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Seddon appointed to regional school committee

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
Assistant Managing Editor
SOUTHWICK – Maria Seddon was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee Dec. 10. Seddon received a unanimous vote during a joint meeting of the Select Board and Southwick representatives of the regional committee. Seddon, of Southwick, previously served on the committee for three years. Seddon and a second candidate were interviewed Tuesday in open session and were asked the same

series of questions. A third candidate withdrew his application. When asked why she wanted the seat, Seddon said she was a past committee member and was “an advocate for our children.” “It’s a passion of mine to help our kids,” she said. Seddon said the school budget topped her priorities and when asked about what skills she brings to the committee, noted her past service as well as her professional background. “I work in human resources at American International

College and have five years of experience in human resources,” said Seddon. “Prior to that I worked at Big Y. I have a lot of experience in budgets and payroll as well as customer service – and as a school committee, we’re here to serve our schools.” In addition to her three years on the committee, Seddon serves on the Southwick Recreation Center board and was vice president of the basketball program. Seddon was asked how she stays abreast of issues important to the committee and she responded, “I read my min-

utes.” Seddon said she has a full understanding of what is expected of committee members and she looked forward to working hard for students. “I’ve been an advocate of our school for a long time,” Seddon said, noting her son graduated from the district and she has two children at Southwick Regional School. “I’d like to be part of this great group of people who make decisions for our children,” she said. Following the vote to appoint Seddon she said she would be sworn-in this week.



MARIA SEDDON

Southwick students raise more than \$3,000 for Wreaths Across America

By PETER CURRIER
Staff Writer
SOUTHWICK-Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District Superintendent Jennifer C. Willard announced Dec. 10 that students from the Powder Mill School and Southwick Regional School raised more than \$3,000 for Wreaths Across America. Willard said that the amount of money raised through various fundraisers is enough to purchase more than 200 wreaths to be laid on graves in the Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery in Agawam on Dec. 14 as part of Wreaths Across America Day. Willard said student Clare Hanna was one of the students who spearheaded the project near the beginning of the year. The School Committee was first given the proposal to get students

involved in a meeting in September. “Through the power of one of our students with an idea, taking the time to learn about the process and go through it, and I am really proud of her,” said Willard. Wreaths Across America (WAA) is an organization that gets volunteers to help lay wreaths on the graves of veterans during the holiday season. Southwick Regional School Assistant Principal Michael Pescitelli has previously been involved in WAA, and was the one who first brought the proposal to the School Committee. “Their main vision is really just to be able to pay respect and honor our veterans and also honor those who laid their lives for our country,” said Pescitelli in September.

“The followup item to that, the piece that is the most important thing is around education. Not just for the whole entire country but our youth.” WAA lays wreaths that day at more than 1,600 locations across the country. It began in 1992 when the owner of Worcester Wreath Company, Morrill Worcester, had a surplus of wreaths as the holiday season began drawing to a close. He decided to take those wreaths and deliver them to Arlington National Cemetery and have them placed on graves in the older part of the cemetery that doesn’t get many visitors. On Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, the students who were involved in the fundraising will attend the ceremony at Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.



A group of children from the Civil Air Patrol hold ceremonial wreaths that were placed at the base of the Veterans’ Memorial stone at Stanley Park during a Wreaths Across America ceremony in 2013. (File Photo)

Conservation Commission approves testing at Powdermill Dam

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer
WESTFIELD – The Conservation Commission meeting Dec. 10 began with a moment of silence for James Phillips, a former five-year member of the commission and professor at Westfield State University, who passed away in November. Commission Chairman David A. Doe said he had worked alongside Phillips at the university for many years. “He was a great aquatic biologist, and helped this commission a great deal,” Doe said. City Engineer Mark Cressotti spoke on behalf of Schnabel Engineering to request permission to conduct geotechnical borings and test pits on Powdermill Brook Dam. Cressotti said the city is working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assess the dam, which has exceeded its 50-year life span. Cressotti said Westfield receiving the funding, and NRCS contracted with Schnabel Engineering to do the assessment.

“The intent is that the NRCS is looking at assisting the city in upgrades to the structure,” Cressotti said. He said there would be no work done in the wetland area apart from the borings that are needed for the analysis. Flood Control Commission Chairman Albert G. Giguere, Jr. said the dam was constructed with a typical design for the 60’s through the 80’s, to meet the 100-year flood requirements. He said currently, the dam is seeing more water and more siltation than it was designed for. Giguere said both Powdermill and Arm Brook Dam, which has also undergone an assessment by the NRCS, would overtop if there were a 100 year flood, because of the additional water. “As owners of the dams, we are responsible for their maintenance, which we can’t afford to do. That’s why we entered into these agreements,” he said. Cressotti said there is a lot of investigate, including the impact of tracks from off road



Westfield Conservation Commission. (Photo by Amy Porter)

vehicles. He said the work with NRCS would bring it to a higher level of performance. When asked what improvements might be made to the dams, Cressotti said they

could raise the dams, in anticipation of runoff; and also harden the spillways. At-large Councilor Cindy C. Harris told the Conservation Commission that the FCC is

extremely conscientious and environmentally aware. “I just wanted to reassure you,” she said. “We wouldn’t do anything to hurt the environment; in

fact, we’re protecting it,” said FCC member John Leary, Jr., who previously served on Conservation, before the commission unanimously approved the project.

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ARTSBEAT

Mini-Reviews of Current Holiday Fare

By **MARK G. AUERBACH**
Correspondent
Christmas on The Rocks is back at TheaterWorks in Hartford through December 23, and it's headed towards sell-out status. Artistic Director Rob Ruggiero created this hilarious, offbeat comedy in 2013, and this twisted tale of famous children in holiday films...Tiny Tim, Charlie Brown, Clara from The Nutcracker and more, show up as dysfunctional adults in an out of the way bar on Christmas Eve. Seven playwrights contributed the

sketches, and Ruggiero directs this fast-paced, laugh-a-minute evening. New to the cast is Ted Lange from TV's Love Boat. He's great, and Jenn Harris and Randy Harrison shine. This is my fourth visit to Christmas on The Rocks, and I still found myself laughing over and over. I'm amazed by the comedic talents of Harris, Harrison and Lange, and some of the cleverist writing onstage. Despite the zany goings on, Christmas on The Rocks has sentiment and a heart. That's what makes it a must-see this and every

upcoming holiday season. For details: www.twhartford.org.

The Santaland Diaries, adapted from David Sedaris' essay first aired on NPR in 1992, and by the director Joe Mantello, is running at Playhouse on Park in West Hartford through December 21. Sedaris, the quirky humorist, author, comedian and public radio contributor, tells his very funny story, fictionalized, about an out-of-work actor, who takes a job as an elf at Macy's during two Christmas seasons. POP's co-founder, Sean Harris directs, and Sam Massaro stars as

"Crumpet", the elf in this one-man show. Harris' staging is brisk, and Massaro shines in this 70 minute tour de force. This was my first time attending a show at West Hartford's Playhouse on Park, and it's a lovely intimate theatre space, with plenty of parking nearby, in the heart of the restaurant and shopping district. For details: www.playhouseonpark.org. PS. Incidentally, Sedaris will be doing a book tour this Spring, with stops at Northampton's Academy of Music on April 8, and at The Bushnell on April 9.

Holiday Gift Ideas

Most area performing arts groups and venues offer gift cards in various denominations. It's often a better gift than tickets for a particular show, because your recipient can choose a show and performance date.

