "there are no guarantees." The House and Senate passed companion budget plans, giving President Obama and his allies on Capitol Hill a key victory. A 19-count federal racketeering indictment was returned against former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich; the ousted Democrat denied doing anything illegal.

### FIVE YEARS AGO:

The Supreme Court's conservative majority voted 5-4 to free wealthy individuals to donate to as many political candidates and campaigns as they wanted, further loosening the reins on giving by big contributors. At Fort Hood in Texas, three soldiers were killed and 16 others were wounded in a shooting rampage by another soldier, Army Spc. Ivan A. Lopez, who then killed himself.

### ONE YEAR AGO:

Anti-apartheid activist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, who'd been married for nearly 38 years to Nelson Mandela, died in a Johannesburg hospital at the age of 81. Thousands of Oklahoma teachers began two weeks of walkouts and descended on the state Capitol to demand more education funding. Thousands of Kentucky teachers marched to the state Capitol to protest changes to their pension system; some districts that were not on spring break had to cancel classes. China raised import duties on \$3 billion in U.S. products in an escalating dispute over trade and industrial policy. Ethan Couch, who as a 16-year-old driver drunkenly struck and killed four pedestrians but dodged prison after suggesting at his trial that his irresponsibility was a result of an entitled upbringing, went free after serving almost two years in a Texas jail on a probation violation. Villanova beat Michigan 79-62 to capture its second NCAA college basketball championship in three years.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Actress Sharon Acker is 84. Actress Dame Penelope Keith is 79. Actress Linda Hunt is 74. Singer Emmylou Harris is 72. Actor Sam Anderson is 72. Social critic and author Camille Paglia is 72. Actress Pamela Reed is 70. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 70. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 58. Actor Christopher Meloni is 58. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 58. Country singer Billy Dean is 57. Actor Clark Gregg is 57. Actress Jana Marie Hupp is 55. Rock musician Greg Camp is 52. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 50. Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 46. Country singer Jill King is 44. Actor Pedro Pascal is 44. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 44. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 43. Actor Michael Fassbender is 42. Actress Jaime Ray Newman is 41. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 40. Actress Bethany Joy Galeotti is 38. Singer Lee Dewyze (TV: "American Idol") is 33. Country singer Chris Janson is 33. Actor Drew Van Acker is 33. Actress Briga Heelan (TV: "Great News") is 32. Actor Jesse Plemons is 31. Singer Aaron Kelly (TV: "American Idol") is 26.

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APRIL 24, 2019 • **How Westfield Became Known as the "Baseball Town"**

First Congregational Church • Presented By: **Dan Genovese**

MAY 1, 2019 • **Whips of Westfield:**

**The Rise and Decline of an American Industry**

WSU: Scanlon Banquet Hall • Presented By: **Bruce Cortis**

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 • **1-4 PM**

**WSU Student Research on Westfield**

WSU: Ely Hall • Presented By: **WSU Students**

MAY 8, 2019 • **Things Change:**

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**Gov. Baker pushes back on GOP head's 'infanticide' comment**

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Charlie Baker is distancing himself from criticism lobbed by the head of the Massachusetts Republican Party at Democratic lawmakers who support a bill that would allow greater access to abortion.

Massachusetts GOP Party Chairman Jim Lyons said lawmakers who back the bill aimed at expanding access to abortion after 24 weeks of pregnancy in cases of fatal fetal anomalies are "supporting infanticide."

The bill would also eliminate the requirement that teens obtain permission from a parent or judge before obtaining an abortion.

Baker, a Republican, said he supports current state abortion laws and opposes "late-term abortions."

But Baker said he doesn't believe in questioning motives and character and said the "inflated language that exists on all sides in politics" makes it harder for people to do their jobs.

**Beginner Acrylics and Oil Painting at Westfield Creative Arts (WCA)**

WESTFIELD — Westfield Creative Arts is happy to announce our beginner acrylic painting class with Richard Nowak and oil painting with Shannon Chiba beginning in April to be held at 105 Elm St. Artist Shannon Chiba will be teaching oil painting from 6-8 pm. Richard Nowak will be teaching acrylic painting from 6-8 pm.

A current member in the Tobacco Valley Art League, the Holyoke Art League, a past member of Oil Painters of America, as well as our Tuesday night intermediate acrylic instructor, WCA instructor Richard Nowak wanted to offer a class for brand new artists. For more information or to register log onto [www.westfieldcreativearts.com](http://www.westfieldcreativearts.com) or call 413-579-5967. WCA is a program of Westfield on Weekends, a 501 (c) (3), all-volunteer organization that produces community activities and events that seek to bring people together in Westfield.

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**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**HUNTINGTON:**

Council on Aging at 1 pm  
 Board of Assessors at 6 pm  
 Historic Commission at 6:46 pm

**WESTFIELD:**

Water Commission at 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**WESTFIELD:**

Municipal Light Board at 7 pm

**HUNTINGTON:**

Board of Health at 6 pm  
 Selectboard at 6 pm

**Easter Eats: Choose your Chocolate**

By **ELIANA LAKRITZ MS RD LDN, Clinical Dietitian, Baystate Noble Hospital**

With the Easter holiday right around the corner, chocolate can be found in every store, around every corner. Chocolate eggs are most traditional. For this reason, I have been getting some questions about which candy, specifically chocolate, is the healthiest option. Before discussing the benefits, it is important to understand the difference between the types of chocolate. Dark chocolate is comprised of 50-90% cocoa, cocoa butter, and sugar. Milk chocolate on the other hand, is comprised of 10-50% cocoa, cocoa butter, milk, and sugar. White chocolate lacks cocoa and is made up of cocoa butter, milk and sugar. Many lower quality chocolates have additional butter, vegetable oils, and additives.

Dark chocolate contains the most cocoa based on percentage. Some studies have shown health benefits of a moderate amount of dark chocolate thanks to flavanols, which are heart healthy plant chemicals. Dark chocolate has a lot more flavanols than milk or white chocolate. Some observational studies have linked about 1-2 squares of dark chocolate daily to lower mortality rates and heart disease. This may be related to a reduction in inflammation and blood pressure. Other health benefits of dark chocolate include iron, copper, magnesium, zinc and phosphorus. Here's a fun fact: 1.5 oz of dark chocolate provides 20 mg of caffeine, while a 1.6 oz serving of milk chocolate contains 9 mg. For comparison, there are 95 mg of caffeine in 1 cup of coffee. You'd have to consume a large amount of chocolate to get the same effects as a cup of coffee. Compared to other forms, dark chocolate contains the most benefits.

Keep in mind that despite these benefits, chocolate is high in calories (about 160 calories per oz) and saturated fat, so portion control is very important. The benefits of dark chocolate



*Eliana Lakritz MS RD LDN, Clinical Dietitian, Baystate Noble Hospital. (WNG file photo)*

do not justify large portions. You may only need 1-2 squares of dark chocolate to satisfy your craving for sweets and to achieve the benefits associated with chocolate. Consider adding a few 60% cacao chocolate chips to a homemade banana bread or 1 tablespoon to raspberry Greek yogurt for a healthy dessert. Alternatively, you can make a healthy, dairy-free ice cream by blending a frozen banana and 1-2 tbsp of unprocessed cocoa. Happy Easter!

**LGBT seniors gather at supper club**

By **AIMEE CHIAVAROL Associated Press**

FAIRHAVEN, Mass. (AP) — For Joan Stratton, the LGBT Supper Club at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, run by director Anne Silvia, "is home."

It's a feeling she doesn't have at every gathering she attends. When another supper club attendee talked about visiting a different LGBT group and making some new friends, Stratton explained she didn't have the same experience there as she has in Fairhaven. "It's a little different when you identify as trans," she said.

Not many transgender people are out in the area, she said, but "I have to be out."

The senior Supper Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. From late February to late March, the St. Patrick's Day decorations at the senior center turned to Easter decorations of eggs and bunnies.

A map of Massachusetts LGBT meal site locations as of April 2018,

from a report by Boston Indicators and The Fenway Institute, shows just two dots below Sharon and Braintree: the Fairhaven LGBT Supper Club and the Lower Cape LGBT Seniors in Orleans. The latter meets on the fourth Friday of the month at the Orleans Council on Aging.

The lack of services for LGBTQ seniors, particularly when it comes to providing meals in a social setting, is exactly why Silvia started the group in June, also known as pride month, in 2013.

Silvia also runs the Single Seniors Supper, which meets the first Tuesday of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Council on Aging. About 60 to 70 people attend. Silvia wants to see the same number of people at the LGBT supper. A grant from the Lipsky-Whittaker Fund pays for food and activities.

On a Wednesday in February, Silvia talked about possible upcoming events: a paint night and the Daffodil Festival on Nantucket.

There were some new faces at the

supper club that evening. Some found out about the group a few days before when Connie Mayer talked about it after a screening of "Cloudburst" at the Whaling Museum. It was the second event in the New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series.

There is a lot of support for LGBTQ youth now that older folks just never had, Silvia said. Since the start of the club, she's learned a lot about those who attend. "It's sad to think they lived so much of their lives under a rock," she said.

Marty Keady, who recently turned 70, started attending the supper club about a year ago, shortly after he moved to Fairhaven when a spot for housing opened up.

Frank Schmidt, 72, of New Bedford, has been coming to the supper club for about five years. A year ago, he started bringing Bill Copeland, 72, who drives him. Schmidt had to give up his license in 2015.

After hearing about options counseling, or assistance with planning for long-term care needs, from represen-

tatives at Coastline and Southeast Center for Independent Living, about 20 people helped themselves to vegetable lasagna and salad from a local restaurant, followed by a Boston cream cake made by Silvia.

"It is so good, it's close to being sinful," Copeland said about the cake. He's the director of the Freetown Historical Society.

For Schmidt, the Supper Club is a chance to get out of his apartment and socialize with other people.

"The fact that we all happen to have gay in common is extra," he said.



# COMMENT

## 2020 by the numbers: Democrats posting big campaign stats

By ELANA SCHOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — How many ways can you measure the first quarter of the year? For Democratic presidential candidates, it's 300-plus events, 24 states and hundreds of voter questions.

The Iowa caucus is still 10 months away, but the Democratic primary campaign is already an all-out sprint — passing eye-popping markers for campaign activity and voter engagement. Voters in Florida and Ohio may not see it, but weekends in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina — not to mention a handful of select states — are a blitz of candidate rallies and local meet-and-greets.

For some candidates the frenetic pace is the message, a way of casting themselves as tireless and willing to take every last question. Elizabeth Warren and Beto O'Rourke are trying to make an ambitious schedule and accessibility part of their brands, but Cory Booker and Kirsten Gillibrand have done their parts to keep up with several dozen events each, most in early-voting states.

It's far from clear that the candidate who holds the most events, whether leaping onto tables or addressing big rallies, will emerge as the candidate with the most votes. Still, Democrats watching the display from a distance say the engagement, the activity and the enthusiasm bode well.

"Broad picture: This is incredibly good for the Democratic Party," said Jim Messina, who managed President Barack Obama's re-election campaign.

The Democrats' contested 2008 primary and the GOP's packed 2016 field showed "that enthusiasm in primaries becomes very important in a general election," Messina said. That's because engaged backers are "more likely to do two things you need them to do" in order to win, he said: donate money and help persuade their social networks to vote.

For all the recent upheaval in politics, the 2020 campaign so far shows some things haven't changed. Retail campaign stops are still essential to breaking through in early-voting states that will play a central role in choosing the nominee. They are, perhaps, even more important in the social media era. One live-streamed rally that goes viral on social media can reach more voters than dozens of smaller events.

Even though no one metric can predict success, a look at the campaigns' tallies of on-the-ground engagement shows how the same busiest road warriors are faring at the end of the first quarter.

Warren and O'Rourke are logging mileage in areas their party hasn't always traveled to early on and underscoring their appetite for grassroots interaction, a style Pete Buttigieg is also cultivating. Warren took more than 200 questions from voters and O'Rourke answered more than 350, according to their campaigns' first-quarter estimates.

That's a notable feat for O'Rourke, who only entered the race last month. The former Texas congressman has logged 55 first-quarter events in nine states where he publicly took voter questions, according to his campaign. Gillibrand held 59 public events in eight states since launching an exploratory committee in January, according to the New York senator's campaign. Buttigieg has held 35 events in 11 states since the South Bend, Indiana, mayor started an exploratory committee that same month.

California Sen. Kamala Harris has emerged as a top-tier contender despite fewer public events than some opponents, clocking in with 26 public first-quarter events in eight states since launching her campaign in January, according to an AP estimate. Harris' campaign said Monday night that she took more than 100 voter questions during first-quarter events, where total estimated turnout has topped 37,000.

Warren, a former law professor whose campaign is keeping

detailed statistics, took questions at 48 events in 12 states over all three months, according to the Massachusetts senator's campaign. Her aides measure her commitment to voter engagement partly in selfies — estimating that she's taken more than 12,000 with voters so far. The tally of extra time after events is itself a strategic move, an argument that availability can win the day while other candidates spend time on the high-dollar fundraisers she's sworn off.

Other Democrats are consciously mixing up their number and types of public events. Booker is holding a bigger kickoff of a national tour soon after holding smaller events. The New Jersey senator's campaign estimates that he has held more than 50 public events in seven states since he jumped into the race in February.

A handful of other candidates have lagged behind in their total number of first-quarter events. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar logged 18 events in nine states since forming her campaign in February, according to an AP tally, with former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee each holding 12 events. Former housing secretary Julian Castro has held more than a dozen of his own over the first quarter.

All of these candidates tend to fall behind Bernie Sanders in early polling of the Democratic field. Sanders, the runner-up in 2016, has held 17 major events in eight states and Washington, D.C., since declaring his candidacy in early March.

Not all of Sanders' events — nor those of other candidates — feature the sort of real-time voter questions that are a fixture of Warren's and O'Rourke's appearances. But Sanders' crowds illustrate his formidable ability to engage voters on his own terms: The Vermont senator's campaign projects a total turnout of 74,000 people for all of his events so far.

President Donald Trump famously upended the traditional calculus of campaigning in 2016 by making fewer retail visits as he powered past more than a dozen GOP rivals. Whether anyone in the Democratic field can repeat that model remains to be seen.

"We want to fall in love like we did with Barack Obama," Messina said of Democratic voters, "and to do that, you need to do the retail part of this."

Several candidates have made a point of veering off the beaten track, hoping a stop outside the early states will earn them some extra media attention and voter good will.

O'Rourke crossed six states in one week on his post-announcement road trip. Warren has made unexpected trips to Puerto Rico and the Deep South, eager to find a way to set herself apart from the pack.

When the Massachusetts senator touted her "not traditional" choice to visit Alabama during a rally there last month, a voice from the audience chimed in to note that "Obama did it."



## Baltimore mayor goes on leave as book scandal intensifies

By DAVID MCFADDEN  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's embattled mayor announced Monday that she is taking an indefinite leave of absence, just as a political scandal intensifies over what critics call a "self-dealing" book-sales arrangement that threatens her political career.

