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Two arrested, arraigned on drug distribution charges

By PETER CURRIER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD- Two people were arrested in a sting operation for an ongoing drug trafficking investigation Thursday and they now face six charges each.

Jerry L. Frank, 50, of 21 Worcester Court, West Springfield and Tracy M. Skroczky, 46, of 37 Foch Avenue, Westfield, were both arrested Thursday evening and arraigned in Westfield District Court on Friday.

According to court records, Frank faces charges of distribution of a class B substance, possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute, trafficking of cocaine between 18 and 36 grams, possession of a firearm without an FID, possession of ammunition without an FID, and improper storage of a firearm.

Skroczky faces similar charges of possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm without an FID, possession of ammunition without an FID, improper storage of a firearm, and two counts of distribution

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Ed Stanard will be leading the lecture about the Solomon family on Wednesday. Stanard is a historian who primarily focuses on the American Civil War. His research into the Solomon brothers began when he received an email in the late 1990s from a man in Australia. (Photo submitted by Ed Stanard)

Westfield 350 lecture series continues

By PETER CURRIER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD- The First Congregational Church will host the fourth lecture in the Westfield Wednesday's 350th Historical Lecture Series this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

This lecture is titled, "The Solomon Brothers of Westfield, in the Civil War and Beyond."

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Southwick One Call Away Foundation assisting homeless veterans

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – The One Call Away Foundation in Southwick is taking part in helping veterans who may be in need.

Dave Sutton, Founder of the One Call Away Foundation, a non-profit that helps with PTSD awareness and prevention of veteran's suicide, is assisting the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation.

A state-wide non-profit organization that provides programs, services, and goods to active duty members of the military in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation is made up of several smaller non-profit organizations like the One Call Away Foundation.

The One Call Away Foundation is helping their parent organization distribute buckets of supplies to homeless veterans or veterans who are in distress and in need. The process involves distributing the buckets to police departments throughout the state.

Locally, Sutton has represented the One Call Away Foundation by recently delivering the buckets to police departments in Westfield, Southwick, and Southampton, as well as the Massachusetts State Police Barracks in Russell.

Partnering with Ocean State Job Lot, Home Depot, and the New England Patriots, each bucket includes a hat, gloves, coat, scarf, hand warmers, a box of cookies, trail mix, shampoo, tooth paste, toothbrush, and hand sanitizer. The bucket also consists of a heavy winter jacket that was donated by the New England Patriots.

Once the buckets are brought to the police

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Southwick Police officer Mike Westcott and Lt. Robert Landis are seen with the items that will go in the buckets to give to homeless veterans. (Photo from Dave Sutton)

CPC to vote on additional funding for North Pond

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is holding a meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Town Hall to vote on whether or not to allocate $500,000 of funding to the Franklin Land Trust to help them reach the goal of raising $5 million to preserve a land area adjacent to North Pond on Congamond Lake.

According to CPC Chairman Bob Horacek, if the vote was approved, it would then have to be issued as a warrant article for the annual town meeting in May. Horacek did add that, if the Franklin Land Trust wanted the funding to be in effect sooner, they could request to the town to hold a special town meeting at an earlier date.

In October, the Franklin Land Trust made their original request for the $500,000 of funding, but the CPC wasn't ready to make a decision on the request until their next meeting scheduled for January 31. At the annual

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The vote on additional funding to preserve land adjacent to North Pond will take place on Thursday. (WNG File Photo)

Bombers vs. Lancers

Westfield High's William Cameron (2) drives up the middle at Friday's game. See additional photos and story Page 9. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

WG+E offers reassuring message for customers who are struggling

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – On Friday, Westfield Gas & Electric offered a reassuring reminder that for customers who are facing challenging times, WG+E would do their best to be there for them.

Lisa Stowe, WG+E marketing director said the assistance has been offered as long as anyone can remember.

What prompted the reminder was the government shutdown according to Stowe.

"We're certainly aware that there are people in the community who are being affected. Sometimes, until you are in the

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Local Public TV Station Creates Fund Honoring Late Journalist

WGBY's Jim Madigan Fund will support responsible public media journalism in western New England

SPRINGFIELD — Public television station WGBY has long aired news updates about local public affairs issues. Now, the local PBS affiliate has started a fund in honor of its late newsman Jim Madigan that will help ensure those vital news broadcasts continue.

For nearly 27 years, Madigan informed western New Englanders about local news and politics on the sets of Connecting Point and The State We're In. He joined WGBY in December of 1990 as a senior producer of public affairs. In 2017, he retired as the stations' director of public affairs. He passed away several months later in early 2018.

WGBY's Jim Madigan Fund (wgby.org/madigan) is a resource created for the particular purpose of producing and advancing local public multimedia journalism that honors the ethical journalistic standards exemplified by Madigan.

"It's critically important that our community has a reliable source of news and information it can trust. WGBY is that source," explains WGBY General Manager Anthony V. Hayes. "Jim Madigan was committed to — and embodied — the

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Jim Madigan, WGBY's longtime Director of Public Affairs and host of Connecting Point. (Photo courtesy WGBY)

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Westfield Bridge Club

Vi Martinell (L) of the Westfield Bridge Club presents a check to Ann Koush for the Westfield Food Pantry. The Club which plays at the American Inn also made a donation to Our Community Table in Southwick.

CSF Scholarship Application

The CSF Westfield Dollars for Scholars Board of Directors announces that beginning February 1st high school seniors and college students in undergraduate studies residing in Westfield may apply for college scholarships online through the website, http://csfwestfield.dollarsforscholars.org. Students will have the ability to create online profiles, which allow them to apply for and be matched to multiple scholarships on both the local & national level for the 2019-2020 school year. We encourage prospective college students to begin developing online profiles now to assure that you are alerted of scholarship opportunities in advance of deadlines.

CSF scholarships are awarded based on merit (GPA, activities, work experience and goals essay) and need (determined by your FAFSA report -Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) on the SAR (Student Aid Report) from FAFSA exceeds $65,000, you do not meet the needs requirement set by our chapter, and therefore you will not match to our scholarships. **Applications must be completed along with the 2019-2020 SAR report from the FAFSA and your most recent academic transcript uploaded into the Additional Documents section, and submitted by March 15, 2019.**

22 NEWS STORM TEAM LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy.	Chance of snow, rain.	Mostly Sunny.
18-19	34-38	25-27

Today, partly sunny, with a high near 27. Southwest wind 5 to 7 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Sunday, slight chance of snow showers before 1pm, then a slight chance of rain showers between 1pm and 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 38. South wind 3 to 8 mph. Sunday Night, a slight chance of snow showers before 9pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. South wind around 6 mph becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Monday, mostly sunny, with a high near 27. Northwest wind 6 to 8 mph.

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7:12 AM	4:57 PM	9 hours 45 Minutes
SUNRISE	SUNSET	LENGTH OF DAY

ODDS & ENDS

Police: Woman drove drunk on vanilla extract

NEW CANAAN, Conn. (AP) — Police say a Connecticut woman charged with driving under the influence was drunk on vanilla extract, which contains a significant amount of alcohol.

Hearst Connecticut Media reports that New Canaan police found 50-year-old Stefanie Warner-Grise sitting in a car at an intersection with her eyes closed at about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Officers say they found several bottles of pure vanilla extract inside her vehicle.

They say they detected an odor of vanilla on her breath, her speech was slurred and she was unable to answer basic questions.

Police say she was arrested after failing field sobriety tests.

Warner-Grise was released on a promise to appear in court. No lawyer was listed for her in online court records.

Idaho looks into loud cannon fire at governor's inauguration

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Idaho National Guard's commanding officer says he will look into 19 startlingly loud ceremonial canon blasts that were part of Gov. Brad Little's inauguration.

The canon fire on Jan. 4 set off car alarms in downtown Boise and scattered Canada geese into the air as smoke billowed around soldiers. Some of the several thousand people attending flinched in surprise.

Republican Sen. Chuck Winder of Boise asked Friday during a committee meeting of state lawmakers why the cannon blasts seemed louder than normal.

Idaho Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Michael J. Garshak says he'll look into why the blasts were so loud.

Garshak is responsible for maintaining the Idaho National Guard's combat readiness as combat reserve for the Army and Airforce.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2019. There are 339 days left in the year.

On Jan. 26, 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

ON THIS DATE:

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter Sarah, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the bald eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1939, principal photography began for David O. Selznick's movie version of "Gone with the Wind."

In 1942, the first American Expeditionary Force to head to Europe during World War II arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1988, Australians celebrated the 200th anniversary of their country as a grand parade of tall ships re-enacted the voyage of the first European settlers. The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera" opened at Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1992, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, appearing with his wife, Hillary, on CBS' "60 Minutes," acknowledged "causing pain in my marriage," but said past problems were not relevant to the campaign.

In 1993, Vaclav Havel (VAHTS'-lahv HAH'-vel) was elected president of the newly formed Czech Republic.

In 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell, citing Iraq's lack of cooperation with U.N. inspectors, said he'd lost faith in the inspectors' ability to conduct a definitive search for banned weapons programs.

In 2005, A U.S. Marine helicopter crashed in western Iraq, killing 30 Marines and a Navy medic aboard. A man parked his SUV on railroad tracks in Glendale, California, setting off a crash of two commuter trains that killed 11 people. (The SUV's driver, Juan Alvarez, was convicted of murder and sentenced to 11 consecutive life terms.)

TEN YEARS AGO:

Timothy Geithner was sworn in as the nation's 75th treasury secretary, less than an hour after winning Senate confirmation. The impeachment trial of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich opened in Springfield, with Blagojevich refusing to take part, saying the rules were biased against him. Nadya Suleman gave birth at Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center in California to six boys and two girls, the world's longest-surviving set of octuplets.

FIVE YEARS AGO:

A brain-dead, pregnant Texas woman's body was removed from life support as the hospital keeping Marlise Munoz on machines against her family's wishes acceded to a judge's ruling that it was misapplying state law. Stan Wawrinka held off an injured Rafael Nadal to win his first Grand Slam title with a 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 victory in the Australian Open final. At the Grammy Awards, Daft Punk won album of the year for "Random Access Memories," while record of the year went to Daft Punk with Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers for "Get Lucky."

ONE YEAR AGO:

President Donald Trump told an annual gathering of political and business elites in Switzerland that economic growth in the U.S. under his "America first" agenda could benefit the globe. A jury in suburban New Orleans found Ronald Gasser guilty of manslaughter in the shooting death of NFL running back Joe McKnight in a December 2016 road-rage confrontation. (Gasser, 56, was later sentenced to 30 years in prison.) Michigan State University Athletic Director Mark Hollis retired, two days after the university's president resigned over the school's handling of sexual abuse allegations against disgraced former sports doctor Larry Nassar. A fire raced through a small South Korean hospital with no sprinkler system, killing 37 people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 90. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 84. Actor Scott Glenn is 80. Singer Jean Knight is 76. Activist Angela Davis is 75. Actor Richard Portnow is 72. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 71. Actor David Strathairn is 70. Producer-director Mimi Leder is 67. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 66. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 64. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 61. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 61. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 59. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky is 58. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazzie B. (Soul II Soul) is 56. Actor Paul Johansson is 55. Director Lenny Abrahamson is 53. Actor Bryan Callen is 52. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 49. Actor Nate Mooney is 47. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 46. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 45. Actor Gilles Marini is 43. Gospel singer Tye Tribbett is 43. NBA player Vince Carter is 42. Actress Sarah Rue is 41. Actor Colin O'Donoghue is 38. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 36.

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Bulger’s siblings lay claim to slain gangster’s estate

BOSTON (AP) — Whitey Bulger’s siblings are laying claim to the slain Boston gangster’s estate as his lawyer plans to seek a wrongful death suit against the federal government.

The Boston Herald reports that former Massachusetts Senate President William Bulger, his brother and three sisters have been listed as beneficiaries of Bulger’s estate in Suffolk Probate Court filings.

The newspaper reports the estate is currently worth nothing, but Steve Davis, whose sister Debra was killed by Bulger, says any settlement stemming from Bulger’s death should be divided among the families of his victims.

The 89-year-old was murdered at U.S. Penitentiary Hazelton in West Virginia on Oct. 30 just hours after his transfer from a Florida prison. Bulger was serving life in prison for his role in 11 murders.

Police say man shot by police charged at them with cellphone

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Court records say a Massachusetts man shot by police was holding a cellphone and not a gun when he charged at officers.

Roberto Perez was shot by police and was struck twice in the buttocks during in Springfield last Sunday.

Masslive.com reports that few details have been released about the shooting and what led up to it.

Police say Officers Igor Basovskiy and John Wajdula were responding to reports of a domestic disturbance when they were confronted by the 22-year-old Perez.

Perez is charged with unarmed burglary, assault with a dangerous weapon and threatening to commit a crime. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment in Springfield District Court and was held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing.

An attempt to reach his court-appointed lawyer was not successful.

Mass. moves transgender inmate to women’s prison

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts prisons officials have for the first time moved a transgender inmate from a men’s prison to a women’s prison.

Court filings show that the 54-year-old inmate, who has lived as a woman and received hormone therapy for decades, was transferred in September from MCI-Norfolk to the state women’s prison in Framingham.

The prisoner’s lawyer, Jennifer Levi, tells The Boston Globe that she thinks it’s the first time a transgender inmate anywhere in the U.S. has been moved to a facility that corresponds to her gender identity.

The Department of Correction declined to comment on the case’s specifics, but said it acted in accordance with a new Massachusetts law designed to protect transgender inmates’ rights.

The inmate, whose name wasn’t disclosed, is serving a three- to four-year sentence for a nonviolent drug offense.

