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City eyes shooing crows away from South Side



FILE PHOTO

Crows fly above Church Street in Amsterdam last month.

Birds were scared away from city hall last month

By JASON SUBIK
Staff Writer

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture crow dispersal team is being recalled to Amsterdam this week because some of the crows scared away from the trees around city hall have relocated to the South Side.

Mayor Michael Cinquanti said the city's approximately $8,000 contract with the USDA covers additional crow dispersals if the crows remain in the city, and some of them have.

"We're not done with it, I was on the South Side to see it myself on Friday night and some of them have recongregated over there," Cinquanti said. "They're going to keep coming back until those crows are gone, now we need to chase them off of the South Side."

From Feb. 18 to 21, a team of four USDA wildlife services biologists wearing yellow vests used a variety of techniques, including laser beams, loud pyrotechnics, spotlights and amplified crow distress calls, to disperse the estimated 19,000 crows that were roosting around city hall.

The crows had been creating problems for city employees and visitors to city hall, frequently defecating on vehicles and people during their winter roosting at the property.

After the disbursement only a small pile of dead crows at the edge of the city hall parking lot remained as of Tuesday night, although an automated crow distress call, triggered by motion

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ALL ABOUT THAT BASS

Mark Centi, an Amsterdam resident, fishes for bass at Lock 12 in Tribes Hill on Tuesday afternoon.

Water valves to be replaced

Council approves $150,000 deal

By JASON SUBIK
Staff Writer

The Amsterdam Common Council on Tuesday night unanimously approved a $150,000 contract to replace 100-year-old water valves that have forced the city to keep water pressure too high for years.

City Engineer Mike Clark said Amsterdam's water system suffers from significant elevation differences, also known as "vertical topographic relief," which basically means high water pressure is needed to keep city water flowing up to Amsterdam's hills. That high pressure is also maintained where it's not needed, in the lower parts of the city.

"These valves are old, they've been maintained many times and it's time for them to be rebuilt, because if you don't maintain them you wind up with pressures higher than they should be on the downhill side, wherever that

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Sheriff: Chase began in city

By STEVEN COOK
Staff Writer

AMSTERDAM — A Tuesday afternoon vehicle chase began in one county and ended in another, Montgomery County Sheriff Jeffery Smith said.

Smith said the chase started in Amsterdam and ended on Interstate 890 in Schenectady, near Erie Boulevard and General Electric, at about 1:30 p.m.

The driver hit a guardrail on 890, ending the chase, Smith said. No injuries were reported. Further details on the incident were not immediately available Tuesday.

Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Schenectady police, along with state police and Canadian Pacific Railroad police, assisted, Smith said.

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Officials sound alarms about spread of virus

By RCIHARD READ, SOUMAYA KARLAMANGALA and COLLEEN SHALBY
Los Angeles Times

KIRKLAND, Wash. — As three more deaths in the United States were linked to the coronavirus Tuesday, World Health Organization officials warned the virus could be far more dangerous than the flu, with a mortality rate of 3.4%.

Public health officials confirmed a nursing home patient in Washington state was admitted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle on Feb. 24 and died two days later. The patient, a 54-year-old man who had underlying medical conditions, was transported from Life Care Center of Kirkland and died days before several other patients at the nursing home were linked to the coronavirus, hospital spokeswoman Susan Gregg said.

The Seattle and King County Public Health Department on Tuesday reported two additional deaths from COVID-19, bringing the King County total to eight. The other person who died was from Snohomish County, health officials said.

A North Carolina resident who visited the Kirkland facility has since tested positive for the virus, becoming that state's first case of COVID-19, Gov. Roy Cooper announced Tuesday. Health department officials in North Carolina are working to identify anyone else who may have come in contact with the individual.

"I know that people are worried about this virus and I want to assure North Carolinians our state is prepared," Cooper said in a statement, noting that the person represents an isolated case.

New York City confirmed its first case of community spread coronavirus — the second case of the virus in the state. The individual is a man in his 50s who lives in Westchester County but works at a law firm in Manhattan. The man is hospitalized and in severe condition.

The global mortality rate — which includes more than 3,000 deaths — is many times higher than the mortality rate of the flu, which is less than 1%. WHO director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that is at least partly because COVID-19 is a new disease, and no one has built up an immunity to it.

Still, Tedros reiterated the WHO's belief that containment was still within reach.

"We don't even talk about containment for seasonal flu,"

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MINE NO MORE

A dredging vessel is seen on the beach in Marina, Calif., where a sand mine has operated for decades. At a time when Del Mar, Pacifica and other coastal cities are fighting to defend their homes and roads from the rising sea, Marina has embarked on a path less traveled. Here, residents are learning how to adjust with the ocean as the water moves inland. Sea walls are forbidden, and sand replenishment projects seem unnatural in a city so proud of its native environment. Officials instead are embracing ideas that have been political suicide elsewhere: Require real estate disclosures for sea level rise, move infrastructure away from the water, work with the private resort in town to relocate its oceanfront property — a policy known as managed retreat. The controversial sand mine on the beach is finally shutting down after a century of dredging away the coast.

Wed., March 4

AMSTERDAM
The Horace J. Inman Senior Center will host bingo at 1:45 p.m. Sales open at 1 p.m.

FLORIDA
The Fort Hunter Free Library will hold "Craft Night" at 6:30 p.m. Join us to create your own wind chime. $2 per person and all supplies will be provided. Preregistration is requested — call 518-829-7248 or email Letah at lgraff@mvls.info. The Fort Hunter Free Library is located at 167 Fort Hunter Road.

Thursday, March 5

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Elks Lodge No. 101, 8 Fourth St., will host bingo at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Food available at 5:30 p.m.

AMSTERDAM
The American Legion Post 701, 123 W. Main St., monthly member meeting will be held at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St., will host a minimakers preschool learning hour, starting at 10:30 a.m. Also, homework help will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FLORIDA
Native American History and Culture at the Fort Hunter Free Library at 12:30 p.m. Come and explore the many ways the Native American world has influenced your world today. This session will focus on local history and early life in the Mohawk Valley. Hear about native customs, food, clothing and dwellings. We will focus on the history of the Iroquois Confederacy. The Fort Hunter Free Library is located at 167 Fort Hunter Road. For more information, call 518-829-7248 or email Letah at lgraff@mvls.info.

Saturday, March 7

AMSTERDAM
The Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties is hosting its 22nd annual Miniature Golf & Family Fun Day at the Amsterdam High School from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door: $5 for golfers and $3 for children under 5 and non-golfers. For more information, call 518-762-5332, Ext. 100.

FLORIDA
The Fort Hunter Free Library is celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and invites you to join us at 10 a.m. Dr. Seuss books will be our entertainment and children will make a craft to take home. The Fort Hunter Free Library is located at 167 Fort Hunter Road. For more information, call 518-829-7248 or email Letah at lgraff@mvls.info.

CANAJOHARIE
An Antique Show will be held at the Arkell Museum, 2 Erie Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost will be $5 at the door. The show, which features 25 dealers with a range of quality antiques, will benefit the restoration of the 1747 Nellis Tavern in St. Johnsville. An appraisal booth and light lunch will be available. For more information, contact Joan Draus, show manager, by text or leave a message, 518-894-7807.

FLORIDA
Ag. 2000 Livestock Group will be having its lasagna dinner from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Florida Town Hall, 214 Fort Hunter Road. Adults will pay $8.50, kids will pay $4.50; those under 5 eat for free. Meal includes lasagna, salad, Italian bread, pie, ice cream, milk, tea or coffee. Local 4-H clubs will be waiting tables.

FONDA
The Frothingham Free Library, 28 W. Main St., at 1 p.m. will host a free event where participants will learn how to make their own sugar scrub.

Sunday, March 8

AMSTERDAM
The St. Stanislaus Ladies' Rosary Society will hold its regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the church hall, located on Cornell St.