Mayor Catherine Pugh's office says she feels unable to fulfill her obligations as mayor due to deteriorating health brought on by a recent bout of pneumonia. "She's been advised by her physicians that she needs to take time to recover," her office's statement said, adding that the City Council president will take over the Democratic mayor's day-to-day responsibilities.

The first-term mayor's abrupt decision to go on leave indefinitely came the same day that Maryland's Republican governor asked the state prosecutor to investigate corruption accusations against the leader of Maryland's biggest city and the state's comptroller, a Democrat, urged Pugh to resign immediately.

In a letter to the state prosecutor released Monday, Gov. Larry Hogan said allegations facing Pugh and her questionable no-contract arrangements to sell her "Healthy Holly" children's books are "deeply disturbing." Hogan said he was particularly concerned about \$500,000 in sales over seven years to a university-based health care system "because it has significant continuing ties with the State and receives very substantial public funding."

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot did not mince words: "The Mayor has to resign — now. The people of Baltimore are facing too many serious challenges, as it is, to also deal with such brazen, cartoonish corruption from their chief executive."

Some emboldened members of Baltimore's City Council also want Pugh to resign. Councilman Zeke Cohen asserted Monday that she's "lost the moral mandate to govern and the public's trust." Another councilman, Ryan Dorsey, described Pugh as "an embarrassment to the city."

The various officials' calls came shortly after Kaiser Permanente disclosed that it paid \$114,000, between 2015 and 2018, for roughly 20,000 copies of Pugh's self-published "Healthy Holly" illustrated paperbacks for children. And it came about two weeks after news broke that since 2011, Pugh has received \$500,000 selling her illustrated books to the University of Maryland Medical System, a \$4 billion hospital network that's one of the largest private employers in the state.

Pugh became Baltimore's mayor in 2016. The next year, Baltimore's spending board, which is controlled by the mayor, awarded a \$48 million contract to the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States Inc. Kaiser previously held that contract.

When asked who Kaiser bought the books from, company spokesman Scott Lusk said: "We purchased the books from Healthy Holly, LLC." That is Pugh's company, which she has said was meant to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Cohen noted that Pugh accepted money from Kaiser for her "Healthy Holly" children's books at the same time the company was seeking a contract to provide health benefits to city employees. Instead of recusing herself from a Board of Estimates vote "she voted in favor of it," he said.

Additionally, The Baltimore Sun reported that CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, another city health provider, effectively bought Pugh's roughly 20-page illustrated books for \$14,500 in 2011 and 2014. In a subsequent email, a CareFirst spokesman said it made contributions to Associated Black Charities, or ABC, a nonprofit that manages the city's Children and Youth Fund, to fund its purchase and distribution of books. Associated Black Charities said in a statement that between 2011 and 2016, five organizations donated \$87,180 to pay for the books, of which ABC kept \$9,552 to use as "general support."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

### Legal Affairs in order

Recently, my husband passed away after an unexpected, intense two week hospitalization. I wish to share with your readers our story so that they can be prepared and possibly be saved from unnecessary heartache and financial chaos.

He was still working a full time job, had not signed up for Medicare, and was not collecting Social Security although he was older than 65. Within two days of the event, he was unable to speak clearly, and at 12 days, was unable to communicate at all. After initially expecting him to recover, we were soon preparing for hospice at home, when he passed in one of the hospital Comfort (hospice) Rooms at Baystate.

What kept a horrible situation from being worse, were the legal tools of a Durable Power of Attorney, a Health Care Proxy, and a Will. We also had made sure that the physicians could talk to each of us about the other's medical issues. Without these legal papers, I could not have directed my husband's health care in the hospital, I could not have easily signed him up to get Medicare and Social Security, and I could not have scheduled him to retire from his job and chose the retirement plan that we had picked during recent discussions. Instead, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and his employer would have determined what was "best" for his health care and his retirement plan.

Many people feel that they can put off getting these legal tools, because they are young, or they do nothing dangerous, or they are too busy, etc. I am highlighting our story to say no one knows when they will need these tools. For example, during our two weeks in the hospital, my cousin had a close friend who was struck by a car when crossing the street at 4pm. The driver could not see her as he was blinded from the low angle of the winter sun, and the friend eventually died.

So please do yourself, your family and loved ones a great favor. Decide now to protect them by getting these legal documents and by choosing who will speak on the patient's behalf if they cannot. Additionally, have discussions about quality of life and end of life desires, so that there is guidance in the choices that might have to be made. Given we had these tools, I am at peace knowing I did everything I could for my husband.

Signed, Ruth Aborjaily Bannish

To the Editor

Hello Westfield, especially Ward 3a.Social Commentary: First of all a positive a Steven, one of the clerks at Stop and Shop on

Main St. I know this guy, neat person, puts up with my humor. Praise is due: the other day as he was walking through their parking lot on the way to work; there was an elderly blind man heading to the store; but was having a problem. Steven helped him to the door; patiently, carefully, cautiously. It was so nice seeing someone taking their time to help someone they did not know. These days so many seem so angry, and so shut down to doing positives or worse acting as if it was cool to be rude, crude, or just plain inconsiderate; without cause or reason. And, while I often like to give point out the good, of late the negatives are playing on me. One case is that I live across from Emma's Restaurant. It is difficult to get out of their lot on to Arnold St, due to the large electrical boxes. So, if I am outside I often conduct traffic by letting the driver know if it is safe (no cars coming up Arnold) nice right??? And, while I do get a wave of thanks, way too often it is not, or worse, I get the F... You. My response is Oh sorry I was trying to save your life for which I get flipped off. I do not know if their brain processors are slow, or just don't exist. In this era where malaise is the norm, you would think a little help was a good thing? Even in stores, you say excuse me, and people give you a scowl. OK, so much for my gripe session.

OK, next: the lecture series on our history. I went to the WSU re: Native Americans and colonials. It was interesting, but I wish there was more about the local populations: who were they; where they live around here; how did they live; rather than the coastal people. I have talked with people who have mentioned Native Peoples' fishing spots along the Westfield River...I'd like to know more. Where did they go? I know they had many wars between tribes. The Pequot and Mohican; that just before the Pilgrims had landed the Abnaki had had some devastating attacks on the Massachusetts, and the Mohawk Trail was a route taken by the Mohawk attacks on the Pocumtucks. While riding around in the country you can often see these signs put up by the Commonwealth that mention historic events as places where a fort was, a battle took place, where certain people lived...etc. It would be nice to have some in this area. One of the current conflicts is the elimination of references to Native Americans. Personally, while I understand the negatives of how they were depicted, but do we want to take them out of our history and out of existence? Too often when there is a representation they are made to look like Plains people. No one is calling them savages. OK Red Skins should be out. But, I do not hear anyone complaining about Celtics looking like leprechauns; the use of the term Yankees; or depictions of Viking, Cowboys, Pirates, Saints, etc. I would hate to have their existence erased. Do we also change the name of Massachusetts and Connecticut?

And, there were a couple of times with the host made, for me and from what I heard other men saying a few socially biased comments about men...I was hoping this era gender bashing would not be heard here and now. OK, back to politics next time... Your former Ward 3 city councilor Brian Hoose brhoose@comcast.net.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Elise Rising

WESTFIELD — Elise (Domozick) Rising, 59, (June 23, 1959 – March 29, 2019) passed away on Friday, March 29, 2019, at Baystate Noble Medical Center in Westfield, MA. Elise was born in Springfield, MA on June 23, 1959, to the late Edward and Genevieve Domozick. She attended Westfield High School. Elise will be remembered as a loving mother and wife who found much joy in being a homemaker for the past 19 years. With warmer weather and sunny days just around the corner, she was looking forward to getting her hands dirty in her gardens and enjoying yard work fulfilling her passion and favorite pastime. Elise was an awesome cook, she enjoyed hosting cookouts and picnics with her family and friends. She always had an open seat for anyone in the neighborhood who wished to join her at the table.



She leaves her husband of 19 years Larry Rising of Westfield, MA, her sons Adam Rowley of Westfield, MA and Craig Boyer and his wife Priscilla of York, ME, her step-son Kyle Rising and his wife Leanne of Agawam, MA, her step-daughter Stacy Goss and her husband Tim of Old Lyme, CT, several brothers and sisters, 6 grandchildren, along with many other family members and friends. To express condolences to the family, share photos, videos, or memories please visit Elise's memorial page at [www.avaloncelebrations.com](http://www.avaloncelebrations.com) In honoring Elise's wishes, all services are private. End of life arrangements has been entrusted to Avalon Life Celebration Center & Cremation Services, LLC 691 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to ALS Foundation For Life. Donations may be made online by visiting <http://alsfoundation.org/give/>. If you would like to mail in your gift visit <http://alsfoundation.org/pubs/ALS-Donor-Form.pdf> for a printable donation form and mail to ALS Foundation for Life, P.O. Box 96, Natick, MA 01760.

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# POLICE LOGS

## WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**10:28 a.m.:** larceny, Campanelli Drive, a caller from a North Carolina trucking company reports an over-the-road trailer is missing from a local warehouse facility, the responding officer reports the trailer was last known to be in the warehouse yard Dec. 28, 2018;

**10:29 a.m.:** animal complaint, Maple Terrace, two animal control officers report they are attempting to catch a domestic rabbit which got loose, the ACOs successfully caught the large white rabbit;

**1:06 p.m.:** assist resident, a caller requests assistance disposing of a long rifle in the custody of an elderly relative, the responding officer reports he spoke with the caller and her relative before taking custody of the .22 caliber rifle and transporting it to the station for destruction;

**1:24 p.m.:** animal complaint, Bryan Avenue, an animal control officer reports she took custody of a sick skunk and transported it to the municipal animal shelter;

**1:51 p.m.:** animal complaint, East Bartlett Street, a resident transported a black and white cat she found near her East Bartlett Street home to the animal shelter;

**2:15 p.m.:** school investigation, Westfield Middle School, 30 W. Silver St., a caller reports a pupil punched an administrator, the school resource officer reports the incident is under investigation.

# COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**Danny R. Hall Jr.,** 51, of 44 Stuart Place, Westfield, was released on \$5,000 personal surety pending a June 4 hearing after he was arraigned on charges of assault and battery on a family or household member, intimidating a witness and kidnapping brought by Westfield police.

**Griffin L. Harris,** 20, of 9 Canal Drive, Westfield, was released on his personal recognizance pending a May 10 hearing after he was arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle without a valid inspection sticker brought by Southwick police.

**James R. Keighley,** 38, of 78 Main St., Blandford, was released on his personal recognizance pending a June 4 hearing after he was arraigned on a charge of leaving the scene of property damage brought by Westfield police.

## Book Scandal

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The firm Pugh identified as her books' printer said it has produced only 60,000 copies and doesn't have any more orders from Pugh. She's only acknowledged sales of her book to UMMS and said they were meant to be distributed to city schools and day cares.

The attorney representing the mayor, Steve Silverman, said the mayor looked "forward to cooperating with the state prosecutor and providing as much information as possible to put this matter to rest."

Since the arrangement with UMMS came to light last month, Pugh has stepped down from the volunteer board and returned her most recent payment of \$100,000 for the books. At a news conference last week, Pugh described the book deal with the university-based health care system as a "regrettable mistake" and suggested the school system needed to clear up confusion about where tens of thousands of books were.

But the school system has failed to unearth copies of the books outside of nearly 9,000 copies found stacked in a warehouse.

One of Maryland's largest private employers, the UMMS paid Pugh \$500,000 for 100,000 copies of books. There was no contract behind the deal and the hospital network described some of the purchases as "grants" in federal filings. Pugh — who once sat on a state Senate committee that funded the major health network before becoming mayor — served on the system's board since 2001.

One-third of UMMS board members received compensation through the medical system's arrangements with their businesses. Legislation is pending in Maryland's capital focusing on board governance.

On Monday, John Ashworth, interim leader of the University of Maryland Medical System, said he believed nothing criminal took place by UMMS. But NYGREN has been chosen as an independent auditor, he said, to review financial relationships involving the UMMS and board members, among other things. They are due to start work this week.

# State police: 1 person recovered from submerged vehicle

EAST LONGMEADOW, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts State Police say an occupant of a vehicle that became submerged in a pond in East Longmeadow has been taken to the hospital.

Police and firefighters responded to Heritage Park at about 3 a.m. Tuesday for reports of a vehicle that had driven into a pond.

The state police Underwater Recovery Unit responded to

the scene and by 7:30 a.m. had recovered one person from the vehicle.

That person was taken to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. A state police spokesman says their condition was not immediately available. No name or information about the person was released.

The vehicle was also recovered.

The incident remains under investigation.

## Man convicted of high school stabbing seeks new trial

BOSTON (AP) — Lawyers for a Massachusetts man sentenced to life in prison in the killing of a high school classmate in 2007 are asking the state's highest court to grant their client a new trial.

John Odgren was convicted in 2010 of murder in the stabbing death of 15-year-old James Alenson in a bathroom at Lincoln-Sudbury High School. Odgren was 16 at the time. The jury rejected Odgren's arguments that his Asperger's syndrome and mental issues health issues contributed to his actions.

Odgren's attorneys are scheduled to argue Monday before the Supreme Judicial Court that jailhouse phone calls in which Odgren laughed about the case shouldn't have been played to jurors. They want either a new trial or a reduction in sentence to manslaughter.

## State releasing review of Wynn's handling of allegations

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts gambling regulators are holding hearings and releasing a long-awaited report into how Wynn Resorts handled allegations of sexual misconduct against company founder Steve Wynn.

The state Gaming Commission has been investigating, in part, whether company officials knowingly hid information about the allegations when the state was considering its application for a license in 2014.

The series of hearings opening Tuesday in Boston have implications for the Las Vegas company's Massachusetts casino license and Encore Boston Harbor, the \$2.6 billion resort in Everett it plans to open in June.

## Victim of fatal hit-and-run in Pittsfield identified

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Authorities have publicly identified a man killed in a hit-and-run accident in Massachusetts over the weekend.

The Berkshire district attorney says 32-year-old Christopher Reynolds was struck by a Ford SUV in Pittsfield about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Authorities did not provide his address.

The district attorney's office says Reynolds died of blunt-force trauma, and the light-colored SUV kept driving toward the neighboring town of Dalton.

Pittsfield police say the vehicle likely has front-end damage and are asking anyone with information to contact them.

## Mayor relaunches pothole reporting program

HAVERHILL, Mass. (AP) — Residents of a Massachusetts city who report potholes to city officials could find themselves a few dollars richer.

The Eagle Tribune reports that Haverhill Mayor James Fiorentini has relaunched a pothole reporting program for the first time in several years.

Anyone who calls 311 to report a pothole to the Highway Department between Monday and Friday is eligible to enter a drawing for \$25 gift cards to city businesses.

Fiorentini says the department has received more than 300 pothole repair requests since January, and crews have patched about 250 of the requests.

He says some potholes are actually sinkholes and others indicate underlying problems such as a water main issue.

Fiorentini says the city repairs regular potholes within 24 to 72 hours of notification.