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MONDAY, JAN. 28

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Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm
Planning Board Meeting at 7 pm

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

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BLANDFORD:
Fire Department Meeting at 7 pm

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First Congregational Church • *Presented By: Walter Fogg*

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APRIL 17, 2019 • **Wayfinding through GPS:**
Planning Perspectives for the City of Westfield
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APRIL 24, 2019 • **How Westfield Became Known as the “Baseball Town”**
First Congregational Church • *Presented By: Dan Genovese*

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The Rise and Decline of an American Industry
WSU Scanlon Banquet Hall • *Presented By: Bruce Cortis*

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As shutdown ends, workers have little faith about future

By BRADY McCOMBS
Associated Press

Federal workers who have gone a month without getting paid during the longest government shutdown in U.S. history expressed relief Friday that a deal had been reached to end the impasse, but are worried they'll be in the same spot in a few weeks.

Ivan Tauler and his wife spent an exhausting three weeks calling, researching and haggling to get relief from government agencies, schools, banks and utility companies to scrape by during the shutdown that caused him to be furloughed from his cartographer job at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in West Virginia.

For Tauler, the end of the shutdown was far from a cause for celebration. The deal announced Friday by President Donald Trump only reopens the government for three weeks while negotiations continue over the president's demands for money to build his long-promised border wall.

"We won't be spending money like we normally would," said Melinda Tauler. "We will be more cautious about our finances than normal until we know that the government is not going to be closing every couple of weeks."

Tauler was one of about 800,000 furloughed federal workers thrust into weeks of uncertainty and financial hardship — leading many to take out loans, apply for unemployment, do temporary jobs and launch online campaigns asking for donations.

The end of the 35-day impasse came on what would have been the second payday with no checks for federal workers. The deal includes back pay federal workers who have gone without paychecks, with Trump vowing that they will get paid very soon.

Alecia Lane, a management analyst with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from Laurel, Maryland, said she's excited she'll get a paycheck soon but said the only luxury spending she might do right away is taking her two sons, 12 and 8, to the movie theater.

Lane was among hundreds of federal workers who launched GoFundMe campaigns to get financial help during the shutdown. She needed help to pay her own bills and send money to help her autistic brother and mother who live in Kentucky. She said it was embarrassing to have to make that public plea.

"I'm saving every dime. I never want to be in this position again," said Lane, a U.S Navy veteran. "I'm worried that we'll be right back in this situation in three weeks. He (Trump) wants that border wall. To be honest: I was shocked that they even reached this deal."

Lane scoffed at President Trump's assertion in his Friday announcement that federal employees agreed with him and weren't complaining.

"Who was he talking to?" Lane said. "Everyone was complaining, let's be real."

Single parent Leisyka Parrott, a Bureau of Land Management employee in Arcata, California, was driving with her son Friday when she heard a radio news broadcast about the deal to reopen the federal government for three weeks. Her cellphone immediately began buzzing with congratulatory text messages from friends, who know she has been furloughed from her job since Dec. 21.

Rebecca Maclean, a housing program specialist for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Pittsburgh whose furlough began Dec. 21, was washing dishes and listening to NPR when the news broke of a deal to temporarily end the shutdown. She isn't celebrating quite yet.

"Until (Trump) puts ink to paper, I'm not going to check my bank balance," she said.

She and her husband have been grateful for the outpouring of support from neighbors. Some dropped off food. Twice, somebody anonymously dropped off grocery store gift cards on their front porch.

The Taulers were approved for food stamps and arranged for free breakfasts and lunches from the schools for their four children, and Ivan Tauler had already submitted his unemployment application.

He said the family is left with hard feelings for politicians and a deep desire to keep more money in savings.

"This seems to be a recurring theme so we're definitely going to be prepared for it," Tauler said.

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With a Secret Service agent watching in the foreground, President Donald Trump announces a deal to temporarily reopen the government, Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington. **(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)**

Trump, Congress agree to end longest government shutdown

By JILL COLVIN, LISA MASCARO and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Submitting to mounting pressure and growing disruption, President Donald Trump agreed to a deal Friday to reopen the government for three weeks, backing down from his demand that Congress give him money for his border wall before federal agencies get back to work.

Standing alone in the Rose Garden, Trump said he would sign legislation funding shuttered agencies until Feb. 15 and try again to persuade lawmakers to finance his long-sought wall. The deal he reached with congressional leaders contains no new money for the wall.

Trump's retreat came in the 35th day of the partial shutdown as intensifying delays at the nation's airports and a missed payday for hundreds of thousands of federal workers brought new urgency to efforts to resolve the standoff.

The shutdown was ending as Democratic leaders had insisted it must — reopen the government first, then talk border security. "The president thought he could crack Democrats and he didn't and I hope it's a lesson for him," said the Senate Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said of her members: "Our unity is our power. And that is what maybe the president underestimated."

Trump still made the case for a border wall and maintained he might again shut down the government over it. Whatever negotiations restart next, Trump enters them from a weakened position. Recent polls found Trump bore the blame for the shutdown.

"If we don't get a fair deal from Congress, the government will either shut down on Feb. 15, again, or I will use the powers afforded to me under the laws and Constitution of the United States to address this emergency," Trump said. He has been considering declaring a national emergency in order to fund the border wall unilaterally, a move that would almost certainly face legal hurdles.

He said a bipartisan committee of lawmakers would be formed to consider border spending before the new deadline.

"They are willing to put partisanship aside, I think, and put the security of the American people first," Trump said. He asserted that "barrier or walls will be an important part of the solution."

Congress was expected to vote on the plan swiftly.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the Senate will pass legislation on Friday and he hopes there will be "good-faith negotiations over the next three weeks to try to resolve our differences" on border security.

Schumer said Democrats oppose the wall money but agree on other ways to secure the border "and that bodes well for coming to an eventual agreement." The House also was expected to vote Friday to approve the deal.

Within the White House there was broad recognition among Trump's aides Friday that the shutdown pressure was growing and they couldn't keep the standoff going indefinitely. The president's approval numbers had suffered during the impasse, and Republicans were openly calling on him to back down from his demands and reopen the government.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif. speaks to members of the media as she arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. **(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)**

Still, some thought Trump had to see the results of votes a day earlier —and understand that the proposal he offered before that could not advance— before he was willing to make a move. But by Thursday, he was coming around on a short term fix, said a person familiar with White House thinking who was not authorized to speak publicly. White House and congressional leaders hashed out the terms Friday, though many were not sure Trump would commit to the plan until the final moments.

Overnight and into Friday, at least five Republican senators had been calling Trump, urging him to reopen the government and have the Senate consider his request for border wall money through regular legislation, according to a person familiar with the situation who was not authorized to discuss the private talks publicly.

The breakthrough came as LaGuardia Airport in New York and Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey both experienced at least 90-minute delays in takeoffs Friday due to the shutdown. And the world's busiest airport — Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport — was experiencing long security wait times, a warning sign the week before it expects 150,000 out-of-town visitors for the Super Bowl.

Trump and the Democrats in Congress had remained at odds over his demand that any compromise include money for his coveted border wall.

Graphic shows longest federal funding gaps since 1976.

The standoff became so severe that, as the Senate opened with prayer, Chaplain Barry Black called on high powers in the "hour of national turmoil" to help senators do "what is right."

Senators were talking with increased urgency after Thursday's defeat of competing proposals from Trump and the Democrats. The bipartisan talks provided a glimmer of hope that some agreement could be reached to halt the longest-ever closure of federal agencies, at least temporarily.

Pressure has been building among both parties to reopen agencies immediately and pay hundreds of thousands of beleaguered federal workers while bargainers hunt for a deal.

Monday is the start of federal tax filing season. But fewer than half of the furloughed IRS employees recalled during the shutdown to handle tax returns and send out refunds reported for work as of Tuesday, according to congressional and government aides. The employees had been told to work without pay.

At the White House Thursday, Trump told reporters he'd support "a reasonable agreement" to reopen the government. He suggested he'd also want a "prorated down payment" for his long-sought border wall with Mexico but didn't describe the term. He said he has "other alternatives" for getting wall money, an apparent reference to his disputed claim that he could declare a national emergency and fund the wall's construction using other programs in the federal budget.

Contributing to the pressure on lawmakers to find a solution was the harsh reality confronting 800,000 federal workers, who on Friday faced a second two-week payday with no paychecks.

A Democratic proposal to end the shutdown got two more votes in the Senate on Thursday than a GOP plan, even though Republicans control the chamber 53-47. Six Republicans backed the Democratic plan, including freshman Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who's clashed periodically with the president.

The Senate first rejected a Republican plan reopening the government through September and giving Trump the $5.7 billion he's demanded for building segments of that wall, a project that he'd long promised Mexico would finance. The 50-47 vote for the measure fell 10 shy of the 60 votes needed to succeed.

Minutes later, senators voted 52-44 for a Democratic alternative that sought to open padlocked agencies through Feb. 8 with no wall money. That was eight votes short. It was aimed at giving bargainers time to seek an accord while getting paychecks to government workers who are either working without pay or being forced to stay home.

Throughout, the two sides issued mutually exclusive demands that have blocked negotiations from even starting: Trump has refused to reopen government until Congress gives him the wall money, and congressional Democrats have rejected bargaining until he reopens government.

Associated Press writers Catherine Lucey, Alan Fram, Andrew Taylor and Colleen Long contributed to this story.

Woman who killed her children found not guilty by insanity

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts woman charged with killing her 9-year-old daughter and her unborn son nearly a decade ago has been found not guilty by reason of insanity.

The Patriot Ledger reports that the ruling in 47-year-old Xue Fang Chi's case came Thursday after a two-day bench trial. She was committed to a state psychiatric hospital.

Prosecutors say multiple mental health professionals found the Quincy woman unfit for trial and determined she couldn't be held criminally responsible.

She was indicted for murder in the death of her daughter and for manslaughter in the death of her unborn son in April 2009. She was eight months pregnant.

Another daughter told police Chi feared she would lose her family over her husband's affair.

Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey called the verdict an "appropriate result."

Even with IRS staffers returning, tax refunds may be delayed

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS' workforce will return to full strength under the short-term deal to reopen the government struck Friday by President Donald Trump and congressional leaders. But the disruption from the partial shutdown and the recent absence of a large contingent of recalled IRS employees mean the possibility of delayed tax refunds.

The official start of the tax filing season is Monday, and the Trump administration has said taxpayers who are owed refunds would receive them on time despite the shutdown. The administration made money available to pay hundreds of billions in refunds and ordered nearly 60 percent of the Internal Revenue Service workforce back to work without pay.

But fewer than half of 26,000 furloughed IRS employees who were recalled to work during the shutdown to handle tax returns and taxpayers' questions had returned to their jobs as of Tuesday, according to congressional and government aides. Of the roughly 14,000 recalled employees who hadn't reported to work, IRS officials told House staffers Thursday, around 5,000 sought permission under their union contract to be absent because of financial hardship. The remaining 9,000 couldn't be reached by IRS managers.

In addition to the 35-day shutdown, the complexities of a new tax law have burdened an IRS that has been starved for funding for years. Getting refunds out in time could be a heavy lift.

"Just because you reopen the government, doesn't mean that on Day 1 everything is normal," said Jorge Castro, a former counselor to the IRS commissioner and senior counsel to the Senate Commerce Committee who is now at the law firm Miller & Chevalier. "There's still a backlog. The IRS has not been at full capacity in its operations for over a month."

About three-quarters of U.S. taxpayers receive annual refunds. Lower-income households, in particular, depend on refunds as their biggest cash infusion of the year.

Beyond refunds, no audits of tax returns were being done during the shutdown because IRS auditors were furloughed. That's a double-edged problem: A lack of inspections could invite cheating, and the money normally captured by audits isn't flowing to the national coffers.

"The decline in audits has been an ongoing problem at the IRS for many years," says Howard Gleckman, senior fellow at the Urban Institute. "Reducing them even further will only encourage more people to game the tax system — and that's bad for all of us who do pay the taxes we owe."

The administration had planned to eventually send about 46,000 furloughed IRS employees back to work during the shutdown — nearly 60 percent of the IRS workforce. The recalled employees who hadn't reported for work include staffers in IRS processing centers in Ogden, Utah; Kansas City, Missouri; Fresno, California; and Austin, Texas, according to union officials.

The IRS employees' union contract allows them to be absent from work if they experience hardship during a shutdown, and they don't have to use sick days to do so. Managers must approve hardship exceptions, though.

Union officials say they don't support employees staying away "as a form of protest" but do support workers claiming the exception for true financial hardship.

If the shutdown weren't enough to contend with, taxpayers and the IRS have to grapple with the most sweeping overhaul of the U.S. tax code in three decades. Enacted by Republicans in December 2017, the changes provided for $1.5 trillion in tax cuts. The package was signed into law by Trump as his signature legislative achievement. It took effect Jan. 1, 2018.

The difficulties for the IRS come as the agency is hobbled by what is widely viewed as a skimpy budget. Republicans controlling the congressional purse strings for years accused the IRS of having a liberal bias and of unfairly targeting conservative tax-exempt groups.

Last year, with the new tax law looming, Congress was more willing to open its wallet for the IRS and blunted the Trump administration's proposed cuts. But it ended up cutting in other areas. The result is that the agency's budget is about the same — $11.4 billion — as in recent years.

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Sarah Gillett Services Accepting Grant Requests

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

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

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

Chicago Total Access performance to benefit Westfield Police Auxiliary

WESTFIELD — Chicago tribute band Chicago Total Access (chicagototalaccess.com) will be the featured performer for a unique community event benefitting the Westfield Police Auxiliary 7:30 p.m. on Friday **April 12**, 2019 at the Westfield Technical Academy upper campus auditorium.

The funds generated from this event will go a long way to support of new equipment for the volunteers of the Auxiliary to help keep our community safe during major outdoor events in our city such as parades, our first ever First Night, Concerts on the Green, PumpkinFest and more. This benefit was conceived by Westfield on Weekends president, Jay Pagluica.