TRIBES HILL
Loopie's Irish Pub, 410 Mohawk Drive, will have Green Beer Ody from 5 to 7 p.m. There also will be $8 corned beef sandwiches and $8 shepherd's pie.

Monday, March 9

AMSTERDAM
The Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., is hosting Tai Chi every Monday from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The classes are free and open to the public. Call the Center to register at 518-842-3815.

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St., will host a preschool story hour at 10:30 a.m. Also, the Foothills Arts Council Winter Writers Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 518-496-2707.

FONDA
The Frothingham Free Library, 28 W. Main St., at 2 p.m. will host adult crafting. Participants can bring a craft and ideas.

JOHNSTOWN
The Christian Women Connecting will host their monthly luncheon entitled "Be Prepared" at 11:30 a.m. at the Johnstown Holiday Inn on North Comrie Avenue/Route 30A. Choices for lunch are a hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes and a vegetable, or a ham and Swiss sandwich with chicken noodle soup, rolls, dessert and coffee or tea. The Inspirational Speaker will be Judy Butler. The feature will be Beth Whitman-Putnam, the Emergency Management Assistant from Fulton County Emergency Management. For reservations, call Gloria at 518-853-3126 or women2connect@yahoo.com. The lunch can be paid for at the door.

Tuesday, March 10

AMSTERDAM
The Mt. Carmel Seniors, 39 St. John St., will meet at 1 p.m. Annual dues are past due, so members should be reminded of it. Refreshment committee for this meeting is: Mary Andrews (milk), Mary Angelo and Liz Andolina

BROADALBIN
The Knights of Columbus will host bingo in the St. Joseph's Parish Center at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and tickets are sold at 6:15 p.m.

FONDA
The Frothingham Free Library, 28 W. Main St., will host Story Hour with Miss Lynn at 11 a.m.

Wed., March 11

AMSTERDAM
The Horace J. Inman Senior Center will host bingo at 1:45 p.m. Sales open at 1 p.m.

AMSTERDAM
Survivor's of a Loved One's Suicide (SOLOS) group will meet at St. Mary's Memorial Health Center, 4988 Route 30. For more information, contact Bob Martin at rmartin5@nycap.rr.com or call/text 518-669-8229.

NORTHVILLE
Northville Central School will host a Family Night for the library media center's Scholastic Book Fair, in the lower-level conference room and surrounding area, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Elks Lodge No. 101, 8 Fourth St., will host bingo at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Food available at 5:30 p.m.

FONDA
Montgomery County Executive Matt Ossenfort will present the 2020 State of the County address at 8 a.m. at the Winners Circle, 3293 Route 5. A full buffet breakfast will be served. The cost will be $25 per person. To RSVP, contact Nicole Tennant at 518-725-0641 or info@fultonmontgomeryny.org

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St., will host a minimakers preschool learning hour, starting at 10:30 a.m. Also, homework help will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Free Library is offering a Social Security information seminar at 6 p.m. for prospective retirees who are interested in learning about collecting their benefits. Important topics covered include mistakes to avoid, and how much a person can expect to collect. The program is being presented as a community service by Retirement Solutions, and is free for the public to attend. Seating is limited and advance registration is required. To RSVP, call the Amsterdam Free Library at 518-842-1080.

AMSTERDAM
St. Mary's Healthcare Auxiliary's March membership meeting with "Cirque Du Soleil" will begin with a noon lunch followed by the monthly meeting and entertainment in the Carondelet Pavilion Auditorium. Upcoming fundraisers and plans for the auxiliary's 100th anniversary celebrations beginning in 2021 will be presented. Members are invited to bring a guest.

Saturday, March 14

AMSTERDAM
Amsterdam's third annual St. Paddy's Day Fest will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Participants can pick up their Pub Fest Stamp Card at any participating bar or restaurant for food and drink specials, music, activities, giveaways, and more. Stamp Cards are free. Pick them up anytime after 1 p.m. Get the Pub Hop Stamp Card stamped in at least 10 participating establishments and return the card to the Irish American Club to be entered into the St. Paddy's Day raffles! Return the Stamp Card by 8 p.m. to enter. Winners will be announced March 18. The first 50 people to return to the Irish American with 10 stamps on their card will get a free T-shirt.

AMSTERDAM
St. Mary's Healthcare Auxiliary's Annual Retreat will be held at St. Mary's Church, 156 Main St., with Mass at 8 a.m. and the retreat from 9 a.m. to noon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Members, their families and friends are invited. Reservations are needed. Call the Volunteer Office at 518-841-7234 by March 11.

MOHAWK
The Glen-Mohawk Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 942 Auxiliary will be hosting a pitch tournament starting promptly at noon at the post rooms on the Fonda-Johnstown Road. The cost is $15 per person with 100 percent payout. There will be refreshments served. To sign up, call 518-853-8932. The proceeds will be used for local veterans programs.

Sunday, March 15

TRIBES HILL
Sacred Heart Church will host a spaghetti supper from noon to 4 p.m. at the church, 111 Third Ave. The cost is $8 for adults, $5 for children 5 and under. Take out will be available. The event will also feature raffles.

Monday, March 16

AMSTERDAM
The Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., is hosting Tai Chi every Monday from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The classes are free and open to the public. Call the Center to register at 518-842-3815.

Tuesday, March 17

BROADALBIN
The Knights of Columbus will host bingo in the St. Joseph's Parish Center at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and tickets are sold at 6:15 p.m.

FONDA
The Frothingham Free Library, 28 W. Main St., will host Story Hour with Miss Lynn at 11 a.m.

Wed., March 18

AMSTERDAM
The Horace J. Inman Senior Center will host bingo at 1:45 p.m. Sales open at 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Elks Lodge No. 101, 8 Fourth St., will host bingo at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Food available at 5:30 p.m.

FONDA
Community members are invited to attend the Fonda-Fultonville High School Class of 2023 Army vs. Faculty basketball game at 6 p.m. in the high school gym, 112 Old Johnstown Road. There will be a half-court shot contest and raffles. Tickets are $4 for adults and $3 for students and will be available at the door.

Friday, March 20

FLORIDA
Cartooning for All is at the Fort Hunter Free Library at 12:30 p.m. Join artist Mary Ann Delany as she shows you step-by-step how to draw cartoons. Fort Hunter Free Library is at 167 Fort Hunter Road. For more information, call 518-829-7248 or email Letah at lgraff@mvls.info.

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Douglas honored

The Montgomery County Legislature recognized Kirk Douglas for the lasting impact he has made on the community and beyond during February's full board meeting. Douglas passed away on Feb. 5, at the age of 103. The Amsterdam native was one of the greatest actors of the 20th century, District 6 Legislator John M. Duchessi read in the proclamation. "The county of Montgomery is proud to recognize and honor Mr. Douglas, who used his success to help others, whether that be financially aiding the local library or synagogue, building hospitals and children's playgrounds or by being a loyal and kind friend who knew how to build confidence in others naturally and gracefully," Duchessi read.

Reception for artist set for Friday

GLOVERSVILLE — Micropolis Art Cooperative will hold a Meet the Artist reception in its gallery Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Landscape painter Deborah Angilletta, a resident of Scotia, will be the guest artist.

Angilletta earned a degree in Graphic Design at Sage College of Albany while still managing to work full time and raise a family with her husband.

After taking an early retirement with Verizon in 2007, Deborah began painting with acrylics and then with oils. She paints landscapes not only to record the natural world, but also to capture its poetry and elegance in paint. The primary inspirations of her larger studio paintings are rural landscapes of upstate New York. She depicts scenes that focus on the effects of light across fields and farms.

She is a member of Oil Painters of America and her artwork has found homes in many private collections across the country. She also enjoys participating in art fairs including the Mabee Farm Art and Craft Show in Rotterdam Junction and the Fine Art and Woodworking Show in Northville.

Angilletta recently moved into a new studio in the Brouwer House Creative Space in the Stockade area of Schenectady.