Amtrak offers gift cards which can be used by Valley Flyer folks from Greenfield, Northampton, Holyoke, Springfield, and points south to Broadway. <https://www.amtrak.com/giftcards> MetroNorth has them too. <https://www.giftly.com/gift-card/metro-north-new-haven>

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If you're looking to see what discounts are currently available on Broadway, BroadwayBox keeps a list, and you can purchase on their site. However, these tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangable. <https://www.broadwaybox.com/>

Talkin' Broadway Sound Advice has a list of upcoming theatre book, CD and video releases. It's frequently updated. <https://www.talkinbroadway.com/page/sound/upcoming.html>

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Ted Lange and Jenn Harris in *Christmas on The Rocks* at TheaterWorks. (Photo by Lanny Nagler)



SANTALAND DIARIES



JOHN PIKE

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD Major crime and Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019

7:17 a.m.: larceny, Ampad Road, a caller from an Ampad Road shipping company reports that a utility vehicle had been stolen from the property in the past week, the caller said that when he advised the company he rents the vehicle from of the theft he learned that the vehicle is equipped with a GPS device which indicated that it was about a mile away, the responding officer report the vehicle was found on its side on company property with significant front end damage;

8:36 a.m.: accident, Russell Road at Lloyd's Hill Road, a caller report a two-car crash, the responding officer reports a motorist entering Russell Road from Lloyd's Hill failed to see

an oncoming vehicle and pulled into its path, one person was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital and both vehicles were towed;

9:08 a.m.: larceny, a resident came to the station to complain that her wallet was stolen and an attempt was made to use her credit card, the responding officer reports the complainant stated that she had inadvertently left her wallet in a restaurant rest room and subsequently found that an attempt had been made to use her credit card in the city, a Community Service Unit officer was detailed to review relevant security video and continue the investigation;

9:17 a.m.: city ordinance violation, Franklin Street, a caller reports uncleared sidewalks, the responding officer reports he spoke with a property manager

for the relevant store fronts who assured him that the issue would be dealt with promptly;

11:11 a.m.: found property, Parker Avenue, a woman came to the station to surrender a cell phone found on Parker Avenue, the responding officer reports he was not able to determine the owner of the locked phone and it was stored for safe keeping;

12:20 a.m.: city ordinance violation, Holyoke Road, a caller reports uncleared sidewalks, the responding officer reports the property appears to be unoccupied;

3:13 p.m.: motor vehicle violation, North Elm Street, a superior officer requests a marked unit for a traffic stop, the supervisory officer reports the operator had been seen to be smoking marijuana and was speeding, the operator passed a field sobriety

test and was given a verbal warning;

3:38 p.m.: assist other police department, King Street, officers were detailed to assist a Southwick officer seeking a suspect, the responding officer reports that person was taken into custody and arrested in Southwick for violating of a protective order;

11:13 p.m.: disturbance, East Main Street, a patrol officer reports he observed a woman trying to drive away from a gas pump while a man was attempting to open the vehicle's doors, the vehicle was stopped and the officer reports that the involved parties said they were all friends and had been "pranking" one of their group, the officer reports they were "educated on their behavior and were sent on their way."

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019

A charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license brought by Westfield police against **Tishia Moyet**, 36, of 43 Desmond Ave., Springfield, was dismissed by the court.

A charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle brought by State Police against **Christopher M. Webb**, 50, of 8 Prospect St., P.O. Box 237, Huntington, was dismissed by the court. He was found to be not responsible for a charge of operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Brendan S. Anderson, 30, of 355 N. Loomis St.,

Southwick, submitted to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding for a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor brought by Southwick police and the charge was continued without a finding with probation for one year. He was assessed \$600 and his license was suspended for 45 days. He was found to be responsible for a marked lanes violation. Charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle were not prosecuted and he was found to be not responsible for a charge of operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

THURS., DEC. 12, 2019 IS THE 346TH DAY OF THE YEAR. 19 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

ON THIS DAY

1862 – American Civil War: USS Cairo sinks on the Yazoo River, becoming the first armored ship to be sunk by a controlled mine.

1866 – Oaks explosion: The worst mining disaster in England kills 361 miners and rescuers.

1897 – Belo Horizonte, the first planned city in Brazil, is founded.

1901 – Guglielmo Marconi receives the first transatlantic radio signal (the letter "S" [***] in Morse Code), at Signal Hill in St John's, Newfoundland.

1911 – Delhi replaces Calcutta as the capital of India.

1911 – King George V of the United Kingdom and Mary of Teck are enthroned as Emperor and Empress of India.

1915 – President of the Republic of China, Yuan Shikai, announces his intention to reinstate the monarchy and proclaim himself Emperor of China.

1917 – In Nebraska, Father Edward J. Flanagan founds Boys Town as a farm village for wayward boys.

1935 – Lebensborn Project, a Nazi reproduction program, is founded by Heinrich Himmler.

1936 – Xi'an Incident: The Generalissimo of the

Republic of China, Chiang Kai-shek, is kidnapped by Zhang Xueliang.

1937 – Second Sino-Japanese War: USS Panay incident: Japanese aircraft bomb and sink U.S. gunboat USS Panay on the Yangtze river in China.

1939 – Winter War: Battle of Tolvajärvi: Finnish forces defeat those of the Soviet Union in their first major victory of the conflict.

1939 – HMS Duchess sinks after a collision with HMS Barham off the coast of Scotland with the loss of 124 men.

1940 – World War II: Approximately 70 people are killed in the Marples Hotel, Fitzalan Square, Sheffield, as a result of a German air raid.

1941 – World War II: Fifty-four Japanese A6M Zero fighters raid Batangas Field, Philippines. Jesús Villamor and four Filipino fighter pilots fend them off; César Basa is killed.

1941 – World War II: The United Kingdom declares war on Bulgaria. Hungary and Romania declare war on the United States. India declares war on Japan.

1941 – Adolf Hitler declares the imminent extermination of the Jews at a meeting in the Reich Chancellery.

1942 – World War II: German troops begin

Operation Winter Storm, an attempt to relieve encircled Axis forces during the Battle of Stalingrad.

1946 – A fire at an ice plant in Hudson Heights, Manhattan spreads to an adjacent tenement, killing 37 people.

1948 – Malayan Emergency: Batang Kali massacre: Fourteen members of the Scots Guards stationed in Malaya allegedly massacre 24 unarmed civilians and set fire to the village.

1950 – Paula Ackerman, the first woman appointed to perform rabbinical functions in the United States, leads the congregation in her first services.

1956 – Beginning of the Irish Republican Army's "Border Campaign".

1956 – United Nations Security Council Resolution 121 relating to acceptance of Japan to United Nations is adopted.

1963 – Kenya gains its independence from the United Kingdom.

1964 – Prime Minister Jomo Kenyatta becomes the first President of the Republic of Kenya.

1969 – Years of Lead: Piazza Fontana bombing: The offices of Banca Nazionale dell'Agricoltura in Piazza Fontana, Milan, are bombed.

1979 – Coup d'état of

December Twelfth: South Korean Army Major General Chun Doo-hwan orders the arrest of Army Chief of Staff General Jeong Seung-hwa without authorization from President Choi Kyu-ha, alleging involvement in the assassination of ex-President Park Chung-hee.

1979 – President of Pakistan Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq confers Nishan-e-Imtiaz on Nobel laureate Dr Abdus Salam.

1979 – The unrecognized state of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia returns to British control and resumes using the name Southern Rhodesia.

1979 – The 8.2 Mw Tumaco earthquake shakes Colombia and Ecuador with a maximum Mercalli intensity of IX (Violent), killing 300–600, and generating a large tsunami.

1983 – The Australian Labor government led by Prime Minister Bob Hawke and Treasurer Paul Keating floats the Australian dollar.

1985 – Arrow Air Flight 1285, a McDonnell Douglas DC-8, crashes after takeoff in Gander, Newfoundland, killing all 256 people on board, including 236 members of the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division.

1988 – The Clapham Junction rail crash kills thirty-five and injures hundreds after two collisions of three commuter trains—one of the worst train crashes in the United Kingdom.

1991 – The Russian Federation withdraws from the Treaty on the Creation of the USSR.

2000 – The United States Supreme Court releases its decision in Bush v. Gore.

2001 – Prime Minister of Vietnam Phan Văn Khải announces the decision on upgrading the Phong Nha-Kẻ Bàng nature reserve to a national park, providing information on projects for the conservation and development of the park and revised maps.

2012 – North Korea successfully launches its first satellite, Kwangmyŏngsŏng-3 Unit 2, using an Unha-3 carrier rocket.

2015 – The Paris Agreement relating to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is adopted.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

1970 – Jennifer Connelly, American actress

1970 – Regina Hall,

American actress

1971 – Sammy Korir, Kenyan runner

1972 – Nicky Eaden, English footballer and coach

1972 – Craig Field, Australian rugby league player

1972 – Wilson Kipketer, Kenyan-Danish runner

1972 – Georgios Theodoridis, Greek sprinter

1972 – Hank Williams III, American singer-songwriter and guitarist

1973 – Tony Hsieh, American businessman, founded LinkExchange

1974 – Bernard Lagat, Kenyan-American runner

1974 – Nolberto Solano, Peruvian footballer and manager

1975 – Mayim Bialik, American actress

1975 – Craig Moore, Australian footballer and manager

1976 – Dan Hawkins, English guitarist, songwriter, and producer

1976 – Brent Johnson, Canadian football player

1977 – Yoel Hernández, Cuban hurdler

1977 – Dean Macey, English decathlete and bobsledder

1977 – Colin White, Canadian ice hockey player

1978 – Gbenga Akinagbe, American actor and screenwriter

Dance dreams come true for Westfield High student

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School freshman Lillian Stern, 15, will dance the lead role of Clara in Pioneer Valley Ballet's upcoming production of The Nutcracker at the Academy of Music in Northampton.