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## Airman lost in World War II accounted for using DNA analysis

BOSTON (AP) — An airman from Massachusetts who died during World War II when his plane crashed in Southeast Asia has been accounted for using DNA evidence.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Monday that U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Alfred Sandini, of Marlborough, was accounted for earlier this year using dental, anthropological and DNA analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence.

The agency says the 25-year-old Sandini was a radio gunner aboard a B-25C Mitchell bomber that crashed in February 1944, most likely due to enemy anti-aircraft fire in what was then known as French Indochina, and is now Vietnam.

His remains were initially buried at the American Military Cemetery in Kunming, China, before being moved to Schofield Mausoleum in Hawaii. They were disinterred last August and sent to a lab for analysis.



This circa 1940s photo released Monday, April 1, 2019, by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency shows Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Alfred R. Sandini, of Marlborough, Mass., who died during World War II when his plane crashed in February, 1944, in what is now Vietnam. Sandini was accounted for in February 2019 after his remains were positively identified using scientific and material evidence.

# HEALTHFITNESS

## Federal study gives new options for people with rare cancers

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — People with rare cancers have been out of luck — not only do most lack good treatments but drug companies also don't pursue them because of small potential sales. Now, a federal study that pools these folks gives them strength in numbers and new options.

The first results from this novel effort were revealed at an American Association for Cancer Research conference in Atlanta on Sunday. They suggest that for people with one of these unusual diseases, there seems to be a way to predict who will benefit from a drug combo that boosts the immune system and who will not.

"For the patients that it works for, it's phenomenal, it's life-changing ... but it's not for everybody," said one study leader, Dr. Sandip Patel of the University of California, San Diego's Moores Cancer Center.

Brigitte Sagasser, 54, of San Marcos, California, is one study participant who seems to be benefiting. Her tumors have been shrinking since starting the treatment a year ago for a rare type of ovarian cancer that defied surgeries, chemotherapy and hormone therapy.

"I've tried all kinds of stuff before and nothing really helped in the long run," she said. "I felt like I was kind of out of choices on what

could be done."

Rare cancers individually affect fewer than 6 in 100,000 people a year, but collectively make up 22% of all cancer cases. They include tumors in the brain, blood, glands, bones, and skin, and there's often not even a study that patients can join to test an experimental drug or therapy.

"We're trying to fill that gap" by funding the federal study, said Dr. Elad Sharon of the National Cancer Institute.

It has enrolled more than 550 patients in the U.S. and Canada since it started in 2017. Currently, it's testing a combo of two immunotherapy drugs, Opdivo and Yervoy — in people grouped into "buckets" according to their tumor type. The drugs' maker, Bristol-Myers Squibb, is donating them for the study.

One of these buckets just reached critical mass to yield results — neuroendocrine tumors, which can form many places in the body but often in the lungs or digestive tract. Biopsies when the disease is diagnosed classify the cases as high, low or intermediate grade according to how aggressively the cells seem to be growing.

In the study of 32 patients, the drug combo only worked for high-grade tumors. Eight of the 18 patients saw their tumors significantly shrink. None of the others did.

In the high-grade group, survival at six



This March 12, 2019 photo provided by Brigitte Sagasser shows her in San Marcos, Calif. Sagasser, a participant in a federal study for rare cancers, seems to be benefiting from the treatment. Her tumors have been shrinking since starting the treatment a year ago for a rare type of ovarian cancer that defied surgeries, chemotherapy and hormone therapy. (Courtesy Brigitte Sagasser via AP)

months without worsening disease was 31% — better than the 10% that doctors historically have seen for such patients, said Patel, who has been a paid adviser to Bristol-Myers and several other companies.

"It gives us a glimpse into what can happen," said another study leader, Dr. Razelle Kurzrock at the San Diego cancer center. "If we get it right, maybe we can get it to work in more patients."

About one-quarter of all patients had symptoms typical of immune system therapies — effects on the liver, fatigue, nausea — and 6%

had colitis, gut inflammation. But side effects were manageable and not severe, Patel said.

Identifying which patients are likely to benefit from these drugs spares others these side effects, expense and false hope.

Sagasser developed a problem from Yervoy, but continues to get Opdivo every two weeks. She is looking forward to next year, when it will be 20 years since she was first diagnosed.

"It will be a party next year, believe me," she said. "I expect to be cancer-free by then and for good."

## Measles count in US this year already more than all of 2018

By MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of U.S. measles cases through the first three months of this year have surpassed the count for all of 2018, health officials say.

There have been 387 cases through March, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Monday. There were 372 last year.

The numbers are preliminary, and may change. But the 2019 tally is already the most since 2014, when 667 were reported.

This year's numbers have been driven by outbreaks in several states, including New York, California, Illinois, Texas, and Washington.

Most people who get measles have not been vaccinated. In the U.S., most outbreaks are sparked by travelers who picked up the virus in countries where measles is more common. Nearly 83,000 people contracted measles in Europe in 2018, the highest number in a decade, according to the World Health Organization.

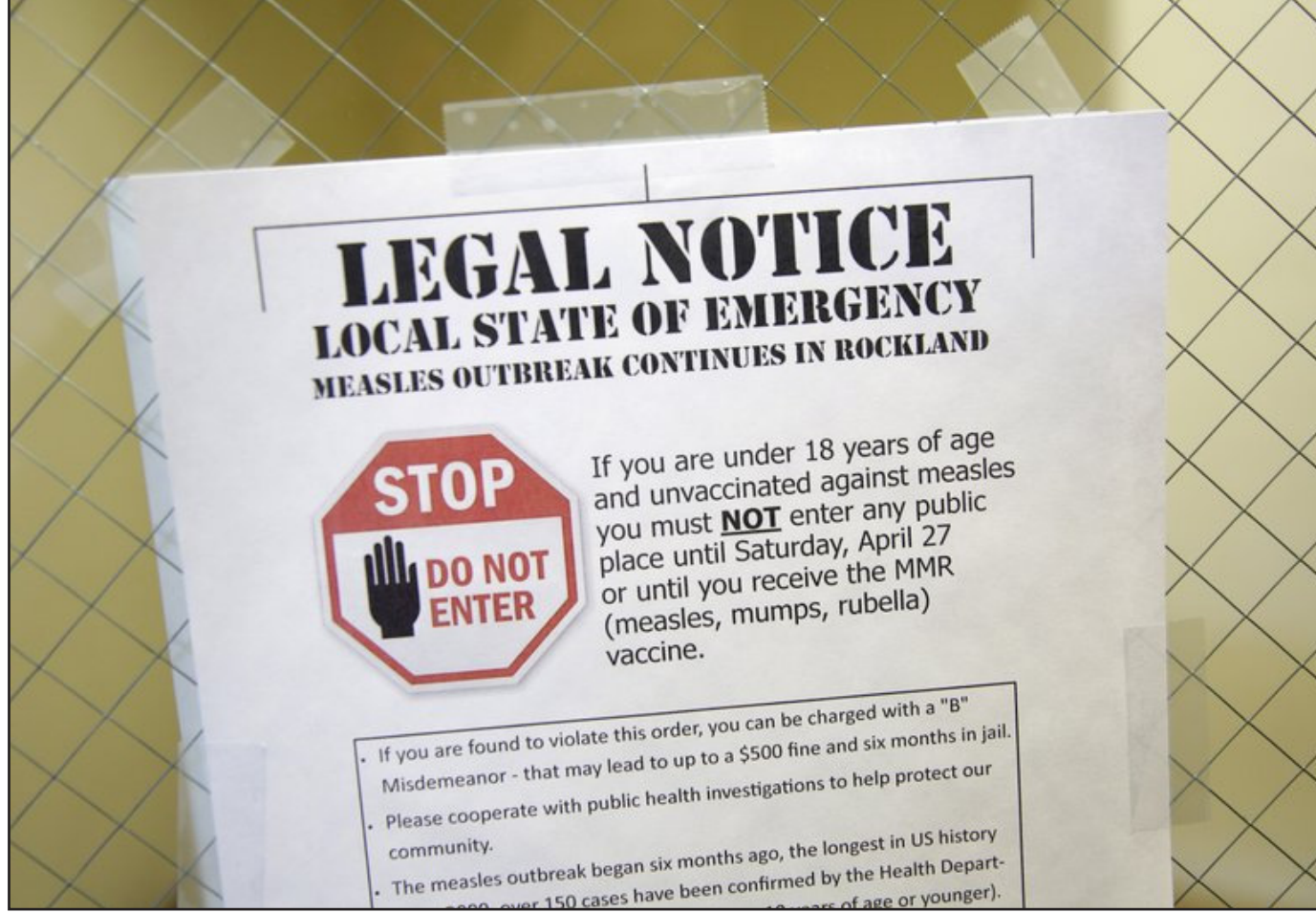
The measles vaccine is 97% effective, according to the CDC.

Measles is spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and it is extremely contagious.

For most people, measles is miserable but not life-threatening. The most common symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, and a rash all over the body. However, a very small fraction of people get much sicker, and can suffer complications like pneumonia and swelling of the brain. Also, measles can cause pregnant women to deliver prematurely.

There have been three measles-related deaths reported in the U.S. since 2000, including two in 2003 and one in 2015.

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This Wednesday, March 27, 2019 file photo shows a sign explaining the local state of emergency because of a measles outbreak at the Rockland County Health Department in Pomona, N.Y. Measles is spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It's so contagious that 90 percent of people who aren't immunized are infected if exposed to the virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

## Nursing Services at the Westfield Senior Center

Nursing services are available at the Westfield Senior Center, 45 Noble Street, thanks to the generosity of Baystate Noble Hospital. Mary Ellen Asher, RN, is at the Senior Center Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and can assist older adults with blood pressure checks, medication review, blood glucose testing, and one-to-one health education. There is no charge for this service and no advance appointments are necessary.

## Westfield Senior Center's "Heaven's Angels" Project

Michelle Moniz coordinates a group at the Westfield Senior Center who sew "angel" gowns for newborns who never make it home from the hospital. The white angel gowns are made from wedding gowns and offer comfort to strangers coping with the death of a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or through neonatal loss. The baby gown is used to present the infants to their families as they say a final farewell before burial or cremation. The "Heaven's Angels" group meets on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Westfield Senior Center, 45 Noble Street. Participants should feel free to bring a portable sewing machine, sewing scissors, and pins. Those who don't sew can participate by dismantling wedding gowns as well as tracing and cutting patterns. Please call the Westfield Senior Center Program Director, Mary Lou Niedzielski at 562-6435, to sign up or get additional information about the program.

## Ballroom Dance at the Westfield Senior Center

Do you enjoy ballroom dancing? On the fourth Monday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m., the Westfield Senior Center Great Room is the hot spot to trip the light fantastic! Couples and singles have the opportunity to dance the afternoon away. Local favorite musician, Richie Mitnick provides the live music each month. The cost is \$3 per person on a pay-as-you-go basis. No advance sign-ups are necessary. The Westfield Senior Center is located at 45 Noble Street.

HAMPDEN COUNTY

## "Be Aware, Be Prepared!" Packets Available

The thought of preparing for disasters or emergencies can be overwhelming. Planning is key! The Medical Reserve Corps of Hampden County has prepared a family records packet to assist in the planning process. The document is extensive but simple to complete. "Be Aware, Be Prepared!" packets are available at the Westfield Senior Center, 45 Noble Street. Once completed, the document should be kept in a clear watertight plastic bag, ready to be taken with you in the event of a disaster if you need to evacuate your home. It is the hope of the Medical Reserve Corps that you will never have to use the "Be Aware, Be Prepared!" document. But hope is not a plan!

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# US officials worry paralyzing illness may grow more common

By MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — One morning last fall, 4-year-old Joey Wilcox woke up with the left side of his face drooping.

It was the first sign of an unfolding nightmare.

Three days later, Joey was in a hospital intensive care unit, unable to move his arms or legs or sit up. Spinal taps and other tests failed to find a cause. Doctors worried he was about to lose the ability to breathe.

“It’s devastating,” said his father, Jeremy Wilcox, of Herndon, Virginia. “Your healthy child can catch a cold — and then become paralyzed.”

Joey, who survived but still suffers some of the effects, was one of 228 confirmed victims in the U.S. last year of acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM, a rare, mysterious and sometimes deadly paralyzing illness that seems to ebb and flow on an every-other-year cycle and is beginning to alarm public health officials because it is striking more and more children.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said it may bear similarities to polio, which simmered among humans for centuries before it exploded into fearsome epidemics in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Fauci, who published a report about the disease Tuesday in the journal *mBio*, said it is unlikely AFM will become as bad as polio, which struck tens of thousands of U.S. children annually before a vaccine became available in the 1950s.

But he warned: “Don’t assume that it’s going to stay at a couple of hundred cases every other year.”

Other countries have reported cases, including Canada, France, Britain and Norway. But the size and pattern of the U.S. outbreaks have

been more pronounced. More than 550 Americans have been struck this decade. The oldest was 32. More than 90 percent were children, most around 4, 5 or 6 years old.

Most had a cold-like illness and fever, seemed to get over it, then descended into paralysis. In some cases it started in small ways — for example, a thumb that suddenly wouldn’t move. Some went on to lose the ability to eat or draw breath.

Many families say their children have regained at least some movement in affected limbs, but stories of complete recovery are unusual. Health officials cannot say how many recovered completely, partly or not at all, or how many have died, though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says deaths are rare.

Scientists suspect the illness is being caused chiefly by a certain virus that was identified more than 55 years ago and may have mutated to become more dangerous. But they have yet to prove that.

And while doctors have deployed a number of treatments singly or in combination — steroids, antiviral medications, antibiotics, a blood-cleansing process — the CDC says there is no clear evidence they work.

Many parents say that when they first brought their child to the emergency room, they quickly realized to their horror that the doctors were at sea, too.

“Everyone is desperate for some magical thing,” said Rachel Scott, a Tombal, Texas, woman whose son Braden developed AFM in 2016 and has recovered somewhat after intensive physical therapy but still cannot move his right arm and has trouble swallowing and moving his neck.

A growing number of experts agree that physical therapy makes a difference.

“These kids can continue to recover very



Braden Scott gives a thumbs up as he pauses while practicing on the piano in Tomball, Texas on Friday, March 29, 2019. Braden was diagnosed with the mysterious syndrome called acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM, in 2016 and was paralyzed almost completely. But since then he has recovered much of his muscle function. His parents believe a lot of it has to do with thousands of hours of physical therapy. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

slowly, year over year. ... It’s driven by how much therapy they do,” said Dr. Benjamin Greenberg of UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, one of the nation’s foremost experts on the condition.

Wilcox, Joey’s father, said his son made huge improvements that way. Joey can run and use his arms. Still, muscle tone is weak in his right leg and shoulder, and he still has left-side facial paralysis. “He can’t completely smile,” his dad said.

Other stories are more tragic.

Katie Bustamante’s son Alex developed AFM in 2016. The suburban Sacramento, California, mother realized something was wrong when she asked the boy, then 5, why he wasn’t eating his yogurt. Alex replied that his thumb had stopped working and he couldn’t hold his spoon.

