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"THE THEORY SEEMS TO BE THAT AS LONG AS A MAN IS A FAILURE HE IS ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN, BUT THAT AS SOON AS HE SUCCEEDS HE IS TAKEN OVER BY THE DEVIL."
— H.L. MENCKEN

Thanks given and report cards requested

By AMY PORTER

Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – During public participation at Thursday's City Council meeting, Veteran's Services Director Julie Barnes came forward to introduce Gene Theroux, who was recently appointed by the mayor as the graves officer.

She said Theroux will be tasked with caring for veterans' graves in the city, something that he has done voluntarily for years, without the title. The position is unpaid.

"I'm very honored and humbled by this," Theroux said, adding that "we all" have a responsibility to care for our veterans.

Matthew Roman came back to the podium after several months' absence to give an update from the Senior Snoopers. Roman said they are still waiting for report cards from incumbents, and to hear plans from new candidates about what they will accomplish in office.

Dan Welch, president of the Westfield Babe Ruth thanked Mayor Brian P. Sullivan, city leaders, Westfield Gas & Electric, the Department of Public Works, Park

and Recreation Department and local businesses for their support of and contributions to the Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old World Series, as well as the support by the 13-year-olds' parents and volunteers.

Welch said of the many special events during the series, the dedication of the World Series to Kevin Sullivan stood out. He said they installed a bronze plaque in his memory at Bullens Field. Also installed were plaques commemorating Westfield's championship years in 1975, 1989 and 1992. Sullivan, a former Westfield School Committee member and youth sports coach, died suddenly last fall.

"I appreciate your support," Welch said.

Former city councilor Brian Hoose also came forward to thank the many people who reached out to help him bring his yard into compliance, something he was unable to do on his own in part due to depression. He called "heart-warming" the advice and support he received from the mayor, Council on Aging Director Tina Gorman, Barnes, DPW Director

David Billips, Westfield Technical Academy's Horticulture Department, several councilors and former councilors, and the former city advancement officer, who reminded him that he had friends.

"Psychologically and emotionally, to have people step up has been so important to me," Hoose said, adding that since his dog died in April, he had been feeling alone, and the nice things they said cheered him.

Hoose also announced that next week is Suicide Prevention Week, and encouraged the councilors to get involved in a growing problem in the country for all ages. "We've lost our sense of purpose, value and self-worth that keeps us going," Hoose said, adding, "Invisible friends don't compensate," in reference to social media.

Kristen Mello of Westfield Residents Advocating for Themselves (WRAFT) said that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) began testing residents in the PFAS exposure assessment this week. Mello said although the agency had exceeded its target for the volun-

tary testing, it was not too late for residents to respond if they had received a letter requesting blood and urine samples.

Mello also said the locations to be chosen for the broader multi-site health study would be determined by the end of September. Westfield has applied to be part of that study.

At-large Councilor Nicholas J. Morganelli, Jr., came forward to say that his family has participated in 9-11 ceremonies for years. He said including the health effects following cleanup efforts, more than 3,000 people perished in the attacks.

Westfield's September 11 observances include one at 9:45 a.m., when the Westfield Fire Department will hold its annual ceremony of reflection and remembrance in honor of fallen first responders at Fire Headquarters on Broad Street.

At 11 a.m., Mayor Sullivan will be joined by families of Westfield natives who fell victim to the attacks with a wreath laying at the 9/11 Monument, located at the head of North Elm Street, across from the Westwood Building at 94 North Elm Street.



Greater Westfield Babe Ruth Baseball League President Dan Welch throws out the ceremonial first pitch at the Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old World Series between Fargo (North Dakota) and Greenville (North Carolina) Aug. 15 at Bullens Field. (Westfield News file photo)

At 6 p.m., there will also be an observance held at the Sons of Erin, 22 Williams St.



A volunteer cook preparing food for a past Polish Harvest Festival. (WN File Photo)

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Polish Harvest Festival is Sunday

By PETER CURRIER

Staff Writer

WESTFIELD- St. Joseph's Parish will be hosting its annual Polish Harvest Festival — the Dozynki — Sunday, Sept. 8 at noon on the St. Joseph's Parish grounds on Main Street.

The festival is based off of an old Polish festival that takes place at the end of the summer and the harvest season. According to Fr. Joseph Soltysiak of St. Joseph's Parish, Polish peasants would finish their annual harvest for their lord and lady and collect the best of the flowers, fruits and vegetables that were harvested.

The best harvests would be gathered together and made into a mound-shaped wreath, which would then be presented to the lord and lady. If the pair accepted the wreath, the doors would be opened,

and the festival would begin. Soltysiak said that they just about always accepted the wreath.

He added that St. Joseph's Church has been hosting the festival in Westfield since the church was first organized in 1920. It was not until 1989, however, that the festival was held on the grounds of St. Joseph's. The Dozynki Wreath, as it is called, will be put together today and blessed by Soltysiak during Mass on Sunday morning ahead of the festival.

"In church, at the first Mass, the priest will bless the wreath," said Soltysiak, "Then later on at two o'clock in the afternoon or so, they will be carrying it in procession and bring it into the main hall. Kind of saying 'let the festivities begin'."

Once the wreath has been brought out,

a troupe of Polish female dancers will come out and perform.

There will also be a raffle drawing for various gift baskets at the festival.

Traditional Polish foods will be available to eat at the festival as well. There will be pierogi, golabki, kapusta, and kielbasa, among other things. Some Polish foods, such as pierogis, are known for having a lengthy process to make them. Pulled pork was being prepared for the kapusta Friday afternoon, two days before the festival.

In addition to the festival, St. Joseph's Church will also be holding a remembrance for the Sept. 11 attacks at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Soltysiak said that it should be attended by Mayor Brian P. Sullivan and some of Westfield's first responders. The 18th anniversary of the attacks is on Wednesday.

Get on board with shopping small

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY

Assistant Managing Editor

WESTFIELD – Shopping small is a big deal.

Spending money in small, locally-owned businesses keeps the city's economy moving forward and the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce hopes local businesses and shoppers will get on board when Westfield Shops Small Nov. 29-30.

To encourage everyone to shop at small businesses that weekend, the Chamber developed a walking "board game."

Sponsored by The Original Pennysaver, shoppers can get in the game by getting a game board, which will be printed in The Pennysaver on Nov. 21, and then go shopping. Shoppers will visit at least 10 participating merchants, who will mark their store on the game board, to be eligible for cash prizes. No purchase is necessary, and participants must be over 18 to win. There will be five drop-off locations for shoppers to leave their entry form.

Many of these businesses have been meeting to plan the Small Business Saturday event, including Westfield on Weekends.

"Westfield on Weekends is working with the Chamber to support Small Business Saturday. Their commitment to us is invaluable and we are happy to help with this great event," said Amber Danahey, president of the WOW board.

Chamber Executive Director Kate Phelon said Small Business Saturday is not the national event it was in previous

years.

"While American Express has changed their model this year to shop small every day, we decided to keep it on the historical Saturday after Thanksgiving," said Phelon. "We are asking everyone to come out and shop in Westfield to support our local businesses on Nov. 29 and 30 and participate by playing the game the committee has designed."

Phelon said she is very excited about the event.

"This is actually our first, true, organized event for Shop Small Saturday in Westfield," said Phelon. "As the chamber executive, I have always wanted to plan a large, fun event for the community, but was always out of town on Small Business Saturday visiting family in upstate New York and couldn't really plan an event. So, this is my first year organizing Westfield Shops Small with chamber members."

Although the Shop Small movement has been in full effect for several years and is evolving, Phelon said it is still relevant to local businesses.

"This is still important, as we must keep the message alive about the importance of shopping and buying local to support our merchants and helping them to keep their brick and mortar stores open," she said. "I know from my chamber members that some local people have never been into their businesses. We're hoping consumers will embrace Westfield Shops Small to support these local businesses."

Businesses can get "on board" by contacting the Greater

Westfield Chamber of Commerce to secure a game square by Oct. 1, 2019. Squares are limited to the first 40 businesses. Membership is not required to participate. The cost of a square is \$25 cash or check or \$30 credit card.

All proceeds collected will go towards cash prizes, advertising, and promotional costs. All businesses who participate will also be given a poster board size of the game board to display in their windows, sponsored by Staples.

Other businesses who have been on either the gameboard committee or marketing committee include: For K-9's & Felines, George's Jeweler's, Shortstop Bar & Grill, Flowers by Webster, WOW, Mina's Wine & Spirits, and Aflac.

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Blessed Sacrament bargains

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish tag sale began Friday and continues today from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and tomorrow from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit the parish. In addition to general tag sale items, there is a room featuring items from the old rectory, a bake sale, raffle, and refreshments for sale, (Photos by Hope E. Tremblay)



Jerome and Cordelia Begley test out a children's coach during the tag sale.



Lisa Leferriere, youth minister at Blessed Sacrament, adjusts a display of Dept. 56 Christmas houses for sale. The collector's items are selling mainly for \$10 and \$25 with a few larger pieces set at \$50.



Trish Ragone and Diane Wright sell donuts, baked ziti, hot dogs, hamburgers and more.



Rev. Daniel S. Pacholec, pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, at right, speaks with visitors to the tag sale Friday.

YOUR LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 Partly Cloudy. 54-55	 Mostly Sunny. 71-75	 Mostly Sunny. 69-72

Today: A chance of rain, mainly before 8am. Partly sunny, with a high near 72. North wind 8 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. Northwest wind around 6 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Northwest wind around 7 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, low around 52.

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TODAY	SOURCE: FORECAST.WEATHER.GOV
6:23 AM SUNRISE	7:18 PM SUNSET
12 hours 54 Minutes LENGTH OF DAY	

ODDS & ENDS

Tourists may pay tolls to drive crooked San Francisco street

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thousands of tourists could soon be forced to make reservations and pay to drive the famous crooked Lombard Street in San Francisco.

California lawmakers approved a bill Thursday granting San Francisco the power to establish a toll and reservation system for Lombard Street. The bill still needs Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature.