Paintings, drawings, pastels, photographs, fiber art, mixed media, woodwork, glass, digital art, jewelry, pottery, woodland assemblages, baskets and fine art cards by Micropolis artists will also be on display.

The show, which is free and open to the public, runs through April at Micropolis Gallery, 30 N. Main St. The gallery, located inside Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market, is open six days a week — Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Montgomery County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort (head of table) gathered local business leaders and other stakeholders for a collaborative discussion about ways to enhance the county's pro-jobs, pro-growth policies

County executive, business leaders discuss effort to boost local economy

FONDA — Montgomery County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort recently hosted the inaugural meeting of the county's new Business Advisory Committee, bringing together key leaders from a variety of industries.

The collaborative discussion is intended to foster increased engagement between local stakeholders and county government to advance pro-jobs, pro-economic growth initiatives.

The first Business Advisory Committee meeting included executives from a broad range of industries, including major employers like Hill & Markes and Keymark Corporation, tech companies like Engines of Creation, and local entrepreneurs, along with staff from the Montgomery County Business Development Center.

"We've made great progress growing jobs and creating opportunities. When I started my first term, everyone talked about the need for jobs. Now everyone talks to me about the need for employees. Launching this Business Advisory Committee is about hearing from our employers about the challenges they're facing and putting in place initiatives that really meet their needs," said Ossenfort. "Ensuring our employers have an open dialogue with county government helps everyone succeed."

Major discussion topics for business leaders were improving workforce development initiatives and expanding the labor pool for both skilled and unskilled talent.

Another priority discussed, which could assist the employee retention efforts, was creating accessible childcare options and establishing access to public transportation.

"Montgomery County is thriving thanks to a strong base of employers that touch a variety of activities, from distribution and manufacturing to web design and more. But our employers are only as strong as their employees, and we want to ensure the county is addressing factors that, for some employees, may be barriers to entry into the workforce. With the feedback from the Business Advisory Committee, we'll be exploring what resources can be accessed to create beneficial public-private partnerships," said MCBDC CEO Ken Rose, whose office hosted the gathering and will be advancing on discussion points from the first meeting.

"The Business Advisory Committee is an opportunity to work with a dynamic group of business members and county leaders to help shape the future of the region. Together our ideas can positively impact the growth of business in Montgomery County and improve the quality of life for all residents," said Dan La Bate, president of Engines of Creation.

The Business Advisory Committee is working to establish subgroups that will actively explore time sensitive topics such as state resources and other partnerships prior to its next quarterly meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

St. Stanislaus Ladies' Rosary Society

AMSTERDAM — St. Stanislaus Ladies' Rosary Society held its meeting Sunday, Feb. 9, at 11:30 a.m., and was called to order by President Terri Neary, with 39 members in attendance.

Opening prayers were said for sick, honorary and homebound members, as well as, deceased members.

Minutes from the previous meeting in December were waived.

The financial reports for December and January were read by treasurer, Dolores Dybas, in the absence of financial secretary, Dolores Haberek. A motion to accept the financial reports was made by Agnes Sanford and seconded by Ming Jaw.

Correspondence was read by vice president, Joanne McNamara. A thank you note was received from Deacon Mike and Kim Ryba for inviting them as guests to the rosary society's beautiful Christmas party. Also, a letter was read from the Bishop's Office with regards to thanking the rosary society for a donation in support of the Bishop's Appeal in 2019.

A potential new member, Diane Meliosky, was present.

Under committee reports, Sunshine Committee Chairperson Juliet Konieczny reported that cards were sent out for two sick members. Easter visits will be made to nursing homes and to the homebound. Juliet Konieczny and Dolores Haberek will visit members in nursing homes. Linda Risch and Cheryl Skowronek will visit members who are homebound.

Under Spiritual Committee, Helen Podolec reported that everything was okay and quiet and reminded the ladies to make sure they are saying their decade of the rosary.

Refreshments for this meeting were provided by Dottie Piurek, Chris Barkevich, Donna Wenskoski, Patty Drygula, Danielle Sherman, Dawn Dybas, Betty Niski, Karen Jurcsak, Kathy Skrzynecki, Ming Jaw and Jeannie Ford.

Under old business, the rosary society held its Christmas party Sunday, Jan. 19. A "thank you" was extended to Group 1 (Betty Foo) and Group 2 (Pat Singer) and their committee for a wonderful party at the Raindancer. A special "thank you" was extended for the delicious Babka breads that Betty Foo made, to Pat Singer for the lovely favors and centerpieces and for the rum cake she made as a donation to the raffles, and to everyone who donated gift cards for the raffles and setting up and handling the raffles. There were 55 people, including four guests, who attended.

Under new business, a motion was made by Betty Foo and seconded by Sue Mosior to continue the yearly organ maintenance project. There was no discussion and everyone was in favor.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be held April 10.

The Easter party will be held Sunday, April 19. Group 5 (Terri Neary) and Group 6 (Sue Karchesky) will be in charge. More details and sign-up will be at the March meeting. The group leaders and committee met for a brief meeting afterwards.

The society will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Russo's on West Main St., Monday, May 18. Sharon Walega will report again on her findings at the March meeting. The dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert for $10. The time will be 4 to 7 p.m. The rosary society would also have raffles.

Upcoming events include: Eucharistic Day with confession at 2 p.m. and Anointing of the Sick at 3 p.m., March 22. The rosary society would like two rosary society members to take turns throughout the morning to sit and pray. A sign-up sheet would be done for that day; Rosary Society Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Russo's, May 18; The rosary society will be doing something in May to honor the Blessed Mother and more will be discussed at the March meeting; Parish Festival will be held July 11 and 12. Only on Sunday, July 12, is when help is needed for the Polish kitchen and baking of pies, cakes, breads, other goodies and monetary donations for the Sweet Tooth Booth.

The winners of the 50/25/25 raffle were Patty Drygula and Helen Malicki.

The next business meeting will be Sunday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

The Refreshment Committee for the March 8 meeting will be Sharon Walega, Florence Kosinski, Danielle Sherman, Pat Singer, Donna Wenskoski, Patty Drygula, Kathy Skrzynecki and Joanne McNamara.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Juliet Konieczny and seconded by Dyhan Posluszny.

Closing prayers were said.

Congdon earns Gold Stars

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Hunter Congdon of Fort Plain is one of the nearly 600 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the fall 2019 semester.

Gold stars are awarded to cadets and students at The Citadel who achieved a 3.7 grade point average or higher.

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Softball games to be played at the Amsterdam High School starting at 1PM
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MiniMakers Preschool Learning Hour: Feeding the Birds
Thu, March 5, 10:30am - 11:30am
Students will examine an owl pellet to determine what animal the owl ate and whether there are bones present, as well as to investigate owl eating behavior. They will sort the artifacts they find into a test tube. They will also create a bird feeder in order to hang it up in their backyard.

Homework Help
Thu, March 5, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Having trouble with homework? Any grade level can drop in on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 and have a National Honor Roll Student help you with your homework!

Preschool Story Hour: Lucky Tucker, by Leslie McGuirk
Mon, March 9, 10:30am - 11:30am

Foothills Arts Council Winter Writers Group
Mon, March 9, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Foothills Arts Council, Inc. and the library have partnered for a new writing group opportunity. Explore your writing abilities in literary workshops, write, read, critique your and others work in an instructive and non-judgemental setting. Have fun and create! The second Monday of every month from January- May For more information please call 518-496-2707

MiniMakers Preschool Learning Hour: Feathers and Wings
Thu, March 12, 10:30am - 11:30am
Students will examine a bird wing to determine the different features of the wing that allow the bird to fly, such as bone structure, feathers, and feather formation, and how the bird uses the wing. They will also create their own feather paintings to show the different barb patterns on the feathers.