That morning was the start of 17 months of hospital stays, surgeries, therapy, and struggles with doctors and insurers to find a way to restore his ability to breathe. It ended one morning last May, when the Bustamantes woke up to find Alex had died.

Government officials need to step up, Bustamante said.

“I want them to research it and find the cause, and I want them to find a way to prevent it,” she said. “This is growing. This shouldn’t be happening.”

More and more experts feel certain the main culprit is an enterovirus called EV-D68, based on the way waves of AFM have coincided with spikes of respiratory illnesses caused by EVD-68. Enteroviruses are a large family of viruses, some of which, such as polio, can damage the central nervous system, while many others cause mild symptoms or none at all.

In the U.S., doctors began reporting respiratory illnesses tied to EV-D68 in 1987, though usually no more than a dozen in any given year.

Then, in what may have been one of the first signs of the AFM waves to come, a 5-year-old boy in New Hampshire died in 2008 after developing neck tenderness and fever, then weakened arms and deadened legs. The boy had EVD-68, and in a report published in an obscure medical journal, researchers attributed his death to the virus.

The first real burst of AFM cases hit in 2014, when 120 were confirmed, with the largest concentrations in California and Colorado.

What ensued was an even-year, odd-year pattern: Cases dropped to 22 in 2015, jumped to 149 in 2016, and fell again, to 35 in 2017. Last year they reached 228, a number that may grow because scores of illnesses are still being investigated.

In keeping with the cyclical pattern, just four cases have been confirmed this year so far.

CDC officials consider an illness AFM based on scans and other evidence showing a certain kind of damage to the spinal cord. Proof of an enterovirus infection is not required for a case to be counted, mainly because such evidence has been hard to come by. So far, CDC investigators have been able to find evidence of enteroviruses in the spinal fluid of only four of 558 confirmed cases.

Scientists are using more sensitive spinal-fluid tests in hopes of establishing the connection between AFM and EV-D68 more firmly. That, in turn, could spur more focused work on treatments and maybe even a vaccine.

Meanwhile, Fauci’s agency has put out a call for researchers to apply for federal funds, and is tapping a University of Alabama-anchored network of pediatric research centers to work on the illness.

The CDC is pledging a greater focus, too. Parents have accused the agency of doing little more than counting cases and have complained that when they tried to contact CDC they encountered only automated phone trees and form responses.

CDC officials have begun holding meetings and calls with families, set up a scientific task force and working to monitor cases more closely.

Fauci suggested it would be a mistake to assume that surges will take place every other year forever. The next one “may be in 2019, for all we know,” he said.

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Rachel Scott, left, talks with her son, Braden, in Tomball, Texas on Friday, March 29, 2019. “Everyone is desperate for some magical thing” to cure the kids, said Rachel. Braden developed acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM, in 2016. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

# WWF sounds alarm after 48 lbs of plastic found in dead whale

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — An 8-meter (26-foot) sperm whale was found dead off Sardinia with 22 kilograms (48.5 pounds) of plastic in its belly, prompting the World Wildlife Foundation to sound an alarm Monday over the dangers of plastic waste in the Mediterranean Sea.

The environmental group said the garbage recovered from the sperm whale’s stomach included a corrugated tube for electrical works, plastic plates, shopping bags, tangled fishing lines and a washing detergent package with its bar code still legible.

The female whale beached off the northern coast of Sardinia last week, within the vast Pelagos marine sanctuary that was created as a haven for dolphins, whales and other sea life.

“It is the first time we have been confronted with an animal with such a huge quantity of garbage,” Cinzia Centelegghe, a biologist with the University of Padova, told the Turin daily *La Stampa*.

The exam also determined that the whale was carrying a fetus that had died and was in an advance state of decomposition. Experts said the mother whale had been unable to digest calamari due to the huge amount of plastic it had ingested, filling two-thirds of its stomach.

WWF said plastic is one of the greatest threats to marine life and has killed at least five other whales that had ingested large amounts of it over the last two years from Europe to Asia.

Another sperm whale died off the Italian island of Ischia, near Naples, last December with plastic bags and a thick nylon thread in its stomach, but plastic was not the cause of death.

The World Wildlife Foundation said between 150,000 and 500,000 tons of plastic objects and 70,000 to 130,000 tons of micro-

plastics wind up in Europe’s seas each year.

To combat the phenomenon, the European Parliament last week approved a new law banning a wide range of single-use plastic products, including plates and straws, starting in 2021.

Italy’s environment minister, Sergio Costa, lamented the whale’s death and said he planned to propose a new law this week to limit the use of plastics.

The law will permit fishermen to bring plastics recovered at sea to land for proper disposal, which they currently are barred from doing. Costa also pledged Italy would be one of the first countries to enact the European single-use plastics ban and appealed to the mayors of Italian cities and coastal towns to adopt the ordinances in advance of the 2021 law.

“We have been using disposable plastics in a carefree way in these years, and now we are paying the price,” he said. “The war on disposable plastics has started. And we won’t stop here.”



In this photo taken on Friday, March 29, 2019 and provided by SEAME Sardinia Onlus, a whale is lifted up onto a truck after being recovered off Sardinia island, Italy. The World Wildlife Foundation is sounding the alarm over plastics in the Mediterranean Sea after an 8-meter-long sperm whale was found dead off Sardinia with 22 kilograms (48.5 pounds) of plastic found in its belly. (SEAME Sardinia Onlus via AP)

# NY state poised to raise smoking age from 18 to 21

By CHRIS CAROLA

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Democrat-controlled New York Senate passed legislation Monday putting the state a step closer to joining seven others where the legal age for buying cigarettes and electronic cigarettes has been raised from 18 to 21.

The state Assembly, also controlled by Democrats, passed its own legislation last month. Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo also supports raising the age to 21 for purchasing cigarettes and is expected to sign the legislation. Once that happens, the new law will take effect in 120 days.

“The lifelong health effects of tobacco cannot be overstated and in New York we are committed to doing everything in our power to keep tobacco products out of the hands of young people,” Cuomo said in a statement after the Senate passed the bill.

The measure will prohibit cigarette sales to anyone under 21. Seven states and hundreds of U.S. municipalities already have similar laws in place. In New York state, 21 is the minimum age for buying cigarettes in 15 counties and New York City.

The Senate legislation is sponsored by Diane Savino, who represents parts of Brooklyn and Staten Island. The measure was sponsored in the Assembly by Linda Rosenthal, of Manhattan. Before her measure was brought to a vote, Savino told Senate colleagues how she began smoking at age 12, sneaking in a pack of cigarettes for herself when she was sent to a store near her family’s Queens home to buy smokes for her mother, father and grandfather.

“No one thought there was anything wrong with a 12-year-old buying cigarettes,” said Savino, who no longer smokes. “Smoking will kill you if you start.”

The move toward raising the legal age of purchase to 21 in New York drew praise from anti-smoking advocates and tobacco industry lobbyists alike.

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Westfield City Advancement Officer Joe Mitchell, Crist Myers, president and CEO of Myers Information Systems, At-large City Councilor John J. Beltrandi, III and Mayor Brian P. Sullivan. (WNG News Photo)

## Mitchell

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as City Advancement Officer. He was rehired in the same position by Mayor Brian P. Sullivan in 2016.

Mitchell pointed to several of his accomplishments as City Advancement Officer, including the \$6.6 million PVTA Bus Transit Facility that he said almost didn't happen due to federal funding issues.

He has also worked tirelessly with the Westfield Redevelopment Authority on the Urban Renewal Project in the Elm Street corridor, advancing the purchase of the land and the bowling alley to make way for a new mixed-use building. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for that project is expected to go out in the next month or two. Another big project Mitchell has advanced is the Turnpike Industrial Park, for which he is working on the final environmental report, and expects certification from the Mass. Environmental Protection Agency to be issued shortly thereafter. Last week, the City received notice of another \$150,000 grant from the state to continue the work at the Turnpike Industrial Park. This brings the City's total up to \$1.2 million after three successful rounds.

The project site is a 74.88-acre parcel with a potential tax revenue of \$1.3 million a year, and with the potential for 1,100 jobs, and \$120 million in private investment, according to Mitchell in previous statements.

Mitchell has also helped both mayors to facilitate new development and expand the existing operation of major business in the city, including James Hardie Building Supply, Prolamina, Tell Tool, Jarvis Surgical, Boise Cascade and Myers Information Systems, which is due to open at 110 Elm St. this spring. He has also helped to bring four large solar projects to Westfield.

Sullivan said he will need to find someone or some entity to help the city immediately with the Urban Renewal Project and the Turnpike Industrial Park, as well as other business at the Airport and throughout Westfield, in the wake of Mitchell's departure.

"I respect Joe and support his career moves, and wish him nothing but the best," Sullivan said.

"It has been my distinct privilege and pleasure to serve Mayor Sullivan, Mayor Knapik and the City of Westfield. I thoroughly enjoyed my job with the city, working with great people and taking on complex projects," Mitchell said this week, adding, "I am very thankful for the friendship, encouragement and support the city employees and members of the community and city have shown me over the last nine years."

## UK lawmakers seek to prevent no-deal Brexit

BRUSSELS (AP) — Ford's European boss says that if the United Kingdom can't work out a deal on how to leave the European Union without guaranteeing "frictionless trade" then the company "will have to consider seriously the long-term future of our investments in the country."

Ford of Europe Chairman Steven Armstrong, was speaking at a Ford event in the Netherlands Tuesday, the day after British lawmakers voted down a series of alternatives to Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal with the EU.

Armstrong told The Associated Press that "a no-deal Brexit would be a disaster for the automotive industry in the U.K. and within that, of course, I count Ford Motor Company."



Anti Brexit protesters looks at placards showing pictures of British politicians as she demonstrates outside the Houses of Parliament in London, Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May is set for long Cabinet meeting Tuesday, as the government tries to find a way out of the Brexit crisis, after lawmakers on Monday rejected all alternatives to her European Union withdrawal agreement. (AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

## Construction

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will consist of construction from the top of the hill on Congamond Road to College Hwy. While a crew is conducting phase two, another crew will be going back to phase one and completing finish work.

In June 2018, it was reported that the Congamond Road

project had begun with Pereira working on below grade utilities and starting the drainage process. A few months later in September of 2018, most of the drainage work was complete.

The project is being funded by Mass DOT for \$4.1 million and is expected to finish at some point in the fall of 2019.



Workers from Pereira Construction are seen widening Congamond Road on Monday afternoon. (Photo by Greg Fitzpatrick)

## Kev's Foundation

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to schools to increase the availability of AEDs and hands-on CPR training to those who work with young people.

Realizing that Gateway's AEDs were aging and were located in hard-to-find areas of the schools, Croke sought assistance from Kevs Foundation to better prepare the school to respond if a student, staff member or guest went into cardiac arrest on school grounds. Her application proved successful and several changes were made as a result, including embedding a hands only CPR course as part of the high school health curriculum; and providing parent education at sports sign-ups with a link to a YouTube video on SCA with parents of student athletes signing that they have watched and understand the video.

In addition, the location of the AEDs at the main complex has changed. There is now a defibrillator located in the main lobby across from the security booth and in the lobby outside of the HS gym, to ensure that the devices are more accessible to the public. AEDs at Chester (across from the school gymnasium) and Littleville (main lobby) stayed the same.

Kevs Foundation reports that most occurrences of Sudden Cardiac Arrest occur in public places, and may be triggered by a sudden blow to the chest between heartbeats. While they protect a child from muscle and bone injury, chest protectors do not prevent SCA; the use of an AED is the only effective treatment.

Cabral-Croke was grateful for the opportunity to make Gateway even safer for students. "I just wanted to say thank you for everyone who participated with and supported this effort. It was a great example of a community coming together to improve safety and awareness."

## Pope: Women have 'legitimate claims' for justice, equality

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis said Tuesday that women have "legitimate claims" to seek more justice and equality in the Catholic Church, but stopped short of endorsing more sweeping calls from his own bishops to recognize the "urgency of an inevitable change" to give them leadership roles.

Francis issued a document inspired by an October 2018 meeting of the world's bishops on better ministering to today's young Catholics. The meeting was marked by demands for greater women's rights, and the bishops' final document called the need for women to have positions of responsibility and decision-making in the church "a duty of justice."

In his lengthy document, "Christ is alive," Francis endorses no such conclusion. He says only that a church that listens to young people must be attentive to women's "legitimate claims" for equality and justice, and must better train men and women who have leadership potential.

"A living church can look back on history and acknowledge a fair share of male authoritarianism, domination, various forms of enslavement, abuse and sexist violence," Francis writes.

"With this outlook, she can support the call to respect women's rights, and offer convinced support for greater reciprocity between males and females, while not agreeing with everything some feminist groups propose."

Asked at a news conference Tuesday about the lack of reference to both women in leadership positions and the need to welcome homosexuals better, synod organizer Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri noted that Francis acknowledged in his text that he couldn't rewrite everything from the final synod document and referred readers back to it.

Francis writes that he was inspired by all the reflections at the synod but that he wanted to use his text to "summarize those proposals I considered most significant."

The document, known as an apostolic exhortation, covers a wide range of issues confronting young people today, noting that many feel alienated from the Catholic Church because of its sexual and financial scandals, and are themselves suffering from untold forms of exploitation, conflict and despair.

A hefty chunk of the document focuses on both the promises and perils of the



In this Friday, March 29, 2019 file photo, Pope Francis attends an audience with participants of a course on the Internal Forum promoted by the Apostolic Penitentiary Court, in the Pope Paul VI hall, at the Vatican. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini, File)

digital world and dedicates ample space to the plight of migrants. It uses millennial lingo, calling the Virgin Mary an "influencer" and describing relations with God in computing terms: "hard disk," "archive" and "deleting."

The document calls for an urgent reform of Catholic schools and youth ministry programs, saying they are often focused on self-preservation and protecting the young from outside errors, and are divorced from the reality of the lives lived by the young.

"Such a youth ministry ends up completely removed from the world of young people and suited only to an elite Christian youth that sees itself as different, while living in an empty and unproductive isolation," he writes.

It also acknowledges the importance of sexuality to young people as part of their development. But it uses the term "homosexuality" only once in the entire 299-paragraph booklet, and doesn't repeat the language of the October 2018 synod final document calling for deeper anthropological, theological and pastoral study on sexuality and sexual inclinations.

On sexual abuse, the pope calls for the "eradication" of the way authority has been exercised in the church that allowed such abuses to occur, and for a challenge to the way church leaders handled cases with "irresponsibility and lack of transparency."

"The desire to dominate, lack of dialogue and transparency, forms of double life, spiritual emptiness, as well as psychological weaknesses, are the terrain on which corruption thrives," Francis writes.

He calls for the faithful to call out a priest who seems at risk of seeking affections from young people "and remind him of his commitment to God and his people."

Asked why there was no reference to Francis' frequent call for "zero tolerance" for abuse, Baldisseri said the pope doesn't need to repeat the phrase in every document. "You don't need to say 'zero tolerance' every time you go to lunch and dinner," he said.