Chicago Total Access is a music group made up of 10 talented musicians who all grew up listening to American and British pop/rock, jazz, blues, rhythm and blues, Motown, acid rock. They've been influenced by music from the 40's to the 70's as well as classical music from the ages. There is no other American rock n roll band with horns that has influenced more musicians, is loved by millions of people worldwide, and has become such a deep part of Americana as the band Chicago. Since 1967, through 46 years of sold out concerts, millions of record sales, and legions of cheering fans worldwide Chicago is still going strong in 2013. The members of Chicago Total Access have attempted to recreate a slice of the timeless musical catalog of Chicago as well as stay true to the spirit of the original recordings. We hope you enjoy their efforts! The liner notes of Chicago's first recording titled "The Chicago Transit Authority" still inspire Total Access band members and they hope you, as well -- "The printed word can never aspire to document a truly musical experience, so if you must call them something, speak of the city where all save one were born; where all of them were schooled and bred, and where all of this incredible music went down barely noticed; call them CHICAGO."

Tickets for the show are available on line at www.purplepass.com, at Rocky's Ace Hardware in Westfield or by calling 800-316-8559. This is a hi-energy, explosive show band dedicated to covering the band's catalog that spans over 45 years. The audience will have "total access" to the music of Chicago.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD
Major crime and incident report
Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019

12:31 p.m.: fraud, Apple Blossom Lane, a walk-in party reports that she was the victim of fraud, the responding officer reports that the woman said she was contacted by somebody claiming to be a lawyer for her grandson, she said that the man claimed her grandson was in jail and asked for an undisclosed amount of bail money, which she transferred per the man's instructions, the responding officer reports that her grandson was not in jail and that she was the victim of a fraudulent transaction.

Westfield Park & Rec Department Events

WESTFIELD — 16th Annual Father Daughter Dance – Put on your dancing shoes, it's our 16th annual Father/Daughter Dance. Make a memory that you will keep forever. Fathers and daughters join us for an enchanted evening. Evening will include music provide by a D.J. and dancing, light appetizers and drinks, photo for dad and daughter. It will be held Friday **February 8**, 2019, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at Tekoa Country Club. Daughters 4yrs. – 13 yrs. accompanied by their father, grandfather or uncle, cost is $60/couple, additional daughter/male is $25. Men wear suits, dress pants and jacket with shirts and ties, or even tuxedos. Daughters wear a party dress. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the office at 572-6263.

1st Annual Mother Son Luau. Make a memory that you will keep forever. Mothers and sons join us for a HO'OLAULE'A evening. Evening will include music provided by a D.J. and dancing, light appetizers and drinks, games, photo, and keepsakes. Women and sons should show off their best Hawaiian attire. Games include volleyball, cornhole and ladder ball to name a few! Sons 4yrs. – 13 yrs. accompanied by their Mother, grandmother or aunt, cost is $60/couple, additional son/female is $25. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the office at 572-6263.

Warren postpones Nevada visit amid government shutdown deal

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren is canceling a Friday night visit to Nevada after President Donald Trump agreed to a deal Friday to reopen the government for three weeks.

Warren instead planned to remain in Washington, D.C. as Congress was expected to vote on the plan.

She was expected to be the third potential Democratic 2020 candidate to hold public events in early-state Nevada this year.

Former Obama housing chief Julian Castro, who has jumped in the race, visited Las Vegas earlier this month. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, who says he's weighing a bid, met with Nevada progressives and Democrats two weeks ago.

Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown, who is also eyeing a potential White House run, says he plans to visit Nevada in the coming weeks.

Valentine's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

The Huntington Council on Aging will be hosting a Valentine's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon and Dance with Gemtones on **Thursday, February 14** (snow date, Friday, February 15) at 12:00 p.m. at Stanton Hall. The suggested donation per person is $5.00. Please call 413-512-5205 for a reservation by Thursday, February 7. A St. Patrick's Corned Beef Luncheon featuring the Do Re Mi Singers will be held on Thursday, March 14 (snow date - Friday, March 15) at 12:00 p.m. at Stanton Hall. The suggested donation per person is $8.00. Please call 413-512-5205 for a reservation by Thursday, March 7. Both programs are supported in part by a grant from the Huntington Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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This is not a Happy Anniversary for me.
I appreciate you more today than when you were here, and for that I am sorry.
Fathers & daughters, a bond of mixed emotions and memorable times, how lucky for me! I would give anything to have another outing with you!
The memories of you, your influences and legendary antics help to carry me onward till the day we are both sitting at the piano bar together again.
Love and miss you Dad! ~ Lindi

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Tuesday
6:30 PM
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6:30 PM
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Wednesday
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Thursday
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The grave of Henry Solomon in Australia. According to Stanard's research, hundreds of veterans of American wars are buried in Australia. **(Photo submitted by Ed Stanard)**

Lecture Series

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Local historian Ed Stanard extensively researched the story of the Solomon family and their lifelong adventure around the world, which includes an extended stop in Westfield.

John, Henry, and Phineas Solomon were three English brothers from a family of nine children. They had moved to the United States from England as a family in the 1850's. They first lived in New York City before moving to Westfield Massachusetts and ran a cigar business on Elm Street. Samuel Solomon, the brother's father, was a cigar manufacturer in Liverpool, England.

A photo with an unknown date of Jack Solomon (right) found in The National Library of Australia. **(Photo submitted by Ed Stanard)**

Stanard will detail John and Henry Solomon's time in the 10th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, Westfield's Company K, at the onset of the American Civil War.

"I was contacted by a gentleman in Australia in 1997," said Stanard, "He asked me if I was aware that the Thompson brothers were in the 10th Massachusetts volunteer Regiment and were buried in Australia."

The Solomon brothers opted to change their last name to Thompson due to the prevalent anti-Semitism in Australia in the late 19th century.

Stanard was prompted to research the brothers when he received the email in 1997 due to him being a well-known historian of the American Civil War and the 10th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment. He frequently took part in reenactments as a part of Company C of the 10th Massachusetts Civil War as well as participating in living history events. His previous research into the 10th MVR stemmed from his great-great-Grandfather, who had served in the same regiment.

Stanard will speak about the Solomon's presence in Westfield, where they established one of their cigar manufacturing facilities. He will detail the brother's journey from their childhood in England, their time in Westfield and involvement in the Civil War, and the rest of their lives in Australia where their graves are found today.

Stanard's lecture, like many of the others, was originally slated to be held at The Westfield Athenaeum. However, due to the popularity of the first few lectures, it has been moved to the First Congregational Church at Park Square to accommodate more attendees.

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position to need assistance, you might not know where to begin. We thought it was a great time to highlight what we offer to all of our customers in the community," Stowe said.

Stowe said one way they help is to point people to the Valley Opportunity Council, which offers heating assistance to eligible low-income residents. She said an employee from the Council comes to G&E at certain times during the week to help qualify people for that assistance, which gets paid out as customers use energy.

For customers that don't qualify for the Valley Opportunity Council, the Salvation Army's "Good Neighbor Energy Fund" offers one-time assistance to people who are struggling to pay their bills, if they don't qualify for federal or state programs.

WG+E is also interested in helping to set up people on a budget to level out the costs over the year, so the bills don't get too high during the winter, Stowe said.

When people are having a hardship, Stowe said they can also set up people on a payment plan, on a case by case basis. She said it is WG+E policy to not terminate customers during the winter months from Nov. 15 to March 15.

Stowe said anyone who is struggling should contact the customer service team at WG+E at 413-572-0100. "We'll talk to customers on a one-to-one basis, and figure out what is the best way to help them to get back on track," she said.

Charges

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of a class B substance.

Court records indicate that both Skroczky and Frank sold cocaine to an unidentified undercover police officer. A search of the Foch Avenue address by police following their arrest revealed an unsecured Glock .45 semi-automatic pistol, a single .223 bullet, small weight scales with cocaine residue on them, small amounts of cocaine, and plastic sandwich bags possibly used to deal cocaine.

Frank has been denied bail and is being held in the Hampden County House of Corrections pending a January 29 bail hearing. Skroczky is being held on $5,000 cash bail pending a January 29 pre-trial hearing.

A few of the One Call Away Foundation buckets are show in a vehicle before being transported to local police departments. **(Photo from Dave Sutton)**

One Call Away

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departments, officers can put them in their cruisers and have them ready to give out while on patrol if they happen to see a homeless veteran.

"It happens more than you think," said Sutton. "They (law enforcement) have these buckets available to give to them on the spot."

Police departments are responding well to the buckets they have been provided.

"It's great for us to have those assets to hand out," said Southwick Police Lt. Robert Landis of the five buckets his department was given. "It's good having that asset for us."

According to Sutton, there have already been at least 40 buckets distributed to police departments and there is a total of about 250 buckets that will get delivered.

Similar to a lot of what the One Call Away Foundation does on a regular basis, the hope is that the buckets will help veterans who are in desperate need of the basic things most people always have.

"It's very heartwarming what we do," said Sutton. "To be able to do something to put a smile on their face, it goes a long way."

CPC

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town meeting in May of 2017, residents voted in favor of allocating $1 million from the CPC account to help raise money to preserve North Pond.

This past December, Rich Hubbard and Alain Peteroy of the Franklin Land Trust met with the Select Board to discuss their urgent need to get more funding and support in order to preserve the North Pond land.

The deadline to raise the $5 million to preserve the 146-acre property is June 30, 2019. However, Franklin Land Trust representatives came to the Select Board to inform them that they need to have the $5 million raised by March 1. The reason for the earlier deadline is that the state needs to know by March 1 if the Franklin Land Trust has the funding from the CPC. Once the state knows that, they will decide on awarding more money to the Franklin Land Trust.

Since the Franklin Land Trust believes that a decision in January might be cutting it close to raising the $5 million by March, they were looking for support from the Select Board in hopes that it could help speed the CPC's response to the application. Currently, the Franklin Land Trust and fellow North Pond supporters have about $1.4 million left to raise.

The Franklin Land Trust has been awarded several grants to help raise the money. In November of 2016, the Massachusetts Departments of Energy and Environmental Affairs as well as Fish and Wildlife awarded the Franklin Land Trust two grants that totaled $1.4 million. One of the grants was a land grant of $400,000 while another was a grant for $1 million.

While the Franklin Land Trust and the fellow Save North Pond supporters have received larger funding sources like grants, they're also continuing to encourage the community and local businesses to send in private donations. In order to make a donation, visit the Save North Pond website.

Madigan Fund

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VALUE OF PUBLIC MEDIA JOURNALISM

According to WGBY, nonprofit public media was designed to be a trustworthy, non-commercial resource for informing and connecting diverse communities — and the station considers quality local journalism to be a key component of that mission-oriented service.

"The chance to let someone sit and talk and express a full idea was just greater in public television," Jim Madigan once said, reflecting on his career as a WGBY journalist. "I think it is still that way today.

According to recent surveys, it would seem the viewership concurs. In a 2018 Gallup/Knight Foundation survey, public media earned the highest rating (+31) among news organizations as the least likely to be biased. Additionally, a 2018 Marketing & Research Resources Inc. study found nearly two thirds of Americans ranked PBS news sources as the most accurate.

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass. remembers Madigan's work and underscores the value of fact-based reporting.

"More and more, we live in a fact-free society," Neal states. "People like Jim Madigan, PBS — they provide the necessary clarification every day for all of us in a representative democracy so that we might make an informed decision. In a time when we live in more of conflict-driven journalism, his perspective was unique in the sense that he was interested in the substance of the story, not just the conflict in the story."

FUND MISSION & GOALS

The goal of WGBY's Jim Madigan Fund is to raise $50,000 for the local production of responsible journalism and the training of tomorrow's principled reporters right here in Western New England. By giving to the fund, tax-deductible contributions will enable WGBY to:

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• Address timely social issues with live, televised town hall-style panel discussions.

• Prepare tomorrow's journalists with hands-on internships and fellowships.

Online donations can be made at wgby.org/madigan. Offline gifts can be made by contacting WGBY Director of Development Daisy Pereira-Tosado by email at dpereira-tosado@wgby.org or by phone at 413-781-2801, ext. 1586.

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

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

If you would like to run a Birthday Announcement in The Westfield News contact us at: 413-562-4181

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A few spots available for February Vacation Ski Trip

WESTFIELD — St. Mary's Parish is hosting their annual three-day Ski Trip to Sunday River Resort during February school vacation. The trip is open to families and individuals in the greater Westfield area. You do not have to be a member of St. Mary's. Average cost is less than $500 per person. There are a few spots available, but registration closes this weekend. You can learn more, register, and make payments online at www.STMski.com

The Boy Scout leaders from St. Mary's Troop 109 will be managing the trip and providing supervision.

The adventure includes: luxury bus transportation to the hotel and mountain, three nights lodging, three-day lift ticket, breakfasts and dinners, and use of the hotel's pool, Jacuzzi, steam room, game room, and meeting rooms.

Sunday River is known among New England skiers as one of the best …eight interconnected mountain peaks are consistently covered by legendary Sunday River snow. As of today, 16 inches of new snow and 32 inch average base cover the 135 trails. High capacity quads and 2,000 snow guns covering the River's 870 acres of terrain make this a skiers' and riders' dream. The mountains are serviced by 15 lifts: 1 Chondola, 9 Quads (5 high speed), 3 Triples, 1 Double, and 1 Surface Lift. Most lifts serve areas that offer challenging areas for experts and easier ways down for beginners. Trails are groomed daily.

St. Mary's has been hosting this trip for almost 20 years. According the regular participant Dave Flaherty "It's always an awesome trip at a great price".

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NORTHWEST US

Measles outbreak grows, 30 cases reported

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — The number of confirmed measles cases near Portland grew to 30 on Friday — an outbreak boosted by lower-than-normal vaccination rates in what has been called an anti-vaccination U.S. "hot spot."

Public health officials in southwest Washington, just across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon, said people may have been exposed to the dangerous disease at more than three dozen locations , including Portland International Airport, a Portland Trail Blazers game, an Amazon Locker location and stores such as Costco and Ikea.

Twenty-six of the confirmed patients had not been vaccinated against measles, and the vaccination status of four others who were infected is unknown. One child has been hospitalized. Authorities say nine additional cases are suspected.