Lily Stern will dance alongside professional dancers in

six performances of the holiday classic Dec 13-15, 2019.

This is Stern's 12th year performing in PVB's Nutcracker, according to her mother Melissa Stern, who said her daughter began at age 3 as a reindeer. Other prior Nutcracker roles include Spanish, Marzipan, Snow and Flowers.

"She has dreamed about

dancing this role since she was a little girl," Melissa Stern said, adding that Lily Stern has been in the corps for three years, studies ballet 12-15 hours a week at the Pioneer Valley ballet school in Easthampton, and is an advanced level ballet student.

Performances include a Sensory and Family Safe Presentation Dec. 13 at 4

p.m., which is a one hour show, and a special performance Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. with musical guests the UMass Doo Wop Shop.

Traditional full-length performances (two hours with one intermission) will be Dec. 14 and 15 at 1 and 4:30 p.m.

New this year will be Storytime with Clara Dec. 15 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. Before

she performs in The Nutcracker, Lily Stern, as Clara, will meet guests in the theater lobby and personally escort them up on stage into her living room. Children will hear the story of The Nutcracker, have the opportunity for a photo with Clara, and even get Clara's autograph. The event is limited to 25 children.

For more information and tickets, visit pioneervalley-ballet.org.



LILLIAN STERN



WHS freshman Lillian Stern will dance the lead role of Clara in the Pioneer Valley Ballet's "Nutcracker" this weekend. (Photo submitted)

Developmental Screening at Fort Meadow for Peer Partners

WESTFIELD — Families who live in Westfield and are interested in having their preschoolers attend Fort Meadow for the school year 2019-2020

are requested to call 572-6422 for a developmental screening. The screenings will be for children to attend our 4 day program who are 3& 4

years old. Children will be chosen by lottery. Currently Fort Meadow charges tuition. Screening date is January 10, 2020.

City of Westfield announces Menorah Lighting Ceremony

WESTFIELD — Acting Mayor Ralph J. Figy and the City of Westfield are pleased to announce the Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Park Square Green to celebrate Chanukah. In conjunction with Congregation Ahavas

Achim, the lighting of the City's Grand Menorah will take place on Monday, December 23, at 6:30 pm. The community is welcome to come and enjoy this event. Immediately following the lighting ceremony, the

Congregation has invited all participants to the Boys and Girls Club at 28 West Silver Street to enjoy some latkes. Any questions on this event, please don't hesitate to call the Mayor's office at 413-572-6201.

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The week of Dec. 16th - Dec. 21st, the meter replacement process will proceed at the following Street Locations:

- Adams Street
- Bates Street
- Birch Bluff Drive
- Butternut Road
- Caitlin Way
- Cardinal Lane
- Carpenter Street
- Cedar Lane
- Chestnut Street
- City View Road
- Claremont Street
- Clifton Street
- Colony Circle
- Crescent Circle
- Dartmouth Street
- Day Ave.
- Denise Drive
- Dewey Ave.
- Dry Bridge Road
- E. Mountain Road
- Fairfield Ave.
- Fairview Street
- Francis Street
- Furrowtown Road
- Gary Drive
- Glenwood Drive
- Greenville Road
- Harvest Moon Lane
- Hayre Street
- Highland Ave.
- Hill crest Circle
- City View Road
- Holyoke Road
- Janelle Drive
- Joseph Ave.
- Kane Brothers Circle
- King Street
- Knollwood Drive
- Laro Road
- Laurel Terrace
- Lindbergh Blvd.
- Llewelyn Drive
- Lowmis Street
- Lowell Ave.
- Lynwood Drive
- Main Street
- Malone Ave.
- Maple Terrace
- Margerie Terrace
- Mill Street
- Miller Street
- Montgomery Street
- Morgan Ave.
- Mountain View St.
- Munger Hill Road
- N. Loomis Street
- Northridge Road
- Oak Ave Ext.
- Old Farm Road
- Old Feeding Hills Rd.
- Otis Street
- Overlook Drive
- Park Drive
- Park River Circle
- Phyllis Lane
- Pochassic Road
- Princetown Street
- Prospect Street
- Ridgeway Street
- Robinson Drive
- Russell Road
- S. Meadow Road
- Shannon Lane
- South Street
- St. James Ave.
- Steiger Drive
- Tannery Road
- Tow Path Lane
- W. Silver Street
- Washington Street
- Western Ave.
- Western Circle
- Wildflower Circle
- Winding Ridge Lane
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- Woodmont Street

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COMMENT

Kennedy joins rivals in backing supervised injection sites

By **MATT MURPHY**
State House News Service
 BOSTON - Congressman Joseph Kennedy III urged U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling on Tuesday to back down from his promise to use federal drug laws to block supervised injection sites in Massachusetts if policymakers decided to open such a facility, coming out in favor of the strategy to fight opioid overdoses.

Kennedy, who is challenging U.S. Sen. Edward Markey in a three-way Democratic primary in 2020, wrote to the Trump-appointed federal prosecutor to make the case for why the state Legislature should not be handcuffed by the U.S. attorney's office. Both Markey and labor attorney Shannon Liss-Riordan, who is also running in the Democratic primary for Senate, already support the idea of piloting supervised injection sites. Kennedy, in his letter, wrote that the opioid addiction epidemic had "shattered" Massachusetts and the country, and urged Lelling to "respect" the state's consideration of supervised injection sites.

"If we are committed to ending the opioid epidemic, we cannot allow fear mongering and stigma to stand in the way of evidence based, effective ideas to reduce deaths and overdoses. Safe injection facilities not only connect vulnerable populations with treatment resources, they reduce risky injection behaviors and benefit our public health," Kennedy said in a statement.

Kennedy said the bills being considered by the Legislature, including one (S 1134) filed by Sen. Joseph Boncore of Winthrop, could reduce the number of fatal and non-fatal overdoses, improve health outcomes and lessen the stigma associated with injection drug use.

both State chambers carry out their responsibilities without interference from other government agencies," Kennedy wrote.

Lelling has repeatedly rejected arguments that he should look the other way when it comes to supervised injection sites, including after a federal court judge in Philadelphia ruled that such facilities would not violate the Controlled Substances Act.

After the ruling in October, Lelling reiterated that any efforts to open an injection facility in Massachusetts would be "met with federal enforcement."

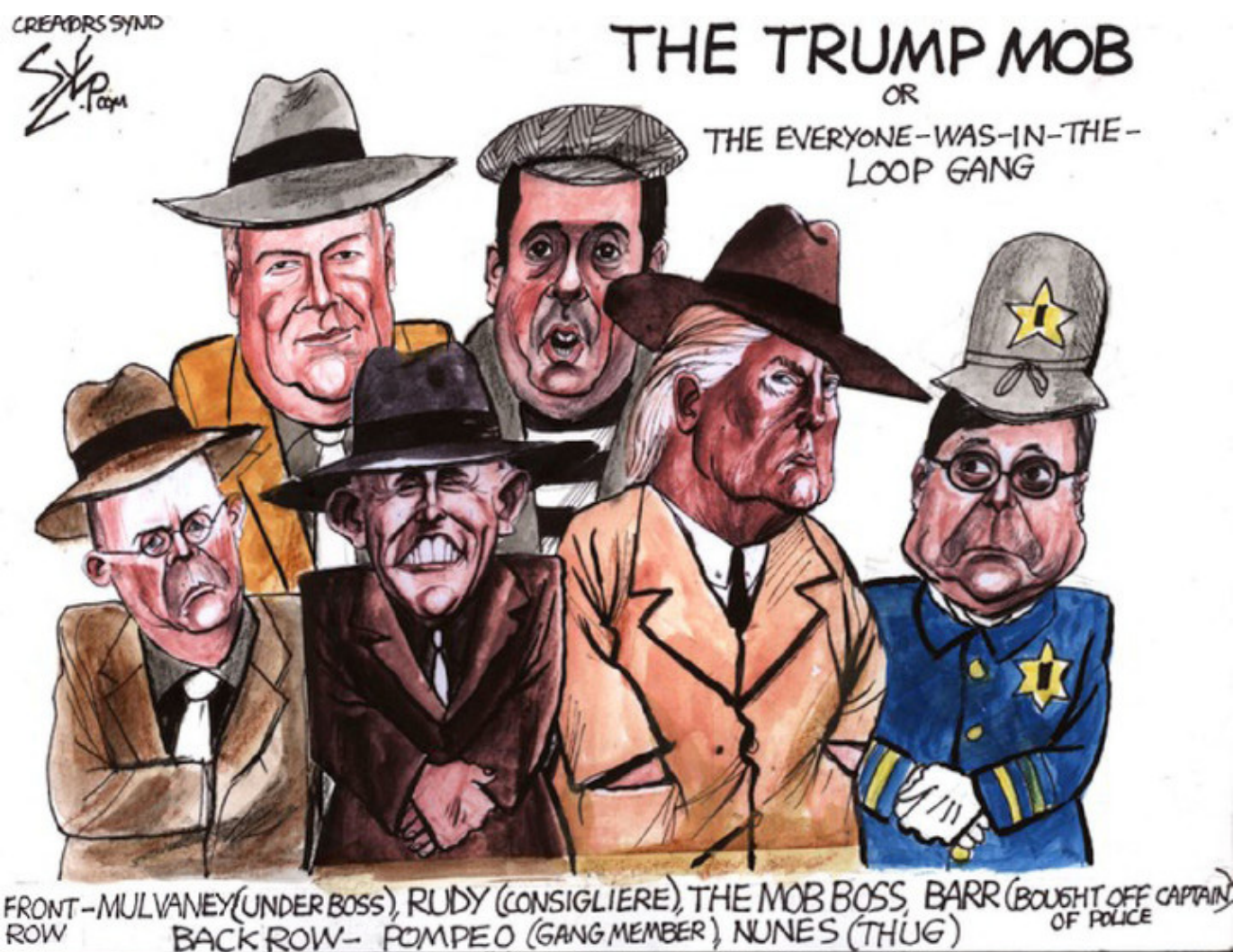
Lelling declined to comment on Kennedy's letter on Tuesday, and a spokeswoman said the office was "generally prohibited from communicating with elected officials regarding policy and legislative issues."