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority has recommended \$5 per car week-days and \$10 weekends and holidays.

Residents say the scenic street has become more like an overcrowded amusement park than a neighborhood street.

They have been calling for years for officials to address traffic jams, trash and trespassing.

Tourism officials estimate that 6,000 people daily visit the 600-foot-long (183-meter-long) street in the summer, creating lines of cars stretching for blocks.

(AP PHOTO/ERIC RISBERG, FILE)

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, THE 250TH DAY OF 2019. THERE ARE 115 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On Sept. 7, 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1892, James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan to win the world heavyweight crown in New Orleans in a fight conducted under the Marquess of Queensberry rules.

In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.

In 1936, rock-and-roll legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1972, the International Olympic Committee banned Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett of the U.S. from further competition for talking to each other on the victory stand in Munich during the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" after winning the gold and silver medals in the 400-meter run.

In 1990, Kimberly Bergalis of Fort Pierce, Florida, came forward to identify herself as the young woman who had been infected with AIDS, allegedly by her late dentist. (Bergalis died the following year.)

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

In 2005, police and soldiers went house to house in New Orleans to try to coax the last stubborn holdouts into leaving the storm-shattered city. President George W.

Bush led the nation in a final tribute to William H. Rehnquist, remembering the late chief justice as the Supreme Court's steady leader and a man of lifetime integrity.

In 2007, Osama bin Laden appeared in a video for the first time in three years, telling Americans they should convert to Islam if they wanted the war in Iraq to end.

In 2008, troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed in government conservatorship.

In 2017, more than a half million people were ordered to leave South Florida as Hurricane Irma approached; Georgia's governor ordered nearly 540,000 coastal residents to move inland. One of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded in Mexico struck off the country's southern coast, toppling hundreds of buildings and killing at least 90 people. (A deadlier quake would strike central Mexico nearly two weeks later.)

TEN YEARS AGO:

Addressing a Labor Day picnic in Cincinnati, President Barack Obama declared that modern benefits like paid leave, minimum wage and Social Security "all bear the union label" as he appealed to organized labor to help him win the health care fight in Congress. Three British Muslims were convicted in London of plotting to murder thousands by downing at least seven airliners bound for the U.S. and Canada. The Pittsburgh Pirates were assured of a record-breaking 17th straight losing season as they fell to the Chicago Cubs 4-2. (The Pirates would go on to have three more consecutive losing seasons before breaking the streak in 2013.)

FIVE YEARS AGO:

The head of the Arab League, Nabil Elaraby, urged members to confront Islamic State extremists "militarily and politically." A star-studded funeral was held in New York for comedian Joan Rivers, who had died three days earlier at age 81. Serena Williams won her third consecutive U.S. Open championship and 18th major title

overall, taking 75 minutes to beat good friend Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 6-3.

ONE YEAR AGO:

President Donald Trump, citing national security, called on the Justice Department to investigate and unmask the author of a critical New York Times opinion piece purportedly written by a member of an administration "resistance" movement. In a speech at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, former President Barack Obama blasted his successor's policies and his pattern of pressuring the Justice Department. Former Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos was sentenced to 14 days in prison for lying to the FBI about his contacts with Russian intermediaries. Starbucks opened its first store in Italy, including a 22-foot bronze cask that was part of the roasting process.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 89. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 76. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 73. Actress Susan Blakely is 71. Rock musician Dennis Thompson (MC5) is 71. Actress Julie Kavner is 69. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 68. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 66. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 65. Actor Michael Emerson is 65. Pianist Michael Feinstein is 63. Singer/songwriter Diane Warren is 63. Singer Margot Chapman is 62. Actress J. Smith-Cameron is 62. Actor W. Earl Brown is 56. Actor Toby Jones is 53. Actress-comedian Leslie Jones (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 52. Model-actress Angie Everhart is 50. Actress Diane Farr is 50. Country singer Butter (Trailer Choir) is 49. Actress Monique Gabriela Curnen is 49. Actor Tom Everett Scott is 49. Rock musician Chad Sexton (311) is 49. Actress Shannon Elizabeth is 46. Actor Oliver Hudson is 43. Actor Devon Sawa (SAH-wuh) is 41. Actor JD Pardo is 40. Actor Benjamin Hollingsworth (TV: "Code Black") is 35. Actress Alyssa Diaz (TV: "Ray Donovan"; "Zoo") is 34. Singer-musician Wes Willis (Rush of Fools) is 33. Actress Evan Rachel Wood is 32. Actor Ian Chen (TV: "Fresh Off the Boat") is 13.



Peter Frattorini of Westfield began a 176-day trek on the Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain in northern Georgia on Feb. 26. (Submitted photo)



Peter Frattorini takes a selfie in the White Mountains of New Hampshire along the Appalachian Trail. (Submitted photo)



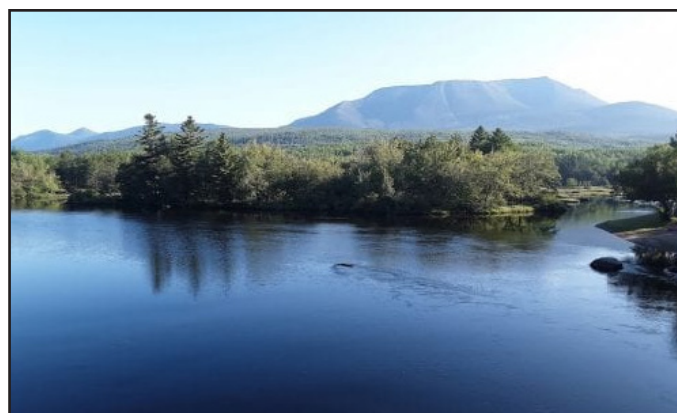
Peter Frattorini at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, one of six national park service units along the Appalachian Trail. (Submitted photo)



View captured by Peter Frattorini from Bigelow Mountain in Maine. (Submitted photo)



Peter Frattorini going back on the Appalachian Trail after resupplying in town. (Submitted photo)



Peter Frattorini took this photo of the northern terminus of Katahdin, Maine from the Abol Bridge in Maine. (Submitted photo)

‘A.T.’ challenges, inspires city man

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD — While more than 3,000 people from across the globe each year attempt to “thru-hike” the entire Appalachian Trail footpath, city resident Peter Frattorini accomplished that feat within 176 days.

From “horrible, pointy rocks” in Pennsylvania to “spectacular views” in Maine, Frattorini ended the journey on Aug. 20 at Katahdin, Maine after having experienced the 2,190 miles of trail in all kinds of weather. The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, known as “A.T.,” traverses 14 states along the crests and valleys of the Appalachian Mountain Range.

“I knew about the high attrition rate of people attempting a thru-hike but only about 25 percent achieve it,” said Frattorini, noting if some hikers injury themselves they try to return the next year and pick up where they left off. “I sprained my ankle but walked it off in Virginia.”

Starting alone in Springer Mountain, Georgia on Feb. 26, Frattorini said it was “fairly cold” in Georgia and North Carolina and saw whiteout conditions on one day.

“That day I was hiking with a couple of other people and made it to a shelter,” said Frattorini, noting that three-sided shelters are located approximately eight miles apart on the trail. “I didn’t stay that often in the shelters unless it was raining or bad weather conditions existed.”

Frattorini, who trekked an average of 12 miles a day, said he always had a “plan and a back-up plan” in the event he moved faster than he anticipated.

“It’s a lot of work,” he said. “I could walk 15 miles a day when I started out but once I came to New Hampshire and then Maine, my pace slowed down due to the high ups and downs and rocks.”

Since Frattorini was a teenager, he knew one day he would hike the Appalachian Trail.

“In my late teens I noticed the sign on the Massachusetts Turnpike for the Appalachian Trail in Lee,” said Frattorini. “My father told me about the Georgia to Maine trail and then over the years I found out more about the Appalachian Trail. I always thought I would do it after I retired.”

While he was on the trail, he turned 64.

“When I first told my father (Louis) he asked if I was crazy,” said Frattorini. “We bought maps so he could track my progress and I would call once or twice a week. By the end of the trip he said he was so proud of me.”

Frattorini also had his wife Catherine’s support, as well as his daughter Lori Gramolini, and sons, Anthony, Vinnie, and Dominic.

“I had always prepped my family that I was going to hike the Appalachian Trail one day,” said Frattorini.

An early retirement package from United Technologies Corporation last May allowed Frattorini to set his sights on this lifelong goal – and prepare his body, mind and spirit for the challenges ahead. His career had focused on the space and sea, including building backpacks for space suits, space hardware for the space shuttles, and more recently, space station logistics for the Mars project.

“Everyone has a trail name when you hike the Appalachian Trail,” said Frattorini, adding his trail name was Space Rock. “Space was from my job and rock is another name for Peter.”

After retiring, his training kicked into high gear – carrying a 40-pound backpack loaded with sandbags and bottles of water.

“I have trails behind my house so I would go up and down the hill or walk with the backpack every day,” he said, adding that training built up his legs and core.

Once the trek was underway, Frattorini said he kept in contact with his wife daily through a two-way Garmin inReach satellite device that had an SOS feature in the event disaster struck.

“Being a family guy it was important to me to stay in close contact with Cathie,” said Frattorini.

Frattorini admits there were highs and lows while on the trail, however, he always toughed it out.

“The high highs are when you are on a mountain top on a gorgeous day and it’s beautiful and you realize you are living the dream,” said Frattorini. “The low lows include waking up and it is raining and you pack up and are walking in the mud and dealing with bugs and slippery trails.”

Frattorini acknowledged there were a few days when he would come to a road and consider calling off the trip.

“I realized you don’t quit on a bad day,” he said. “Always give it one more day. There are times that it gets tough and the next day the birds are singing and you forget about the bad day.”

Highlights of the trip included a brief visit from his wife, daughter and grandchildren in Virginia who had rented an Airbnb for a few days so he could connect with them. Also, one friend hiked with him in Pennsylvania for a couple of days and another friend invited him to stay at his place in Vermont for one night.