Most of the cases involved children younger than 10, the Clark County Public Health Department said in a statement. One adult is infected, and the rest are teenagers.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, declared a statewide public health emergency for his state on Friday. Authorities in neighboring Oregon and Idaho have issued warnings.

Inslee said the number of cases "creates an extreme public health risk that may quickly spread to other counties."

The measles vaccine has been part of routine childhood shots for decades, and measles was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

But measles is still a big problem in other parts of the world. Travelers infected abroad can bring the virus into the country and spread it, causing periodic outbreaks.

Last year, there were 17 outbreaks and about 350 cases of measles in the U.S.

Officials still are not sure where this Pacific Northwest outbreak began. The first known patient sought medical care on Dec. 31, but it is unknown if other people may have gotten sick before that and did not seek treatment. Public health officials are focused for now on preventing more exposures.

It could be weeks or even months before the "exquisitely contagious" virus runs its course in Washington, Dr. Alan Melnick, the Clark County health officer, said Friday.

People who choose not to vaccinate their children are underestimating the dangers of the illness, said Melnick, who himself had measles as a child, before the vaccine was commonplace.

Before the vaccine, 400 to 500 people died from the measles each year, 50,000 people were hospitalized and 4,000 people developed brain swelling that can cause deafness, he said. Between one and three cases out of every 1,000 are fatal, he said.

"It's one of the most contagious viruses we have. It can have really serious complications ... and it's entirely preventable with an incredibly cheap and safe vaccine," Melnick said.

Clark County has already spent more than $100,000 trying to contain the outbreak, and staff is being pulled from other duties, including restaurant inspections, he said.

"It's all hands on deck. Clearly this is going to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it wouldn't surprise me if we were in the seven figures by the time we're done here," he said. "These costs could have been prevented if we had everybody vaccinated."

Clark County, which includes the Portland bedroom community of Vancouver, Washington, has a measles vaccination rate of 78 percent, well below the 92 to 94 percent rate required for so-called "herd immunity," said Marissa Armstrong, the department's spokeswoman.

Herd immunity happens when unvaccinated individuals are protected from infection because almost everyone around them has been vaccinated and is immune to a disease.

The measles vaccination rate for 2-year-olds in Multnomah County, home to Portland, was 87 percent in 2017, according to state data. The measles vaccine consists of two shots, one given by age 2 and the second usually between ages 4 and 6.

Data on Portland's vaccination rate for both shots wasn't immediately available.

Two doses of the vaccine in childhood are 97 percent effective and provide lifetime immunity. One dose is about 93 percent effective.

Both Washington and Oregon allow vaccine exemptions for personal and philosophical reasons. The vaccine exemption rate in Clark County for non-medical reasons was high, at 7.5 percent, Armstrong said.

The incubation period for measles is seven to 21 days, which means that an unvaccinated person who has been exposed could be out in public for up to three weeks before getting sick. Patients remain contagious for four days after they develop the rash.

The virus, spread by coughing or sneezing, can remain in the air for up to two hours in an isolated space. Ninety percent of people exposed to measles who have not been vaccinated will get it, public health officials said.

Every time an unvaccinated person who has been exposed to measles goes out in public, "it starts that clock over again," Armstrong said.

Earlier this week, authorities were successful in identifying several people who had been exposed but were not sick yet. Those people stayed home and later got ill, Armstrong said.

Those who may have been exposed should watch for early symptoms of fever and malaise and then a rash starting on the head and moving down the body. Serious complications such pneumonia and brain infections can arise from the disease in some cases.

Pope brings World Youth Day to prisoners, hears confessions

LAS GARZAS, Panama (AP) — Pope Francis on Friday brought World Youth Day to Panama's juvenile delinquents, celebrating an emotional penitential liturgy inside the country's main youth prison since the inmates couldn't participate in the Catholic Church's big festival of faith outside.

Fulfilling his belief that no one should be separated from God's mercy, Francis also heard the confessions of five inmates at the Las Garzas de Pacora detention center. At least one of them wept uncontrollably afterward.

"There are no words to describe the freedom I feel in this moment," one of the inmates, Luis Oscar Martinez, told the pope at the start of the service inside barbed wire-ringed facility outside Panama City.

It was an emotional highlight of Francis' four-day trip to Panama and a hands-on demonstration of his belief that prisoners deserve the same dignity as everyone else — as well as hope.

In his homily, Francis lamented that society tends to label people good and bad, the righteous and the sinners, when it should instead spend its time creating opportunities for them to change.

"This attitude spoils everything, because it erects an invisible wall that makes people think that, if we marginalize, separate and isolate others, all our problems will magically be solved," he said. "When a society or community allows this, and does nothing more than complain and backbite, it enters into a vicious circle of division, blame and condemnation."

Francis has made a tradition of visiting prisoners during his foreign visits, and has long made prison ministry part of his vocation to minister to the most marginal in society. Just last year, Francis changed church teaching on the death penalty, saying it was inadmissible in all cases.

The change was in keeping with his belief that prisoners can always change and deserve chances for rehabilitation so they can re-enter society after serving their terms.

In a sign of that need for inclusion, the Las Garzas inmates wore the same World Youth Day white T-shirts that tens of thousands of pilgrims are sporting around Panama City.

"A society is fruitful when it is able to generate processes of inclusion and integration, of caring and trying to create opportunities and alternatives that can offer new possibilities to the young, to build a future through community, education and employment," Francis said.

Las Garzas houses more than 150 inmates, some of whom are serving time for murder. The facility, considered a model, opened a year after five minors died in a fire at another prison in Panama City in 2011. Nine people including administrators and police were convicted of homicide or negligence in what was the worst tragedy for the country's youth prison system.

At the start of the service, Martinez told Francis of his remorse in becoming estranged from part of his family after he committed an unspecified crime and was sentenced to serve his term at Las Garzas.

"I caused a profound pain in a dear friend and in myself," Martínez, 21, told the pope. He said he wanted to become a refrigeration mechanic when he got out.

Pope Francis listens to the confession of an inmate during a penitential liturgy at the Las Garzas de Pacora detention center for minors, in Panama, Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. Francis on Friday denounced how society puts up "invisible walls" to marginalize sinners and criminals as he brought World Youth Day to Panama's juvenile delinquents who can't participate in the Catholic Church's big festival of faith. **(AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)**

"I hope to give this joy to my mother and be in communion with the part of my family that I lost."

In a tangible sign of forgiveness, prison director Emma Alba announced that 11 young offenders — nine from the Las Garzas facility and another two from Colon province, won conditional supervised freedom after Francis' visit.

Martinez was one of them, she said.

"In this moment, he should be with his family," Alba told reporters hours after the liturgy.

The Vatican spokesman, Alessandro Gisotti, said the visit clearly touched Francis, who wanted to share in the suffering of those who have caused such harm and suffered the consequences.

"I think Pope Francis gave witness to them, and to all of us, that no one is separated from God's mercy, from God's love," Gisotti told reporters.

Francis continued the theme of the suffering church later Friday by presiding over the Way of the Cross procession — a rite of all World Youth Days that re-enacts Christ's suffering and death on the cross.

The prayers recited during the service reflected issues of particular concern for Central America, including the plight of indigenous peoples, women, the unborn and the church's martyrs, with reference to El Salvador's new saint, Oscar Romero. The prayers also touched on pressing political issues of migration and the upheaval in Venezuela, with a prayer to help those Venezuelans who have "lost their homeland."

"We want to be a church that fosters a culture that welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates, that does not stigmatize, much less indulge in the senseless and irresponsible condemnation of every immigrant as a threat to society," Francis told a crowd that organizers estimated had reached 400,000.

St. Mary's Honor roll

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Rylie Theriault

Open event at Sunnyside Road Gallery supports North Pond

An Open Gallery/Studio will be held at Sunnyside Road Gallery monthly on the **second Saturday of the month** from 1 to 4 p.m. The gallery features paintings by award winning Southwick artist Carolyn Avery who works in oils, acrylics and watercolors in many sizes from small to ones that would enhance a large space. Many of the works show local scenes, while others are of seascapes done while Avery showed in an Ogunquit, Maine gallery. Her love of horses and flowers is portrayed in many paintings. Come and meet the artist and other art lovers and enjoy refreshments while you browse. Other times and dates are available by calling 413-569-0384. The gallery is at 52 Sunnyside Road, Southwick. Twenty percent of all sales will benefit the Save North Pond fund.

WHIP CITY TRAVELERS

Wed, Feb 6, MGM, $15.00
Wed, March 6, Mohegan, $25.00

May 21 THE CARPENTERS REMEMBERED, Chez Josef, self drive, $60, limited seating—will go fast.

All day trips paid upon reservation. For tickets or more information on any trip, please stop by and see us at the Senior Center, 45 Noble Street, 413-562-6435, Mon, Wed, and Fri 9-12.

Children's events at the Southwick Public Library

2-5 year olds Have Fun at Tuesday Storytime at Southwick Public Library: Southwick Public Library Storytime for 2-5 year olds is on **January 29** at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room. Hear new stories, old stories and favorite ones. Make a simple craft and sing a song. Visit or call the library at 413-569-1221 ext. 4 to join in the fun, or just stop in the day of the event.

Make a Snowman Craft at Southwick Public Library: Using craft sticks or construction paper, we will make a neat smiley snowman to hang up at home as a decoration. Materials will be available all week in the Children's Room at Southwick Public Library **January 28-February 2.**

January event in the Teen Room at WSPL

Monday, **January 28** at 6:00 p.m. Teen Movie Night – is a concert! Come in to watch Stone Temple Pilots' Alive in the Windy City.

These programs are free and open to Teens, age 13-17. For more information on these programs call: 413-736-4561 ext. 5, or stop by either the Library's Adult Services or Young Adult Services Desks.

Event at Armbrook Village

Alzheimer's Support Group at Armbrook Village **January 30**, 2019, 6:00 pm at Armbrook Village Senior Living and Memory Support Community, 551 North Road, Westfield. Enjoy a light dinner and a chance to share your personal experiences and strategies for communicating with your loved one! For more information, call (413) 568-0000. Held on the last Wednesday of every month.

Savers Fundraiser for AHG/TL Troops

Do you feel the need to start fresh after the holidays? Are you addicted to Marie Kondo's "Tidying Up" on Netflix? Out with the old and donate! American Heritage Girls Troop 7777 and Trail Life USA Troop 0001 would like to invite you to donate clothes, shoes, towels, sheets, curtains, purses, accessories, soft items, etc., in sellable condition to our fundraising efforts with Savers in West Springfield. Collection will be **February 3**, 2019 1-4 at Word of Grace Church located at 848 North Road Westfield. Money raised will help purchase banners for the Troops to march in the upcoming Westfield parades. Our goal is 200 lawn and leaf size bags. Home pickup may be arranged. Visit our Facebook event page for a list of accepted items: https://www.facebook.com/events/744185579301018/?ti=icl. For more information, please contact Amy Williams at (413) 685-5207 or shoeboxamy@gmail.com.

Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce Upcoming February Chamber Events

February 4: February Mayor's Coffee Hour 8–9 am. Please join us for our monthly Mayor's Coffee Hour with Westfield Mayor Brian Sullivan hosted by Armbrook Village, 551 North Road, Westfield, MA. This event is free and open to the public. Sign up online at www.westfieldbiz.org/events or call the Chamber at 413.568.1618 to register so we may give our host a head count.

February 11: February After 5 Connection, 5-7 pm, hosted by Pair A Dice Clean, LLC, 31 St. Jacques Avenue, Agawam, MA 01001. Chamber members are free, $15 for non-members (cash/credit paid at the door.) Refreshments will be served. 50/50 Raffle to benefit our Chamber Scholarship Fund. Bring your business cards and make connections! Sign up online at www.westfieldbiz.org/events. For sponsorships or more information, please call the chamber at 413.568.1618.

Dine Out for the Westfield Athenaeum at the Tavern Restaurant

On **January 28, 2019**, The Tavern Restaurant in Westfield will graciously donate, to the Westfield Athenaeum, 10% of orders from customers presenting a Tavern/Athenaeum Dining Out coupon. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The coupons are available at the Athenaeum front desk and from Friends of the Athenaeum Board members. Proceeds from this event will help support the Westfield Athenaeum summer programs.

SPORTS

Rams right ship

By CHRIS PUTZ
Staff Writer

SOUTHWICK – The Southwick High School boys basketball team may have made a wrong turn recently in its season-long quest to play in the postseason, but the Rams are back on the right side of the track again.

Devin Parrow scored a game-high 16 points, and Southwick held South Hadley to seven points in each of the final two quarters to halt a four-game slide with a 54-40 victory Friday night.

"To keep our tournament hopes alive, this was very necessary to win this game," said Southwick coach Peter Fiorentino, whose team, now at 7-6, must win three of its final seven games to earn a postseason berth. "That seventh one is pretty big."

Connor Roy and Cade Billings scored nine points apiece to lead Southwick. Rams' Dan Scharmann and Josh Lis each had eight points. Lis capped off the team's 19-point, third quarter with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

Hunter Carey led South Hadley with 11 points.

Southwick begins a brief two-game road trip Monday at Wahconah, followed by an away game at Ludlow (Tuesday) before retuning home next Friday against Palmer.

Connor Roy beats four South Hadley defenders for a monster layup. **(Photo by Bill Deren)**

Lancers rain on Bombers

Longmeadow 54, Westfield 39

Colin Lockhart scored a game-high 21 points, and Longmeadow held off Westfield at Westfield Technical Academy High School.

Will Cameron led Westfield with nine points.

The game was moved from Westfield High School due to a leak in the gymnasium's roof inside the Bombers' home court.

GEARING UP FOR POSTSEASON RUN: Entering Friday's indoor track meet against West Springfield, Westfield had more than a half-dozen postseason qualifiers.