Almost 1,500 residents died of confirmed or suspected opioid overdoses in Massachusetts through September, down 6 percent from the same period last year, according to the Department of Public Health. In 2018, 2,033 people died of an opioid overdose, and thousands more suffered from non-fatal overdoses.

A state commission that studied ways to reduce harm from substance abuse disorder recommended in March that the state pilot at least one supervised injection site. However, Gov. Charlie Baker has refused to entertain the idea as long as the federal government considers it to be illegal.

Sites already exist in Canada and some European countries, and Kennedy said the evidence has shown them to be successful in reducing "risky injection behaviors," including shared needle use. Studies have also shown,

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Speaker Pelosi hails Rep. Neal as 'Maestro' of USMCA trade deal

By **COLIN A. YOUNG**
State House News Service
 BOSTON — Led by U.S. Rep. Richard Neal of Springfield, Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday celebrated a deal with the White House's trade representative over changes to the proposed United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, clearing the way for the North American trade compact that President Donald Trump has made a key part of his agenda.

Neal and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held a press conference to announce that House Democrats had secured a deal with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to make changes to the deal Trump first proposed. Democrats said the latest iteration "achieved transformative changes to the new North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that will bolster America's economy, support workers, protect the environment, and improve access to affordable prescription drugs."

The details of the newly-agreed-upon trade deal must still be worked out in legislation that will have to be ratified by lawmakers in all three countries, but Neal said Tuesday that Democrats were focused in their negotiations on one issue: "enforceability, enforceability, enforceability."

"The improvements to the USMCA that we have negotiated finally make the agreement enforceable by preventing a country from being able to block the formation of a dispute settlement panel. For too long, our trade agreements have failed American workers," the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee said. "In close partnership with our labor unions and with the robust support of the

Ways and Means Committee Democrats, we negotiated improvements so that the USMCA will now have a specific, enhanced enforcement mechanism for labor obligations." In addition to addressing enforcement, the Democrats said their deal includes "strong, high-standard rules" for environmental violations, eliminated provisions of the original proposal that "contribute to high prescription drug prices," and more.

Neal said the new agreement "creates a new high-water mark for U.S. trade agreements going forward" and the Ways and Means Committee declared it "will serve as a model for future U.S. trade agreements."

Pelosi, who was flanked by Neal about an hour earlier Tuesday morning to announce articles of impeachment against Trump, said that she was "so proud of the distance that we have come from where we started with the administration on this legislation." She added that the new agreement "is infinitely better than what was initially proposed by the administration."

Neal said his talks with Lighthizer got testy at times and that the road to Tuesday's announcement was not always a smooth one.

"These were intense, argumentative, angry negotiations. I mean this got really hot on a number of occasions. I think we set a world record for hanging up on each other, myself and the trade rep," Neal said. "But at the same time, we also knew that this was an opportunity that we couldn't let you get away from us."

Talks entered "a round of intense finishing conversations and negotiations" over the weekend, Neal said, and reached a head on Sunday while Neal was watching the

New England Patriots game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

"On Sunday when Tom Brady was about to take it in, all of a sudden I looked at my phone and it said 'Pelosi' for caller ID," Neal said. "Long wisdom tells me: to hell with Brady, take the call."

Of Neal, Pelosi said Tuesday that "he was indeed a maestro to make all of this happen."

Trump and his White House also weighed in on the announced agreement. "Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump spoke with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada to discuss the significant progress toward finalizing the historic United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement," White House Deputy Press Secretary Judd Deere said in a statement. "The two leaders reaffirmed their strong support for the trade agreement, which will create jobs and economic growth in the United States, Canada, and Mexico."

In tweets Tuesday morning, the president said it looked like there would be strong support among Democrats for the renegotiated trade deal and touted its benefits for various sectors of the economy.

"America's great USMCA Trade Bill is looking good. It will be the best and most important trade deal ever made by the USA. Good for everybody - Farmers, Manufacturers, Energy, Unions - tremendous support. Importantly, we will finally end our Country's worst Trade Deal, NAFTA!," the president tweeted.

Gov. Charlie Baker has been calling for ratification of the new deal. Massachusetts and Canada did \$10.3 billion in bilateral trade in 2018, including the exportation of machinery, aircraft engines

and medical equipment that supports over 200 Canadian-owned companies in Massachusetts and 20,000 direct jobs, Baker reminded Congressional leaders in a May letter.

"Completion of this fair, flexible trade agreement with our closest trading partners is vital, not only because free trade and strong

relationships with neighboring allies are critical for peace and state economic prosperity, but it is critically important for our economy and Massachusetts jobs," Baker wrote.

Baker's office did not respond Tuesday to a News Service inquiry regarding the latest agreement on USMCA.

Last month, Neal told the New England Council that U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has indicated that the White House will be ready to work on a massive infrastructure bill that has been bandied about since the 2016 presidential election once Congress ratifies the new trade agreement between the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Since the 2016 presidential campaign, there has been talk that Trump might propose a \$1 trillion-plus infrastructure plan though it has never materialized. Neal said he took Mnuchin at his word and thinks both sides could end up winners if they work together on an infrastructure bill.

"We all banked on a big infrastructure plan. Donald Trump campaigned on it. I think it's at an interesting intersection, literally -- he needs it and we want it," he said. "I think that what we are up against now is that there's this fundamental lack of trust between both sides. But that's not to debase the overall argument which is the country needs it very badly."

DeLeo's MBTA revenue stream shrouded in mystery

By Michael P. Norton
 State House News Service
 BOSTON - House Speaker Robert DeLeo said Monday that a scathing report on MBTA safety shortcomings underscores the need for a "dedicated long-term revenue stream" to ensure T reliability and safety, but he's not getting any more specific than that.

The MBTA already gets a carveout from the state's 6.25 percent sales tax, and T fares,

which were raised this year, are reinvested in public transit. House leaders have been working for months on a revenue plan to generate new funds for public transportation, but have yet to unveil any specific proposals.

House leaders have talked about drawing more money from transportation system users. The gas tax, which is reinvested in roads through the state highway fund, was

last raised by 3 cents per gallon, to 24 cents a gallon, as part of a 2013 transportation revenue package crafted in part by DeLeo's House.

It's unclear whether DeLeo is eyeing a tax source other than the sales tax for the T. Through an aide, he declined to elaborate on his statement.

On Monday, Gov. Charlie Baker pointed out the T's sales tax carveout when asked if the safety report gave him reason

to believe the T needs a new committed revenue source but said his administration will consider T funding as it writes it budget proposal.

"We will be working on a filing for House 2, which will come out in January. We'll spend a bunch of time talking to the T about this and about these recommendations and if we think they need additional resources we'll factor that in," the governor said.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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 Planning Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

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 Planning Board at 7 pm

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WESTFIELD:

Planning Board at 7 pm

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Athenaeum offers gingerbread house workshop

By **LORI SZEPELAK**
Correspondent
WESTFIELD —
Gingerbread is a staple in many households during the holidays, and on Dec. 14, area residents of all ages are invited to let their creativity abound during a gingerbread decorating workshop at the Westfield Athenaeum.