Frattorini was also impressed by the “trail angels” he encountered along the Appalachian Trail.

“There are people along the route known as trail angels who set up card tables with food, coolers, drinks and snacks to offer free to hikers since they know we are going through a lot of

calories,” said Frattorini, adding, “most people” he encountered on the trail were nice because everyone had a common goal.

“I was never uncomfortable while hiking but there was a rumor spreading that there was a murder on the trail,” said Frattorini who was in northern Virginia at the time. James L. Jordan, 30, of West Yarmouth, Mass., was charged in the fatal stabbing of one person and wounding another after a hiker’s GPS device sent out an emergency signal in southwest Virginia.

While his encounters with hikers along the path were cordial and supportive, his only unusual animal encounter was with a grouse.

“I had one of the strangest times in the woods when I noticed something brown running toward me,” said Frattorini. “It was a grouse and I thought it was going to bite me in the leg because it came just six feet from me then stopped and turned around.”

Frattorini surmised the grouse was herding its chicks.

“I did see rattlesnakes in Pennsylvania and New York and moose in Maine but I did not see any bears,” said Frattorini, adding shortly after he returned home a bear ran across his driveway when he putting out his trash can.

Frattorini, who served as an assistant outdoor leader and a scout leader for 20 years with Westfield Boy Scout Troop 109, said all of his years hiking and taking scouts – including his sons – on hiking trips to national parks prepared him for this ultimate journey.

“I learned from this experience that I was mentally prepared and capable of taking on the challenge,” said Frattorini. “I didn’t have any fear of anything and I didn’t let anything get in my head.”

Frattorini added he enjoyed listening to the wind, birds, and the streams.

“A lot of people had podcasts on as they were walking to kill time,” said Frattorini. “For others like myself, I was rethinking my life and was very thankful for all of the support I had and from my wife for helping out.”

Frattorini also acknowledged a higher power that was an important part of the journey.

“I did a lot of praying on the trail and I thanked my God every day,” he said. “I was thankful I was able to make it and was overjoyed when I reached Katahdin.”

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Need for informative candidate forums

Dear Editor,

WANTED INFORMATIVE CANDIDATE AND ISSUE FORUMS

All candidates and questions that will appear on election ballots in Westfield should have forums that would provide residents, voters and seniors with an opportunity to learn about candidates and issues.

Unfortunately, the forums sponsored by The Westfield Evening News, the Chamber of Commerce and held in one of our public schools or Senior Center have become less informative over time, or not held at all. For example, during the last municipal election, a question to extend the term of Mayor to four years was placed on the ballot by the City. Very little information appeared in the local media, and little effort was made to inform citizens on this important decision to change a city ordinance, which would have a profound affect on election turnout and our form of government. There was no forum and the only significant attempt to inform residents and voters was made by me, with signs and a citywide mailing. The ballot question was not easy to see on the ballot, as it was placed at the bottom, in small letters. The forums and formats have been controlled and contrived affairs, with little opportunity for residents, seniors or the business community to ask questions, or to learn much about the candidates and important issues. As a result, and partly due to promotion and scheduling, these forums are poorly attended, and of limited value to the residents. There are four candidates running for Mayor this year. I sent an email to all those involved in hosting or planning past forums, asking if there is one planned. The answers ranged from the Westfield News, now controlled by The Republican, was "not able to put together a preliminary election forum" to "not that I am aware of" or it is an issue of timing and scheduling. All in all, there does not seem to be a lot of interest in this issue in Westfield. I would strongly encourage the people of Westfield to make their voices heard on important issues. And while there are some worthwhile attempts by citizens to provide space on social media, it is far past the time for the residents of Westfield, business owners, seniors and civic organizations to hold candidate and issue forums. These could even be planned in advance to allow for preliminaries and other important issues that come up.

During the last few years, the idea was floated of forming a Westfield Taxpayers Association that could take up the mantle.

I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything; but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. Edward Everett Hale - American author and Unitarian clergyman.

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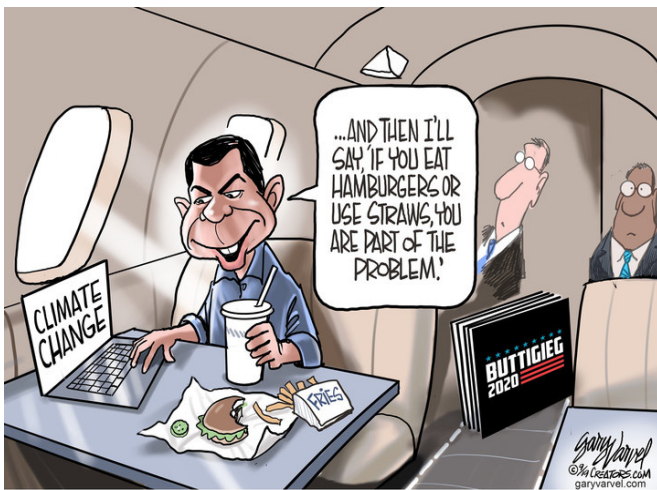
Daniel Allie

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Westfield News is partnering with the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the Westfield Council on Aging to sponsor City Council and School Committee candidate forums in late October. The Westfield News and The Republican are working in conjunction on a mayoral candidate forum as well. The Westfield News will cover the local elections, including profiles of every candidate the week prior to the November election. If anyone in the community would like to offer their suggested questions for candidates, please send them to hope@thewestfieldnews.com by Oct. 1.

Local Legislators Hold Office Hours at the Westfield Senior Center

Representative John Velis and/or his Legislative Aide, Emily Swanson holds office hours at the Westfield Senior Center every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. City Council President Ralph Figy is generally at the Senior Center on the third Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. Please take advantage of these opportunities to meet with your local Westfield legislators and ask questions, voice your opinion, or just put a face with a name. The Westfield Senior Center is located at 45 Noble Street.



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Federal agency reverses course on Trump's Alabama hurricane claim

By SETH BORENSTEIN and KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal agency reversed course Friday on the question of whether President Donald Trump tweeted stale information about Hurricane Dorian potentially hitting Alabama, upsetting meteorologists around the country.

On Sunday, Trump had warned that Alabama, along with the Carolinas and Georgia, was "most likely to be hit (much) harder than anticipated."

The National Weather Service in Birmingham, Alabama, tweeted in response: "Alabama will NOT see any impacts from #Dorian. We repeat, no impacts from Hurricane #Dorian will be felt across Alabama. The system will remain too far east."

But the president has been adamant throughout the week that he was correct, and the White House has deployed government resources and staff to back him.

The latest defense came out Friday evening, when the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued a statement from an unidentified spokesman stating that information provided by NOAA and the National Hurricane Center to the president had demonstrated that "tropical-storm-force winds from Hurricane Dorian could impact Alabama." The advisories were dated from last Wednesday, Aug. 28, through Monday, the statement read.

Friday's statement also said the Birmingham NWS tweet Sunday morning "spoke in absolute terms that were inconsistent with probabilities from the best forecast products available at the time."

The statement from NOAA contrasts with comments the agency's spokesman, Chris Vaccaro, made Sunday. "The current forecast path of Dorian does not include Alabama," Vaccaro said at the time.

Friday's NOAA statement, attributed to an unnamed spokesman and released just before 5 p.m. Friday, points to a few graphics issued by the National Hurricane Center to support Trump's claims. The maps show percentage possibility of tropical storm force winds in the United States. Parts of Alabama were covered, usually with 5% to 10% chances, between Aug. 27 and Sept. 3. Maps on Aug. 30 grew to cover far more of Alabama, but for only 12 hours, and the highest percentage hit 20% to 30% before quickly shrinking back down.

Alabama was not mentioned in any of the 75 forecast advi-

sories the hurricane center sent out between Aug. 27 and Sept. 2. Nor was any Alabama city mentioned in the charts that listed percentage chances of tropical storm force winds or hurricane force winds. Every state along the U.S. East Coast — as well as Canada and inland places like Washington, D.C. — was mentioned in those charts, but not Alabama.

Dan Sobien, president of the union representing weather service employees, tweeted Friday, "Let me assure you the hard working employees of the NWS had nothing to do with the utterly disgusting and disingenuous tweet sent out by NOAA management tonight."

Other meteorologists also voiced concerns about NOAA's actions Friday.

"I am very disappointed to see this statement come out from NOAA," Oklahoma University meteorology professor Jason Furtado told The Associated Press. "I am thankful for the folks at NWS Birmingham for their work in keeping the citizens of Alabama informed and up to date on weather hazards."

Furtado said NOAA's statement and the president's Twitter "war on weather" are undermining confidence in meteorologists, adding, "The job just got harder because of this issue."

University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd, former president of the American Meteorology Society, simply responded, "OMG."