Westfield's Samir Ghalayini (55 hurdles, 8.78) and Brian Rawson (300 meters, 38.82) both qualified for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference Boys Indoor Track Championships, while Brenden LaForest (300M, 37.15; 600 M, 1:26.22) earned a trip to, not only the PVIAC, but also the Division 2 state championships.

In girls indoor track, Westfield's Catie Bean logged a D2 state qualifying time in the 300 meters (43.88) and a PVIAC qualifying finish in the 600 meters (1:48.62).

Bombers' Nina Prenosil (300M, 45.87; 600M, 1:48.75), Emily Bone (300M, 45.60), Nicole Servetnik (600M, 1:53.17), Maggie Philpott (1000M, 3:25.69), the 4×400 relay team of Maggie Philpott, Marissa Feary, Abby Daley, Prenosil (4:43.27) and the 4×800 relay team of Bone, Feary, Servetnik, and Jamie Collier (11:46.13) have all qualified for PVIACs.

REGULAR SEASON RACE OVER: Westfield's Tommy Russell won two events (50 freestyle, 22.24; 100 backstroke, WMass leading 53.89) and Lizzie Fraser (1:15.01) were the lone individual winners for their respective swim teams (boys, girls) in Friday's road losses to Longmeadow.

It was the final meet of the regular season.

"We actually swam a spirited meet and had some really, really good swims," Westfield head swim coach Tom Lewis said. "They were just far too strong. …Not a bad outing – Longmeadow is just far too deep."

Westfield's medley relay team (Russell, Patrick Lurgio, Jack Beaulieu, Matt Morash) finished first in 1:46.10. Bombers' Patrick Callahan recorded a season best time of 5:54.07 in the 500 freestyle to place fourth.

As far as the girls were concerned, coach Lewis said, "(We) just never seemed to get it going. …It was a meet where we swam pretty well but we never really got the energy and the spirit started for a big closing meet."

Westfield will now enjoy a two-week break before embarking on the annual journey known as the west sectional championships.

Said Lewis: "We have to really pick up our steam to get to where we want to be."

Southwick's Cade Billings takes it up the lane for two. **(Photo by Bill Deren)**

After a great fake on the defender Devin Parrow puts up the short jumper for two. **(Photo by Bill Deren)**

Southwick's Danny Scharman pulls down the defensive rebound and starts a Southwick fastbreak. **(Photo by Bill Deren)**

Westfield High vs Longmeadow High basketball

Carlos Flores-Skribiski (21) gets in close.

Jalen Moore (4) moves the ball up the court at Friday's game against Longmeadow High.

Westfield High's Orlando Torres (3) fights through Longmeadow defenders to make a basket at Friday's game.

PHOTOS BY MARC ST.ONGE

H.S. WINTER SPORTS RESULTS/STANDINGS

BOYS ICE HOCKEY
Westfield 7-4-1
Southwick 0-10-1

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Westfield 6-7
Westfield Technical Academy 0-11
St. Mary 6-4
Southwick 6-5
Gateway 6-3

BOYS BASKETBALL
Westfield 2-11
Westfield Technical Academy 4-5
St. Mary 1-11
Southwick 7-6
Gateway 0-6

GIRLS SWIMMING
Westfield 8-2

BOYS SWIMMING
Westfield 8-2

WRESTLING
Westfield 7-1
Southwick 0-2*
Gateway 1-0*

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY
Longmeadow-Westfield 2-2*

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
BOYS BASKETBALL
Southwick 54, South Hadley 40
Longmeadow 54, Westfield 39
SWIMMING
Long. sweeps WHS

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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Sat., Jan. 26
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Shrewsbury, North Star Youth Forum Ice Rink, 4 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 28
JV GIRLS HOOPS @ East Longmeadow, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS @ East Longmeadow, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 29
BOYS/GIRLS SKIING – PVIAC Race #5, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 30
JV BOYS HOOPS @ Commerce, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS @ Commerce, 7 p.m.
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. West Springfield, Amelia Park Ice Arena, 7 p.m.
WRESTLING @ Longmeadow, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 31
BOYS/GIRLS SKIING – PVIAC Race #6, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
JV GIRLS HOOPS @ Minnechaug, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS @ Minnechaug, 7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 1
JV BOYS HOOPS @ Chicopee, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS/GIRLS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD vs. Holyoke, Smith College (Northampton), 6:45 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS @ Chicopee, 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Wachusett, Amelia Park Ice Arena, 5 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 4
JV GIRLS HOOPS @ West Springfield, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS @ West Springfield, 7 p.m.

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Mon., Jan. 28
GIRLS HOOPS vs. St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 29
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Gateway, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Gateway, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 30
No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Jan. 31
GIRLS HOOPS @ Hampden Charter School of Science, Dunbar Community Center, 6 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 1
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Duggan Academy, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Duggan Academy, 7 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 4
GIRLS HOOPS @ Pathfinder, 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 5
JV BOYS HOOPS @ St. Mary, Westfield Intermediate School, 5 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS @ St. Mary, Westfield Intermediate School, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 6
No Sports Scheduled

Thurs., Feb. 7
GIRLS HOOPS vs. Smith Voke, 6 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 8
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Franklin Tech, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Franklin Tech, 7 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 11
GIRLS HOOPS vs. Sci-Tech, 6 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 12
No Sports Scheduled

Wed., Feb. 13
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Smith Academy, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Smith Academy, 7 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS vs. Sci-Tech, 6 p.m.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Jan. 28
GIRLS HOOPS @ Westfield Technical Academy, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 29
BOYS/GIRLS SKIING – PVIAC Race #5, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS vs. Monson, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 30
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Franklin Tech, South Middle School, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Franklin Tech, South Middle School, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 31
BOYS/GIRLS SKIING – PVIAC Race #6, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS vs. Smith Voke, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 1
BOYS HOOPS vs. Franklin Tech, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 7 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 4
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Mohawk, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 5 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS @ Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 6 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Mohawk, Westfield Intermediate School (Southampton Road), 6:30 p.m.

SOUTHWICK -TOLLAND -GRANVILLE

Sat., Jan. 26
WRESTLING @ TBD, Time TBA
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Chicopee, Smead Arena, 2 p.m.
JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. TBD, Cyr Arena, 3 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 27
JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Chicopee, Fitzpatrick Ice Arena, 10:45 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 28
JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Smith Academy, 5:30 p.m.
JV BOYS HOOPS @ Wahconah, Ladley Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS vs. Smith Academy, 7 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS @ Wahconah, Ladley Gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 29
SKIING @ PVIAC Race #5, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
JV BOYS HOOPS @ Ludlow, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS @ Ludlow, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 30
WRESTLING vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 31
SKIING @ PVIAC Race #6, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
JV GIRLS HOOPS @ McCann Tech, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ Ludlow, Olympia (West Springfield), 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS @ McCann Tech, 7 p.m.

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Sat., Jan. 26
WRESTLING @ King Bison Invitational, Shaker High School, 10 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 28
JV GIRLS HOOPS @ Smith Voke, 5 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS @ Smith Voke, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 29
SKIING @ PVIAC Race #5, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
JV BOYS HOOPS @ Westfield Technical Academy, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS @ Westfield Technical Academy, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 30
WRESTLING @ Pathfinder, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 31
SKIING @ PVIAC Race #6, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
JV GIRLS HOOPS vs. Commerce, 5 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS vs. Commerce, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 1
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2
WRESTLING @ Southwick Duals, 9 a.m.

Mon., Feb. 4
JV GIRLS HOOPS @ Franklin Tech, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOOPS @ Franklin Tech, 7 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 5
JV BOYS HOOPS vs. Pathfinder, 5 p.m.
SKIING @ PVIAC Race #7, Berkshire East, 5 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS vs. Pathfinder, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 6
JV BOYS HOOPS @ Hampshire, 5:30 p.m.
WRESTLING vs. Taconic, 6 p.m.
BOYS HOOPS @ Hampshire, 7 p.m.

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

Swimming
Sat Jan. 26 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE 1:00
Ice Hockey
Sat Jan. 26 at Plymouth State 6:00
Men's Basketball
Sat Jan. 26 at MCLA 12:00
Women's Basketball
Sat Jan. 26 at MCLA 2:00
Indoor Track
Saturday Jan. 26 Massasoit Classic Springfield College- Springfield, Mass.
Ice Hockey
Thur Jan. 31 at Salem State 7:00
Indoor Track Fri.-Sat. Feb 1-2 **NEICAAA Championship** Reggie Lewis Center- Boston, Mass.
Indoor Track
Saturday Feb. 2 Wesleyan University Invitational Wesleyan University- Middletown, Conn.
Swimming
Sat Feb. 2 at Western Connecticut 12:00
Men's Basketball
Sat Feb. 2 BRIDGEWATER STATE 12:00
Women's Basketball
Sat Feb. 2 BRIDGEWATER STATE 2:00
Men's Basketball Wed Feb. 6 FRAMINGHAM STATE 5:30
Women's Basketball
Wed Feb. 6 FRAMINGHAM STATE 7:30
Ice Hockey
Thur Feb. 7 FRAMINGHAM STATE 7:35
Swimming
Sat Feb. 9 LEC Championships 12:00
Men's Basketball
Sat Feb. 9 at Salem State 1:00
Women's Basketball
Sat Feb. 9 at Salem State 3:00
Ice Hockey
Sat Feb. 9 UMASS DARTMOUTH 5:35
Indoor Track
Saturday Feb. 9 Dave **Hemery Invitational** Boston University- Boston, Mass.
Men's Basketball
Wed Feb. 13 at Fitchburg State 5:30
Women's Basketball
Wed Feb. 13 at Fitchburg State 7:30
Ice Hockey
Thur Feb. 14 WORCESTER STATE 7:35
Indoor Track
Saturday Feb. 16 MASCAC/Alliance **Championships** Plymouth State- Plymouth, NH
Ice Hockey
Sat Feb. 16 at Fitchburg State 4:00
Men's Basketball
Sat Feb. 16 WORCESTER STATE 12:00
Women's Basketball
Sat Feb. 16 WORCESTER STATE 2:00
Ice Hockey Tue Feb. 19 PLYMOUTH STATE 7:35
Men's Basketball
Tues Feb. 19 **MASCAC Quarterfinals** TBA
Women's Basketball
Tues Feb. 19 **MASCAC Quarterfinals** TBA
Swimming
Thu Feb. 21 New England Championships at MIT
Men's Basketball
Thur Feb. 21 MASCAC Semifinals TBA
Women's Basketball
Thur Feb. 21 MASCAC Semifinals TBA
Swimming
Fri Feb. 22 New England Championships at MIT
Indoor Track
Fri.-Sat. Feb. 22-23 New England Division III Finals (W) Bowdoin College- Brunswick, ME
Indoor Track
Fri.-Sat. Feb. 22-23 New **England Division III Finals (M)** MIT – Cambridge, Mass.
Swimming
Sat Feb. 23 New England Championships at MIT
Ice Hockey
Sat Feb. 23 MASCAC Quarterfinals TBD
Men's Basketball
Sat Feb. 23 MASCAC Championship TBA
Women's Basketball
Sat Feb. 23 MASCAC Championship TBA
Swimming
Sun Feb. 24 New England Championships at MIT
Ice Hockey
Tues Feb. 26 MASCAC Semifinals TBD
Indoor Track
Saturday Mar. 2 Last Chance Qualifying Meet TBD
Ice Hockey
Sat Mar. 2 MASCAC Championship TBD
Indoor Track
Fri.-Sat. Mar. 8-9 NCAA **Division III Championships** Reggie Lewis

LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL - GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY

FRI., JAN. 25
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (WHS CO-OP) @ AUBURN, COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS ICE SKATING RINK, 5 P.M.

SAT., JAN. 26
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (WHS CO-OP) VS. ALGONQUIN, OLYMPIA (WEST SPRINGFIELD), 1:20 P.M.

SAT., FEB. 2
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (WHS CO-OP) VS. SHREWSBURY, OLYMPIA (WEST SPRINGFIELD), 1:20 P.M.

FRI., FEB. 8
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (WHS CO-OP) @ SUFFIELD, ENFIELD TWIN RINKS, 9:20 P.M.

SAT., FEB. 9
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (WHS CO-OP) VS. MARBLEHEAD, OLYMPIA (WEST SPRINGFIELD), 3:50 P.M.

FRI., FEB. 15
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (WHS CO-OP) @ EAST CATHOLIC, NEWINGTON ARENA, 8:30 P.M.

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To teammates, Brady stands alone as he chases 6th ring

n this Feb. 5, 2017, file photo, New England Patriots' Tom Brady raises the Vince Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Atlanta Falcons in overtime at the NFL Super Bowl 51 football game, in Houston. With five rings Tom Brady has already established himself as the most-decorated quarterback in Super Bowl history. **(AP Photo/Darron Cummings, File)**

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Seventeen years ago, Tom Brady was 24 years old and in his second NFL season when he led the Patriots to a last-second victory over the St. Louis Rams for New England's first Super Bowl title.

Four rings later, Brady will arrive in Atlanta for the Patriots' Super Bowl matchup with the Los Angeles Rams having already established himself as the most-decorated Super Bowl quarterback in league history.

But as Brady prepares to play in his ninth Super Bowl, he will have another chance to do something no other NFL player has done.

If New England beats Los Angeles, the 41-year-old quarterback will break a tie with Hall of Fame defensive end Charles Haley and become the first player to win six rings.

But to his coaches, teammates and admirers across the sporting world, he already stands alone.

Known to Brady affectionately as "Jules," receiver Julian Edelman called it an honor to be a part of the quarterback's career.

"He's a really good football player," Edelman said. "The best. And he goes out and he consistently proves it."

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski has caught more passes from Brady than any other player and will play alongside him in a Super Bowl for the fourth time. He said Brady's approach has been the same since their first practice together back in 2010.

"The guy is just so precise with everything. Just the way he is out on the field, the way he prepares," Gronkowski said. "You know every single time you're going to get the best out of him no matter what the situations are."