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In Memoriam

Adelle Janiga
March 4, 2000
The years may wipe
out many things,
But this they'll wipe out never.
The memory of those happy days,
Which we have spent together.
Love, Arlene, Brenda
and Sherri

Jury awards family over $1M

Officer's shooting of son found to be unjustified

By JASON MEISNER and JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A federal jury on Tuesday found that a Chicago police sergeant was unjustified in fatally shooting a 19-year-old man during a South Side foot chase in 2016, awarding the man's family more than $1 million in damages.

After a weeklong trial and more than 12 hours of deliberations that began Friday, the jury found that Sgt. John Poulos committed a battery when he shot Kajuan Raye as they ran through an alley in the West Englewood neighborhood.

The same jury, however, ruled that Poulos, who had claimed Raye pointed a gun at him during the chase, did not use excessive force.

As part of its split verdict, the panel awarded $1 million to Raye's mother, Karonisha Ramsey, as well as $25,000 in compensatory damages and $11,586 to cover the costs of her son's funeral.

Seated at the plaintiff's table, Ramsey let out an audible sigh and wiped away tears as the verdict was read. Across the courtroom, Poulos had no discernible reaction.

Ramsey's lead attorney, Michael Oppenheimer, said after court that although the jury found in favor of Poulos on excessive force, the verdict was a clear message that Poulos' version of events didn't add up.

"It doesn't bring Kajuan back. They feel his loss every day," Oppenheimer said. "But they are happy that the jury saw this for what it was, which is an unjustified shooting."

Poulos and his attorneys declined to comment as they left the courthouse. A spokeswoman for the city's Law Department said they were assessing what to do next.

Poulos fatally shot Raye on Nov. 23, 2016, after the African American teen ran from a street stop.

Poulos told investigators with the city's Civilian Office of Police Accountability he opened fire on Raye after the teen twice pointed a gun at him.

But immediately after Raye was fatally wounded, responding police found no gun near him or along the approximately two-block route of the chase.

Then nearly three months later, a resident raking leaves outside his home, which was located along the circuitous path taken by Raye, found a silver and black semi-automatic handgun under his bushes.

This discovery helped COPA clear Poulos of wrongdoing. It was a decision that hinged largely on broken handgun parts found in the front pocket of Raye's jacket, parts that appeared to have been missing from the silver and black gun that was recovered.

OBITUARIES

Theron M. Hoyt

Surrounded by family, Theron entered peacefully into the arms of the Lord on Sunday, March 1, 2020. He was 87.



Born at home in Broadalbin, NY on September 9, 1932, Theron was the son of the late Andrew and Mildred Stanton Hoyt. Survivors include his loving wife Elaine and three sons Robert (Terri) Hoyt and Kevin (Mary Pat) Hoyt, all of Broadalbin, and David (Julie) Hoyt of Alaska. Also surviving are a sister; Frona Kissinger of Gloversville, brother Paul Hoyt of Broadalbin and many nieces and nephews. Theron was predeceased by his loving parents, and brother Robert.

Theron also leaves behind four beloved grandchildren and five great grandchildren Robert (Sarah) Hoyt and children Gregory and Caytlyn of Fort Hunter, Aaron (Anita) Hoyt and children Gracie and Carter of Gloversville, Heather Hoyt DeLack (Ian), Hayley Hoyt (Kyle) and daughter Aubrey, all of Alaska.

After graduating from Broadalbin High School in 1950 Theron enlisted in the US Navy serving from 1951 to 1955 aboard the USS Lake Champlain and USS Greenwich Bay. Theron was very proud of his Navy service and often regaled his family with tales of his travels and adventures overseas.

On June 9, 1957 Theron wed the love of his life Elaine Louer and they cherished each other for the next 63 years. Together they made their home in Amsterdam raising their three sons with love, laughter, and a good dose of patience.

Theron was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He enjoyed the camping life, boating, fishing, hunting, cooking, and hiking. Using his tour planning skills his planned many memorable road trips to Florida, Branson MO, Tennessee, Canada, The New England States and the ultimate road trip to Alaska. He was an avid woodworker—crafting furniture large and small, picture frames, model car cases, and flag displays for his retired military friends. A handy mechanic, Theron could fix the car, mower, snow blower and snowmobiles. An avid NASCAR fan, his favorite drivers were Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Kevin Harvick. Blessed with a great sense of humor Theron held court at weekly family dinners which he liked to call Thursday Night Comedy Hour.

Theron was a hard worker his whole life; working on the family farm from a young age, peddling popcorn at the Vails Mills drive-in and working at the Broadalbin Knitting Mill all before graduating High School. Later he worked at Mohawk Mills, Ritter Chemical, and finally General Electric from which he retired after 33 years of service.

Theron was a member of the United Methodist Church of Amsterdam and previously held church office positions at Emmanuel Presbyterian.

A Service of Remembrance will take place on Saturday March 7, 2020 at 12 Noon at the Amsterdam United Methodist Church 347 Golf Course Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010 with Pastor Judy Humphrey - Fox. Family and Friends are invited and may call at the Church on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon.

A burial will take place at a later date with full military honors at Gerald B. H. Solomon Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Amsterdam United Methodist Church, 347 Golf Course Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Betz, Rossi, Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Online condolences may be made at www.brbsfuneral.com.

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Elaine K. Crouse

Elaine K. Crouse, 68, of Eagle Street, Amsterdam, died peacefully on February 27, 2020.



Born in Bennington, VT she was the daughter of the late John and Shirley Cleveland Batease.

A lifelong area resident, Elaine was employed as a bartender at Canali's Restaurant for a few years before becoming a homemaker. She enjoyed being a mother and a grandmother. She also enjoyed crafts, baking, cooking and listening to Elvis. Elaine also enjoyed attending the Wilkinson Day Program. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was predeceased by her two husbands, James L. Crouse and Elmer Canastra Sr.

Survivors include three children James L. Crouse Jr., Jason Canastra and Kimberly Canastra; several grandchildren including Brandon Atwood, whom she helped care for; eight siblings, Jenny Lasher, Eleanor Follett, George (Janet) Batease, Raymond (Marlene) Batease, Susan Braender, John (Robin) Batease, Tammy Hume (Bill Bottisti); several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Betz, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam. A calling period will take place prior to the service beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. All are invited to attend. Burial will take place in Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made the Edward L. Wilkinson RHCF Activities Fund.

Please visit the online memorial at www.brbsfuneral.com.

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Michael Todd Deuel

Michael Todd Deuel, 55, of Orchard Drive, Broadalbin passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020.



He was born in Amsterdam on December 28, 1964, a son of Robert and Nancy Morley Deuel and was a lifelong resident of Broadalbin. Mike was a 1983 graduate of Broadalbin High School.

At one time, Mike was employed by Ward Products and later Mohawk Finishing, both in Amsterdam. In 1986, he began working for Broadalbin Manufacturing and later became co-owner with Jim Stark until purchasing the business in 2004.

Mike was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Broadalbin.

He was an outdoor enthusiast and enjoyed camping, hunting, boating and fishing.

Mike was a member of Sons of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and the Sacandaga Boating Club, all in Broadalbin. He was also a member of the Johnstown Moose Club, the OHMER Mountain Hunt Club, the Pine Tree Rifle Club, the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Quality Deer Management Association.

In addition to his father, Mike was also predeceased by his brother, John R. Deuel.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Karen Bazan Deuel, whom he married on September 29, 1990; two sons, Owen M. Deuel and Evan P. Deuel, both of Broadalbin; his mother, Nancy Deuel; a brother Charles "Tom" Deuel, both of Broadalbin; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black St.), Johnstown, NY.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Mike's cousin, the Rev. David Deuel officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Melodies Center at Albany Medical Center or to Brennan Memorial Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home.

Crows, from Page A1

sensors, still plays over part of the property.

Cinquanti said the biologists told him that although non-lethal techniques were used, a few crows still died accidentally during the process.

"The crows were actually flying into each other, there were so many of them," he said.