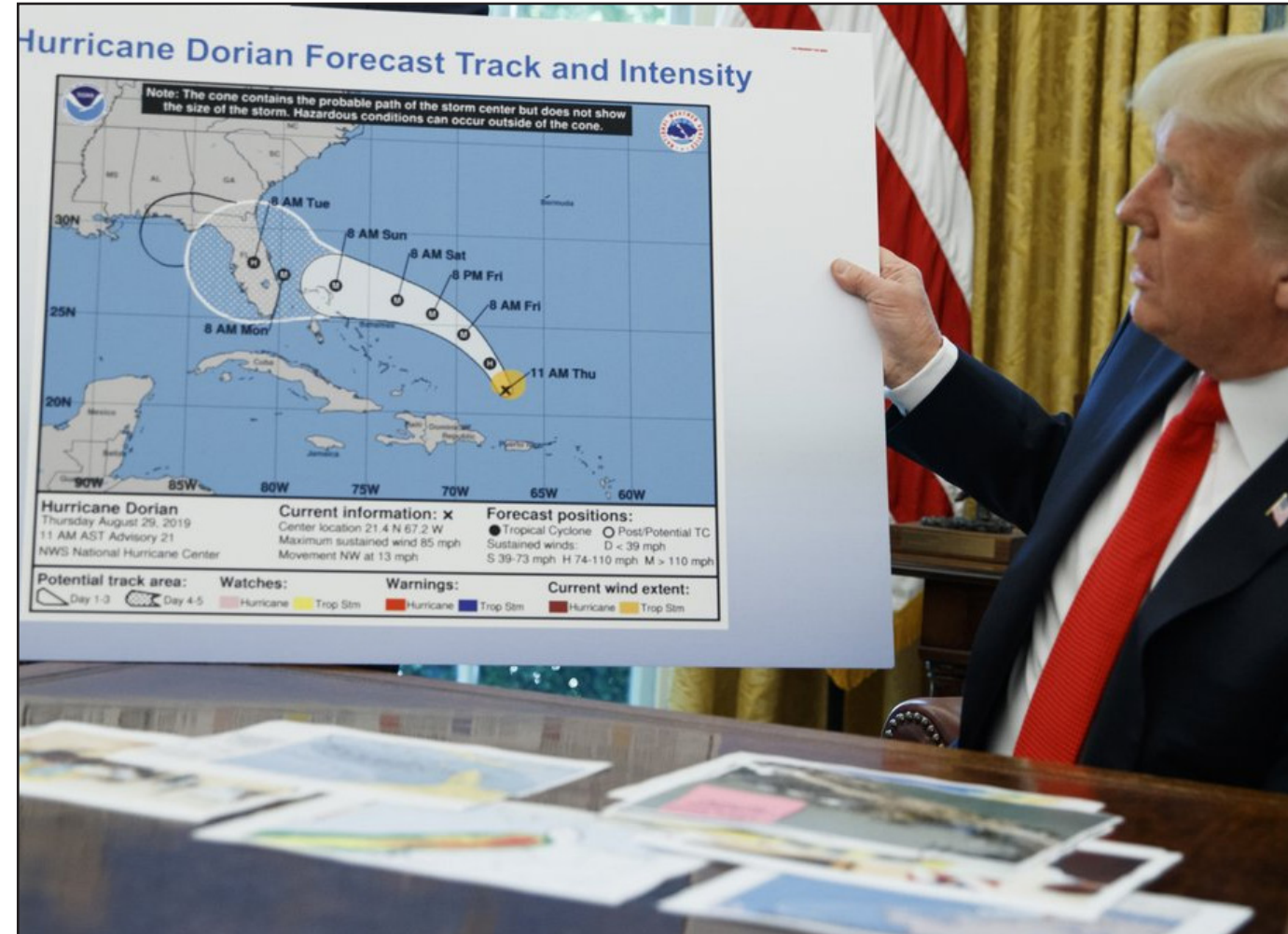
Brian McNoldy, a hurricane researcher at the University of Miami, cited the focus that NOAA placed on "tropical force winds" in its Friday evening statement. He said the first assertion about such winds from Dorian affecting Alabama is fine, but the second assertion "seems to be excessive."

McNoldy said the National Weather Service "had the right tone and message for the time. Alabama, for some time, was on the fringe of probabilities of experiencing tropical storm winds. That is not very threatening."

"The Birmingham office was correct," said a NOAA staffer familiar with the situation but speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear of being fired in reprisal.

MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel said Trump's "broadcast of false information is inexcusable."

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment. It is part of the Commerce Department, overseen by Secretary Wilbur Ross. The White House did not immediately respond to a question of whether someone at the White House had asked NOAA to issue its statement.



President Donald Trump holds a chart as he talks with reporters after receiving a briefing on Hurricane Dorian in the Oval Office of the White House, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, in Washington. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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Lost cash returned

By CARL E. HARTDEGEN
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – A Springfield man who lost thousands of dollars while visiting a donut shop in the city has his money back thanks to the honesty of the Good Samaritan who found the envelope stuffed with cash.

City police report that on Sunday afternoon a caller reported that he lost an envelope containing \$2,750 and believed that he had dropped it in a rest room at the Main Street Dunkin Donuts location.

Officer Nathan Kantor reports that his investigation found that the store's security camera showed a man leaving the rest room carrying an envelope and the case was referred to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

However, before the detectives were able to identify the man seen in the video a woman called police.

She told the dispatcher that she is the care giver for a developmentally disabled man who gave her an envelope with about \$2,700 in it which he said he had found in a bathroom at the donut shop the day before.

Officer Michael Bradley went the the man's home to retrieve the envelope and then called the owner to tell him that it had been recovered.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report
Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019

2:30 p.m.: larceny, Thomas Street, a caller reports a friend left his phone and a speaker outside briefly and the items were stolen, the responding officer reports the victim said that he and a friend had been listening to music outside his apartment building and the property was stolen when they went inside briefly, the phone was tracked to the general area of a Monroe Street address;

4:27 p.m.: larceny, Springfield Road, a caller from a Springfield Road department store reports two shoplifters have been detained, the responding officer reports the two suspects were identified, **Andre Mattos**, 32, of 165 Princeton St., Springfield, was arrested for shoplifting by asportation, a criminal complaint against the female party is reported to be pending.

Student with gun arrested at high school soccer game

ORANGE, Mass. (AP) — Police say a student brought a handgun to a high school soccer game in Massachusetts.

Ralph Mahar Regional Superintendent Tari Thomas said in a statement posted on Facebook that the student was intercepted by police as soon as the person stepped on high school property in Orange on Thursday evening.

Thomas said another student sent a tip.

The gun was confiscated, and the student was arrested.

No name was released because the suspect is a minor.

Thomas said at no time was the gun used to threaten anyone and described it as an isolated incident.

According to school records, Mahar's girls' soccer team played Athol High School on Thursday night.

Lawmakers hear more ideas to address Opioid Epidemic

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON (SHNS) — Deaths from opioid overdoses have declined slightly in Massachusetts over the past two years, but speaker after speaker stressed to a legislative committee Wednesday that efforts must continue to limit an epidemic that still claims an average of more than five lives per day.

From educating students about "Good Samaritan" laws to expanding access to overdose-reversal medication, supporters touted a range of bills they said would help reduce the death toll during a Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery hearing.

"While our fatal overdose numbers have thankfully declined by 11 percent in Massachusetts, according to the (Department of Public Health's) data just released, people are still dying," Rep. Liz Malia, who offered a bill to increase insurance coverage of addiction treatment, told the committee. "There is much work to be done."

State Floats 800-Megawatt Expansion Of Solar Program

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, SEPT. 5, 2019.....

The Baker administration proposed an expansion of a solar energy development program Thursday, days after industry officials released a report outlining job losses in the sector that executives attributed to policy shortcomings and uncertainty.

According to a senior administration official, the changes outlined in a new "straw proposal" will help advance projects on utility territory waiting lists, help deliver solar energy benefits in low-income areas, and require larger solar projects to be paired with energy storage infrastructure.

The Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) incentive program, designed to facilitate solar projects by ensuring financing, would receive an additional 800-megawatt authorization under the proposal, up from the initial 1,600 megawatts.



Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia speaks beside his attorney Kevin Reddington outside the federal courthouse, Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, in Boston, after his appearance on bribery, extortion and fraud charges. Correia pleaded not guilty. (AP Photo/Philip Marcelo)

Mayor charged with taking bribes to help pot businesses

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A young Massachusetts mayor's tortuous tenure took another strange turn Friday when he was arrested on charges that he conspired to extort hundreds of thousands of dollars from companies seeking to operate marijuana businesses.

Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia, who became the old mill city's youngest mayor when he was elected in 2015 at age 23, brazenly accepted cash bribes in exchange for issuing official letters needed to obtain a license to set up a pot business, authorities alleged.

At least four business owners paid a total of \$600,000 in bribes to the mayor, and he used the money to support a lavish lifestyle and cover mounting legal bills, they said.

"Without hesitation, Mayor Correia was extorting marijuana vendor after marijuana vendor," U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling said at a news conference. "It's striking the lengths he went to get the money, and the seeming indifference with how overt his activities were."

In one instance, Lelling said, Correia walked into a vendor's office and simply asked for \$250,000 to issue one of the letters. Another time, Correia was paid \$75,000 in cash while sitting in the backseat of a car. He promptly handed over a signed letter, Lelling said.

Correia pleaded not guilty Friday to the charges, which include bribery, extortion, wire fraud and filing false tax returns. A judge ordered him to post \$25,000 of a \$250,000 bond, and his travel was restricted to Massachusetts

and Rhode Island.

"I'm not guilty of these charges. I've done nothing but good for the great city of Fall River," Correia said outside the courthouse. "And I'm going to continue to do great things for the city."

His lawyer, Kevin Reddington, said the indictment "reads like a bad John Grisham novel" and suggested the arrest was politically motivated.

"This is a case where there's no corroboration, no physical evidence, no legitimate witness," Reddington said. "The timing of this indictment is also troubling."

Correia is running in the city's preliminary election on Sept. 17. Once a rising political star, the Democrat has already survived a bizarre March election in which he was recalled by voters and then promptly reelected the same night.

Correia was arrested in October on charges he defrauded investors in a smartphone app he was developing.

Prosecutors say he used

much of the \$360,000 to pay for jewelry, designer clothing, a Mercedes and to further his political career. Correia has pleaded not guilty to those 13 counts. His trial is currently slated to start Feb. 24.

The latest investigation highlights the potential for abuse in Massachusetts' nascent retail marijuana industry, which launched in earnest last November with the opening of the first retail storefronts, authorities said Friday.

Under state law, a so-called non-opposition letter is required to become a licensed marijuana shop. The head of the local government issues the letters, which state they've verified the business is in a permissible zoning district.

Correia has issued at least 14 of the letters, including two for his current girlfriend's brother, authorities said. Lelling's office declined to say whether it's alleging illegal activity in issuing of the letters to the brother.

State Inspector General Glenn Cunha said he hopes Correia's indictment leads

marijuana regulators to consider additional safeguards.

Friday's indictment also details other accusations against Correia.