After New England's divisional-round win over the Chargers, Brady was openly miffed about what he perceived as pessimism outside of the Patriots' locker room about their chances of reaching a third straight Super Bowl following a regular season which they started 1-2 and lost five games.

"I know everybody thinks we suck and, you know, we can't win any games," Brady said. "We'll see. It'll be fun."

A week later, Brady led the Patriots on a winning drive in overtime to beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC championship game — his 12th such drive in the postseason in the fourth-quarter or overtime.

The next day he posted a video on Instagram of himself and Gronkowski walking to the team bus after the game. Both are smiling and Gronkowski flashes his AFC championship T-shirt.

It was the kind humble brag that Brady has steered away from in the past. But this postseason he has been more open with his emotions and acknowledged after the AFC title win he was "as excited as I have been in a long time."

"When you have 70,000 people cheering against you, it is pretty sweet when you win on the road," Brady said.

On Twitter, congratulations came from all corners of sports.

Among them was one from Paul Pierce , who helped lead the Celtics to the NBA championship in 2008. "There's aliens there's Pegasus and there's Tom Brady," Pierce wrote.

Left tackle Trent Brown is in his first season in New England after being traded to the Patriots last April. He said sharing the huddle with Brady has lived up to his expectations.

"There's one word, G.O.A.T. That's it," Brown said. "He's one of those great leaders and it trickles down to the rest of the team."

Brown is a member of a starting lineup on offense that, excluding Brady, has an average age of 27.

Brady's continued ability to lead and inspire teammates more than a decade his junior is a unique skill, offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said.

"He communicates well with every player," McDaniels said. "One of the things that's always impressed me is how he's one of the first guys in the building to know a new person's name, which speaks to how important that is to him, to introduce himself to somebody and also get to know that person, whether it be a practice squad player, a rookie, whatever it is."

Brady's introductions to new players is always the same. At some point after they arrive Brady seeks them out, walks up and says plainly, "Hi, I'm Tom Brady."

Linebacker Kyle Van Noy said he still remembers his reaction to hearing those words.

It was October 2016 and Van Noy, following a trade from Detroit, arrived at the team facility about 5:30 a.m.. Hours later while on a restroom break from a meeting, he turned and saw an outstretched hand.

"Tom comes up and kind of shakes my hand like, 'Hi, I'm Tom Brady.' And I'm like, 'You're an idiot.'" Van Noy said.

But he said the moment was emblematic of a player he has no doubt will be at his best on Super Bowl Sunday.

"Those little things are why he's where he's at," Van Noy said. "Those little things that people don't pay attention to, those detailed things, that just separates him. He's really good at what he does. ... That's what makes him Tom."

In this Feb. 1, 2015, file photo, fans cheer under a banner of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) before the NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game between the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots, in Glendale, Ariz. **(AP Photo/Matt Slocum, File)**

Patriots invite fans to Super Bowl send-off rally

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots are inviting fans to a Super Bowl send-off rally at Gillette Stadium this weekend.

The rally scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Sunday will feature live music and entertainment — including an appearance by the Blue Man Group — a cheerleader dance performance and giveaways.

Head coach Bill Belichick and players Tom Brady, David Andrews, Patrick Chung, Devin McCourty, Matthew Slater and James White are scheduled to address the crowd.

After the rally the team will depart by bus to T.F. Green Airport in Rhode Island for the flight to Atlanta where they will face the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl 53 on Feb. 3.

The event is free and open to the public.

Westfield's indoor track

Westfield's indoor track championship qualifiers (as of Friday morning) are: Samir Ghalayini, Brenden LaForest, Brian Rawson, Catie Bean, Emily Bone, Nina Prenosil, Nicole Servetnik, Maggie Philpott, Marissa Feary, Abby Daley, and Jamie Collier. **(Submitted photo)**

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

NHL CONFERENCE GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	49	37	10	2	76	199	140
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	147	122
Toronto	49	30	17	2	62	174	140
Montreal	51	28	18	5	61	154	149
Washington	50	27	17	6	60	171	162
Columbus	48	28	17	3	59	154	146
Boston	49	27	17	5	59	143	128
Pittsburgh	48	26	16	6	58	169	146
Buffalo	48	24	18	6	54	140	144
Carolina	50	24	20	6	54	140	149
N.Y. Rangers	48	21	20	7	49	139	164
Florida	48	20	20	8	48	152	170
Detroit	51	19	25	7	45	145	172
Philadelphia	48	19	23	6	44	139	169
New Jersey	48	18	23	7	43	140	164
Ottawa	50	19	26	5	43	156	187

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	51	33	13	5	71	190	145
San Jose	52	29	16	7	65	187	167
Winnipeg	48	31	15	2	64	167	134
Nashville	52	30	18	4	64	161	135
Vegas	52	29	19	4	62	157	140
Minnesota	50	26	21	3	55	142	142
Dallas	49	24	21	4	52	126	128
Colorado	50	22	20	8	52	169	162
Vancouver	51	23	22	6	52	147	161
Anaheim	51	21	21	9	51	120	153
Arizona	50	23	23	4	50	132	142
St. Louis	49	22	22	5	49	139	149
Edmonton	50	23	24	3	49	144	163
Chicago	51	18	24	9	45	156	190
Los Angeles	50	20	26	4	44	114	150

* Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's Games
Montreal 2, Arizona 1
Toronto 6, Washington 3
Minnesota 5, Colorado 2
Nashville 2, Vegas 1
St. Louis 5, Anaheim 1
Carolina 5, Vancouver 2

Thursday's Games No games scheduled
Friday's Games No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
Central All-Stars vs Pacific All-Stars: Central vs. Pacific at San Jose, Calif., 8:15 p.m.
Metropolitan All-Stars vs Atlantic All-Stars: Metropolitan vs. Atlantic at San Jose, Calif., 9:15 p.m.
All-Star Game Final: TBD vs. TBD at San Jose, Calif., 10:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games No games scheduled

Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Underwhelming Ring

Dear Annie: I am 75 and in a great relationship with a wonderful man of 83. He is a widower after 57 years of marriage. I have been divorced for 30 years after a 26-year marriage. I feel very strongly that I have met the man I could spend the rest of my life with. We have agreed that we are "a couple" committed to each other. We each have our own homes, and marriage is not on the table. I am financially stable, while he is quite well-off.

What bothers me is this: For Christmas, he gave me a ring to be worn on my left ring finger to show everyone I am "taken." Though I love the idea and had hoped for a ring, I am so disappointed that he gave me a very inexpensive piece of costume jewelry.

I have an extremely nice diamond ring that I wear on my right hand every day and several really nice rings that I wear on my left hand, depending on my dress for the day. I don't want to wear the ring he gave me every day and put my other rings aside. It doesn't look like a ring you would give someone for a commitment. I would wear it proudly if this were all he could afford, but it bothers me that it is a cheap ring ($100) when I know that he spends $15,000 to $17,500 yearly on his racehorses and that he gave his employees over $10,000 in Christmas bonuses.

This man tells me every day I am the light of his life and he can't imagine life without me. Am I being too materialistic? Should I let him know how I feel? Or should I just accept it and move on? -- Doololly in Texas

Dear Doololly: The earliest known use of wedding rings was among ancient Egyptians, whose rings were merely braided reeds or hemp. The circle was meant to symbolize eternity, and rings were worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because the ancient Egyptians believed that contained a vein running directly to the heart. When the hemp or reed rings eventually broke, the couples often upgraded to more durable and expensive materials, to commemorate a depth of love grown over time. After some time with your current ring, you might do the same.

But the main takeaway from this history lesson is that anything infused with enough love and intention can become precious, even a piece of string. So try to look at the ring your beau gave you not as a piece of jewelry but as a symbol, with value that can be appraised only in your heart. It sounds as if he makes you feel cherished with his daily words and actions, and that's more important.

Dear Annie: What do you make of a mother who sends her grown vegetarian daughter a gift containing meat products every year for Christmas? -- Vegetarian Daughter

Dear Vegetarian Daughter: Good grief. It would be kinder of her to send coal. Assuming she knows you're vegetarian, her behavior is inconsiderate at best and passive-aggressive at worst. Tell her that if she'd like to give you a gift next year, she should make a donation to a charity you support. If she still sends you meat, refuse the package or see whether there's a meal center, an animal shelter or even just a neighbor willing to take it off your hands.

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

HINTS FROM HELOISE

WALKING YOUR DOG IN WINTERTIME

Dear Readers: It's great exercise to walk in cold, crisp wintertime, and your dog would love to go with you. Here's the deal: You protect your feet; what about protecting the DOG'S FEET? Let's take a look.

Snow crystals, ice, dirt, salt and chemical-laden de-icing agents all can work to harm your dog's bare feet. Applying a thin layer of petroleum jelly before heading out can help. Gently wash and pat dry the animal's feet and belly when you come back home.

Another idea? Get your dog accustomed to wearing booties. This barrier will prevent contact with harmful stuff in the first place. Ease the dog into the booties; wearing them around the house at first will get the dog used to wearing boots. -- Heloise

PERFECT PLANTS

Dear Heloise: I've learned a few things about caring for my houseplants that I'd like to share.

First, tap water can have lots of chemicals that can be harmful to some plants, so I let a container of water sit overnight so the chemical gases can escape and the water is at room temperature.

Dusting the leaves is important; dust can block light from absorption.

And to keep my clay pots looking good, I brush off mineral deposits with steel wool after the pots have soaked in a water/white vinegar bath. -- Elizabeth W. in Illinois

Elizabeth, you're a vinegar vixen, just like me! I can't get enough of vinegar around the house. Readers, would you like a collection of my favorite vinegar helps and hints? It's easy! Visit www.Heloise.com to order, or send a stamped (71 cents), long, self-addressed envelope, together with $5, to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. The ratio on the above vinegar bath is 1 cup of white vinegar in 1 gallon of water. Sanitize the pots in another gallon of water with 1 cup of bleach. -- Heloise

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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TV Sports Listings

Saturday, Jan. 26

AUTO RACING
2 p.m.
NBCSN — IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship: Rolex 24 action, Daytona Beach, Fla.
4 p.m.
FS1 — FIA Formula E: Championship, Chile
9 p.m.
NBCSN — IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship: Rolex 24 action, Daytona Beach, Fla.
6 a.m. (Sunday)
NBCSN — IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship: Rolex 24 action, Daytona Beach, Fla.

BOXING
6 p.m.
FS1 — PBC Fight Night: prelims, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8 p.m.
FOX — PBC Fight Night: Thurman-Lopez, Brooklyn, N.Y.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
12 p.m.
BTN — Illinois vs. Maryland
CBSSN — Colgate at Loyola-Maryland
ESPN — Iowa State at Ole Miss
ESPN2 — Florida at TCU
ESPNU — Alabama at Baylor
FS1 — Ohio State at Nebraska
1 p.m.
CBS — Virginia at Notre Dame
2 p.m.
CBSSN — Davidson at St. Louis
ESPN — Kansas State at Texas A&M
ESPN2 — Texas at Georgia
ESPNU — South Carolina at Oklahoma State
FS1 — Marquette at Xavier
2:15 p.m.
BTN — Northwestern at Wisconsin
4 p.m.
CBSSN — Utah State at New Mexico
ESPN — West Virginia at Tennessee
ESPN2 — Vanderbilt at Oklahoma
ESPNU — South Florida at East Carolina
4:30 p.m.
BTN — Rutgers at Penn State
6 p.m.
CBSSN — Wichita State at UConn
ESPN — Kansas at Kentucky
ESPN2 — Arkansas at Texas Tech
ESPNU — Tulane at SMU
SEC — LSU at Missouri
8 p.m.
CBSSN — UNLV at San Diego State
ESPN — Syracuse at Virginia Tech
ESPN2 — Arizona State State at USC
ESPNU — Utah at California
FS1 — Colorado at Stanford
8:30 p.m.
SEC — Auburn at Mississippi State
10 p.m.
ESPN2 — Arizona at UCLA

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
2:30 p.m.
NFL — Senior Bowl: North vs. South

COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
7 p.m.
BTN — Penn State vs. Michigan

COLLEGE SWIMMING
11 a.m.
SEC — Georgia vs. Tennessee

FIGURE SKATING
11 a.m.
NBCSN — European Championships: men's free skate program, Belarus
1:30 p.m.
NBC — U.S. Championships: free skate and men's short competition, Detroit, Mich.
7 p.m.
NBCSN — U.S. Championships: free dance competition, Detroit, Mich.

GOLF
1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Golf: Farmers Insurance Open, third round, La Jolla, Calif.
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour Golf: Farmers Insurance Open, third round play, La Jolla, Calif.
3:30 a.m. (Sunday)
GOLF — European Tour Golf: Omega Dubai Desert Classic, final round, Dubai

LUGE
8 a.m.
NBCSN — FIL World Championships: sprint and doubles events, Germany

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
9 p.m.
SPIKE — Bellator MMA: Bellator 214, Emelianenko-Bader

NBA BASKETBALL
8:30 p.m.
ABC — Golden State at Boston

NHL HOCKEY
8 p.m.
NBC — NHL All-Star Game: From San Jose, Calif.

RODEO
10 p.m.
CBSSN — PBR: Bull Riding, Sacramento Invitational

SKIING
10 a.m.
NBCSN — FIS Alpine World Cup: women's downhill competition, Germany

SOCCER
9:30 a.m.
FS1 — Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund vs. Hannover 96
FS2 — Bundesliga: Augsburg vs. Borussia Mönchengladbach
12:20 p.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga: Frankfurt vs. Werder Bremen
5:55 p.m.
FS2 — Liga MX: Club América vs. Monterrey

TENNIS
3:30 a.m. (Sunday)
ESPN — Australian Open: Men's Championship, Djokovic-Nadal

TRACK AND FIELD
2 p.m.
SEC — Razorback Invitational
5 p.m.
NBCSN — New Balance Indoor Grand Prix: from Boston, Mass.