Crows are protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which makes it illegal to kill, possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase or barter them — but non-lethal harassment of them to move them is allowed without the need for a permit.

Cinquanti said the city needs to do some more harassing of the crows to make sure they leave Amsterdam for good.

"When I was on the South Side Friday night there were congregating around the [Amsterdam] Castle [bed and breakfast/restaurant]," Cinquanti said. "Not all 19,000 of them, but a good bunch."

Cinquanti said the USDA also left some of the materials needed to conduct additional crow removals as needed.

Ken Preusser, the USDA supervising biologist, said prior to the dispersal at city hall that he believes it will take several years to train the crows to remember not to roost at city hall, or elsewhere in the city. Preusser said the crows will hopefully begin roosting in trees along the Mohawk River or perhaps on islands within the river.

Fourth Ward Alderman Stephen Gomula, whose fiancee was hit from above with crow droppings on the day he was sworn into office in January, said some of the crows appear to have relocated to where he lives.

"I've seen them near my house off Mason Avenue, so I think they've dispersed all over the place," he said. "I think this is going to be a lot larger issue than just shooting some fireworks. This is way above my pay grade, but I think we need to speak to more aviary experts to see what we can do."

Trump's border wall money grab from military hit with new lawsuit

More than a dozen U.S. states sued President Donald Trump's administration to block $3.8 billion in 2020 military funding from being diverted to the construction of a U.S. border wall with Mexico.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in federal court in Oakland, Calif., just days after the American Civil Liberties Union and a national environmental group filed a similar lawsuit over Trump's end run around Congress. House Democrats haven't given him the funding he wants for the project.

"Congress has repeatedly and explicitly rejected taxpayer funding for a wasteful Trump wall along the border," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said in a statement. "We're going to court — once again — to remind Donald Trump that even the president is not above the law."

The federal court in San Francisco last year repeatedly found that Trump's initial transfer of more than $6 billion in military funds for the wall was unlawful. The president notched a win in July, however, when the Supreme Court said he could use some military funds while lawsuits were pending.

— Bloomberg News

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Lottery Numbers

Here are the lottery numbers that were drawn Tuesday:

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Daily Evening: 1-3-2

Win Four Evening: 7-4-0-9

Pick 10: 4-5-13-14-16-21-24-27-36-37-39-46-53-54-57-59-70-73-75-77

Cash4Life: 6-15-25-48-59, **Cash Ball:** 2

Powerball — Estimated jackpot: $90 million

Mega Millions — Estimated jackpot: $65 million

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Tedros said. "It's just not possible, but it's possible for COVID-19."

Officials say they have learned the coronavirus is less transmissible than the flu, which is often spread by people who are infected yet don't have symptoms. That doesn't seem to be the case for COVID-19, he said.

"There are not yet any vaccines or therapeutics, which is why we must do everything we can to contain it."

Mike Ryan, who runs the agency's emergencies program, pushed back against officials who wanted to "wave the white flag" and surrender to the disease's hold. China took drastic steps to fight the virus, he said, and case numbers are now on the decline there.

Countries such as China and South Korea "implemented very, very strong measures that have affected their own economies and their own societies," Ryan said. "It's really a duty of others to use the time that has been bought.

"That is not a reverse you can achieve with influenza. If that is a failure, we'll have slowed down the virus."

There can be a big benefit in slowing the virus' arrival in a country for a few months, Ryan said. Many countries, including the U.S, are in the middle of flu season, so large numbers of coronavirus cases would overwhelm the health system.

In Italy, COVID-19 patients and flu patients are already stretching hospitals and healthcare facilities, he said.

Tedros said he's concerned by shortages of masks, gowns and other equipment needed by healthcare workers to stop the spread of disease "caused by rising demands and hoarding and misuse."

"We can't stop COVID-19 without protecting our health workers," said Tedros, noting that prices of surgical masks have increased sixfold.

Current information suggests that most COVID-19 cases are mild, said Dr. Nancy Messonnier, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. According to a report out of China, the most serious illnesses occur in 16% of cases, she said, and older people and those with underlying health conditions are twice as likely to develop serious outcomes.

Speaking during a media briefing Tuesday, Messonnier said that cases similar to those reported abroad were now appearing in the United States.

The CDC is relying on local health clinicians to determine testing needs. In addition to CDC test kits, commercial manufacturers overseen by the Food and Drug Administration are providing tests directly to states. These types of tests are typically what are on the front lines in the United States, Messonnier said.

Vice President Mike Pence said Tuesday that 77 cases of coronavius have been diagnosed in the U.S. That number excludes the 45 people who were passengers aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan and were repatriated to America, which brings the total to more than 120.

Pence said that a task force will issue new guidance from the CDC to make it clear that any American can be tested for the virus and no restrictions subject to doctor's orders.

Commercial laboratories are expected to have 2,500 test kits available to provide 1.5 million tests. And the Office of Management and Budget will direct all federal government agencies to review internal travel and adhere to State Department guidance.

"The threat of the coronavirus to the American pubic remains low," Pence said.



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U.S. President Donald Trump, right, participates in a coronavirus roundtable briefing at National Institutes of Health - Vaccine Research Center on March 3 in Bethesda, Md.



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From left, 1st Ward Alderman Patrick Russo, 2nd Ward Alderman David Gomula and 3rd Ward Alderwoman Irene Collins examine resolutions before the Amsterdam Common Council meeting on Tuesday.

Deal, from Page A1

particular happens to be, because you're gaining static pressure as you go lower in elevation, you can break pipes," Clark said. "If the valves aren't functioning as they should you end up with higher pressures down low and higher pressures than you should have consistently in the low pressure zones."

Third Ward resident Gary McNeil said the water pressure at his home is routinely 100 pounds per square inch.

"It makes a nice shower though!" McNeil said.

"It sure does, but that's why we're doing this, because you consistently get high pressures in pipes, and whenever there's changes in demand, they'll break," Clark said.

Clark said water line breaks will likely always occur in January and February, but he believes the $150,000 project will mitigate them for the future.

"This is for 15 pressure reducing valves, those valves are used to regulate pressures between the high pressure and low pressure zones in the city," he said.

The city is hiring Troy-based Ross Valve Manufacturing Co. for the new valves, which according to the city resolution was the "lowest, most responsible proposal" to the city's Feb. 11 Request for Proposals for the city's Water System Improvements Project.

Clark said Ross Valve is also the company that built Amsterdam's water valves a century ago.

"Believe it or not, this is still the same American company in Troy 100 years later; when do you see that?" Clark said.

Mayor Michael Cinquanti said the water valve project is needed to improve the city's water infrastructure.

First Ward Alderman Patrick Russo said the valve replacement needs to happen.

"They're old valves and they need to be replaced, because we have places where the water pressure is too high, and places where it's too low," Russo said. "They're 100 years old, they must be all crudded up. They've got to be replaced."

Mother of San Bernardino terrorist will plead guilty to destroying evidence

By MATT HAMILTON
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The mother of Syed Rizwan Farook, who carried out the 2015 San Bernardino terrorist attack that left 14 people dead, has agreed to plead guilty to destroying records that connected her son and his wife to the massacre, federal prosecutors announced Tuesday.

Rafia Shareef, 66, will plead guilty to one count of altering records with the intent of impeding a federal investigation, a charge that carries up to 20 years in federal prison. The U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles said the plea agreement called for no more than 18 months behind bars.

Shareef was living with her son and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, in Redlands at the time of the Dec. 2, 2015 attack. That day, the couple left their infant child with Shareef, falsely telling her they were going to a medical appointment, according to the plea agreement.

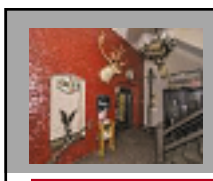
Over the next hours, Malik and Farook stormed the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, killing 14 people at a holiday party and wounding 22. The couple then died in a firefight with police.