The 3 – 4 p.m. program, offered free to the public, will be conducted in the Boys & Girls Library activity room. "There are still six openings left to participate," said Olivia Eberli, youth services and young adult librarian. Patti Brose, youth services librarian, and Eberli are overseeing the "family friendly

program" that promises to be fun for all participants. "We will be making gingerbread houses out of graham crackers and frosting," said Brose. Participants will have a variety of treats available to decorate their houses, including candy canes, sprinkles, M&M candy pieces, gum

drops and assorted candies. Gingerbread houses originated in Germany during the 16th century, according to Wikipedia. The elaborate, cookie-walled houses, decorated with foil in addition to gold leaf, became associated with Christmas tradition. The popularity of gingerbread houses grew when the

Brothers Grimm penned the 1812 fairy tale, Hansel and Gretel, about two siblings who stumble upon a house made entirely of treats deep in the forest. Registration is required to attend the workshop due to space limitations. For more information, stop by the Boys & Girls Library,

call (413) 562-6158, or register online at www.westath.org. "I think the workshop is a great way for families to take a break from all of the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations and spend some fun, quality time together creating masterpieces," said Brose.

Kennedy

Kennedy said, that drug users that take advantage of such sites are more likely to get treatment than someone who doesn't. "Massachusetts is a national leader when it comes to health care and public health policy. The two bills under consideration continue to elevate Massachusetts's profile as an innovator and trailblazer in the field of medicine, and most importantly, save the lives of many by providing a safe place for (people who inject drugs) to receive the destigmatized care they need," Kennedy wrote. Markey came out in support of supervised injection sites as far back as 2017 when the American Medical Association voted to support pilot projects to begin gather-

ing evidence on their effectiveness. Last year, the senator said it was "absolutely wrong" for the federal government to tell Massachusetts "what the correct medical procedure is in order to reduce the likelihood that there will be an overdose," according to MassLive. "Senator Markey believes there is no silver bullet to end the opioid crisis. He agrees with public health officials that every path to recovery is different, and we need to meet people where they are in order to save lives. Senator Markey is committed to employing all possible harm reduction strategies that have been shown to help stem the tide of overdose addiction and deaths, including programs around safe injection and consumption

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sites," spokeswoman Giselle Barry told the News Service on Tuesday. The Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery has not yet acted on either of the two bills before it after accepting testimony at a public hearing in October. The other bill (H 1712) was filed by Rep. Dylan Fernandes. The committee co-chairs -- Rep. Marjorie Decker of Cambridge and Sen. Julian Cyr of Truro -- both support a pilot program to test the efficacy of supervised injection sites. Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone has said he is working to open a site in his city next year, which would challenge Lelling to follow through on enforcement. Liss-Riordan, who

launched her campaign for the U.S. Senate back in the spring, has made her support for supervised injection sites part of her stump speech, according to an advisor. "I've heard the stories directly from families who have lost loved ones to an

overdose," Liss-Riordan said in a statement. "We must use every tool at our disposal to prevent future overdose deaths, including by creating safe injection sites. This is a matter of life and death and we must not wait any longer."



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Of Note:

The Complete History of Comedy (abridged), The Reduced Shakespeare Company's comedy, written and directed by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, has been added to Hartford Stage's season. Performances will run June 11-21. For details: www.hartfordstage.org.

London Theatre Trip: Back in the day, when StageWest was still open, a group put together an annual London theatre tour. The theatre's long gone, but the annual London trip continues March 13-22, coordinated by London Arts Discovery. It's more than theatre, since there's some opera and orchestral programs included and a side trip to Stratford on Avon to the home of Shakespeare and a Picasso exhibition. For details: 413-537-5029 or salfull@gmail.com

Keep in Mind...

ArtsBeat is also now on radio and television! Tune in or stream every Friday at 8AM, on 89.5fm/WSKB or WCPC15 .Upcoming guests include two specials from Hartford Stage: members of A Christmas Carol company this Friday, and new Artistic Director Melia Bensussen and Managing Director Cynthia Rider on December 20.. Tune in or stream: www.wskb.org or www.westfieldtv.org.

Anyone Can Whistle, The Stephen Sondheim cult classic, gets a rare revival, December 12-15 at University of Hartford's Handel Performing Arts Center. The Hartt School production is staged by John Pike, formerly of Goodspeed, who has music directed some of Connecticut Repertory Theatre's recent shows. Anyone Can Whistle, which had a book by Arthur Laurents, and Angela Lansbury as its star, ran for nine performances in 1964. It's the story of a corrupt town that needs a miracle to sur-

vive...so they create one. Tickets are free, but they must be reserved in advance. For details: 860-768-4228.

Selected Shorts for the Holidays comes to the Mahaiwe in Great Barrington on December 15. The popular public radio show, which airs on 150 public radio stations in 29 states, will feature holiday stories filled with love, laughter, and nostalgia. Written by Thomas Beller, Italo Calvino, John Cheever, and Molly Giles. The stories will be performed by Teagle F. Bougere, Jane Curtin, James Naughton, and Parker Posey. For details: www.mahaiwe.org.

Keb' Mo' is celebrating his 25th Anniversary year of performing under the moniker with the release of two albums, Oklahoma and his first ever holiday album Moonlight, Mistletoe, And You. His holiday tour, Jingle Bell Jamboree, comes to Northampton's Academy of Music Theatre on December 17. For details: www.aomtheatre.com.

Shakespeare & Company presents a costumed reading



The Nutcracker at Pioneer Valley Ballet.

of Sense and Sensibility, written by Kate Hamill based on the novel by Jane Austen, December 14-15 on their Lenox Bock. For details: www.shakespearwe.org.

The Nutcracker gets to Northampton's Academy of Music Theatre on December 13-15, courtesy of Pioneer

Valley Ballet. This is their 41st annual production, includes over 250 dancers from towns throughout WMass, dancing alongside PVB's pre-professional students and guest artists from the Carolina Ballet and Festival Ballet. For details: <https://www.aomtheatre.com/>

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SPORTS



The Southwick Regional High School girls basketball team took on Windsor Locks in a pre-season scrimmage Dec. 10 at home. (Photos by Marc St. Onge)

Approach to new season a Sleight of hand

By CHRIS PUTZ
Sports Editor

SOUTHWICK – A first-year head coach is about to usher in a new era for the Southwick Regional High School girls basketball program, but the final outcome may lie within the old guard (or two ... and a pair of forwards to be exact).

“To be honest, we want to get into the playoffs ... and get another year on the banner for winning the league,” said new Southwick head coach Brittany Sleight, who served as assistant coach last year under Mike Gill. “But it’s one thing at a time. We need to build a foundation, get more physical, have

a successful season and win more games.”

That transition should be made all the easier with the return of four senior starters – guards Emily Martin and Maura Wurster; and forwards Kathleen Shea and Julia Gardner.

Sophomore center Hannah Burke is expected to patrol the interior post.

Despite losing two practice days to the recent snowstorm, Southwick showed signs of a burning passion to succeed with a physical brand of basketball against Windsor Locks Tuesday night.

“For my first year as varsity

coach, I am definitely excited for the season,” coach Sleight said. “Hopefully I can bring that spark to them.”

The Southwick girls hoops team tips-off the 2019-20 regular season Dec. 19 at home against Ware at 7 p.m.

OPENING DAYS: The Southwick boys ice hockey team will open the season Dec. 13 against Belchertown at Amelia Park at 7 p.m. The Rams wrestling team will travel to Monument Mountain Regional High School Dec. 14 for a meet at 9:30 a.m. On Dec. 17, the Southwick boys basketball team hosts Smith Academy at 7 p.m.



The Southwick Regional High School girls basketball team took on Windsor Locks in a pre-season scrimmage Dec. 10 at home. (Photos by Marc St. Onge)

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BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Minnechaug, Amelia Park Arena, 4 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 13
BOYS/GIRLS INDOOR TRACK vs. Longmeadow, Smith College (Northampton), 3:45 p.m.
BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING vs. Amherst-Pelham Regional, 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 14
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Hudson HS, Amelia Park Arena, 5 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 16
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Northampton HS, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. West Springfield, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 17
BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING @ Chicopee Comp HS, 4 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING @ West Springfield HS, 7 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 18
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Longmeadow, Amelia Park Arena, 7 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING @ Sabis International Charter School, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 19
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Putnam, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Holyoke HS, 7 p.m.
BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING @ Central HS, 4 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 20
No Sports Scheduled

Mon., Dec. 23
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Commerce HS, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Northampton, 7 p.m.
BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING vs. West Springfield, 4 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 24
CHRISTMAS EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Dec. 25
CHRISTMAS - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Dec. 26
No Sports Scheduled

Fri., Dec. 27
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Agawam, 7 p.m.
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Gloucester HS, Dorothy

Talbot Rink, 8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 28
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Gloucester HS, Dorothy Talbot Rink, Time TBD

Mon., Dec. 30
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Central HS, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Jan. 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Jan. 2
BOYS WRESTLING vs. Holyoke, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 3
BOYS BASKETBALL @ West Springfield HS, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Holyoke, 7 p.m.
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Worcester Academy, Amelia Park Arena, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 4
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Marlborough, Navin Ice Hockey Rink, 6:10 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 6
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Granby, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 7
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Holyoke HS, 7 p.m.
BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING vs. Agawam, 4 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING vs. Ludlow, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 8
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Mount Greylock, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 9
No Sports Scheduled

Fri., Jan. 10
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Chicopee Comp, 7 p.m.
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Longmeadow, Mass Mutual Center, 4 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 11
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Auburn, Amelia Park Arena, 5:40 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING @ Ludlow Duals, Ludlow HS, 10 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 13
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Chicopee, 7 p.m.