X GAMES
1 p.m.
ABC — Day 3: snowboarding; snow bikecross, Aspen, Colo.
10 p.m.
ESPN — Day 3: freestyle skiing; snowboarding, Aspen Colo. ---

Sunday, Jan. 27

AUTO RACING
6 a.m.
NBCSN — IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship: Rolex 24 action, Daytona Beach, Fla.
3 p.m.
NBCSN — Monster energy SuperCross: Round 4 of the AMA Supercross series, Oakland, Calif.

BOBSLEDDING/SKELETON
8 p.m.
NBCSN — IBSF World Cup: four-man bobsled competition, Switzerland

BOWLING
3 p.m.
FS1 — PBA: Lubbock Open, Lubbock, Texas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
12 p.m.
CBSSN — Cincinnati at Temple
FOX — Georgetown at St. John's
FS1 — DePaul at Providence
1 p.m.
CBS — Michigan State at Purdue
2 p.m.
CBSSN — Indiana State at Illinois State
ESPNEWS — Houston at Tulsa
2:30 p.m.
FOX — Seton Hall at Villanova
4 p.m.
CBSSN — Central Florida at Memphis
ESPNU — Southern Illinois at Loyola-Chicago
5 p.m.
FS1 — Iowa at Minnesota
6 p.m.
ESPNU — Florida State at Miami
8 p.m.
ESPNU — Washington State at Oregon

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
12 p.m.
BTN — Maryland at Indiana
ESPNU — St. Joseph's at Dayton
1 p.m.
SEC — LSU at Tennessee
2 p.m.
BTN — Michigan State at Michigan
ESPNU — Alabama at Georgia
FS2 — DePaul at Xavier
3 p.m.
SEC — Ole Miss at Mississippi State
4 p.m.
ESPN2 — UCF at UConn
5 p.m.
SEC — Kentucky at Texas A&M

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)
4 p.m.
BTN — Ohio State at Michigan State

GOLF
1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Golf: Farmers Insurance Open, final round, La Jolla, Calif.
3 p.m.
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LUGE
6 p.m.
NBCSN — FIL World Championships: World Luge Championships, Germany

NBA BASKETBALL
6 p.m.
ESPN — Milwaukee at Oklahoma City

NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL
3 p.m.
NBA — Wisconsin Herd vs. Erie Bayhawks

NFL FOOTBALL
3 p.m.
ABC — Pro Bowl: NFC All-Stars vs. AFC All-Stars, Orlando, Fla.
ESPN — Pro Bowl: NFC All-Stars vs. AFC All-Stars, Orlando, Fla.

RUGBY
10:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Major League Rugby: Seattle Seawolves at Glendale Raptors

SKIING
9 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS Alpine World Cup: women's super-G competition, Germany

SOCCER
8:55 a.m.
ESPNEWS — Serie A: AS Roma vs. Atalanta
9:30 a.m.
FS1 — Bundesliga: Bayern Munich vs. VfB Stuttgart
11:50 a.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga: Leipzig vs. Fortuna Düsseldorf
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Men's International Friendly: U.S. vs. Panama, Glendale, Ariz.

X Games
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — Day 4: freestyle skiing, Aspen, Colo.
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COMICS

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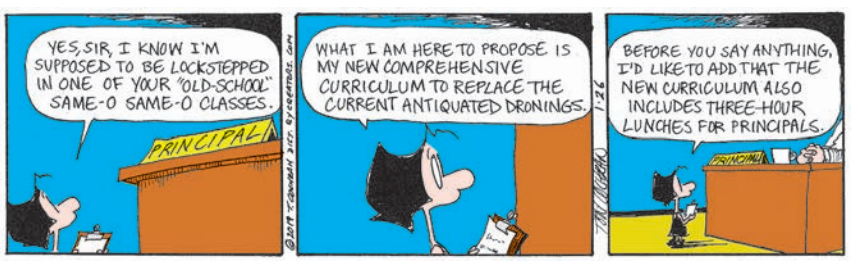

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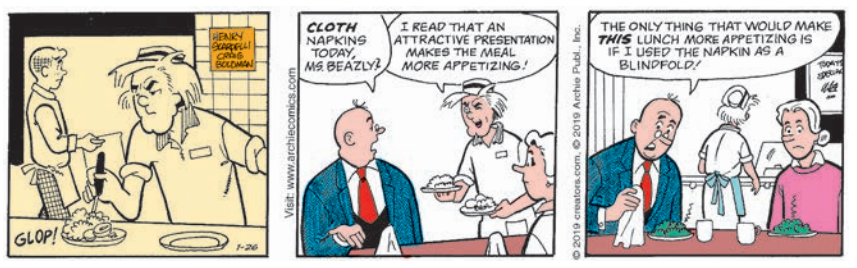

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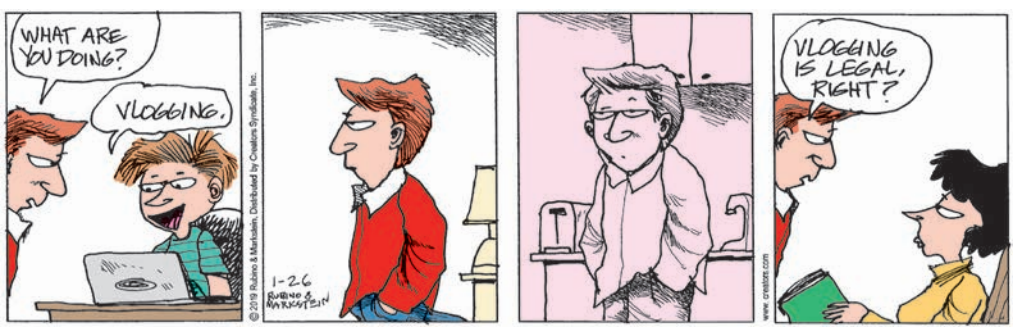

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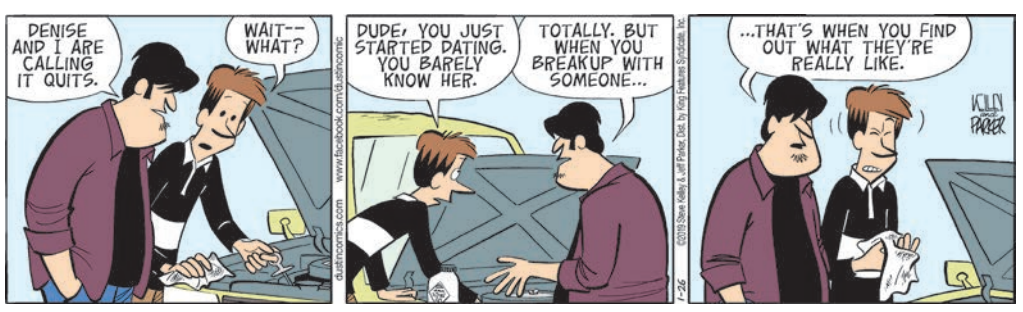

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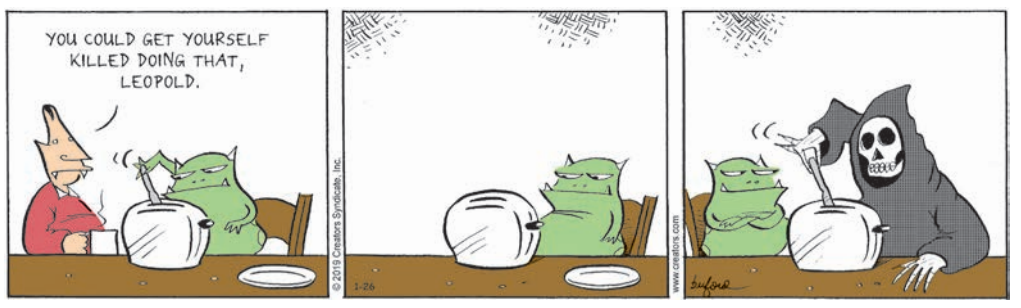

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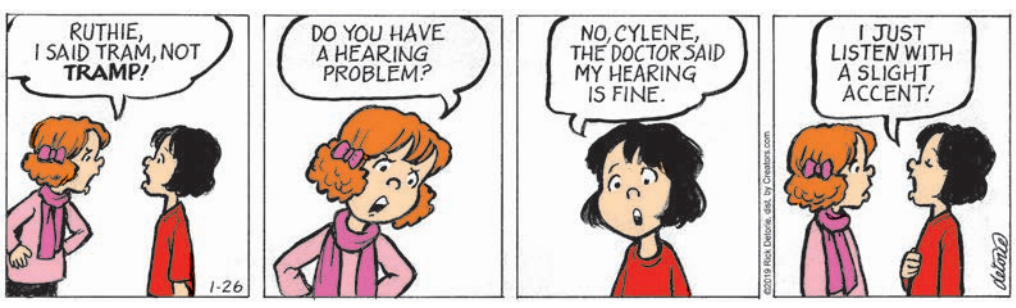

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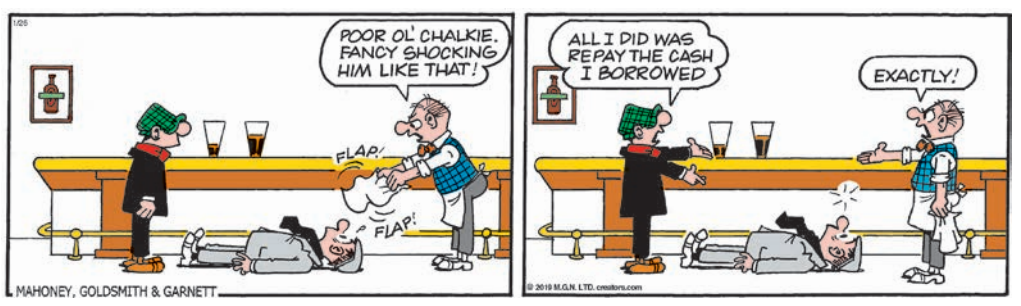

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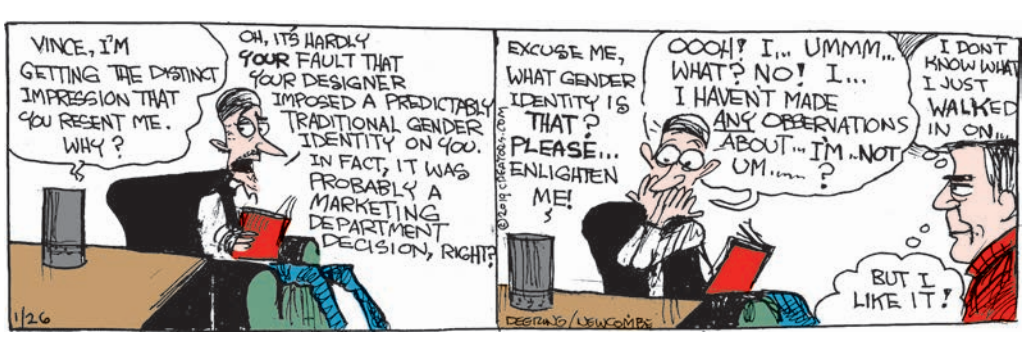

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019:

This year, others remark on how gracious, kind and determined you have become. You might not have the tolerance for chats that go nowhere, yet you are a good listener. These skills plug into your life. If single, listen to others carefully. Usually, someone will tell you all about him- or herself -- both good and bad -- at the beginning. If attached, the two of you spend many happy hours together exploring new places and different cultures, and sharing your perceptions. LIBRA intrigues you.

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

ARIES (March 20-April 19)

★★★★ Someone comes to you with strong intentions and messages. Consider how many times you have approached another person with that type of intensity. Try to listen instead of reacting. As a result of this experience, you might change your style a little! Adapt your schedule if need be. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Remain centered, no matter how angry another close associate or loved one becomes. You might need some space to go over what has occurred. A friend or group of associates seems difficult to relate to. Tonight: You might want to change your plans. Choose an activity where you are entertained.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your playfulness emerges. Someone in your immediate circle could blow his or her stack. Though this person's anger seems to be directed toward you, you are not the real target. Remain open and let harsh words go. If a situation becomes too hot to handle, bypass it for now. Tonight: Sharing with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You wake up out of sorts, and this bad humor could follow you the rest of the day. Go for a walk, or choose an activity that makes you smile. Anger could be closer to the surface than you realize. Be careful if you tend to internalize feelings. Tonight: Entertain from your pad.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Approach a personal matter in a more level and caring manner. At times, you might feel your emotions getting out of control. A volatile quality runs through the day and conversation. Try to detach, and avoid any displays of anger. Tonight: Stay close to home, yet be adventurous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of another person's inclination to indulge in order to escape difficult issues. You could decide to join this person, as you often have a great time together. Note that this person encourages you to go overboard, too. Choose to go to the movies or get into another pastime where you will be entertained. Tonight: A good time does not need to be costly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others find you unusually attractive. You might have a specific request or idea that you would like to discuss and receive a positive response. Broach the topic over a friendly lunch. Stay clear of a controlling individual, probably in your domestic or personal life. Tonight: Celebrate life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ If you do not push too hard, you will gain in several ways. Sometimes, it is best to allow others to come to you. You gain a fuller understanding of what is going on with that person. At present, you will naturally gravitate toward having some solitude or quiet time. Tonight: Screen calls. Make it OK to be unavailable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You can be found around friends or those who pursue specific interests. You might have pushed too hard at work or with a project of late, as a child or loved one could throw a tantrum and become demanding. Though the uproar could be annoying, it is flattering on another level. Tonight: Among the crowds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You note that many people seem to be eyeing you when out. Your charisma draws others, yet that same attraction does not guarantee agreement with your ideas and suggestions. Avoid a quarrel if you do not see eye to eye with another person. Tonight: Once out, you are a force to behold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out for another person at a distance with whom you often have vibrant talks. Do not be surprised if a potential argument pops up in your discussion. If you respect this person's opinion, soon enough you will witness the same respect returned. Diversity adds color and ideas to your life. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine or restaurant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Opt for some quality time with a loved one or partner. The two of you might get into a tiff or two, as your opinions vary quite a bit. Be willing to let go of heavy conversations and just enjoy being with each other. Tonight: Be a duo.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Card-reading

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 7 3
♥ A Q 9 8
♦ Q J 5
♣ A K J

WEST
♠ K Q J 9 4
♥ K 7 6 3
♦ K 10
♣ 9 6

EAST
♠ 5
♥ 4 2
♦ 7 6 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 8 6 2
♥ J 10 5
♦ A 9 8
♣ 10 4 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dble	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — king of spades.