The issue of women was particularly acute during the synod, given that only seven nuns were invited to participate alongside 267 cardinals, bishops and priests. None of the women had the right to vote on the final document, and the nuns made clear and public their displeasure before, during and after the meeting.

While reference to the gender disparity at future synods was scrapped, the final document did recommend that women have a greater presence in church structures at all levels, including positions of responsibility, while respecting that the priesthood remains for men only.

"The synod recommends that everyone be made aware of the urgency of an inescapable change," it said. "It's a duty of justice, that finds its inspiration in the way Jesus related to the men and women of his time, as well as the importance of the role of some female figures in the Bible, in the history of salvation and in the life of the church," the document read.

Church doctrine reserves the priesthood for men, given Christ's apostles were male. Women have often complained they have a second-class status in the church. History's first Latin American pope has vowed to change that, but he has done little concrete and counts no women among his own advisers.

Just last week, the founder of the Vatican's women's magazine resigned with members of the editorial board, citing what she said was a climate of distrust and delegitimization in the Vatican. The editor of the newspaper that distributes the magazine denied an effort to undermine them.

## Artists Wanted for 4th Annual Articulture Westfield Cultural Celebration

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## SPORTS

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By CHRIS PUTZ  
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – Westfield High School lacrosse is on the move.

The Westfield boys and girls lacrosse teams will have a new home this spring with the majority of games expected to be played at Roots Athletic Center, WHS athletic director Daniel Trudeau announced Monday.

“This has been our plan all along,” Trudeau said, noting the city’s Parks & Recreation Department’s involvement in securing safe playing conditions by treating the fields at the high school over the next several weeks.

“We are making efforts to improve our natural playing field, so we are trying to keep people off of it,” Trudeau said.

To ensure Westfield’s home portion of the 2019 spring schedule is not disrupted, Roots Athletic Center officials have agreed to renew a partnership with the Bombers. The cost is being taken offset by funding through the school’s Booster clubs.

“Roots has been a good partner,” Trudeau said.

Nearly the entire April portion of the spring schedule has been shifted to Roots turf field. It may not be Westfield High’s true “home” field, but it will suffice, according to school officials.

“Part of high school sports is building chemistry,” Trudeau said. “You build chemistry by overcoming adversity. Our teams will be facing a little bit of adversity by asking (them) to not necessarily practice at the high school every day. I see this as part of what overcoming challenges (is all about).”

The Bombers are no stranger to adversity.

Just last year, the school’s soccer teams moved a smattering of late season contests from Bullens Field to Roots due to



Westfield’s Max Maggipinto zips a rising shot into the back of the net during a 2018 West Sectional tournament opening round home game against Northampton. The Bombers will play the majority of their home games this season at Roots Athletic Center on Root Road due to field concerns at WHS. (Staff File Photo)

unsafe playing conditions at the field located directly behind Westfield Technical Academy High School. The Thanksgiving Day football game against Minnechaug Regional was moved to Westfield State University.

Then, during the winter, a leak in the roof forced the Westfield High School boys basketball team to move a game to the Westfield Technical Academy Tigers’ home court.

The WHS boys lacrosse team will open the season Tuesday against Agawam at Roots Field at 4 p.m. The girls lacrosse team begins play Friday against Northampton.

“Obviously our fields are in bad shape so we’re grateful to have a place to practice and play games,” Westfield High girls lacrosse head coach Paul Fenwick said.

While minor concerns such as transportation issues and the presence of a medical trainer are being hammered out, Fenwick is primarily concerned with how his players adapt to playing on a turf field.

“Our home grass field – we know every inch of it,” coach Fenwick said. “With turf, (the players) will need to get used to scooping up ground balls and other things ... because the ball moves a lot faster.”

Practicing and playing on turf will prepare Westfield for other turf-centric sites like South Hadley, West Springfield and Agawam.

“When we play those teams, we will be more ready for them,” Fenwick said. “There will be an adjustment to playing on grass. That will be like foreign soil for us.”

The move to Roots has been a blessing, of sorts, in that the high school lacrosse teams, for the first time are not roaming the halls of the high school or searching for a dry piece of pavement in between snowbanks.

“It’s been nice not having to practice in the gymnasium or parking lot for the first couple of weeks of the season,” Westfield boys lacrosse coach Mark Cavallon said.



The Westfield High School girls lacrosse team will play the early portion – if not all – of its 2019 home games at Roots Field while the Bombers’ field undergoes maintenance by the city’s Parks & Recreation Department. (Staff File Photo)

## Johnson, Mustangs topple Saints in opener

Monson 16, St. Mary’s 9

Emma Johnson scored nine goals to lead Monson in a season opener. The game was originally scheduled to be played Tuesday in the Whip City, but the game was moved to Monson due to field conditions.

Paighton Ramos led St. Mary’s with three goals. Saints’ Katarzyna Wisnauckas, Samantha Moran, and Natalie Lussier each had two goals. Wisnauckas also had an assist.

St. Mary’s goalie April Warner made 10 saves.

## US, Canada women favorites for hockey world championships

By The Associated Press

The American women have beaten Canada in seven of the last eight world hockey championship finals, including a 3-2 overtime win two years ago in Michigan.

Most expect another showdown between the top two national teams at this worlds, which opens Thursday in Espoo, Finland. Canada will play Switzerland and U.S. faces host Finland.

Canada hasn’t beaten the U.S. in a tournament final since the 2014 Four Nations Cup and hasn’t won the world title since 2012. Still, taking two of three games against their Olympic champion frenemies to win February’s “Rivalry Series” gives Canada some momentum.

“Our goal in the February series wasn’t to come away with wins. That was a bonus,” veteran forward Brienne Jenner told The Canadian Press. “Our goal was to establish the way we want to play and take steps forward toward the performance you want in the world championships. Obviously, it’s reassuring when you’re able to play that way and get some wins as well. We look at it as a good step in the right direc-

tion, but we know there’s a bit of a ways to go to get gold in Finland.”

The tournament features 10 teams for the first time, expanding an eight-team format that has been in place since 2010. Women’s hockey at the 2022 Winter Olympics also will be a 10-team tournament.

The world championship format was revamped after 2010. The top two seeds in Group A never faced the bottom two in Group B, which eliminated a pair of lopsided scores from the tournament. The world’s top five seeds — defending champion United States, Canada, Finland, Russia, Switzerland — are in Group A in Espoo. Sweden, Japan, Germany, Czech Republic and France, ranking sixth to 10th, comprise Group B.

What’s different this year is the prospect of Canada and the U.S. playing quarterfinal games against a Group B opponent: There are no longer byes to the semifinals for the top two teams in Group A ahead of the April 14 final.

Gina Kingsbury, Hockey Canada’s director of women’s national teams, said two more coun-

tries in the world championship can help grow the game — and she likes having the Canadian team playing together in a non-Olympic year.

“To me, it’s a win-win,” Kingsbury said. “It allows us to build some critical experience with our group. I do like the schedule more and how it’s spread out. There is a bit of a routine there that can come into place.”

Canada must play a game at least every second day in Espoo to reach the final.

“When I look at the world championship schedule, to me that’s exactly a best-of-seven series in the NHL,” head coach Perry Pearn said. “You have to get up on game days, you’ve got to be energized and ready to go. The day after, you’ve got to come down a little bit, get relaxed, stay relaxed, be able to rest and then you get back up for the next one.”

Notes: Canadian captain and forward Marie-Philip Poulin didn’t play for Les Canadiennes de Montreal in her team’s Clarkson Cup semifinal series or the March 24 final because of a lower-body injury. Her status is unknown for the world tournament.

## Calipari, Kentucky agree to terms on long-term contract

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky has agreed to a long-term contract with coach John Calipari that will allow him to finish his career with the Wildcats.

Calipari’s current deal was amended in March 2017 to run through the 2023-24 season, with a base annual salary of \$8 million plus incentives. Men’s basketball spokesman Eric Lindsey confirmed Monday via text to The Associated Press that the school reached a new deal with the Hall of Fame coach but did not provide details.

The 60-year-old Calipari tweeted last month that his “plan and desire” was to retire at Kentucky. He is 305-71 in 10 seasons with Kentucky and won the 2012 NCAA championship in four Final Four appearances. The Wildcats, a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament, lost the Midwest Region final 77-71 in overtime on Sunday to third-seeded Auburn to finish the season 30-7.

### HIGH SCHOOL STANDINGS, RESULTS

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Westfield 0-0  
St. Mary’s 0-1

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield 0-0  
St. Mary’s 0-0

#### MONDAY’S RESULTS

Monson 16, St. Mary’s 9

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# 2019 HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SPRING SCHEDULE

## WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

**Mon., April 1**  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD vs. Ludlow @ Southwick High School, PPD.

**Tues., April 2**  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD vs. Ludlow @ Southwick School, 4 p.m.  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Agawam High School, 5 p.m.  
BOYS LACROSSE vs. Agawam, 4 p.m.  
BOYS TENNIS vs. Sabis, 4 p.m.  
JV BOYS LACROSSE vs. Agawam, 4 p.m.  
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Agawam High School, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 3**  
BASEBALL vs. Pittsfield, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Northampton, PPD.  
GIRLS TENNIS vs. Longmeadow, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL vs. Pittsfield, 4 p.m.  
JV GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Northampton, PPD.  
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD @ Chicopee Comprehensive High School, 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 4**  
SOFTBALL @ East Longmeadow, Birchland Park Middle School, 4 p.m.  
BOYS LACROSSE vs. East Longmeadow @ Roots Athletic Complex, 4 p.m.  
BOYS TENNIS @ Holyoke, Crosier Field and Tennis Courts, 4 p.m.  
JV BOYS LACROSSE vs. East Longmeadow, Roots Athletics Center, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL @ East Longmeadow, Birchland Park Middle School, 4 p.m.

**Fri., April 5**  
SOFTBALL vs. Minnechaug, 4 p.m.  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Minnechaug, 6:30 p.m.  
GIRLS TENNIS vs. South Hadley, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Northampton, Roots Athletics Center, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Minnechaug, 4 p.m.  
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Minnechaug, 5 p.m.  
JV GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Northampton, Roots Athletics Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Sun., April 7**  
BASEBALL @ Billerica Memorial High School, 1 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL @ Billerica Memorial High School, 1 p.m.

**Mon., April 8**  
SOFTBALL vs. Pittsfield, 4 p.m.  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD @ Chicopee Comprehensive High School, 4 p.m.  
BOYS TENNIS vs. Belchertown, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS TENNIS @ Agawam High School, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Pittsfield, 4 p.m.

## SOUTHWICK -TOLLAND -GRANVILLE

**Mon., April 1**  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD vs. Ludlow, PPD.

**Tues., April 2**  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD vs. Westfield, Ludlow, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Lee, PPD.  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Sabis, 6 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Lee, JV Field, PPD.  
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Sabis, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 3**  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD @ Putnam, Berte Field (Central HS), 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 4**  
BASEBALL @ Central High School, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Northampton, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD vs. Frontier, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL @ Central, Blunt Park (Diamond #2), 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Northampton, JV Field, 4 p.m.  
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Granby, 4 p.m.

**Fri., April 5**  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Holyoke, 5:45 p.m.  
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Holyoke, 4:30 p.m.

**Mon., April 8**  
SOFTBALL @ Chicopee, Sztot Park, 4 p.m.  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Belchertown High School, 6 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL @ Chicopee, Sztot Park, 4 p.m.  
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Belchertown High School, 5 p.m.

**Tues., April 9**  
BASEBALL vs. St. Mary, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL @ Monson, Quarry Hill Elementary School, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL @ Monson, Quarry Hill Elementary School, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 10**  
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD @ Mahar Regional High School, 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 11**  
BASEBALL vs. Granby, 4 p.m.  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Longmeadow, 6 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL vs. Granby, JV Field, 4 p.m.

**Fri., April 12**  
SOFTBALL vs. Palmer, 4 p.m.  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Commerce, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Palmer, JV Field, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 15**  
BASEBALL @ Greenfield, Veterans' Memorial Field, 1 p.m.  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Ware High School, 6 p.m.  
BOYS/GIRLS TRACK & FIELD vs. Sabis, noon  
JV BASEBALL @ Greenfield, Beacon Field, 1 p.m.  
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Ware High School, 4 p.m.

## WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

**Tues., April 2**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Wed., April 3**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Thurs., April 4**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Fri., April 5**  
BASEBALL @ Smith Vocational, Arcanum Field, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 8**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Tues., April 9**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Wed., April 10**  
SOFTBALL @ Renaissance School, Marshall Roy Field (Diamond #2), 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 11**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Fri., April 12**  
SOFTBALL vs. Gateway, Whitney Park, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 15**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Tues., April 16**  
BASEBALL vs. Putnam, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Smith Vocational, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL vs. Putnam, Jachym Field, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 17**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Thurs., April 18**  
BASEBALL vs. Belchertown, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL @ Sci-Tech, Blunt Park (Diamond #5), 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL vs. Belchertown, Jachym Field, 4 p.m.

**Fri., April 19**  
BASEBALL @ Franklin Tech High School, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL vs. Franklin Tech High School, Jachym Field, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 22**  
BASEBALL vs. Duggan Academy, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.  
SOFTBALL @ Duggan Academy, Hubbard Park (Diamond #2), 4 p.m.

**Tues., April 23**  
SOFTBALL vs. Franklin Tech, Whitney Park, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 24**  
BASEBALL @ Sci-Tech, Marshall Roy Field (Diamond #1), 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 25**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Fri., April 26**  
BASEBALL vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Commerce, Whitney Park, 4 p.m.

**Tues., April 30**  
BASEBALL @ Gateway Regional High School, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL @ Pathfinder Regional-Vocational-Technical High School, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL @ Gateway Regional High School, 4 p.m.

## ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

**Tues., April 2**  
BOYS LACROSSE @ McCann Technical High School, PPD.

**Wed., April 3**  
GIRLS LACROSSE @ Lee Middle/High School, 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 4**  
BOYS LACROSSE vs. Lee, Boardman Field, PPD.  
BOYS TENNIS @ Sci-Tech, Blunt Park, 4 p.m.

**Fri., April 5**  
BOYS LACROSSE @ Central High School, Berte Field, 6:30 p.m.

**Mon., April 8**  
BASEBALL vs. Lee, Westfield Intermediate School, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS LACROSSE @ Pope Francis High Preparatory High School, 5 p.m.  
BOYS TENNIS vs. Greenfield, Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 p.m.

**Tues., April 9**  
BASEBALL @ Southwick Regional High School, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, Whitney Park, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 10**  
BOYS LACROSSE vs. Granby, Boardman Field, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Pittsfield, Boardman Field, 5:30 p.m.  
BOYS TENNIS @ Holyoke, Crosier Field and Tennis Courts, 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 11**  
BASEBALL vs. Palmer, Westfield Intermediate School, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS LACROSSE @ Belchertown High School (Lower Field), 4 p.m.