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Thurs., Dec. 19
Box Out Cancer Tournament - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Gateway, 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 20
Box Out Cancer Tournament - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. TBD, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ John J. Duggan Academy, 6 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 23
No Sports Scheduled

Tues., Dec. 24
CHRISTMAS EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Dec. 25
CHRISTMAS DAY - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Dec. 26
No Sports Scheduled

Fri., Dec. 27
No Sports Scheduled

Mon., Dec. 30
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Ludlow HS, 2:30 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Jan. 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Jan. 2
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 3
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 6
No Sports Scheduled

Tues., Jan. 7
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Gateway Regional HS, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 8
No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Jan. 9
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ HS of Sci-Tech, 6 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 10
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, 7 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 13
BOYS BASKETBALL @ John J. Duggan Academy, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 14
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Franklin Tech, 6 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 15
No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Jan. 16
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 17
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 20
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Gateway Regional HS, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 21
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Pathfinder, 7 p.m.

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Dec. 16
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Mount Everett Regional HS, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 17
No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Dec. 18
No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Dec. 19
Box Out Cancer Tournament - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Hampden Charter School of Science @ Westfield Technical Academy HS, 5 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 20
Box Out Cancer Tournament - BOYS BASKETBALL vs. TBD, Time TBD
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ HS of Sci-Tech, 4 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 23
No Sports Scheduled

Tues., Dec. 24
CHRISTMAS EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Dec. 25
CHRISTMAS DAY - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Dec. 26
No Sports Scheduled

Fri., Dec. 27
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Ludlow, Westfield Intermediate School, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Pathfinder Regional-Vocational-Technical HS, 3:30 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 30
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Franklin Tech HS, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Jan. 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Jan. 2
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Westfield Technical Academy, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 3
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Gateway Regional HS, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 6
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School, South End Community Center, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Commerce, Westfield Intermediate School, 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 7
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, Westfield Intermediate School, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 8
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Renaissance, Boland School, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 9
No Sports Scheduled

Fri., Jan. 10
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. John J. Duggan Academy, Westfield Intermediate School, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 13
BOYS BASKETBALL @ McCann Tech HS, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 14
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, Westfield Intermediate School, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 15
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Monson, Westfield Intermediate School, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 16
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Pathfinder Regional-Vocational-Technical HS, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 17
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Westfield Technical Academy HS, 6 p.m.

SOUTHWICK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Fri., Dec. 13
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Belchertown, 7 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 14
BOYS WRESTLING @ Monument Mountain Regional HS, Time TBD

Mon., Dec. 16
No Sports Scheduled

Tues., Dec. 17
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Smith Academy, 7 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 18
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Chicopee Comp, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING vs. Athol, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 19
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Mahar Regional School, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Ware, 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 20
No Sports Scheduled

Sat., Dec. 21
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Swampscott, 7 p.m.
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Easthampton, 6 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING @ Longmeadow HS, Time TBD

Mon., Dec. 23
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Pioneer Valley Regional School, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 24
CHRISTMAS EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Dec. 25
CHRISTMAS DAY - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Dec. 26

No Sports Scheduled

Fri., Dec. 27
No Sports Scheduled

Sat., Dec. 28
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Greenfield, Collins-Moylan Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 30
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Putnam, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE - No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Jan. 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY - No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Jan. 2
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Hampshire, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Turners Falls HS, 7 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING @ John J. Duggan Academy, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 3
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Belchertown, Mullins Center Practice Rink (Amherst), 7:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 6
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Wahconah, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 7
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BEAT THE 'PUTZ' FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

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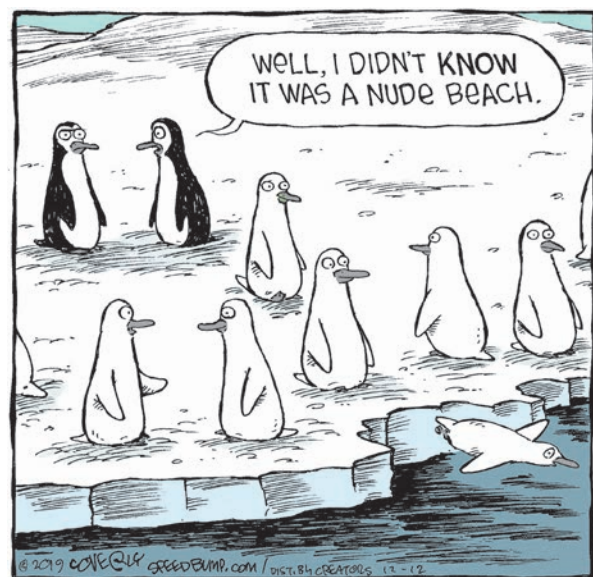
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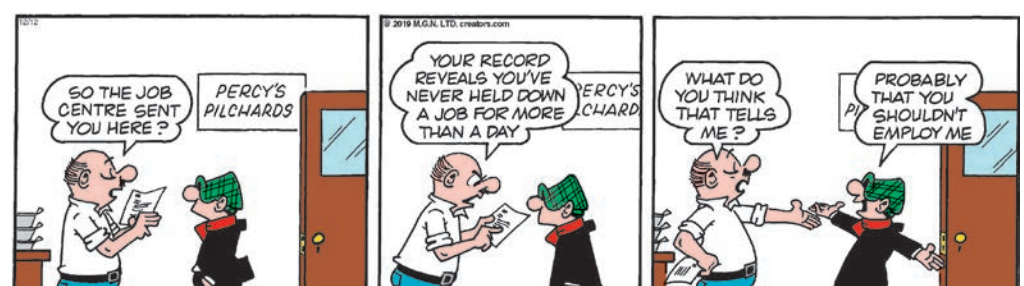
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019:

This year, you will be able to juggle two different sets of concerns at once. You also can see a situation from various points of view. Often, people will seek you out in order to gain a new perspective. If single, relating to you carries status! If attached, the two of you intertwine emotionally and mentally in every way. The unexpected only adds to the excitement of living. GEMINI loves to relate to you. They find you exciting.

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)
★ ★ ★ ★ The Full Moon could overwhelm you with calls, people who need you and the unexpected. Rather than getting in a tizzy, relax and be happy that this type of day does not happen frequently. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★ ★ ★ Use special caution with funds. Be sure you get the proper change back and that you are not overcharged. If ever you were going to feel the financial ramifications of a slight error, it would be now. Tonight: Visit with a friend on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★ ★ ★ ★ The unexpected walks hand in hand with you right now. You might not like some of the happenings. Keep some perspective and you will be able to deal with the confusion. Someone might spill the beans about a secret! Tonight: Stick to your views.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★ ★ ★ ★ You gain a perspective that allows you to see more of what is going on. Today's Full Moon might be exaggerated for you, as you are ruled by the Moon and the Moon's position. The good news is, this, too, shall pass. Tonight: Respond to another person's efforts to reach you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★ ★ ★ ★ Action surrounds friends and loved ones. You could be very excited as you are about to achieve a long-desired goal. Someone you meet in a strange way today could evolve into a long-term friendship or more. Tonight: Zero in on what is possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★ ★ ★ Whether or not you desire being in the limelight, that is exactly where you can be found. Others seek you out to help get more control over their life and what they want. An element of chaos runs through the day. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★ ★ ★ ★ A new outlook becomes inevitable after today. You see a situation with new possibility. Your biggest problem could be which way you would like to go. Friends will support you in your choice. Tonight: Be the lead actor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★ ★ ★ ★ One-on-one relating is highlighted, and you could make a mistake. How you handle a personal issue could be a lot different from normal. Use caution dealing with money; it could slip through your fingers. Tonight: Be a buddy to an ailing loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★ ★ ★ ★ You might feel as if you are in a tug of war for a prized position or situation. Do not undermine anyone, yet stand up for yourself. Push comes to shove, but somehow you end up smelling like roses. Tonight: With a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★ ★ ★ You might notice that the best intentions go awry, no matter what. Rather than being rigid and determined to have what you want, flow with the moment and your mood. Let go of "must haves" for 24 hours. Tonight: Be more nurturing to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★ ★ ★ ★ You could push another person too far. You might not intend to, but others are unusually sensitive to your comments. One person -- a child or potential sweetie -- could become highly reactive. Tonight: A discussion could be important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★ ★ ★ Stay close to home or near the office. You could find that certain situations are somewhat explosive and need to be handled quickly. Others, including you, could be reacting to today's Full Moon. Tonight: Settling in at home.