It is usually not difficult to construct an approximate picture of the hand held by a defender who has entered the bidding. An attentive declarer simply brings this picture into focus and proceeds to take advantage of it.

Assume you're in three notrump and West, who opened the bidding, leads the king of spades, which you duck. West continues with the queen, East showing out, and you win with the ace. You lead the J-10-5 of hearts, winning all three finesses, and, after cashing the ace, you are faced with the problem of how to score a ninth trick.

One way would be to attempt a diamond finesse against East; another would be to return to your hand with a diamond to take a club finesse. But before attempting either finesse, you should try to visualize West's hand. He is known to have started with the K-Q-J-9-x of spades and K-x-x-x of hearts, and — since he opened the bidding — he is also sure to have the king of diamonds or queen of clubs, or possibly both.

It is clear that neither finesse is particularly attractive. West may very well have the guarded king of diamonds, in which case you would go down if you finessed in that suit, and East could very well have the queen of clubs, in which case a club finesse would ultimately defeat you.

The proper method of play is to cash the A-K of clubs and, if the queen does not appear, exit from dummy with the ten of spades in an effort to endplay West. This play succeeds whenever West started with two or more diamonds, which is surely a juicier prospect than taking a finesse in either minor suit.

In the actual case, both the premise and the promise pay off because, after West cashes his spades, he is forced to lead a diamond from the king and hand you your ninth trick.

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS
1 Lingo
6 Slopes regular
12 Tenant
13 Sheathe
14 Schedules
15 Pumpkin relatives
16 Appointment
17 Spring meltdown
19 Cooking fuel
20 Libertine
22 Poseidon's home
24 Satisfied sigh
27 La Scala solo
29 Fine spray
32 Fruity rum cocktail
35 Author Wiesel
36 Eve's third son
37 That girl
38 "Awesome, dude!"
40 Pop
42 Trojans' sch.
44 Org.
46 Forget-me- — (flowers)
50 Paris art museum
52 Athlete's woe
54 Tempt
55 Point maker
56 Op-ed pieces
57 Dwelling

DOWN
1 Actress Ward
2 Aspiring atty.'s exam
3 Fall bloom
4 Formerly called
5 Hand signals
6 Video game giant
7 Recognizes
8 Hosp. section
9 Haggles
10 Fed. food inspector
11 GI dining hall
12 Leary's drug
18 Patty Hearst, for one
21 Feed-bag morsel
23 Outback bird
24 Mimic
25 100 percent
26 Barber's offerings
28 Flabbergast
30 Learning ctr.
31 Common title start
33 Museum-funding org.
34 Prof's degree
39 "Pride and Prejudice" suitor
41 Pear variety
42 Peter Fonda's beekeeper role
43 Male deliveries?
45 Beholds
47 Partially mine
48 Genealogy chart
49 Neighbor of Leb.
51 By way of
53 Sgt., e.g.

Solution time: 26 mins.

A	D	S	■	A	B	L	E	■	S	A	L	T
L	I	E	■	T	O	I	L	■	C	H	A	I
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Yesterday's answer 1-26

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14						■	15					
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NASCAR THIS WEEK

Allmendinger latest driver heading to the TV booth

By Godwin Kelly
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AJ Allmendinger won't get much sleep this weekend because he will be pulling double duty at Daytona International Speedway.

The former NASCAR Cup Series driver will be making his debut with NBC Sports as an announcer, plus co-driving the No. 86 Meyer Shank Racing Acura NSX GT3 in the Rolex 24 At Daytona.

Don't be surprised if he shows up on television wearing a helmet or gets into his race car wearing TV makeup.

"I'm with NBC Sports full-time for IMSA," he said during a recent interview in Daytona. "That's my real job. Covering IMSA, the only race I can do is the Rolex 24.

"When I'm not in the car I'll be doing something in the booth or on pit road during the race. NBC Sports has done a great job with NASCAR, choosing new angles to show the fans."

Allmendinger, who started life as an open-wheel driver then transitioned into Cup Series racing in 2007, was released by JTG-Daugherty Racing following the 2018 season.

The 37-year-old driver made 371 starts and scored one win during his decade in NASCAR. Even when he was running a full stock-car schedule, he would almost always show up at Daytona and run the 24-hour race with car owner Michael Shank.

"I don't know if they made the right decisions over there on the NASCAR side, but it is what it is," Shank said. "The beauty of that is that we can bring him over here and there for different projects in the next year or two. It's great."

This will be the 13th time over the last 14 years Allmendinger has raced at Daytona with Shank. They captured the overall win in 2012 with Allmendinger at the wheel for the checkered flag.

The Rolex 24 is a one-race driving deal for Allmendinger. NBC is his top priority and the network is taking racing very seriously.

NBC Sports has been gobbling up motorsports TV rights and talent for everything in sight. In addition to IMSA racing, NBC will be the home for the IndyCar Series and Supercross in 2019.

"They have basically taken over," Allmendinger said. "They have become the home to motorsports."

He said NBC is bringing "all the big guns" for its IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship debut.

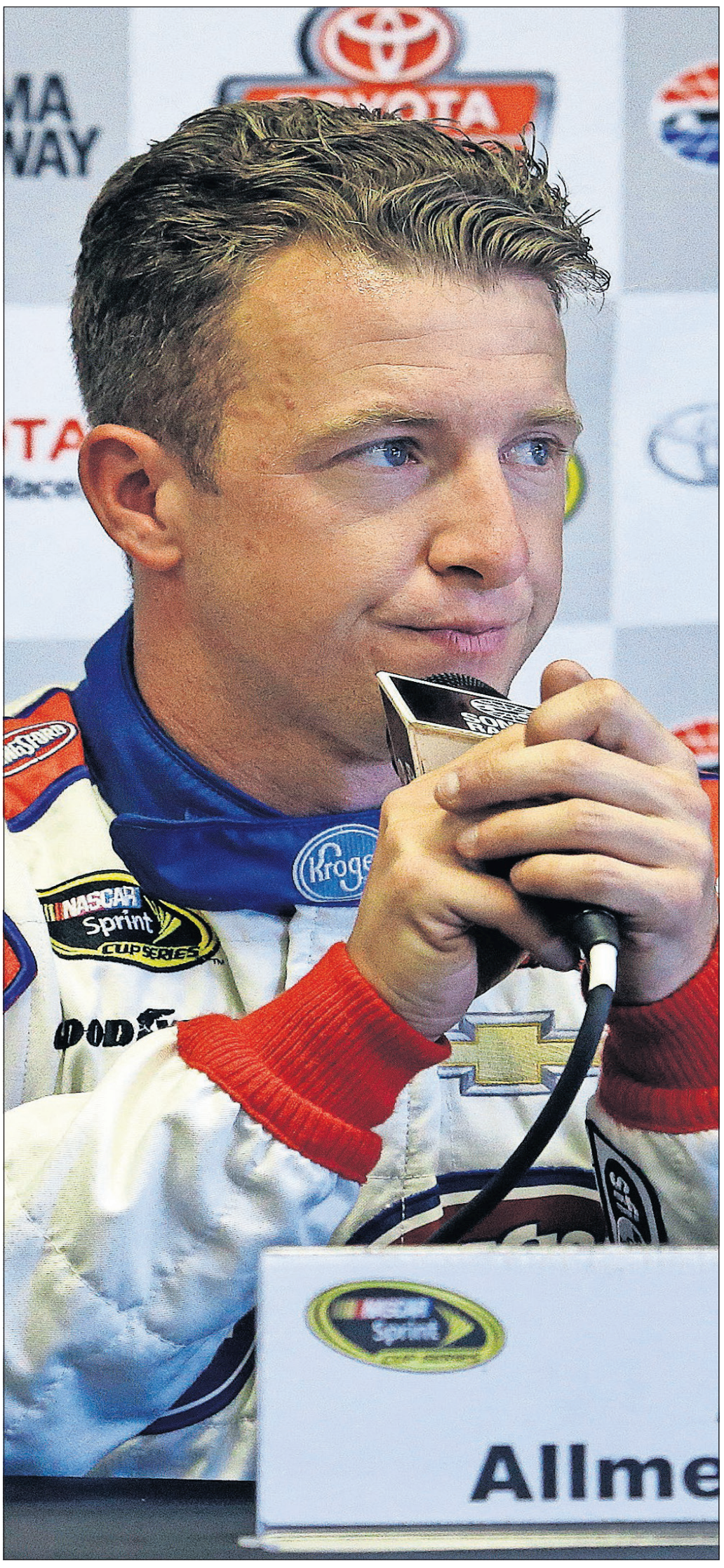
"Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be here for the Rolex 24," Allmendinger said. "It will be fun. I'm going to enjoy it to my full extent.

"I've always loved auto racing, so being able to paint a picture for a race fan, maybe a little different than the next guy can tell, will be something I will get into."

Without the stress of the Cup Series, Shank says Allmendinger has become more relaxed and a better teammate to his co-drivers.

"He's doing everything he can to further the team, and not just his car," Shank said. "He tested the No. 57 car (all female team) in the middle of the summer.

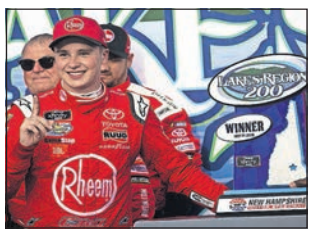
"That's kind of cool to see. I'm thinking you got a vise on your head when you are in NASCAR and when that comes off, it makes you feel slightly better and less consumed."



AJ Allmendinger was a NASCAR Cup Series driver in 2018. This year he will compete in the Rolex 24 At Daytona and begin his new career at NBC Sports. [AP/BEN MARGOT]

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Christopher Bell has built quite a collection of hardware the past two years in the Trucks and Xfinity Series. [AP FILE]

Why doesn't Christopher Bell have a Cup ride?

Short answer: It's a very tight job market. Bell made off-season headlines this past week by winning the Chili Bowl for the third straight year, and doing so in dramatic fashion — he passed Kyle Larson on the final turn of the final lap in the main event. A three-year run of brilliance at dirt-racing's marquee event doesn't necessarily suggest a big-league NASCAR career, but two years of dominance in NASCAR's minor leagues does. Bell has 12 wins and 33 top-fives over the past two years in the Trucks (2017) and Xfinity Series (2018).

So, what's the holdup?

There's no room at the inn. He races for Joe Gibbs, and the coach's Cup team is full of proven (Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr.) and promising (Erik Jones) talent. Hamlin's 2018 season might indicate a possible downturn and potential seat for Bell, except Hamlin and his sponsor (FedEx) are reportedly signed through 2020. Something eventually has to give; it's highly unlikely we have this same conversation next year.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

At Daytona
Jan. 25: BMW Endurance Challenge (four hours).
Jan. 26-27: Rolex 24 IMSA sports-car race.
Feb. 9: Lucas Oil 200 (ARCA Series).
Feb. 10: Daytona 500 pole qualifying, Advance Auto Parts Clash.
Feb. 14: Duel 150-mile qualifying races.
Feb. 15: NextEra Energy 250 (Truck Series).
Feb. 16: Daytona 300 (Xfinity Series).
Feb. 17: Daytona 500.

2019 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 10: Clash at Daytona
Feb. 14: 150-mile qualifying races for Daytona 500
Feb. 17: Daytona 500
Feb. 24: Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta
March 3: Pennzoil 400 at Las Vegas
March 10: TicketGuardian 500 at Phoenix
March 17: Auto Club 400 at Fontana
March 24: STP 500 at Martinsville
March 31: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas
April 7: Food City 500 at Bristol
April 13: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond
April 28: Geico 500 at Talladega
May 5: Dover 400
May 11: Kansas 400
May 18: All-Star Race at Charlotte
May 26: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte
June 2: Pocono 400
June 9: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan
June 23: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma
June 30: Overton's 400 at Chicagoland
July 6: Coke Zero 400 at Daytona
July 13: Quaker State 400 at Kentucky
July 21: Foxwoods 301 at New Hampshire
July 28: Gander Outdoors 400 at Pocono
Aug. 4: Go Bowling at Watkins Glen
Aug. 11: Consumers Energy 400 at Michigan
Aug. 17: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race at Bristol
Sept. 1: Southern 500 at Darlington
Sept. 8: Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis
Sept. 15: South Point 400 at Las Vegas
Sept. 21: Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond
Sept. 29: Bank of America 500k at Charlotte
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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Can Jamie McMurray win the Daytona 500 with a one-and-done ride?
GODSPEAK: Many of his wins have a fairy tale element so it would not surprise me at all.
KEN'S CALL: It's not necessarily his final race, though he has no other rides on the calendar. Yes, he's capable of winning it, of course, and how tempting it would be to throw away the helmet after that one?

Which current NASCAR racer would you like to see join the Rolex 24 festivities?
GODSPEAK: I'd like to see how Kyle Busch would handle 24 hours of racing. Let's throw Kevin Harvick in there, too.
KEN'S CALL: A combo of Chase Elliott and Ryan Blaney seems like fun, but I'll go with Clint Bowyer. If nothing else, he'd fit right in with the infield party scene.

Conversely, which sports-car racer would you like to see give NASCAR a try?
GODSPEAK: This one is easy. Katherine Legge can drive the wheels off anything.
KEN'S CALL: Another easy one, Ricky Taylor. Not sure how his road-racing talent would translate to ovals, but he has a great racer's attitude.

The Daytona 500 may be Jamie McMurray's last NASCAR race, and he just might go out a winner. [AP FILE]

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