Authorities say the now-27-year-old mayor received cash and a Rolex watch from a property owner seeking city approvals. They also say he had his chief of staff, who also faces federal charges, give him half of her \$78,780 salary in return for allowing her to keep her city job.

Genoveva Andrade, a 48-year-old Somerset resident, made her initial appearance Friday and wasn't required to enter a plea on extortion, theft and bribery charges. Her lawyer declined to comment afterward.

Three other associates are also charged in the marijuana extortion scheme and will appear in court later.

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SOUTHWICK — Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Rd., Southwick, MA announces its Faith Formation Registration Weekend on September 7 and 8 in Marian Hall before and after the Masses. The Mass times are Saturdays at 5pm,

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Wednesday, July 31
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Men's Group Fellowship Breakfast - 7 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.,
The 2nd Saturday Of Each Month.
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<http://www.Pilgrimcovenantchurch.Org>.

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Huntington, MA 01050
Rev. Chuck Vanasse
Phone - (413) 667-3196
Sunday - 10:30 A.M. - Service Of Worship
Weekly Bible Study. Call For Information.

PIONEER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
265 Ponders Hollow Road, Westfield, MA 01085
(Corner Of Tannery And Shaker Road)
Phone - (413) 562-3376
Pastor James Montoro
Sunday School - 9:30 A.M.; Sunday Service - 10:30
A.M.
And 6 P.M.; Wednesday Service - 7 P.M. We Provide
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Transportation For Those In Need Of Transportation.
Just Call Us At 562-3376.

Psalms Springs
Deliverance Ministries
141 Meadow Street, Westfield, MA 01085
Phone - (413) 568-1612
Pastor Sharon Ingram
Sunday School - 10 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 A.M.
Wednesdays - Childrens Reading Hour, 5 To 6 P.M.
With Pastor, 4 To 10 Years Old.
Wednesday Evening - 7 P.M. - Bible Study & Deliver-
ance Service
Friday - Y.E.S. - Youth Excellence Services,
13 Years Old and Up.

RUSSELL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Main Street, Russell 01071
Rev. Jimmy Metcalf, Pastor
Sunday - 9 A.M. - Sunday School, All Ages - Fellowship,
Parsonage; 10 A.M. - Family Worship; 6 P.M. - Youth
Fellowship, Parsonage.
Tuesday - 7 P.M. - Aa Meeting; Family Bible Class,
Parsonage.
Wednesday - 9 A.M. - Women's Prayer Fellowship,
Parsonage.
Friday - 7:30 P.M. - Aa Meeting.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
60 Broad Street
Westfield, MA 01085
Phone - (413) 568-1417
<http://Stjohnswestfield.Com>
Sunday - Adult Bible Study And Summer Sunday
School
(Preschool - High School) 8:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship 10 A.M.
Tune In To The Taped Broadcast
Of Our Worship Service Over
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Pastor Dan Valeri
267 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077
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Healing For The Hurts And Problems Of Everyday Life
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Info@Livinghopechurchag.Org
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Thursday Family Night 6:30Pm
Office Hours - Mon Through Thurs 9:30Am-4Pm

**SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
660 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077
Phone: 569-9650
<http://www.Southwickchurch.Com>
Rev. J. Taylor Albright, Pastor
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Sundays 9:30 Am, Service That Blend
Contemporary Worship With Traditional Liturgy
And A Family-Friendly Atmosphere
Kidzone: Childcare And Children's Ministry
During The Service
Sign Language Interpreted
Handicapped Accessible
Women's Group: Thursdays 9:30 To 11 A.M.
Good Coffee, Fellowship And
Light-Weight Discussion Of Faith Issues.
Childcare Provided.

Southwick Congregational Church, UCC
488 College Highway, PO Box 260
Southwick, MA 01077
Phone: 413-569-6362
email: southwickucc@gmail.com
website: www.southwickucc.org
Rev. Dr. Susanne U. Hayes - Interim Minister
Music - Roberta Kowal; Patti Wood

SUNDAYS
10:00 AM
Worship Service (Nursery Available)
10:15 AM
Sunday School/Youth Group
THURSDAY
6:30 PM
Mid-Week Service
HENRIETTA'S THRIFT SHOP
Friday & Saturday 9 AM-12 PM
SCOUTS
Monday 6:00 Daisy
Tuesday 6:30 Troop 114
Wednesday 6:30 Cub Pack 118
12 STEP GROUPS
AA Friday 7:30 PM
OA Friday 6:00 PM
OA Sunday 3:30 PM

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**
73 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085
Social Center: Clinton Avenue
Father Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Pastor
Phone - (413) 562-4403
Email - Soltysiak@Comcast.Net
Sunday Masses - 8 A.M. And 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School - 9:30 A.M., Social Center
Daily And Holy Day Masses as announced
For more information & Links: PNCC.org

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
30 Bartlett Street, Westfield, MA 01085
Phone - (413) 562-5477
www.stmarysofwestfield.com
Rev. Matt Alcombricht - Pastor
Deacon Pedro Rivera
Deacon Roger Carrier
Weekday Mass - Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M.
Holy Day Masses - 8:30 A.M. & 6:15 P.M. (Bilingual)
Confessions -
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 P.M. (Lower Church)
Saturday Mass - 4 P.M.
Sunday Mass - 8:30 And 10 A.M.
And 11:30 A.M. and 5 P.M.
All Masses Are In The Upper Church,
The 11:30 A.M. Is In Spanish
Handicapped Accessible, Elevator Located
To The Right Of The Main Entrance.
Adoration And Benediction - Wednesdays,
9 A.M.-6 P.M.
St. Mary's Elementary School (Pre-K-8)
(413) 568-2388
St. Mary's High School (9-12) - (413) 568-5692
Office Of Religious Education - (413) 568-1127
St. Vincent De Paul Outreach To The Poor
And Needy - (413) 568-5619

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISH
22 State Street
Westfield, MA 01085
Rev. William H. Wallis, Pastor
Deacon Paul Briere
Parish Office - 413-568-5421
Mass Schedule Daily -
Mon.-Thurs. - 7:15 A.M.
Saturday Mass - 4 P.M.
Saturday Confessions - 3 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Sunday Mass - 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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Worship Services
Sunday - Thursday Evening, 7 P.M.
Friday Evening, 6 P.M.
Saturday Evening, 5 P.M.
Monday-Friday Morning, 7 A.M.
Saturday Morning, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday And Holiday
Morning, 8 A.M. Ongoing
Monday Afternoons - Learning Center
(Religious School), 3:15 P.M.
Tuesday Afternoons - B'yachad
(Hebrew High School) 6:30
P.M.; Parshat Ha Shove
Study Group, 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday Afternoons - Learning Center
(Religious School), 3:15 P.M.;
Youth Chorale, 5:15 P.M.
Thursday Evenings - Boy Scout Troop
#32 Meets At 7:30 P.M.
Friday Mornings - "Exploring Our Prayers"
With Rabbi, 7 A.M.

Unitarian Universalist Society
Of Greater Springfield
245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield, MA 01106
Re. Jason Seymour, Minister
<http://Uuspringfield.Org>
Phone 413 736-2324
Handicap Accessible
Sunday 9:30Am And 11Am Worship Services,
Religious Education And Nursery For Children,
Wednesday 5:30 Pm Souflul Suppers
Thursday 7Pm Choir Rehearsals
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SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
Rev. Barbara Hesse, Pastor
487 Western Avenue, P.O. Box 814,
Westfield, MA 01086
<http://www.Secondchurchwestfield.org>
E-Mail: office@Secondchurchwestfield.org
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 A.M. to 1PM,
Closed Monday.
Phone - (413) 568-7557
Sunday - 10 A.M., Worship Service
And Sunday School For
Preschool Through High School.
Sunday Evening - Youth Program.

Westfield Alliance Church
297 Russell Road, Westfield, MA 01085
Rev. Jordan Greeley, Pastor
Phone - (413) 568-3572
Sunday - 9:30 A.M. - Bible Life A.M. For All Ages,
Nursery
Care Provided; 11 A.M. - Worship And The Word;
6 P.M. - Evening Service.

WORD OF GRACE CHURCH
Of Pioneer Valley
848 North Road, Route 202
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 572-3054
Email: office@Wordgrace.Us
<http://www.Wordgrace.Us>
Chet Marshall, Senior Pastor
Sunday Morning Service: 10 A.M.
Sunday Evening, 6 P.M.
Wednesday Evening, 7 P.M.

WESTFIELD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
568 Southwick Road, Westfield, MA 01085
Rev. David K. Young, Pastor
Phone - (413) 562-1504
Sunday - 10 A.M. - Morning Worship,
Childcare Available; 8:45 A.M. - Sunday School.
Wednesday - 7 P.M. - Bible Study.
Friday - 6:30 P.M. -
Awana Children's Program.

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61 Upper Church Street,
West Springfield, MA 01089
Phone - (413) 736-1006
Sunday - 10:30 A.M. And 6 P.M., Worship Service; 9:30
A.M. - Bible Study.
Wednesday - 7 P.M., Bible Study.

SPORTS

Bombers overcome Brave opposition

By CHRIS PUTZ

Sports Editor

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Bombers shook off several rain drops, yellow flags, and a few Brave defensive players to post a convincing 28-0 shutout of Taconic in a penalty-marred season-opening high school football game Friday night at Bullens Field.

While penalty flags fell to the ground almost as often as raindrops for much of the game, the opening script was a thing of near-perfection for Westfield.

After forcing a three-and-out on Taconic's first drive, Westfield went to work. The Bombers started on their own 38-yard line and moved the ball 62 yards in eight plays. The drive was aided by two key unsportsmanlike penalties on the Braves and culminated in a 6-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Matt Adamites to senior Matt Collingwood with 7:53 remaining in the opening quarter.

Collingwood came across the middle, caught the ball around the six and scampered toward the right front pylon, crossing the end zone in stride.

On the next series, Westfield forced another three-and-out. The Bombers took over, but an interception quickly ended that drive.