Shortly before noon, Shareef learned that authorities had linked her son to the rampage. When family members arrived at the home later in the afternoon, she expressed her belief that Malik and Farook were the perpetrators, according to a court filing.

Before leaving the home that day, Shareef walked into her son's bedroom and shredded one document, a map. In her plea agreement, Shareef acknowledged that she knew her son had produced the map and that it was "directly related to Farook and Malik's planning of the attack."

Shareef, a resident of Corona, signed the plea agreement on Feb. 26 and is scheduled to appear in federal court in Riverside on March 16.

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Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Daily Bridge Club

Harlow the Halo

By FRANK STEWART
Tribune Content Agency

"For everybody else, luck is a nine days' wonder," Unlucky Louie grumbled to me in the club lounge. "Harlow has a lifetime pass."

While Louie deals with misfortune, the player we call Harlow the Halo basks in persistent good luck.

In a team match, both Louie and Harlow played at 6NT. West led the queen of spades. Harlow won and unblocked dummy's high diamonds, accepting the 3-3 break as his due, and king of clubs. He came to his ace of hearts and took the A-Q of clubs. The jack fell, so Harlow had four clubs, four diamonds, two hearts and two spades.

SPADE RETURN

Louie was more careful. At Trick Two, he conceded a heart. He won the spade return, took the king of clubs and led a heart to his ace. If hearts had split 3-2, Louie would have had 12 tricks no matter how the minor suits lay. As it was, he still got home when both minors treated him well.

Louie's play was superior; Harlow deserved to fail.

"The man was born with a silver horseshoe in his mouth," Louie sighed.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 7 6 ♡ A K 5 ♢ 8 6 5 2 ♣ A Q 10 3. Your partner opens one spade, you respond two clubs and he bids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: You have enough values to commit to game but cannot comfortably place the contract. You have two options. One is to bid four hearts despite the lack of a fourth trump. The other is to bid three diamonds, a "fourth-suit" action, hoping to make a winning decision after you hear partner bid once more.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A K 4 2
♡ 8 7 6 4 3
♢ A K Q
♣ K

WEST
♠ Q J 10 9
♡ J
♢ 10 9 3
♣ 9 8 6 5 2

EAST
♠ 8 5 3
♡ Q 10 9 2
♢ J 7 4
♣ J 7 4

SOUTH
♠ 7 6
♡ A K 5
♢ 8 6 5 2
♣ A Q 10 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♡	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	6 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

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Fish Fry Day: 4 great recipes for the Lenten season

By DANIEL NEMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Lent. It's a time for reflection. A time for humility. And definitely a time for fish.

For most American Christians, Lent began last Wednesday (for the Eastern Orthodox churches, it began Monday). That means believers will spend the next seven Fridays avoiding meat.

A large number of people during Lent turn instead to fish (though the Orthodox churches avoid fish with backbones, as well).

For this Lenten season, I made four appropriate dishes, two with fish and two with shellfish. Each one was so delicious that I'm afraid they may not be entirely in the spirit of somber reflection and self-sacrifice.

But that's OK. They're great to eat when it is not Lent, too.

I started with the most typical of all Lenten meals, at least in this town: fried fish. I humbly suggest it was better than anything you could get at a church, but that is probably because I made a relatively small batch, instead of the churches' assembly-line cooking, and I used a slightly more expensive ingredient than they use.

The ingredient I used was panko bread crumbs for the breading. I had planned to use the traditional cornmeal, but I discovered as I started to cook that I had run out of the traditional cornmeal. So, panko — which I did have — it was.

And I'm glad it worked out just as I totally intentionally meant it to, because panko makes everything fried taste better. It gives it an extra crispy snap that is simply delightful.

Next up was a dish I hadn't made in some time but has long been a favorite: Shrimp with Soy, Garlic, Ginger and Lemon. When I first met the friends of the woman who was to become my wife, this is the dish I made. One plateful, and they decided to like me.

With the ingredients listed in the name (shrimp, soy, garlic, ginger and lemon), it is not surprising that it has a certain Chinese flair. It is even stir-fried, though I have also had considerable success modifying the recipe slightly and cooking it on the grill.

Unlike simpler stir-fries, it requires a three-part procedure to cook. First, you make a marinade with all of the ingredients in the title, and more — sherry, for one. After you marinate the shrimp for an hour, you strain out the marinade and thicken it with a slurry of cornstarch and water to make an amazingly flavorful sauce.

Then comes the stir-frying of the shrimp, with more garlic and ginger, plus red bell pepper. Your house will smell as great as your dinner will taste.

My third dish was another old favorite and a traditional way to prepare fish: en papillote. The phrase means "in paper" or "in parchment," and it refers to a way of wrapping fish or occasionally chicken in a sealed parchment packet along with vegetables and a splash of liquid, often wine.

You bake the packets in the oven, and the fish gently cooks in the steam that is created inside the packet.

This particular version begins with salmon, which is placed on top of a bed of sautéed carrots and mushrooms. Dill is placed on top of that — a natural with salmon — and plenty of shallots to provide a mild, earthy onion flavor. The fish was cooked to perfection, and the whole dish from presentation (everyone oohs and ahs when you cut open the packet) to taste was stunning.

My final dish came from a cookbook by Legal Seafood, the popular East Coast chain of seafood restaurants. The book says that the recipe is one of the restaurants' most popular pasta dishes, which makes sense when you consider the main ingredients: scallops, heavy cream and mushrooms.

Imagine seared scallops served in an exquisite cream of mushroom soup sauce. Now imagine that the sauce gets its low notes from garlic and scallions, and its high from white wine, and it's all piled atop bowtie pasta.

Yeah. It's that good.





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Above: Salmon with fresh dill en Papillote.

At left: Fried catfish.

FRIED CATFISH

Yield: 2 to 4 servings
1 cup milk
1 pound catfish fillets
Vegetable oil for frying
1½ cups panko bread crumbs or cornmeal
2 tablespoons pepper
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
Salt to taste
Lemon wedges

1. Pour the milk into a bowl and let the catfish soak in it while you heat about 1 1/2 inches of oil in a large pan to about 375 degrees. Mix the panko or cornmeal in a plastic bag with the peppers and salt.

2. Drain the fillets; then shake them in the panko in the bag. Shake off any excess coating and fry them until golden brown on both sides, a total of about 5 minutes. Drain on paper towels and serve immediately with lemon wedges.

Per serving (based on 4): 402 calories; 19 g fat; 13 g saturated fat; 66 mg cholesterol; 25 g protein; 33 g carbohydrate; 7 g sugar; 4 g fiber; 643 mg sodium; 125 mg calcium

Adapted from "Fish" by Mark Bittman.

SALMON WITH FRESH DILL EN PAPILLOTE

Yield: 6 servings
5 carrots, peeled and trimmed
¾ pound large mushrooms
4 tablespoons butter, divided
Juice of 1 lemon
¾ cup scallions cut into 2-inch lengths
Salt and pepper
¼ cup chopped fresh dill leaves
2 pounds salmon fillets, cut into 6 equal-size pieces
6 tablespoons chopped shallots
6 tablespoons dry white wine

1. Preheat the oven to 500 degrees.

2. Spread a large sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil or parchment paper on a flat surface. Invert a 12-inch round cake pan on the foil and trace around the pan with a sharp knife to make a 12-inch circle. Repeat this until you have 6 circles.

3. Cut the carrots crosswise into 1-inch lengths. Cut each piece lengthwise into matchstick strips.

4. Cut off and discard the stem of each mushroom and cut the cap into thin slices.

5. Heat 2 tablespoons of the butter in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and lemon juice. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add the carrots, scallions and salt; then cover and cook 7 to 8 minutes. Sprinkle the dill on top and stir well. Cover and set aside.

6. Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter in a small saucepan. Place the foil rounds on a flat surface and brush them with the melted butter. Spoon equal portions of the carrot mixture on each circle slightly below the center, leaving a margin large enough to fold over.