**Fri., April 12**  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Gateway, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 15**  
BASEBALL @ Mount Everett Regional High School, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Chicopee, Boardman Field, 5:30 p.m.

**Tues., April 16**  
BOYS TENNIS vs. Turners Falls, Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 17**  
BASEBALL @ Monson High School, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL @ Monson, Veterans Field, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL @ Lenox Memorial High School, 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 18**  
BOYS LACROSSE @ Auburn High School, 11 a.m.

**Fri., April 19**  
BASEBALL vs. Ware, Westfield Intermediate School, 4 p.m.  
BOYS LACROSSE vs. McCann Tech, Boardman Field, 4 p.m.

## GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

**Tues., April 2**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Wed., April 3**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Thurs., April 4**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Fri., April 5**  
BASEBALL @ Lee, Maple Street Complex, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL @ Lee Middle/High School, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 8**  
BASEBALL @ Sci-Tech, Marshall Roy Field (Diamond #1), 4 p.m.

**Tues., April 9**  
SOFTBALL vs. Pathfinder, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Pathfinder, Littleville Elementary School, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 10**  
SOFTBALL @ Hopkins Academy, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL @ Hopkins Academy, 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 11**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Fri., April 12**  
BASEBALL vs. McCann Tech, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL @ Westfield Technical Academy, Whitney Park, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL vs. McCann Tech, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL @ St. Mary High School, Time TBD, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 15**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Tues., April 16**  
BASEBALL @ Smith Vocational, Arcanum Field, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL @ Commerce, Marshall Roy Field (Diamond #4), 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL @ Smith Vocational High School, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 17**  
SOFTBALL @ Granby Jr./Sr. High School, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL @ Granby Jr./Sr. High School, 4 p.m.

**Thurs., April 18**  
No Sports Scheduled

**Fri., April 19**  
BASEBALL @ Putnam, Blunt Park (Diamond #1), 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Franklin Tech, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL @ Putnam, Blunt Park (Diamond #2), 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Amherst-Pelham, 4 p.m.

**Mon., April 22**  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Smith Vocational, 4 p.m.

**Tues., April 23**  
BASEBALL vs. Pathfinder, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Smith Vocational, 4 p.m.  
JV BASEBALL vs. Pathfinder, 4 p.m.

**Wed., April 24**  
SOFTBALL vs. Southwick, 4 p.m.  
JV SOFTBALL vs. Southwick, Littleville Elementary School, 4 p.m.

## 2019 FUTURES LEAGUE SCHEDULE: Westfield Starfires

\*ALL GAMES PLAYED AT BULLENS FIELD, TIMES TBD

**Wed., May 29**  
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol  
**Fri., May 31**  
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires  
**Sat., June 1**  
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol  
**Sun., June 2**  
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield  
**Mon., June 3**  
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires  
**Tues., June 4**  
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires  
**Wed., June 5**  
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires  
**Thurs., June 6**  
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester  
**Fri., June 7**  
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua  
**Sat., June 8**  
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires  
**Sun., June 9**  
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore  
**Mon., June 10**  
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua  
**Wed., June 12**  
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield  
**Thurs., June 13**  
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires

**Fri., June 14**  
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore  
**Sat., June 15**  
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua  
**Sun., June 16**  
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires  
**Mon., June 17**  
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester  
**Wed., June 19**  
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires  
**Thurs., June 20**  
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton  
**Fri., June 21**  
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires  
**Sun., June 23**  
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires  
**Mon., June 24**  
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires  
**Tues., June 25**  
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires  
**Wed., June 26**  
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires  
**Thurs., June 27**  
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton  
**Fri., June 28**  
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester  
**Sat., June 29**  
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires

**Sun., June 30**  
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires  
**Tues., July 2**  
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires  
**Wed., July 3**  
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires  
**Fri., July 5**  
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires  
**Sat., July 6**  
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires  
**Sun., July 7**  
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires  
**Mon., July 8**  
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield  
**Tues., July 9**  
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires  
**Wed., July 10**  
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires  
**Thurs., July 11**  
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol  
**Fri., July 12**  
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton  
**Sun., July 14**  
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton  
**Tues., July 16**  
League All-Star Game @ Pittsfield  
**Thurs., July 18**  
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore

**Fri., July 19**  
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua  
**Sat., July 20**  
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol  
**Sun., July 21**  
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester  
**Tues., July 23**  
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore  
**Wed., July 24**  
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield  
**Thurs., July 25**  
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua  
**Fri., July 26**  
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires  
**Sat., July 27**  
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires  
**Mon., July 29**  
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield  
**Tues., July 30**  
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires  
**Thurs., Aug. 1**  
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires  
**Fri., Aug. 2**  
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton  
**Sat., Aug. 3**  
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester  
**Sun., Aug. 4**  
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires



# NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Tampa Bay	79	60	15	4	124	314	214
x-Boston	79	47	23	9	103	247	207
x-Washington	80	47	25	8	102	276	245
x-Toronto	79	46	26	7	99	279	238
x-N.Y. Islanders	80	46	27	7	99	223	195
Pittsburgh	79	43	25	11	97	265	232
Columbus	79	45	30	4	94	247	222
Carolina	79	43	29	7	93	234	218
Montreal	79	42	29	8	92	238	227
Florida	80	36	32	12	84	263	274
Philadelphia	79	37	34	8	82	236	264
N.Y. Rangers	79	31	35	13	75	220	262
Buffalo	79	31	38	10	72	212	265
Detroit	79	31	38	10	72	221	265
New Jersey	80	30	40	10	70	217	269
Ottawa	79	28	45	6	62	234	290

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Calgary	80	50	23	7	107	287	221
x-San Jose	79	44	26	9	97	279	253
x-Winnipeg	79	46	29	4	96	265	234
x-Nashville	79	44	29	6	94	229	208
x-St. Louis	79	43	28	8	94	234	214
x-Vegas	80	43	30	7	93	246	221
Dallas	79	41	31	7	89	200	194
Colorado	79	36	29	14	86	249	237
Arizona	79	38	33	8	84	206	215
Minnesota	79	36	34	9	81	206	230
Chicago	79	34	33	12	80	258	283
Vancouver	79	34	35	10	78	217	246
Edmonton	79	34	36	9	77	225	264
Anaheim	80	33	37	10	76	191	248
Los Angeles	79	29	41	9	67	192	255

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.  
 x-clinched playoff spot  
 z-clinched conference

**Sunday's Games**  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Philadelphia 0  
 Arizona 4, Minnesota 0  
 Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 1  
 Columbus 4, Buffalo 0  
 Detroit 6, Boston 3  
 Calgary 5, San Jose 3

**Monday's Games**  
 Florida 5, Washington 3  
 Toronto 2, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 2  
 Tampa Bay 5, Ottawa 2  
 St. Louis 3, Colorado 2, SO  
 Winnipeg 4, Chicago 3, OT  
 Vegas 3, Edmonton 1  
 Calgary 7, Los Angeles 2

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Nashville at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Carolina at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Arizona, 10 p.m.  
 San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Calgary at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
 N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 7 p.m.  
 Ottawa at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
 Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 Winnipeg at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
 San Jose at Edmonton, 9 p.m.  
 Arizona at Vegas, 10 p.m.

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## MLB EXPANDED STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

				East Division					Central Division					West Division															
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away		W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away		W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-4	4-1	0-0																				
Baltimore	3	1	.750	½	—	3-1	W-3	4-0	3-1																				
New York	2	2	.500	1½	½	2-2	W-1	2-2	0-0																				
Toronto	2	3	.400	2	1	2-3	L-2	2-3	0-0																				
Boston	1	4	.200	3	2	1-4	L-3	0-0	1-4																				
Kansas City	2	1	.667	—	—	2-1	L-1	2-1	0-0																				
Minnesota	2	1	.667	—	—	2-1	W-1	2-1	0-0																				
Cleveland	2	2	.500	½	½	2-2	W-1	1-0	1-2																				
Detroit	2	3	.400	1	1	2-3	L-1	0-0	2-3																				
Chicago	1	3	.250	1½	1½	1-3	L-1	0-0	1-3																				
Seattle	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-3	4-1	2-0																				
Oakland	4	3	.571	2	—	4-3	W-3	4-3	0-0																				
Texas	2	2	.500	2½	½	2-2	L-1	2-2	0-0																				
Houston	2	3	.400	3	1	2-3	W-1	0-0	2-3																				
Los Angeles	1	4	.200	4	2	1-4	L-3	0-0	1-4																				

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Philadelphia	3	0	1.000	—	—	3-0	W-3	3-0	0-0																				
New York	3	1	.750	½	—	3-1	W-1	0-0	3-1																				
Miami	2	3	.400	2	1	2-3	L-1	2-3	0-0																				
Washington	1	2	.333	2	1	1-2	W-1	1-2	0-0																				
Atlanta	1	3	.250	2½	1½	1-3	W-1	1-0	0-3																				
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-3	3-1	1-0																				
St. Louis	2	3	.400	2	1	2-3	W-1	0-0	2-3																				
Cincinnati	1	2	.333	2	1	1-2	L-2	1-2	0-0																				
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333	2	1	1-2	L-1	0-1	1-1																				
Chicago	1	3	.250	2½	1½	1-3	L-3	0-0	1-3																				
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	—	—	3-2	L-1	3-2	0-0																				
San Diego	3	2	.600	—	—	3-2	L-1	3-2	0-0																				
Arizona	2	3	.400	1	1	2-3	W-1	0-0	2-3																				
Colorado	2	3	.400	1	1	2-3	L-3	0-0	2-3																				
San Francisco	2	3	.400	1	1	2-3	W-1	0-0	2-3																				

**AMERICAN LEAGUE Monday's Games**

Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 3  
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Detroit 1  
 Baltimore 6, Toronto 5  
 Tampa Bay 7, Colorado 1  
 Houston 2, Texas 1  
 Oakland 7, Boston 0  
 Seattle 6, L.A. Angels 3

**Tuesday's Games**

Detroit (Zimmermann 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-0), 6:35 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Cashner 0-1) at Toronto (Stroman 0-0), 7:07 p.m.  
 Colorado (Freeland 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Snell 0-1), 7:10 p.m.  
 Houston (Verlander 1-0) at Texas (Miller 0-0), 8:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Berrios 1-0) at Kansas City (Keller 1-0), 8:15 p.m.  
 Boston (Sale 0-1) at Oakland (Fiers 1-1), 10:07 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Cahill 0-1) at Seattle (Gonzales 2-0), 10:10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

Chicago White Sox (Rodon 0-1) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
 Colorado (Marquez 1-0) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Gibson 0-0) at Kansas City (Bailey 0-0), 1:15 p.m.  
 Detroit (Boyd 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 4:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Karns 0-0) at Toronto (Shoemaker 1-0), 4:07 p.m.  
 Houston (Cole 0-1) at Texas (Minor 0-1), 8:05 p.m.  
 Boston (Eovaldi 0-0) at Oakland (Estrada 0-0), 10:07 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE Monday's Games**

St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 5, 11 innings  
 Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 3  
 Atlanta 8, Chicago Cubs 0  
 N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 3  
 Tampa Bay 7, Colorado 1  
 Arizona 10, San Diego 3  
 San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 2

**Tuesday's Games**

Milwaukee (Chacin 1-0) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-0), 6:40 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Eflin 0-0) at Washington (Scherzer 0-1), 7:05 p.m.  
 Colorado (Marquez 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Snell 0-1), 7:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Vargas 0-0) at Miami (Urena 0-1), 7:10 p.m.  
 Arizona (Greinke 0-1) at San Diego (Lauer 1-0), 10:10 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

Milwaukee (Peralta 0-0) at Cincinnati (Castillo 0-0), 12:35 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Nola 1-0) at Washington (Sanchez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.  
 Colorado (Marquez 1-0) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.  
 Arizona (Ray 0-0) at San Diego (Lucchesi 1-0), 3:40 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (deGrom 1-0) at Miami (Richards 0-0), 6:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Mikolas 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 0-1), 7:05 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (Lester 1-0) at Atlanta (Teheran 0-1), 7:20 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Holland 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

# Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

## Hurtful Comment by Family Member

**Dear Annie:** I care for my brother-in-law, "Steve," but both he and his wife, "Tracy," are a tad egotistical -- your classic know-it-all types, the kind of people most can handle only in small doses.

Here's some back story before I get to the matter at hand: My husband and I didn't always plan on having kids. Honestly, our son was a surprise. Steve and Tracy always planned on having children. My mother-in-law, having three sons and always wanting a girl, was hopeful for a granddaughter one day. Steve also strongly wanted a girl. Shortly before our son was born, my husband got a promotion and job offer, which resulted in our moving from Connecticut to Washington state. Although it was best for us financially, it's been hard being away from our family members, who rarely get to see our son.

About a year ago, my mother-in-law posted a picture of Steve and his little girl on Facebook. A relative commented on how awesome it is that she became a grandmother twice in one year. Steve, knowing that I would most likely see this, commented, "She's going to like our kid better, though."

I tried not to take it too seriously at first, saying something along the lines of "Hey, that's not nice!" He responded, "It's just a nice change after so many boys all these years." The more I've thought about it the more annoyed I've become. Whether he was joking or not, I think it was a completely unnecessary and rude thing to say. And truthfully, I don't believe it was a joke. Steve was not a fan of the idea of our moving so far away, so I'm sure that was a factor in the comment he made. Regardless, we're talking about a child, and I think it was a lousy thing to say.

I'll admit that I'm very sensitive and I have trouble letting things go. My issue is now that we live across the country and we don't get to visit home that often, our time with people is limited and precious. I personally have no desire to see Steve and Tracy. I would never stop my husband from seeing them, but I want no part of it.

Should I say something now or let it go? -- Hurt in the PNW

**Dear Hurt:** I'd tell you to try to let it go -- to realize that his attitude is his own problem, to make peace with his pettiness and move on, satisfied with the knowledge that you're in the right -- but the fact is you're going to be thinking about this. If it's already stayed under your skin for a year, it's likely to be lodged there for the rest of your life, so I think it would be well worth trying to talk it out. Enlist your husband as an intermediary. Try to begin from a place of understanding and common ground: "I know you probably meant this as a joke, but it really hurt my feelings." Open up a dialogue about how it's hard for you to be so far away and how the distance is something you don't take lightly. If Steve and Tracy are as egotistical as you say, it may not be enough to bring them back down to earth -- but I have a feeling you'll feel better for having tried.

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

## HINTS FROM HELOISE

### FAST FACTS

Dear Readers: Here are some other uses for shower caps from hotels and motels:

\* Cover bowls of leftover snacks: chips, pretzels and popcorn.

\* Cover vegetable trays made before a party.

\* Cover a hair dryer or shoes while packing for a trip.

\* Cover pet ears while bathing them.