Westfield's defense put the brakes on Taconic yet again, holding the Braves to a third straight three-and-out. The Bombers took over near midfield.

After benefiting from another big penalty from the opposition, Westfield quickly approached the red zone. The Bombers made it 13-0 when Adamites completed a 20-yard TD pass to senior Christian Nalepinski with 59 ticks left on the first quarter clock.

The second half was once again littered with yellow flags. That did not stop Westfield though as the Bombers pushed and pushed and pushed before finally bowling over some Braves when Chris Barber rumbled 10 yards for a touchdown

36 seconds in the final quarter.

A Westfield safety and a seven-yard TD run from Nick Clauson accounted for Westfield's final two scoring plays.

BOYS SOCCER

St. Mary's 3, Pathfinder 1

St. Mary's rallied from an early one-goal deficit, rallying for three straight goals to defeat Pathfinder.

Pathfinder scored first on a high hard shot from Seth Tebo that just eluded the fingertips and grasp of St. Mary's keeper Hayden Lussier.

St. Mary responded with a goal from Seamus Smith at the 16-minute mark of the first half with a set-up from Brady Collins. The Saints scored again at the 22-minute mark of the first with a goal from Jack Lamirande, the 99th point of his career. Smith assisted.

Strong play from the Saints netted another goal off of a Pathfinder defender.

"We played a much different game today and it payed off," St. Mary's boys soccer head coach Andy Lussier said. "The boys attacked today and worked well as a team. We changed our game a bit from our last game on Tuesday. We won more balls in open space, moved with purpose and communicated better."

Coach Lussier credited strong play from Jack Masciadrelli, Aiden Burke and Mike Pepe as the main cog in helping key the Saints' continued attack.

Hayden Lussier made had 12 saves for St. Mary's

Said coach Lussier: "We've made some good progress this week as a team and are starting to work cohesively."

BOYS SOCCER

Westfield Technical Academy 3, Pioneer Valley Christian 0

Darryl Reopel, Adam Strycharz, and Bodhi Hall scored one goal apiece to fuel Westfield Tech's win over Pioneer Valley Christian. Tigers' Dan Kontsimal, Adam Strycharz, and Ruvim Vdovichenko



Rain doesn't stop WHS defensive line as they home in on Taconic's Haywood Eurquehart (32). (Photos by Marc St.Onge)

had assists.

David Tikhonchuk and Jon Vella had very strong games for Westfield Tech.

"It was good to pick up that first league win and great to see the team continue to come together," Westfield Tech boys soccer head coach Kyle Dulude said.

FIELD HOCKEY

Westfield 2, East Longmeadow 0

Meghan Bowen and Abby Daley each tallied a goal, and goalie Lindsey Brown (7 saves) earned a shutout as Westfield blanked East Longmeadow.

Lara Finnie had an assist for the Bombers.

"Westfield showed up to their game ready to play," Bombers field hockey coach Courtney Albee said. "They fought for each ball, played with heart and played smart. They

wanted the win."

Smith Academy 2, Southwick 0

Charlotte Cavanaugh and Bailey McCoy scored one goal apiece, and Hadley Szhal (2 saves) recorded a shutout in net for Smith Academy. Claire Stratton made seven saves for Southwick.

In JV action, Southwick and Smith Academy played to a 0-0 tie.



Westfield running back Nick Clauson (22) makes his way through the line. (Photos by Marc St.Onge)



Christian Nalepinski (3) makes the reception and evades the tackle to score Westfield's second goal of their game with Taconic. (Photos by Marc St. Onge)



Westfield defenseman Riley Coughlin (55) tries to break up a passing attempt by Taconic's Cole Lander. (Photos by Marc St.Onge)



The Westfield High Bombers Football Team storm onto Bullens Field for Friday's first game of the season against Taconic High. (Photos by Marc St.Onge)



The Westfield High band and cheerleaders keep the opening night's crowd entertained despite the rain. (Photos by Marc St.Onge)

Beat 'The Putz' to win big prizes

By CHRIS PUTZ

Sports Editor

Football is back!

The NFL returns this Sunday (aside from Thursday night's snooze fest between the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears) with some exciting matchups like Atlanta-Minnesota, L.A. Rams-Carolina, and, of course, New England-Pittsburgh.

Before the Patriots unveil their sixth championship banner on Sunday Night Football before a national television audience, former New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham will have made his debut with the Cleveland Browns, and rookie phenom Kyler Murray

will have either made a sterling debut for the Arizona Cardinals or flopped against the Matt Patricia-led Detroit Lions.

Due to the popularity of our free Beat "The Putz" Football Challenge, the contest returns bigger and better than ever before.

Each week, contestants are urged to pick up a copy of The Westfield News, The Original Pennysaver, East Longmeadow Reminder, Agawam Reminder, and Chicopee Herald for an entry form.

The entrant with the best record who beats yours truly will be crowned our weekly champion and win a \$25 gift certificate to The Tavern Restaurant. Any ties will be

broken by the Monday Night Football tiebreaker so don't forget to include your combined point total.

If there is still a tie, a random drawing will be used to determine a winner.

All 17 weekly winners will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a Super Bowl party catered by North Elm Butcher Block, valued at \$1,000.

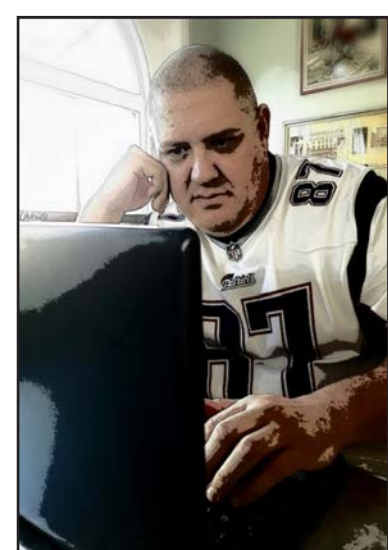
Second place will be awarded a Weber Original Premium Copper Kettle Charcoal Grill from Manny's Appliances. Third place is a \$100 gift card to the Delaney House.

Select your picks and mail to Beat "The Putz," The Westfield News, 62

School Street, Westfield, Mass. 01085. Entry forms must be filled out completely and postmarked no later than Friday at 11:59 p.m. Incomplete entry forms will be null and void.

PUTZ'S WEEK 1 PICKS:

- Minnesota Vikings
- Philadelphia Eagles
- Buffalo Bills
- Baltimore Ravens
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Kansas City Chiefs
- Cleveland Browns
- L.A. Rams
- Arizona Cardinals
- Seattle Seahawks



L.A. Chargers
Dallas Cowboys
New England Patriots
New Orleans Saints

NASCAR THIS WEEK

INDIANAPOLIS

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Clocking Johnson

Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson is optimistic about his chances of making the playoffs, despite being 18 points under the cut line. "Yeah, I mean we are running out of days and if we miss it, it's just going to be by a few (points)," he said. "If I look back over the first half of the season, I see a lot of races where we gave away a few points." Johnson has never missed the playoffs.

2. Bubbalicious

Fourteen drivers have clinched playoff spots in the 16-driver postseason. Clint Bowyer, who was under the cut line, is now eight points to the good and sitting in 15th place. Daniel Suarez and Ryan Newman are tied for 16th place atop the playoff bubble. There is no love lost between Suarez and Newman, especially after Newman believes Suarez



All eyes will be on Jimmie Johnson's No. 48 Chevy at Indy to see if he can somehow make the playoff field. [AP/RICHARD SHIRO]

did him wrong. "We're gonna race extremely hard all the way to the end," Suarez said.

3. Swap-out

Indianapolis will host the last regular-season race of 2019. Next year Indy will swap dates with Daytona International Speedway. Indy's race will be contested on the Fourth

of July weekend while Daytona, which has enjoyed that date since 1959, will host the regular-season finale. The theory behind the switch is that Daytona is more likely to produce an upset winner, like Justin Haley in July. Justin who?

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

A Brickyard shocker: Yes or no?

You want to say no because, for so many years, the Brickyard winner was either that season's eventual champion or certainly among the contenders. There's a reason for that, of course. Indy makes every available demand of a car (aside from right-hand turns, of course). You obviously need big-time horsepower for the long straightaways, but also great handling for those hard left turns on a relatively flat track. You don't bring your B-game to Indy.

But ...?

Yes, every now and then you're at least mildly surprised. Ricky Rudd slipped into Victory Lane once with a fuel-mileage win. Paul Menard's 2011 win is still his only career victory. And just two years ago, Kasey Kahne limped into Indianapolis 22nd in points and winless for three years. He left with the trophy. So it can happen. Are you listening, Jimmie? Matty D? Clint?

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GODWIN'S PICKS FOR INDIANAPOLIS

- WINNER:** Kyle Busch
- REST OF TOP 5:** Denny Hamlin, Brad Keselowski, Joey Logano, Kurt Busch
- FIRST ONE OUT:** David Ragan
- DARK HORSE:** Jimmie Johnson
- DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** The cream rises to the top at Indy and Kyle Busch scores the win and is crowned regular-season champion.

DARLINGTON

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Showcase winner

Erik Jones has five top-five finishes (and could have won Bristol) in his last seven starts, so his win at Darlington was no fluke. The victory came in his 100th Cup Series start. He now boasts wins at two historic tracks — Daytona and Darlington. Not too shabby.

2. Late race

The Darlington race had a late

start thanks to a wandering rainstorm that passed over the track. It was 1:54 a.m. Monday when NASCAR displayed the checkered flag to Jones. "I'm wore out mentally and physically," Jones said, adding "I guarantee I ain't going to bed."

3. Darlington stripe

Kyle Busch blew his right front tire on the penultimate lap but was able to finish third in the race. He used the outside



Erik Jones celebrates his late-night victory at Darlington after holding off Kyle Busch in the closing laps. [AP/RICHARD SHIRO]

wall as a guide to get him to the checkered flag. "We were able to salvage a third, just dragging the fence for the last two laps," said Busch, who

clinched the regular-season title.