7. Lay a slice of salmon over each mound of vegetables. Sprinkle each serving with a tablespoon of shallots, a tablespoon of wine and salt and pepper.

8. Fold the foil to completely enclose the contents, while leaving some room for expansion. Crimp the seal as tightly as possible. Arrange the packages on a baking sheet and bake for 8 minutes.

Per serving: 351 calories; 18 g fat; 6 g saturated fat; 104 mg cholesterol; 33 g protein; 10 g carbohydrate; 5 g sugar; 3 g fiber; 496 mg sodium; 48 mg calcium

Adapted from "The Seafood Cookbook; Classic to Contemporary" by Pierre Franey and Bryan Miller.

SHRIMP WITH SOY, GARLIC, GINGER AND LEMON

Yield: 4 servings
12 ounces shrimp, shelled but with the tail left on if possible
1½ tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon plus ¾ teaspoon minced fresh ginger, divided
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons minced garlic, divided
¼ teaspoon pepper
⅓ cup water
2 tablespoons medium-dry sherry
2 teaspoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons oil (not olive)
½ cup cubed red bell peppers
½ bunch watercress with bottom 1 inch of the stems cut off, optional
Hot cooked rice or Asian noodles

1. In a medium bowl, combine the shrimp, soy sauce, 1 tablespoon of the ginger, lemon juice, 1 teaspoon of the garlic, pepper and sherry. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Drain shrimp, retaining the marinade.

2. Mix the water with the cornstarch and the reserved marinade, and stir well to dissolve the cornstarch. In a small saucepan, bring the mixture to a boil and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Set aside.

3. In a large skillet, heat the oil. Add the shrimp, the remaining 1 teaspoon of garlic and remaining 3/4 teaspoon of ginger. Stir fry over high heat for 30 seconds. Add the sweet red peppers and cook, stirring, for another 30 seconds. Add the sauce and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Remove pan from heat and immediately add the watercress, if using. Serve at once over rice or Asian noodles.

Per serving (using 2 cups total cooked white rice): 297 calories; 8 g fat; 1 g saturated fat; 137mg cholesterol; 24 g protein; 32 g carbohydrate; 3 g sugar; no fiber; 481 mg sodium; 65 mg calcium

Recipe from "The Frog-Commissary Cookbook" by Steven Poses, Anne Clark and Becky Roller.

SCALLOPS AND MUSHROOM BOWTIE PASTA

Yield: 4 servings
4 to 6 ounces portobello mushrooms
1 cup heavy cream
¼ cup dry white wine
8 ounces bowtie pasta
Vegetable oil (not olive)
1½ pounds sea scallops
1 cup chopped scallions, white parts only, or sweet onions
1 tablespoon minced garlic
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
Salt and pepper

1. Remove the stems from the mushrooms and coarsely chop them. Slice the caps and set aside.

2. Place the mushroom stems and the cream in a small, nonreactive saucepan. Bring the cream to a boil and gently boil for at least 10 minutes or until the cream is reduced by half. Pour in the wine and boil for 2 to 3 minutes longer. Set the mixture aside. This sauce can be kept in the refrigerator for up to 3 days before using.

3. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil, add the pasta and cook until cooked through but still firm, 10 to 15 minutes, depending on the brand.

4. Meanwhile, put enough oil in a very hot pan to film it lightly. Add the scallops and sear lightly on both sides (they will continue to cook as the recipe continues); their surface should be a light, nutty brown. Add the mushroom caps, scallions and garlic. Cook over medium heat for 2 minutes or until the mushrooms are barely cooked through. Stir in the reserved mushroom sauce and reheat gently.

5. Drain the pasta thoroughly and mix with the scallop mixture. Sprinkle with the parsley. Season liberally with salt and pepper to taste.

Per serving: 439 calories; 16 g fat; 10 g saturated fat; 62 mg cholesterol; 23 g protein; 62 g carbohydrate; 4 g sugar; 3 g fiber; 1,059 mg sodium; 58 mg calcium

Adapted from "The New Legal Sea Foods Cookbook" by Roger Berkowitz and Jane Doerfer.

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Uncle Nearest Whiskey honors black distiller

By ZAK STAMBOR
Chicago Tribune

The idea behind Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey was simple: to honor Nathan "Nearest" Green, the relatively unknown enslaved man who taught Jack Daniel how to make whiskey.

Of course, the gulf between the formation of an idea and the execution of said idea is often vast. That was particularly true when it came to Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey given that the person with the idea was an author and real estate investor. The challenge was all the greater given that she was seeking to gain traction in an environment in which hundreds of distilleries open every year and that she was seeking to launch the brand in about one-quarter of the time it takes most spirits brands to roll out their first products.

But that didn't stop Fawn Weaver, who discovered Green's story in 2016 while on vacation in Singapore. Learning Green's story was "jarring," she says, given that it meant an enslaved person's labor and technique were crucial ingredients behind one of the world's most iconic spirits brands.

Within months of her discovery, she was renting a house in Lynchburg, Tennessee, and working with a number of researchers to produce a book and documentary.

It was in the midst of an interview with one of Green's descendants that the idea for the whiskey brand came about.

"I asked, 'How would you like to see (Nearest Green) honored?'" she says. "The answer was: with his name on his own bottle."

Tennessee whiskey requires time to age. Time that Weaver believed could be better spent building a brand. And so she launched the brand with sourced whiskey. After the brand gets established, it will begin producing its own.

"We had to define what flavor profile Uncle Nearest would find acceptable," she says.

While Uncle Nearest took an unusual path to being, it has quickly cemented its place. In 2 1/2 years it expanded into all 50 states and 12 countries. And the fourth quarter of 2019 was the fifth straight quarter in which the brand generated at least 100% year-over-year growth and the eighth straight in which its quarter-over-quarter growth exceeded 35 percent.

EDITORIAL

Monuments about more than history

For a long time in Virginia, any discussion about the Confederate monuments in many commonwealth communities stopped at the city or county line. State law prohibited the removal of war memorials, so there wasn't much cause for arguing about it.

That may change this year now that the General Assembly, under Democratic control for the first time in two decades, approved a bill that would leave those decisions to local government officials and, by proxy, the populations of those communities.

It's an appropriate bill to have passed, and not because it means every statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee or "Stonewall" Jackson is destined to soon end up in a local landfill.

Rather, it means that those long-overdue community conversations — about who we honor in our public squares, how we do it and why — can take place with a view toward following through on them.

Our shared spaces should reflect the community's history and values. They should be inclusive and welcoming. They should be thoughtful and dynamic and inspiring.

In short, they should be dramatically different than what we see in most Hampton Roads communities, where statues to Civil War generals or those who fought the war against the Union enjoy places of prominence to the exclusion of nearly all else.

In addition to our rich military history and presence, our region has also been home to leading thinkers and writers, musicians and artists, sportsmen and sportswomen, politicians and community leaders. The stories of these cities are rich and remarkable and centuries in the making.

So why, then, is Johnny Reb the lone figure atop a 50-foot statue when countless men and women have served in combat, before and after the Civil War? Where are the honors for those native daughters and sons who distinguished themselves in music and art rather than the field of battle?

A few years ago, an online petition circulated calling for Portsmouth to replace its Confederate statue with one of rapper and producer "Missy" Elliott, who was born there. While most dismissed the notion as absurd, should not the city celebrate in some substantive way the best-selling female rapper in history and the first female rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame?

Newport News is the birthplace of Pearl Bailey and Ella Fitzgerald, Booker T. Washington taught in Hampton, and goodness knows how many of the world's most accomplished athletes honed their skills here in the 757.

The fight over Confederate monuments is nearly as old as the war itself. It is difficult, if not impossible, to remove that context from these statues, but where one person may see in the face of a Johnny Reb statue a reflection of an ancestor called to battle the Northern invaders, another will see the face of oppression, of servitude, of torture and death.