BORN TODAY
Singer Frank Sinatra (1915), game-show host Bob Barker (1923), abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison (1805)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Two for the price of one

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 9 4 2
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ A K 4 2
♣ K
WEST
♠ J
♥ K Q J 10
♦ —
♣ A Q J 10 8 7 6 5
EAST
♠ K 5
♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ Q J 9 8 7
♣ 3 2
SOUTH
♠ A Q 8 7 6 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 6 5 3
♣ 9 4

The bidding: East 2♠, South 2♠, West 5♣, North 5♣. Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal from the New England district's 1999 Grand National Pairs final presented two declarers with an unusual choice: to play for an extremely remote lie of the cards that would allow them to make five spades legitimately, or to opt for a more devious approach that might lure an opponent into an error. Oddly, both options proved successful.

The auction was identical at both tables, and both Wests led the ace of clubs and switched to the king of hearts, taken by dummy's ace. Both declarers then led a spade to the queen and cashed the ace.

At the first table, South now ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, led a diamond to the ace, disclosing the 5-0 break, and ruffed another heart. A diamond to the king was then followed by the four of hearts, on which declarer discarded one of his two losing diamonds.

Because West had started with the K-Q-J-10 of hearts, he had to win the trick and return a club, allowing declarer to get rid of his last diamond as he ruffed in dummy — making five.

At the other table, the declarer, who admittedly never considered the aforementioned line of play, found a more subtle route to 11 tricks. After drawing trump (unblocking dummy's 10-9 of spades in the process), he ruffed a club in dummy and then led two more trumps, discarding a diamond from dummy.

East discarded a diamond on the first trump but ran into a difficult problem on the second one. If South had the hand he actually held, it was necessary to retain four diamonds. But if South had a heart and three diamonds (giving West only three hearts), then East needed to keep all four of his hearts. If he did not, declarer could concede a heart, cross to dummy with a diamond and ruff a heart to establish dummy's last heart for a diamond discard.

In practice, East, after much agonized thought, let go of a diamond. South then played the A-K and another diamond, establishing his ten, and the contract was home.

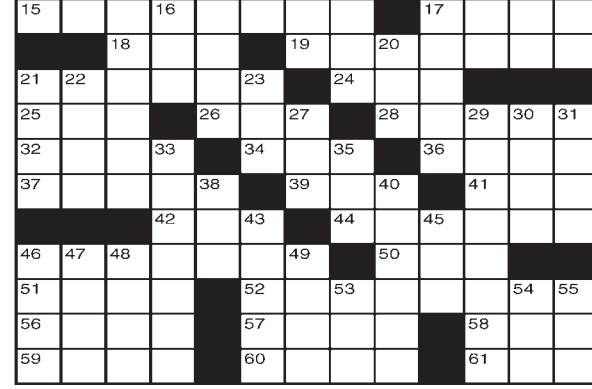
Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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CROSSWORDS

- ACROSS**
1 Monk's title
4 Pear variety
8 Pager sound
12 High tennis shot
13 "Believe — not!"
14 Bruins' sch.
15 Anise-flavored liqueur
17 Optimist's credo
18 Suffix with human or fact
19 Luxurious
21 Conviction
24 Ballpark fig.
25 Actress Tyler
26 Singer Orbison
28 Potential tulips
32 Region
34 Festive
36 Andean land
37 Bet both ways
39 Young seal
- DOWN**
1 Ga. neighbor
2 Steal from
3 Pardoned
4 School paper holder
5 Slugger Mel
6 London district
7 Thin pancake
8 Devel-oped, as an urban area
9 Caesar's "Behold!"
10 Panache
11 Gasp for air
16 Three, on a sundial
20 PC port
21 Humdrum
22 Green land
23 London mist
27 Shrilk bark
29 Some boxing punches
30 French cheese
31 Took to court
33 Eternal
35 "Uh-huh"
38 Jargon suffix
40 Stickler for details
43 Persian Gulf nation
45 Tic- —toe
46 Despot
47 Lighten
48 Dog food brand
49 Notoriety
53 Ballot marks
54 Scary cry
55 Cutting tool

Solution time: 24 mins.



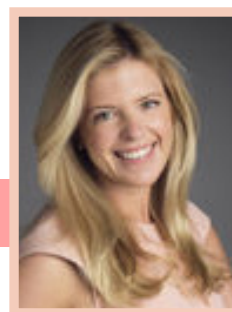
CRYPTOQUIP

R B K S X R E A T S N I E M E B M E I O
R A Y X K I K W E F E N A R B X N S ' F
B V E I Y S K A T S N Z R Z I H S K M K S X N
V E O R F Y R Y H Y K W E X N.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHARP FEELING OF PAIN AFTER UNINTENTIONALLY GETTING STRUCK BY A BIG ROCK: A STONE'S THROE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals C

Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE



Humbled and Loving Husband -- Too Late?

Dear Annie: I was a lousy husband. Not because of physical or emotional abuse but because of ignorance. I grew up in a household where I never heard my father tell my mother he loved her. I never heard him give her a compliment or ask her opinion.

He was a hard worker and a good provider. She bought whatever she needed, never wanted for anything. She just existed. I just existed. I guess you can say we were just not a family. We were three people living in the same house doing what we were supposed to do.

I treated my wife in the same way. She didn't complain. She came from the same kind of family. She was an angel; she deserved much better. It wasn't until she passed and I lived alone with time to learn from the media that I understood how ignorant I was and how bad I was to her. I wish I could tell her how much I loved her and that I am truly sorry.

Dear Ignorant Husband: Ignorant husbands don't write letters like this one. Your letter does not come across as being from someone ignorant. In fact, it comes across -- you come across -- as someone who might have made some mistakes in the past and has always cared deeply. Your ability to express that has changed.

Your wife sounds like an amazing woman, and I am truly sorry for your

loss. But rest assured that you are being way too hard on yourself. If you had this realization, I'm sure you had moments of love and joy. Try to remember all of the good times you had with your wife.

When we know better, we do better. At the time, you didn't know, so there is no use in beating yourself up. You're grieving right now. Find a support group for widowers. Perhaps individual counseling could help you. Just by writing this letter, you are bringing awareness to other husbands or spouses who might be doing the same thing and want to change. Thank you for sharing your story and expressing how much you love your wife. I have no doubt she knows it.

Dear Annie: The letter you printed from "Stressed-Out Student," who had no idea what subject to pursue in university, really struck a chord with me. Your advice to consult the career counseling office was spot-on. A properly run career counseling office will give the student psychometric tests, which will give him or her a good idea what careers would be suitable for them.

I have always thought this type of testing should be mandatory in the final year of high school. At the end of an academic year, after graduating from high school, students generally are expected to go on to college or university or vocational school, but they have never had an opportunity

to experience the world and find out for themselves who they really are and what they really like. Often, students pick a direction after high school that is totally inappropriate for them.

In the best-case scenario, this simply means the loss of time until they sort it out. However, in too many cases, this can lead to financial and psychological problems. This is really serious. If, as a society, we can afford to educate our children to the high school level, then surely we can afford to help them get to the next stage in their lives by giving them this career counseling assistance. -- *A Former Stressed Out Student*

Dear Former Stressed Out Student: You make your case well, and I am sure many readers will thank you for it. At the same time, there is no substitute for experience, even if it means struggling to find oneself while in your late teens or early 20s. What appears like lost time can actually be a tremendous learning experience that will pay off later in life.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

It's Christmas tree time!



Dear Readers: The time is right to choose a fresh or artificial CHRISTMAS TREE. First of all, there's location, location, location in your home. Figure this out, and you'll know what size tree you'll need. A corner of your home usually works best (you can hide a bad spot and "anchor" the tree to the wall with some fishing wire so it won't tip over), or in front of a picture window can be beautiful too, especially with glistening lights. The tree by the fireplace is a no-go -- it's too hot there, and it could be a fire hazard.

Check the needles on a live tree. Run your fingers from the trunk out on a branch -- needles should not shed. Also, the tree should have a lovely fresh pine scent.