-- Heloise

### NO THANKS

Dear Heloise: I've noticed a new habit of couples who get married: They don't bother to send out thank-you notes. Recently, two friends and I were invited to the same wedding, and two of us enclosed a self-addressed, stamped thank-you note with the wedding card and money. We both got our thank-you cards about a month later. The third person so far has received nothing in the way of a thank-you. -- Ruth B., Fort Wayne, Ind. Ruth, a bride should start her thank-you notes within days of returning from her honeymoon. Thanking people for taking the time to shop for a gift is not only the classy thing to do, it's just plain good manners. -- Heloise



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

4/2 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆  
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## TV Sports Listings

Tuesday, Apr. 2	
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
7 p.m.	
BTN — Coastal Carolina at Illinois	
SEC — Belmont at Tennessee	
7:30 p.m.	
FS1 — Texas A&M at Texas	
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)	
7 p.m.	
ESPN — NIT Tournament: Lipscomb vs. Wichita State, Semifinal, New York, N.Y.	
9 p.m.	
ESPN — NIT Tournament: TCU at Texas, Semifinal, New York, N.Y.	
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
5 p.m.	
SEC — Texas Southern at Texas A&M	
MLB BASEBALL	
7 p.m.	
MLB — Philadelphia at Washington OR NY Mets at Miami	

NBA BASKETBALL	
8 p.m.	
TNT — LA Lakers at Oklahoma City	
10:30 p.m.	
TNT — Denver at Golden State	
NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL	
8 p.m.	
ESPNU — G League Playoff: Lakeland Magic at Long Island Nets	
10 p.m.	
ESPNU — G League Playoff: Santa Cruz Warriors at Rio Grande Valley Vipers	
NHL HOCKEY	
7 p.m.	
NBCSN — Boston at Columbus	
SOCCER (MEN'S)	
2:30 p.m.	
ESPNEWS — German Cup: Augsburg vs. RB Leipzig, quarterfinal	
2:40 p.m.	
NBCSN — Premier League: Wolves vs. Manchester United	

## At The Movies

# Movie theater owners, studios and stars convene at CinemaCon

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The movie industry — everyone from the Hollywood studios that produce the films to the companies that make the screens, speakers and seats in theaters — are descending on Las Vegas this week for CinemaCon. The future of film going will be in the spotlight as the annual trade show kicks off Monday at Caesar's Palace.

There will surely be much celebration and self-congratulation for the record 2018 box office year, which exceeded \$11.8 billion in ticket sales in North America, and recent successes like "Us" and "Captain Marvel." Yet this year's CinemaCon is coming at a time of great change in Hollywood. Streaming and how long movies play in theaters have been a conversation staple at CinemaCon in recent years, but Walt Disney Co.'s just-completed acquisition of 20th Century Fox will be the elephant in the room.

"People are really wondering what this consolidation is going to look like for the entire business," said Kevin Grayson, the president of domestic distribution for STX Films.

On a practical level, it means there won't be a separate presentation from Fox, which always staged an elaborate production, usually involving its former distribution chief in some kind of costume.

"We will absolutely miss the Fox presence, but we also need to support and embrace Disney for what they bring to our industry and what they're going to look to do to further bolster the distribution line of great product," said Mitch Neuhauser, the managing director of CinemaCon. "It's going to be a very bittersweet convention. But we will change with the times and move forward in a productive way."

In other words, the show must go on. Disney, which has been the market-leader for three years running, along with three of the other major studios, Universal, Warner Bros. and Paramount (Sony is sitting this year out), will come armed with splashy new footage, trailers and some of their biggest stars to hype their slates for the summer movie season and beyond to an audience of theater owners, from the biggest chains to the smallest mom and pop shops.

It's not just the biggest studios: Lionsgate, Amazon, Neon and STX Entertainment will also be present, with some showing sneak peeks of upcoming films like "Wild Rose," "Late Night" and "Long Shot."

STX will kick off the main studio presentations Tuesday morning after a few remarks on the state of the industry.

"It really gives us that opportunity to shine a light on STX and show that we are not here for the short term, we are here for the long term," said STX's Grayson.

STX specializes in mid-range and mid-budgeted commer-

cial films like "The Upside" and "Second Act," and CinemaCon is an essential space to interact with not only the big players in exhibition but the people who own "twins and triples" in the middle of the country that are just as essential to their business.

"We're releasing 10 to 12 films this year and 12 to 15 next year," Grayson said. "So when the other studios are making the tentpoles, it allows us to fill that gap."

Outside of the main theater, there will also be a whole world on the trade exhibition floor showing the latest and greatest in everything from theater technologies to concession snacks.

"There has been a non-stop momentum of new technology that is driving the industry," said Neuhauser.

Ray Nutt, the CEO of Fathom Events, which specializes in event cinema, from classic movies to the Metropolitan Opera and even sporting events, agrees.

"That box office record doesn't just happen because there's good content out there," Nutt said. "It happens because the amenities in the theaters are awesome these days, whether it's luxury seating or enhanced food and beverage. These are all things that make going to the movie theater special and one of a kind."

Julien Marcel, the CEO of Webidia Movies Pro, a tech and data company for the theatrical industry, predicts that there will also be much discussion over the "second digital revolution" in movie going.

"All movie experiences start online and the key challenge for exhibitors is how to adapt with this second digital revolution," Marcel said. "The first digital revolution was when projection moved from analog to digital. Now we're at the heart of the second digital revolution where the marketing goes all digital and the ticket sales go all digital."

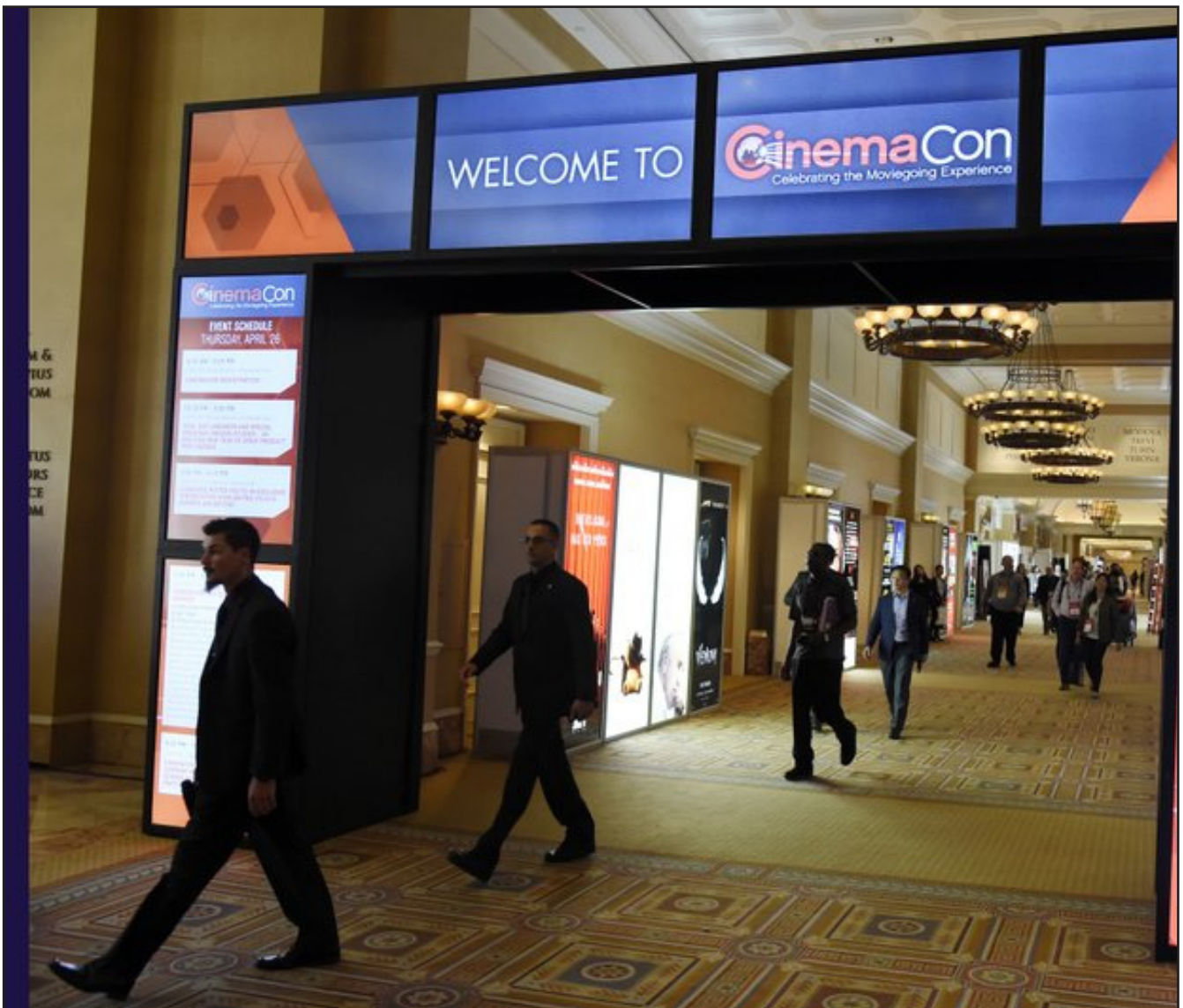
Marcel's company recently published a study that said there was 18.7 percent growth in online ticket sales in 2018. Movie tickets purchased online currently make up about a quarter of all ticket sales.

He also expects there to be a lot of focus on the "subscription economy." MoviePass might be struggling, but AMC and Cinemark have found successes with their own models and more companies are gearing up to do the same.

And even with all the changes afoot, the mood as ever going into CinemaCon is optimism.

"I've been around this business for 30 years now and it was always something that was coming along whether it was cable television or the VCR that was going to kill the industry," said Nutt. "But people in this industry keep innovating in different ways to keep people coming back out to the theater to have that communal experience. It's pretty gratifying to see the resiliency of the industry."

CinemaCon runs through Thursday.



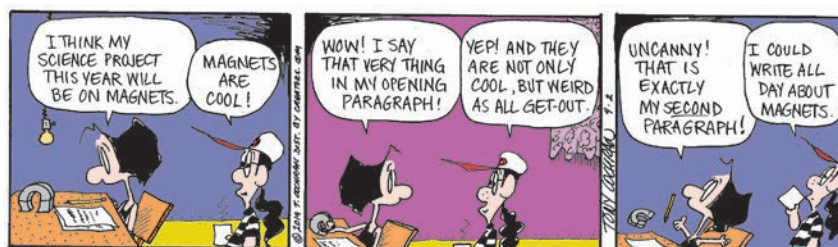
This April 26, 2018, file photo shows CinemaCon attendees walking through the lobby during CinemaCon 2018 in Las Vegas, the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners. The movie industry, everyone from the Hollywood studios that produce the films to the companies that make the screens, speakers and seats in theaters, are descending on Las Vegas this week for CinemaCon. (Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP, File)

# COMICS

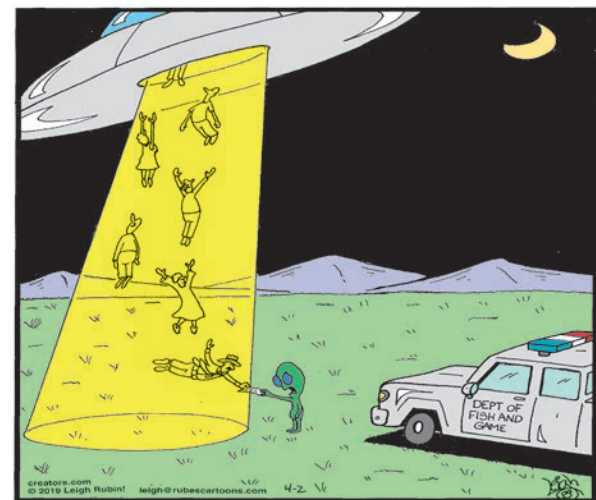
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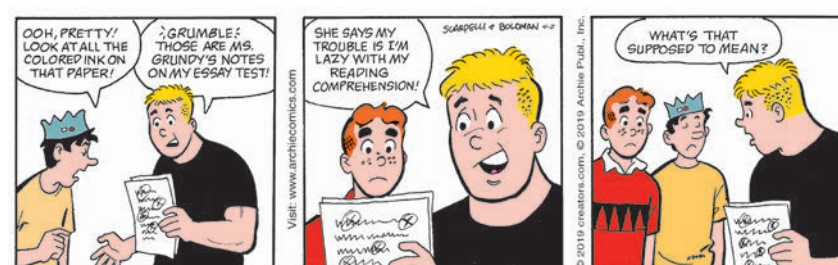
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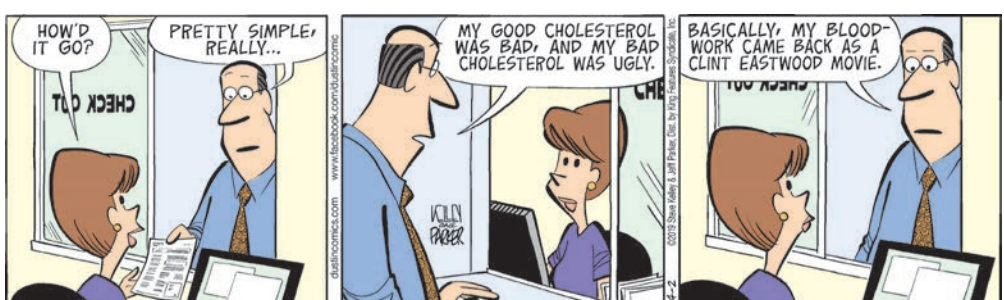
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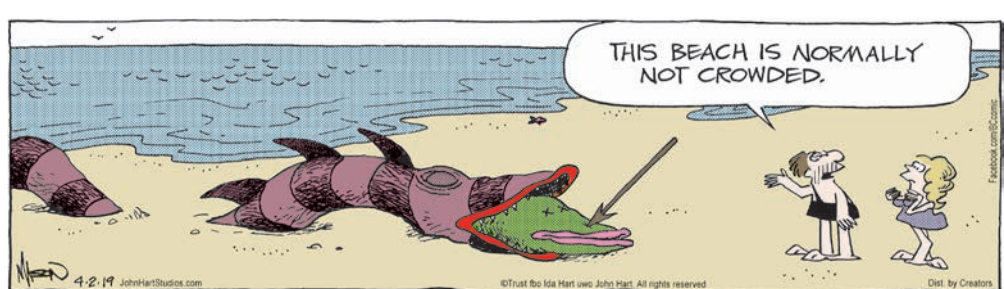
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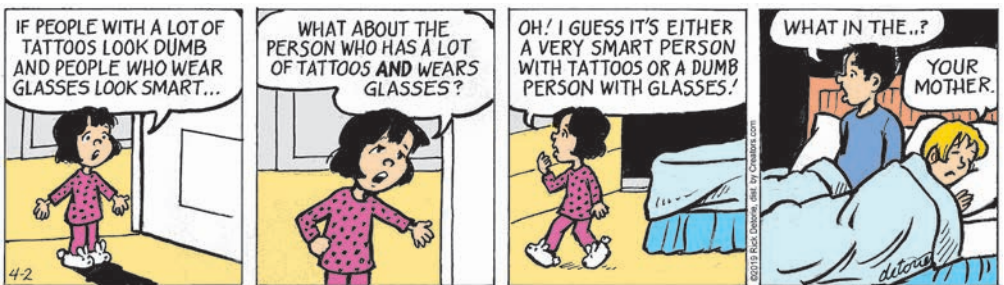
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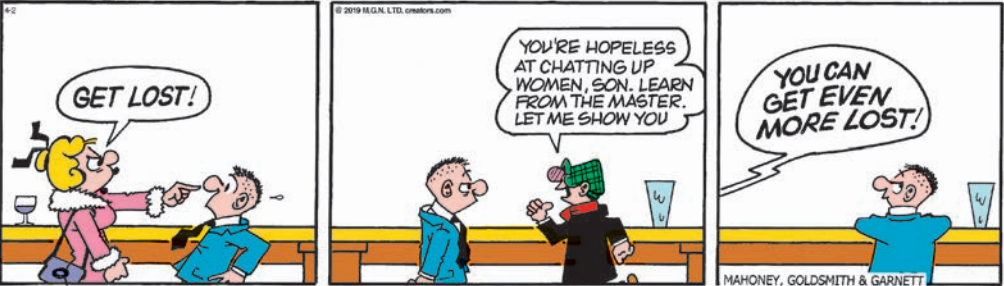
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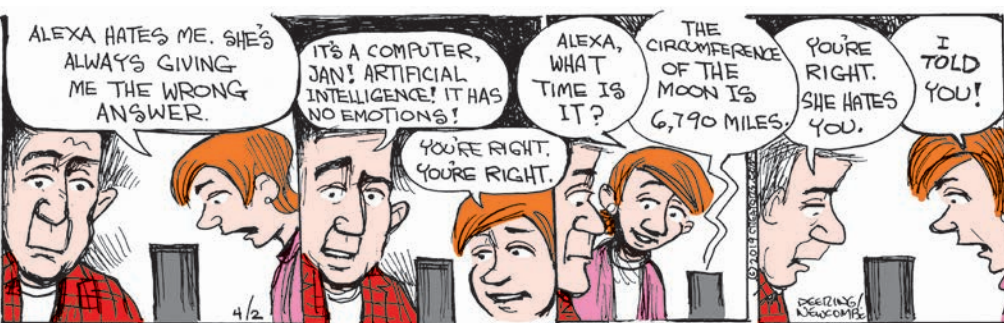
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ANDY CAPP Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett



ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe



## YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, April 2, 2019: This year, you head in a new direction, which, to some people, might seem out of character. You express your more secure, risk-taking personality. If single, you have your choice: play the field or fall madly in love. If attached, you share a deep friendship and love with your sweetie that deepens further still. Be careful with AQUARIUS' advice, especially about love.

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) **★★★★** A more restrained approach works better than impulsiveness. Allow yourself to dream and consider your options. Test out how challenging it could be to enact one of your ideas. You might be surprised by what occurs. Tonight: Vanish.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** Be more direct in how you deal with a friend. The end results will get better once you get over a hurdle. You will have an opportunity to succeed at that point. A friend inspires you to take a risk. Be careful. You might not be ready. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** Take the lead in a project. Discover what suits you and others' needs. You will have far more support, increasing the likelihood of success. Tap into your imagination to find the right answers. Tonight: A must appearance.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** Allow a partner or dear friend to take the lead. This person actually will land better than you. He or she is simply luckier than you at this time. Rather, look at the long-term projection. Tonight: Be open to a suggestion that stems from caring.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★** If you can dream it, you can make it happen. Tap into the power of your dreams through a partner or loved one. You will learn how to manifest that special thought. You discover suddenly how verbal you can be, especially with the support of others. Tonight: Feel free to share.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★★** Create more of what you desire from a situation than you have in the past. Flow with the moment. Others seem to be full of ideas and suggestions. You might be full of dreams and ideas. Think before you leap into action. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★** Make a project easy. The response you receive could be overwhelmingly positive. You can slowly add more information or details. More will be understood and accepted if you approach others systematically. Tonight: If you want, working late.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★★** Your creativity surges to a new level. If you can, deal with issues and people with your ingenuity and imagination. You might be delighted by the response you receive. Schedule special time with a friend or loved one. Tonight: Respond to a friend's subtle innuendo.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★** Stay centered, though you might be prone to unusual flights of fantasy. You might jot down some of your thoughts to test them out later. A discussion with a family member could be particularly enlightening. Tonight: Consider a change in your home.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★★** Keep discussions animated and vital. No matter what you do, you will not be able to change directions at the moment. Right now, dream and brainstorm. You might be surprised by how many ideas come up. Tonight: Share some of these ideas with a loved one.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★** Make an effort to make a difference financially. You will feel more relaxed if you take the conservative road, especially if unsure of your path. Use your intuition, yet try to back up certain ideas with facts. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a favorite dessert.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★★** You might be a fount of ideas and suggestions. You might want to jot down some of your ideas, rather than act on them at this time. Your intuition serves you well. Double-check your change. Tonight: An idea could prove excellent. Test it out on a friend.

**BORN TODAY**  
Writer Giovanni Giacomo Casanova (1725), singer/songwriter Emmylou Harris (1947), author Hans Christian Andersen (1805)

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

**Third-hand low**

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 9 8	♠ Q 7 4 3	♠ Q 7 4 3	♠ Q 7 4 3
♥ Q 7	♥ A 9 6 3	♥ A 9 6 3	♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 7 5 2	♦ Q 10	♦ Q 10	♦ Q 10
♣ A J 9 4 3	♣ Q 10 8	♣ Q 10 8	♣ Q 10 8

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 5  
♥ K J 10  
♦ A K 4 3  
♣ K 6 5 2

The bidding:  
South 1 NT Pass North 2 NT Pass East 3 NT Pass

Opening lead — two of spades.

After taking the queen with the king, declarer attacks clubs, conceding a trick to East's queen. Assuming East returns a spade (no other return is any more effective), the best the defenders can do is to score two spades, a club and the ace of hearts, since dummy's jack of spades becomes a second stopper in the suit. If East stops to consider his play at trick one more carefully, he should realize that the correct choice is not the queen, but the seven (encouraging a continuation). This apparent violation of the "third-hand high" principle leaves declarer in a hopeless position. No matter how he continues, he cannot avoid the loss of a club, a heart and three spades. East should reason that declarer's hand must include either the ace or king of spades. This conclusion is reached by adding dummy's points to his own, which leaves just 22 points for his partner and South to hold. Since South would not have continued to game with only 15 points, West cannot have the A-K of spades. Next, since West is marked with four spades by his opening lead, declarer has only two spades. If South has the K-x (or A-K), a trick can be gained by withholding the queen. And if declarer has the A-x, East cannot prevent South from acquiring a second spade stopper regardless of what he plays at trick one.

Tomorrow: The hardest bid of all.  
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## CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS**

- Chantilly, e.g.
- Chicken
- Leg, in slang
- Mr. Stravinsky
- Sparkling Italian wine
- Have bills
- Bouncing toy
- Retrieve
- Ruby and Sandra
- Apple products
- Buy more Time?
- Handle
- New Mexico resort
- Monotonous
- Work unit
- Chair designer Charles
- Odometer start
- Winter road clearer
- Remain
- Church area

**DOWN**

- Back talk
- Stitch
- Not neg.
- In the past
- Gear tooth
- Wears away
- Winslet of "Titanic"
- Egyptian deity
- List-ending abbr.
- Minnesota foot-ballers
- '60s footwear
- Dumb-struck
- Citi Field team
- Numbered rds.
- Deserve
- Restricted zones
- Recognized
- Shopper's delight
- "As I see it," to a texter
- Ancient mariner
- Maja painter
- Delta follower
- Typing speed stat
- Nymph pursuers
- Tool set
- Dossier
- Stretches (out)
- Baseball's Tommie
- Weevil's target
- Music's Yoko
- "Ulalume" writer
- Computer key
- Filming site

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Boston Celtics guard Kyrie Irving (11) reaches in on a steal-attempt against Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Monday, April 1, 2019. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

# Celtics spoil Wade's final Garden visit, beat Heat

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The Celtics showed Dwyane Wade plenty of appreciation in his final regular-season visit to TD Garden.

They also made sure his memories of that visit included a loss.

Kyrie Irving had 25 points, including a pair of key late free throws, and Boston held off the Miami Heat 110-105 on Monday night.

Al Horford added 19 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for the Celtics (46-32), who are trying to beat out the Indiana Pacers for the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference standings.

"We'll see when we get there," Irving said of how the Celtics are trending with the playoffs two weeks away. "I'm pretty sure I think we know who we're going to play, but we'll see how it pans out."

Goran Dragic led the Heat with 30 points. Bam Adebayo added 19 points and 14 rebounds. Wade finished with 17 points and seven assists.

Miami (38-39) maintained its half-game lead over Orlando for the final playoff spot in the East after the Magic's 121-109 loss to Toronto.

Two nights after Wade received a warm welcome in Madison Square Garden and picked up a victory in his final game against the New York Knicks, Boston gave him a similar greeting at TD Garden on Monday.

Before the game, Celtics president of basketball operations Danny Ainge presented Wade with a plaque in commemoration of his career accomplishments.

Later, he received a loud ovation from Boston fans when he subbed into the game in the first quarter.

"We've had so many battles in the playoffs, but appreciate the respect they've shown me as a player to give me the plaque and send me away with a piece of the history of the Celtics," Wade said. That was so cool, and I didn't expect it at all."

It was one of the few highlights for either Wade or Miami in the first half.

The Celtics jumped out to 30-8 lead after the Heat started just 3 for 14 from the field, including 0 for 7 from the 3-point line.

Boston led by as many as 23 points in the second quarter before its lead shrunk to three with 6:44 left in the fourth after the Heat went back to a zone that had been effective at times in the first half.

The Celtics continued to have some issues

with it but were able to knock down a pair of 3-pointers to help push their lead back up to 101-92.

The Heat took advantage of some Boston turnovers and got a jumper from Wade that cut it to 103-100 with 2 minutes left.

Dion Waiters missed a 3-pointer for Miami that would have tied the game and Irving converted on a three-point play on the other end.

Following a tip-in by Wade, Irving found nothing but air on a fading 3-point attempt, giving it back to Miami. But the Heat's ensuing possession ended with Kelly Olynyk's turnover.

Irving then was fouled and calmly sank a pair of free throws.

"We just could not get it over the hump to close out game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

### TIP-INS

Heat: Had 15 turnovers. . Shot just 27% from the 3-point line (10 of 37).

Celtics: It was Horford's second career triple-double and first as a Celtic. His first was Jan. 13, 2015, with Atlanta.

### PAYING RESPECT

Wade used his shoes to write a special remembrance in honor of rapper Nipsey Hussle, who was shot and killed in Los Angeles on Sunday.

"Nipsey Hussle. Rest in Heaven," the message read.

The 33-year-old Hussle, whose real name was Ermias Asghedom, was an Eritrean-American father of two who was engaged to actress Lauren London. He was lauded for his philanthropic work in the Los Angeles area.

Hussle's friends across the music industry and other stars, including Rihanna and Snoop Dogg, took to social media to express their condolences as well. Many used the opportunity to point out his role in uplifting African Americans through his community initiatives.

"It's just hard," Irving said. "Knowing what Nipsey stood for, what he was trying to promote in the community around the world."

### INJURY UPDATE

Miami's Derrick Jones Jr. left the game in the first quarter with a right knee injury after a collision with Irving in the first half. Spoelstra said he would have a MRI in Miami.

### UP NEXT

Heat: Host Celtics on Wednesday  
Celtics: Visit Heat on Wednesday.



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) shoots over Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Monday, April 1, 2019. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

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y-Toronto	55	23	.705	3	7-3	W-4	31-9	24-14	34-15
x-Philadelphia	49	28	.636	8½	7-3	L-1	30-9	19-19	29-18
x-Boston	46	32	.590	12	5-5	W-1	28-12	18-20	32-16
x-Indiana	46	32	.590	12	3-7	W-1	29-10	17-22	31-17
Detroit	39	38	.506	18½	5-5	L-1	25-13	14-25	26-23
Brooklyn	39	39	.500	19	4-6	L-1	22-17	17-22	26-22
Miami	38	39	.494	19½	6-4	L-1	18-21	20-18	22-26
Orlando	38	40	.487	20	7-3	L-1	23-16	15-24	26-22
Charlotte	35	42	.455	22½	5-5	L-3	24-15	11-27	26-22
Washington	32	46	.410	26	3-7	W-1	22-16	10-30	19-30
Atlanta	28	49	.364	29½	6-4	W-1	16-23	12-26	15-33
Chicago	21	57	.269	37	2-8	L-5	9-30	12-27	15-33
Cleveland	19	59	.244	39	2-8	L-6	13-26	6-33	15-36
New York	15	62	.195	42½	2-8	W-1	8-31	7-31	9-39

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x-Denver	51	25	.671	1	7-3	L-1	31-7	20-18	31-15
y-Houston	49	28	.636	3½	7-3	W-2	29-10	20-18	29-19
x-Portland	49	28	.636	3½	8-2	W-1	29-9	20-19	25-22
x-Utah	47	30	.610	5½	9-1	W-5	27-12	20-18	27-20
x-L.A. Clippers	47	31	.603	6	8-2	W-2	25-13	22-18	27-21
x-San Antonio	44	33	.571	8½	6-4	L-1	30-9	14-24	29-21
x-Oklahoma City	44	33	.571	8½	3-7	L-2	24-14	20-19	25-24
Sacramento	38	39	.494	14½	5-5	W-1	23-15	15-24	21-27
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Dallas	31	46	.403	21½	4-6	W-2	23-15	8-31	16-31
Phoenix	18	60	.231	35	2-8	W-1	11-28	7-32	10-38

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### Sunday's Games

Atlanta 136, Milwaukee 135, OT  
Dallas 106, Oklahoma City 103  
L.A. Lakers 130, New Orleans 102  
Sacramento 113, San Antonio 106  
Washington 95, Denver 90  
Golden State 137, Charlotte 90  
L.A. Clippers 113, Memphis 96

### Monday's Games

Indiana 111, Detroit 102  
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Milwaukee 131, Brooklyn 121  
New York 113, Chicago 105  
Toronto 121, Orlando 109  
Portland 132, Minnesota 122  
Dallas 122, Philadelphia 102  
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Phoenix 122, Cleveland 113

### Tuesday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
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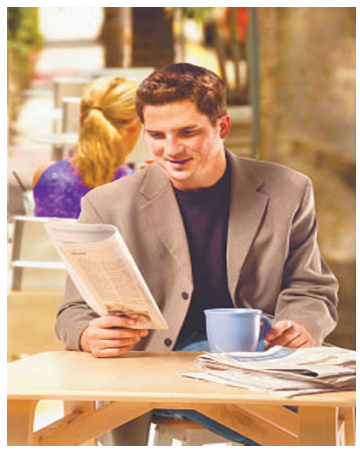
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