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PUTZ'S ULTIMATE SPORTS CHALLENGE



Take part in the race to ultimate victory! Win weekly prizes and become our grand prize winner. Choose your top PGA men's golfer from each of the four Majors, a NASCAR racer from the Daytona 500, a horse in the race to the Triple Crown, March Madness Final Four, and the winner for every Red Sox-Yankees series throughout the summer. Points will be awarded based on where your selection finishes (1st – 3 points, 2nd – 2 points, 3rd – 1 point). Pick the 2019 Division I Men's Basketball Final Four. Receive one point for each correct Final Four team. One bonus point will be awarded for the exact Final Four. Beat our sports editor, Chris Putz, become each sporting event's top points-getter, and win our weekly prize. Any ties for the weekly prize will be broken by a random drawing. All winning entries will be eligible for our grand prize. **One entry per person.**

"Putz Pick's" predictions will only appear in The Westfield News.

NASCAR BIG MACHINE VODKA 400
AT THE BRICKYARD
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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

PUTZ'S PICK...
KYLE BUSCH

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2019 HS SPORTS FALL SCHEDULE

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WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL		
Fri., Sept. 6 BOYS SOCCER @ Palmer, Legion Field, 4 p.m. V/JV GIRLS SOCCER vs. Northampton, 4 p.m. FIELD HOCKEY vs. East Longmeadow, 4 p.m. JV FIELD HOCKEY vs. East Longmeadow, 5:30 p.m. FOOTBALL vs. Taconic, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.	11 a.m.	Tekoa Country Club, 3 p.m. V/JV GIRLS SOCCER @ Longmeadow HS, 4 p.m. FIELD HOCKEY @ Agawam HS, 4 p.m. JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL vs. East Longmeadow, 5 p.m. JV FIELD HOCKEY @ Agawam HS, 5:30 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL vs. East Longmeadow, 6:15 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 7 JV FOOTBALL @ Taconic HS,	Mon., Sept. 9 GOLF vs. West Springfield, Tekoa Country Club, 3 p.m. V/JV BOYS SOCCER vs. East Longmeadow, 4 p.m. FIELD HOCKEY @ Frontier Regional HS, 4 p.m. JV FIELD HOCKEY @ Frontier Regional HS, Time TBA	Tues., Sept. 10 GOLF vs. East Longmeadow,

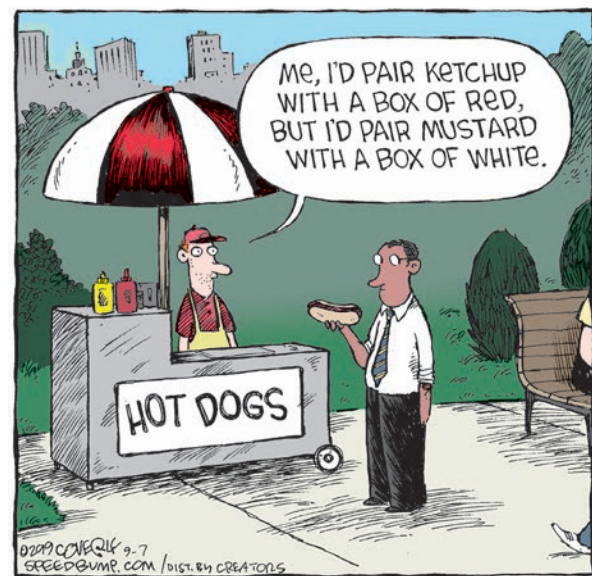
SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL		
Fri., Sept. 6 BOYS SOCCER vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 4 p.m.	GOLF vs. Franklin Tech, East Mountain Country Club, 3 p.m. BOYS SOCCER @ McCann Tech HS, 4 p.m.	p.m.
Mon., Oct. 9 GOLF vs. Central, East Mountain Country Club, 3 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER @ Commerce HS, 4 p.m.	Thurs., Sept. 12 GOLF @ Sabis, Veteran's Golf Course, 3 p.m. BOYS SOCCER vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, 4 p.m.	Mon., Sept. 16 GIRLS SOCCER @ McCann Tech HS, 4 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 10 BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY @ Hampshire Regional HS, 3:45 p.m.	Fri., Sept. 13 GIRLS SOCCER vs. St. Mary, 4	Tues., Sept. 17 BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY vs. Easthampton, Gateway, Westfield Technical Academy @ Greenfield, Highland Pond, 3:45 p.m. BOYS SOCCER @ Commerce HS, 4 p.m.

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY		
Fri., Sept. 6 BOYS SOCCER vs. Pathfinder, Westfield Intermediate School Field, 4 p.m.	Wed., Sept. 11 GIRLS SOCCER @ Commerce HS, 4 p.m.	Berte Field (Central HS), 6 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 9 BOYS SOCCER vs. Mohawk, Westfield Intermediate School Field, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER @ Duggan Academy, Tree Top Park, 4 p.m.	Thurs., Sept. 12 GOLF vs. Greenfield, Tekoa Country Club, 3 p.m. BOYS SOCCER @ Commerce HS, 4 p.m.	Tues., Sept. 17 GOLF @ Monson, Quaboag Country Club, 3 p.m. BOYS SOCCER @ Duggan Academy, Tree Top Park, 4 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 10 GOLF @ Turners Falls, Thomas Memorial Golf Course, 3 p.m. BOYS SOCCER vs. Smith Voke, Westfield Intermediate School Field, 4 p.m.	Fri., Sept. 13 GIRLS SOCCER @ Westfield Technical Academy HS, 4 p.m.	Wed., Sept. 18 GIRLS SOCCER @ Franklin Tech HS, 4 p.m.
	Mon., Sept. 16 GIRLS SOCCER @ Sci-Tech,	Thurs., Sept. 19 GOLF @ Smith Academy, Country Club of Greenfield, 3 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER vs. McCann Tech, Westfield Intermediate School Field, 4 p.m.

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL		
Mon., Sept. 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ Ware Jr./Sr. HS, 5 p.m. JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ Ware Jr./Sr. HS, 4 p.m.	Sunderland Recreation Field, 3:30 p.m. BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY vs. Gateway, Palmer, 3:45 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER vs. Granby Jr./Sr., 4 p.m. FIELD HOCKEY vs. Turners Falls, 4 p.m. JV GIRLS SOCCER vs. Granby Jr./Sr. HS, 4 p.m.	JV FIELD HOCKEY vs. Turners Falls, 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 10 BOYS SOCCER @ Frontier, Herlihy Field, 3:30 p.m. JV BOYS SOCCER @ Frontier,		Wed., Sept. 11 JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ Central HS, 4 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ Central HS, 5 p.m.

COMICS

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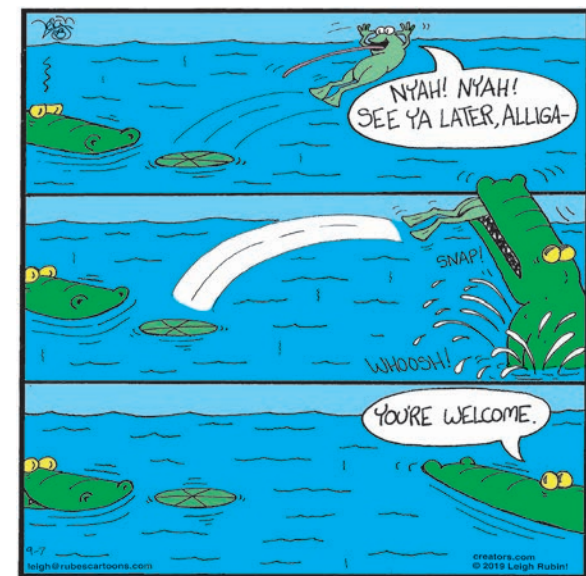
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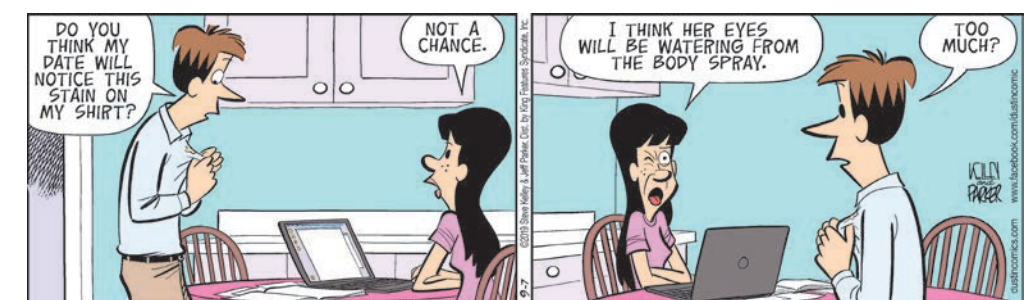
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019:
This year, you open up to a new possibility that you can channel your creativity into. If single, you might tumble into a passionate romance that serves as a muse. If you're attached, you and your partner grow together. You could find that you fall in love all over again. You find even more ties together than you thought possible. CAPRICORN often rains on your parade.