Place your live tree in a stand of fresh water immediately. Use a turkey baster or ice cubes to add water to the stand. Two weeks is about the right time to keep a live tree in your home. -- Heloise

P.S. Look for a live tree with the roots still attached; you can plant it in the yard afterward.

SOFTEN UP
Dear Heloise: I read your column in the Montgomery (Alabama)

Advertiser. Do you know of an easy procedure for "softening" that "new" finish on pants? I find the stiffness uncomfortable.

I've tried warm water with heavy liquid softener to no avail. I also tried adding a couple of dryer sheets to the dryer. I sure would like to hear from you. -- The Old Fellow, via email

New garments are often treated with sizing to make them wrinkle less, but you're correct: The sizing can make clothes stiff and uncomfortable.

What will I reach for? One of my favorite handy helpers -- vinegar! Add 1 cup white vinegar to the final rinse cycle. It may take a couple of washes, but your clothes will be soft and fluffy.

Knowing how to properly launder different fabrics can be a daunting task. In my eight-page pamphlet Handy Stain Guide for Clothing, you'll find a section on "Special Care Laundering Hints" and also "Understanding Care Labels." To receive a copy, visit www.Heloise.com, or send a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope, along with \$5, to: Heloise/Stains, P.O. Box 795001,

San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: To remove soap residue that can cause black clothing to look dull, rinse the items in a solution of clear water with vinegar added. -- Heloise

THE GUESSING GAME
Dear Heloise: The instructions for using drain cleaner say to "pour 1/5 bottle in the drain." The bottle is opaque. How in the world do I know when I've poured too little or too much?

Why don't they manufacture it in a clear plastic bottle with lines denoting what is 1/5, 1/2, etc.? Seems like it would be cheaper for them to make rather than an opaque bottle. Or at least have a "stripe of clear" down the length of the bottle, again with lines measuring the amount. -- *C.D.B., Orange, Calif.*

POD CASTING
Dear Heloise: My wife and I put a four-cup coffeepot under the spout of our pod-using coffee maker (with the lid up to avoid splashing). We use the same pod to make two large cups. That will fill the four-cup pot. It works with almost any coffee pod with no sacrifice of flavor. -- *Doug in Ohio*

2019-2020 Westfield State University Men's Basketball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri	Dec. 13	SPRINGFIELD	7:00
Mon	Dec. 30	at Roger Williams	4:00
Sun	Jan. 5	at Wheaton	2:00
Sat	Jan. 11	FRAMINGHAM STATE	2:00
Tue	Jan. 14	at Worcester State	7:30
Thur	Jan. 16	FITCHBURG STATE	7:30
Sat	Jan. 18	at Bridgewater State	3:00
Sat	Jan. 25	SALEM STATE	2:00
Wed	Jan. 29	at MCLA	7:30
Sat	Feb. 1	at Framingham State	3:00
Wed	Feb. 5	WORCESTER STATE	7:30
Sat	Feb. 8	at Fitchburg State	2:00
Wed	Feb. 12	BRIDGEWATER STATE	7:30
Wed	Feb. 19	at Salem State	7:00
Sat	Feb. 22	MCLA	2:00
Tues	Feb. 25	MASCAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Thur	Feb. 27	MASCAC Semifinals	TBA
Sat	Feb. 29	MASCAC Championship	TBA

2019-2020 Westfield State Ice Hockey Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thur	Dec. 12	at Assumption	7:00
Thur	Jan. 9	at Stonehill	4:10
Sat	Jan. 11	at Worcester State	7:10
Thur	Jan. 16	at Salem State	7:00
Sat	Jan. 18	at Plymouth State	6:00
Wed	Jan. 22	at Anna Maria	6:40
Sat	Jan. 25	FITCHBURG STATE	5:35
Thur	Jan. 30	at Framingham State	7:30
Sat	Feb. 1	at UMass Dartmouth	4:20
Thur	Feb. 6	WORCESTER STATE	7:35
Sat	Feb. 8	SALEM STATE	5:35
Thur	Feb. 13	at Plymouth State	6:00
Thur	Feb. 20	at Fitchburg State	7:00
Sat	Feb. 22	FRAMINGHAM STATE	5:35
Tue	Feb. 25	UMASS DARTMOUTH	7:35
Sat	Feb. 29	MASCAC Quarterfinals	TBD
Tues	March 3	MASCAC Semifinals	TBD
Sat	March 7	MASCAC Championship	TBD

2019-2020 Westfield State University Women's Basketball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri	Dec. 13	at Springfield	7:00
Thur	Jan. 2	at Western New England	6:00
Sat	Jan. 4	WPI	1:00
Sat	Jan. 11	FRAMINGHAM STATE	12:00
Tue	Jan. 14	at Worcester State	5:30
Thur	Jan. 16	FITCHBURG STATE	5:30
Sat	Jan. 18	at Bridgewater State	1:00
Wed	Jan. 22	CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	7:00
Sat	Jan. 25	SALEM STATE	12:00
Wed	Jan. 29	at MCLA	5:30
Sat	Feb. 1	at Framingham State	1:00
Wed	Feb. 5	WORCESTER STATE	5:30
Sat	Feb. 8	at Fitchburg State	12:00
Wed	Feb. 12	BRIDGEWATER STATE	5:30
Wed	Feb. 19	at Salem State	5:00
Sat	Feb. 22	MCLA	12:00
Tues	Feb. 25	MASCAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Thur	Feb. 27	MASCAC Semifinals	TBA
Sat	Feb. 29	MASCAC Championship	TBA

2019-2020 Westfield State University Women's Swimming & Diving Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri	Jan. 17	at Saint Joseph, CT	4:30
Sat	Jan. 18	PLYMOUTH STATE	1:00
Sat	Jan. 25	WESTERN CONNECTICUT	1:00
Sun	Jan. 26	at Rhode Island College	
Sat	Feb. 1	LEC Championships @ UMass Dartmouth	11:00 a.m.
Thur	Feb. 13	New England Championships	
Fri	Feb. 14	New England Championships	
Sat	Feb. 15	New England Championships	
Sun	Feb. 16	New England Championships @ University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI	

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

12/12 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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Date of Death
06/17/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by

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requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS,
Hon. Barbara M Hyland,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 03, 2019

Suzanne T. Seguin
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LEGAL NOTICES

December 12, 2019
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court
 Hampden Probate and Family Court
 50 State Street
 Springfield, MA 01103
 413-748-7758

Docket No. HD19P2301EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Theresa Woodworth
 Date of Death
06/17/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by JJS Capital Investment, LLC of Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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November 28, 2019
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 248 Birch Road, Westfield, MA 01085

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jacquelyn M. Kenney and Edward J. Kenney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for SurePoint Lending abn First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc., and now held by Bank of America, N.A. s/b/m BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, said mortgage dated April 11, 2008 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17250, Page 289, as affected by a Loan Modification dated January 20, 2017 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21610, Page 477; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for SurePoint Lending abn First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. by assignment dated September 14, 2009 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 18075, Page 384; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 15, 2020 at 3:00PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Certain real estate situated in Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot 16 (sixteen) and the Easterly one-half (1/2) of Lot 15 (fifteen) as shown on the plan entitled "Subdivision of Land of the Oak Realty Corporation Westfield, Massachusetts as recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plan 71, Pages 116 and 117, said lot being bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY by Lot 17 (seventeen) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet;

SOUTHERLY by Lot 9 (nine) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (150.00) feet;

WESTERLY by the remaining portion of said Lot 15 (fifteen) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet; and

NORTHERLY by Birch Road as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (150.00) feet more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Jacquelyn M. Kenney and Edward J. Kenney, husband and wife, by Quitclaim Deed dated March 19, 2007, of record in Book 16579, Page 135, in the Office of the Registry of Deeds of Hampden County, Massachusetts. Also, being the same property PREVIOUSLY conveyed to Edward J. Kenney, a single person, by Quitclaim Deed dated February 17, 1999, of record in Book 10679, Page 251, in the Office aforesaid.

*Being the same property commonly known as, 248 Birch Road, Westfield, Massachusetts 01085
 Tax ID No.: 279-28*

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated March 19, 2007 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16579, Page 135.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

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 Attorney for Bank of America, N.A. s/b/m BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP
 Present Holder of the Mortgage
 401-217-8701

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December 12, 2019
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Hampden Probate And Family Court
 50 State Street
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Docket No. HD03P141453TP1

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

In the matter of:

Russell D Kittredge
 Date of Death:
09/14/1971

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Bank of America, N.A. of Providence, RI

requesting allowance of the fortieth to the forty-third account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Hon. Barbara M. Hyland
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