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)
★ ★ ★ Be willing to take a stand and deal with an older individual who often causes you a hassle. Keep your interactions clear and direct. Your imagination comes up with a good solution. Tonight: Off to enjoy your Saturday night.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★ ★ ★ Reach out for someone you care about who lives at a distance. You always seem to produce memorable times together. Decide to meet halfway in the near future, preferably by water. Tonight: Join a friend.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★ ★ ★ You could be excited about your plans. Get together with a special friend or person early in the day. You seem to have plans that involve fishing or being around water. Go do them before the weather becomes too cold. Tonight: Dance to another person's tune.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★ ★ ★ Defer to a partner or dear friend. If you're too assertive about your plans, the other party sometimes feels pressured. Eliminate that problem, at least for today. A mini-trip could be in the offing. Tonight: Say yes to an offer.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★ ★ ★ You might be surprised that you feel the need to slow down or clear out a project. The ever-social being that lives within you might be happy for some time off. Think twice about your plans. Some of you might want to cancel or adjust plans made several days ago. Tonight: Doing what feels right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★ ★ ★ ★ You might surprise a close friend or loved one. You might start the day semi-OK, but you end the day partying away -- if you have the right company. Make sure to pick up the phone for an extroverted friend. Join him or her. Tonight: Don't worry about time. Frolic away.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★ ★ ★ Stay anchored in the knowledge that you have pushed hard to achieve a certain attitude or mood between you and another person. As you relate in a semi-new style, be sure that the effort is worth it. Tonight: Stay open to an offbeat suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★ ★ ★ ★ You might note a mood change. At first, you could be overwhelmed by all that's going on around you. Consider alternatives to the present scenario. Go for a day excursion with a favorite person, or perhaps invite a loved one out for a picnic. Tonight: Stay close to home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★ ★ ★ ★ You could be too tired to continue at the present pace. You've been on the go, full speed ahead, for days now. Take some time just for you. Schedule a massage. Take a nap or two. Tonight: Out and about. Keep track of your spending.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★ ★ ★ ★ Listen to news with a bit of cynicism. You might be seeing holes in what another person is presenting as a fun idea. How you divert attention from one idea to another could take skill. Tonight: All smiles. Others find you radiant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★ ★ ★ Your enthusiasm about fulfilling your plans or venturing with a friend seems to cave in. Take a deep breath; stop. Recognize that you simply might have over-committed or pushed yourself to the max. Tonight: Order in -- please.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★ ★ ★ ★ You might not be sure of what you want to do, or maybe you cannot make a choice between different ideas. Go with the flow; make the most of what another person would like to do. Tonight: Wherever you are, you feel like you're at a party.

BORN TODAY
Rapper Easy-E (1964), musician Buddy Holly (1936), basketball player Kevin Love (1988)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

A critical choice

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ A 4 2
♥ —
♦ J 8 4
♣ Q 9 5 2

EAST
♠ Q
♥ J
♦ K 10 9 7 5 2
♣ K 10 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 4 2
♥ A K 10 6 5
♦ A 3
♣ A J 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥

Opening lead — jack of spades.

North
♠ 7
♥ Q 9 8
♦ Q 6
♣ —

West
♠ 10 9
♥ J 8 4
♦ Q
♣ —

East
♠ K 10 9 7
♥ —
♦ K 10
♣ —

South
♠ 4
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A 3
♣ —

Declarer must now judge where the king of diamonds lies. If he thinks West has it, he should play a spade, forcing West to win and lead a ruff-and-discard. If he thinks East has it, declarer should play the ace and another diamond to compel East to win and lead a ruff-and-discard.

South can't be certain, but the odds are that East has the diamond king. West is known to have started with six spades and at least three clubs, so he can't have as many diamonds as East. Since East has more diamonds than West, he is more likely to hold the king.

So South plays the ace and another diamond, forcing East to win with the king and yield the slam.

Accordingly, South wins the spade

Bridge is basically a game of probabilities. In some deals, declarer can predict with certainty that a particular method of play will succeed; in others, the best he can do is estimate that one line of play is better than another.

Consider this deal where South sees he may lose a spade and a diamond and go down one at six hearts. Because he has no better way to avoid losing two tricks, the best hope appears to lie in executing an elimination play.

Accordingly, South wins the spade

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

1 Dutch bloom
6 Noah's landfall
12 Joker portrayer Cesar
13 Managed
14 Bring in from overseas
15 eBay customer
16 Org.
17 Telly watcher
19 Allow
20 "Got it"
22 "Exodus" hero
24 Pouch
27 Grad
29 Hollywood clasher
32 Classroom VIP
35 Not that
36 Holler
37 Part of TNT
38 Vigor
40 Numbered rds.
42 Branch
44 To boot

46 Canyon sound
50 Paris art museum
52 "The Bathers" painter
54 Belly button types
55 Com-plained
56 Recipients
57 — Park, Colorado

DOWN

1 Brady and wrong
2 Hanks
3 "Madam Secretary" star
Téa —
11 Legal agency
12 Estuary
18 News agency
21 — Paulo, Brazil
23 Fun and games

24 Former flier
25 German cry
26 Squirrel's kin
28 Singer nicknamed "The Velvet Fog"
30 Not 'neath
31 Lanka lead-in
33 Sugar suffix
34 Pub order
39 Peeling utensil
41 French legislature
42 Landed
43 Barrett or Jaffe
45 Minus
47 Ice-cream holder
48 Hastens
49 California fort
51 Compete
53 Dawn goddess

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 9-7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
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14							15					
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CRYPTOQUIP

AVSPO YGW YVR JWHKPUUPQ
DW KOPJBRPUX DBHP DW DGP
RPJWIQ VIXDGBIM RGP
JWWSPQ: APDDX JUWJSPQ.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A WALL PLASTER DELIVERY VAN SPILLS A LOAD DURING RUSH HOUR, DO YOU GET STUCCO IN TRAFFIC?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals R



Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Not My Brother

Dear Annie: I am looking for some help in dealing with my alcoholic, grossly overweight brother-in-law. He is 53 years old and has been an alcoholic since high school. Over the past 15 years, he has lost his wife, house and more jobs than you can count. He lives with his mother, and she supports him and his food and alcohol habits.

As a family, we have supported him through all the losses and several attempts at rehab and AA, but he chooses to continue to drink, and my mother-in-law won't kick him out. We have set up boundaries of when he can participate in family functions, such as, "If you drink, you cannot come." This has worked for the past few years. The problem is that when he does come to our home, he either breaks chairs or puts so much pressure on them that they dent our new wood floors. I have asked him not to sit in certain chairs because they have a weight limit of 250 pounds, and he is well over 400. He just laughs and takes it as a challenge.

In the summer we can sit outside, and he has an extra-large lawn chair. This summer we have a new pool and deck, and he is constantly calling to come use it. I am afraid the ladder will break (another 250 pound limit), or, if he has to use the sides of the pool to yank himself out, he will pull the sides off, as it is an aboveground pool. My husband has trouble saying no, so he tells him we won't be home or we have company. These are excuses that won't last too much longer. This is causing a ton of stress in our house. I get it; it's his brother. But we've worked really hard to have some nice things, and I don't want them destroyed by someone who doesn't care about anyone but himself. How can I get my husband to tell him the truth? -- *More Like Bother-in-Law*

Dear Bother-in-Law: Judging from the tone of your letter, I'm not sure how much you get it that this is your husband's brother. Clearly, your brother-in-law is having a very difficult time. His laughter and making the chair breaking a challenge is no doubt a cover-up for his embarrassment. No one wants to be so overweight that they break furniture. Calling him "grossly overweight" is not very nice either. Your mother-in-law enabling him to drink alcoholically and live with her is not doing him any favors either.

If your husband truly loves his brother, he needs to speak with his mom about getting him help for his drinking and obesity. Start with help for his alcohol problems. Hopefully as he gets sober he will start to feel better about himself and want to start exercising and eating healthy. A good therapist could also do wonders for your brother-in-law and perhaps the entire family.

On a practical level, it sounds like you are already upfront with him about which chairs he can sit on. As far as the pool is concerned, if you are truly concerned that it will break, then perhaps you could meet at a park or sit in a different area of your house.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE



Show grandparents some love

Dear Readers: Tomorrow is NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY. The holiday became official in the United States in 1978. What is its goal? To show the reciprocal relationship between grandparents and their children's children.

Grandparents enrich our lives tremendously; they are strong and wise. Spend tomorrow with your family, or adopt a grandparent at the neighborhood senior center. -- *Heloise*

PET PAL

Dear Readers: Meet Cooper, Karen's Maltese, fresh from the groomer. He looks quite handsome with his new tie. Five months old and he RULES the house. That's the way it is for the "only child" pet in her family!

To see Cooper and our other Pet Pals, visit www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week." Do you have a funny and furry friend? Send a picture and description to Heloise@Heloise.com. -- *Heloise*

SMELLY SITUATION

Dear Heloise: I read your column in the Statesman Journal in Salem, Oregon, and I have enjoyed your hints and information for many years.

One of your columns contained something that troubled me: A reader recommending putting perfume in her vacuum to make "the whole house smell wonderful." As someone with a perfume allergy, my eyes practically started to water just reading that.

If someone were to do that, I would have the option not to go in her house. This lady's two dogs don't have that option. Given that a dog's sense of smell is much keener than a human's, she may be subjecting those dogs to an

unpleasant and strong scent.

I felt terrible for those pets that would not have the option to say if it smells bad to them. -- *Marcia H., via email*

WHERE'S THE RECEIPT?

Dear Heloise: At the gas pump, I push the button for a receipt and I get the all-familiar "Clerk has receipt." Why? Because the paper tape is empty.

I then must go into the store, wait in line and then get the receipt. So frustrating! As a business owner, I personally only use stores in my area that I know will provide me with a receipt at the pump. -- *Lisa Z., Waco, Texas*

WATER SAVER

Dear Heloise: When we run water to take showers, I put a bucket in each tub and collect the water until it gets hot. Otherwise, it would be wasted. Then I use the water to flush the commode or water my flowers. It cuts down on our water bill. -- *Edna H., Prattville, Ala.*

WHY NOT?

Dear Heloise: Why don't calendars begin each week with Monday on the left and Saturday and Sunday at the end of the week on the right?

This would be more sensible and easier to work with. We enjoy your column in The Villages Daily Sun in Florida. -- *Peter S., via email*

STICKY SOLUTION

Dear Heloise: I live alone now, so I do not have help with putting on bracelets with a clasp. I use clear tape to hold one end of the bracelet to my arm to be steady while I fasten the bracelet to the clasp. It works every time. -- *A Reader, via email*

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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Light As A Feather

point directly parallel to your target line at the top of the backswing, with both hands directly underneath the club so that it feels "light." From this position, it will be easy to drop the clubhead down into the "slot," with very high odds of striking the ball squarely at impact.

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