And there is no easy way to handle that discrepancy or to navigate those treacherous waters without risking further harm, division and alienation. However, the view is different when one takes a step back to look, not at one statue, but the whole of the public square.

Instead of thinking about whether one particular monument should remain or be removed, we should consider whether our public squares accurately reflect the scope of our experience and the depth of our history. We should ask whether they tell our story — our shared story — for residents and visitors alike.

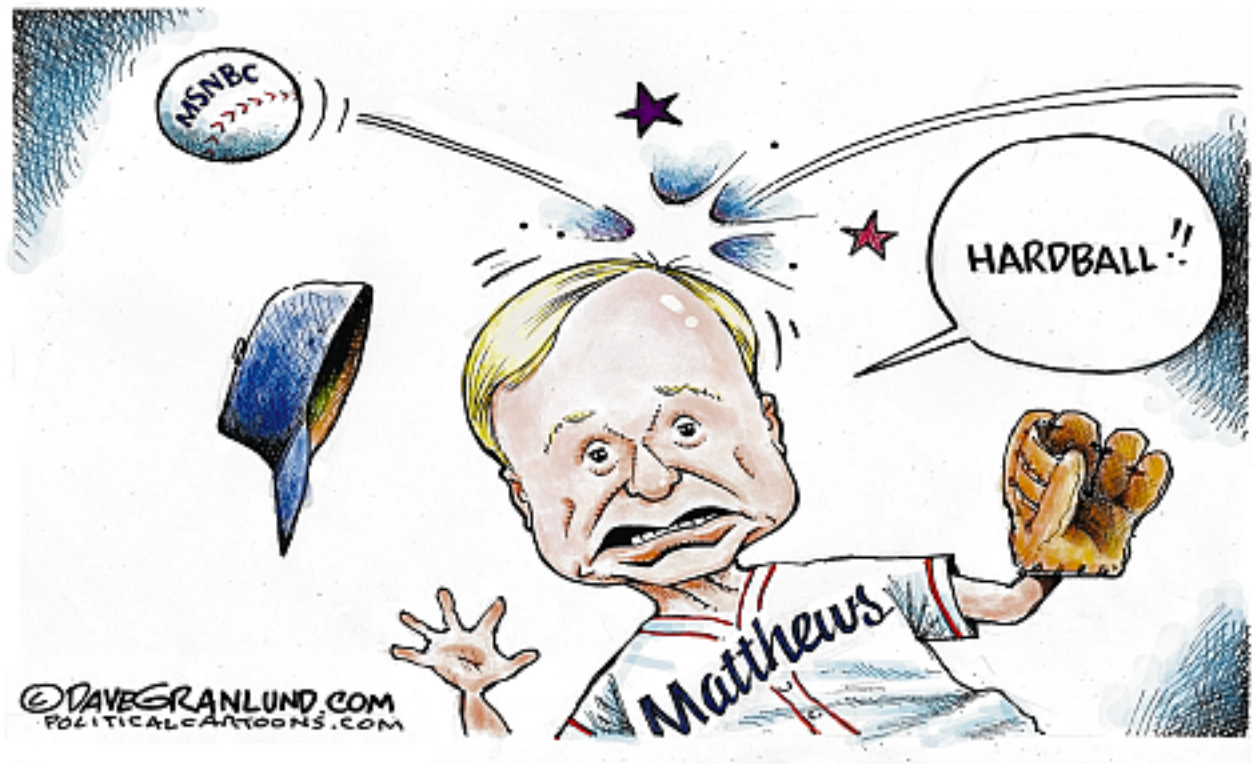
That is an important and worthwhile endeavor, and Virginians across the commonwealth — of all backgrounds and political leaning — should be eager to participate.

It's inevitable that the General Assembly's decision will be met with anger and resentment among some here in Hampton Roads and across the commonwealth.

But this is an important and precious opportunity to come together, to think about the figures who distinguish our communities and to make sure they receive the prominent honors — including, perhaps, monuments and memorials — they are due.

— The Virginian-Pilot

CARTOON



COMMENTARY

Singapore's transparency offers lessons

By FAYE FLAM
Bloomberg Opinion

There is something fascinating about reading Singapore's government-supplied coronavirus outbreak information. The data is organized as an unfolding, public story tracing relevant details of the known cases of COVID-19 diagnosed there.

The website shares the age, sex and occupation of each person who has tested positive for the virus. It reveals where they travelled recently, and when they sought medical help. It explains when they were hospitalized and when they were discharged. There's data on their local whereabouts, including whether they attended either of two large church services which appear to tie together two clusters of the disease.

In contrast, in the United States, there are disturbing revelations of online misinformation, including YouTubers advising people to drink bleach. The president has contradicted scientific consensus in offering reassurances that containment is likely and a vaccine is on the way; experts, including infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci of the NIH, say containment is unlikely and a vaccine could take more than a year to test, develop and deploy.

Now the Trump administration is trying to control the flow of information out of CDC, which is exactly backwards. The CDC or another scientific body should be vetting the statements coming out of the White House.

The freedom to get information about the disease in Singapore, of course, comes at the cost of patient privacy. The Singapore patients aren't named, but there's enough information their identities might be inferred — something that would be scandalous in the United States. News reports also show that in Singapore and elsewhere in Asia, some governments are coercing citizens to disclose their movements in ways that would be unacceptable in a Western democracy.

But the American approach also has drawbacks: the freedom to disseminate information has allowed speculation and conspiracy theory to drown out responsible coverage of the disease, leaving citizens scared and confused.

Some of this misinformation stems from the way scientists are exchanging information now — not through vetted, peer reviewed papers but through hastily posted data, including one paper that suggested that there were similarities between the new coronavirus and HIV. Some conspiracy theorists used that to promote the notion that the virus was bioengineered. The paper was criticized, and the rumor debunked, but scientists argue that the ability to disseminate information fast is worth the price of possible misinformation getting to the public.

The hodgepodge of information, speculation, conspiracy theory and disinformation is what Georgetown University law professor Lawrence Gostin calls an infodemic. The cure isn't to curb freedom of information and the press, but to supply trustworthy sources.

"Where is the surgeon general?" asks Columbia University medical ethicist Art Caplan. In his view, we would benefit from a single, trusted, accountable expert whose job is to keep the public updated. Other candidates could be the NIH's Fauci, the head of CDC or someone else with relevant expertise and some ability to explain science and its inherent uncertainty to the public.

The U.S. could also learn from Singapore's approach to testing for COVID-19. Singapore has been working toward widespread testing using antibodies, which linger after an infection has cleared, and can therefore give information about who has been infected. That would be an improvement over most of the tests done so far, which rely on detecting genetic material from the virus itself, and therefore can't detect those who have harbored and later cleared an infection. Widespread testing of both current and past infections could help scientists understand the spread of the virus and predict who is most at risk.

In contrast, the United States has been slow to deploy any tests at all. It took more than a week for anyone to test a hospitalized women in California who represents the first case in the country of community spread — someone who hasn't been to China or in close contact with anyone who has.

Last week's New York Times has suggested that we "Go Medieval" against this new scourge — using such tactics as mandatory testing, as Cuba did for HIV, or quarantine, which has been used since the days of the Black Death.

Americans are unlikely to tolerate the kinds of mass quarantines imposed in China. However, even liberty-minded Americans should be willing to sacrifice some privacy in order to help experts trace the spread of the disease; and it's not unreasonable to ask a few people likely to have been exposed to stay home for a while. Extensive voluntary testing, surveillance and contact tracing could work — and avoid the sacrifice of freedom required to go Medieval.

A noncoercive, cooperative fight against the virus, however, might require public trust in the government, the press and scientists. In the United States, there was once a system in which the press held government accountable and communities held newspapers accountable. Now people get much of their information from social media. The president calls reporters enemies of the people and uses Twitter to send out misleading notions about vaccines and climate science.

COVID-19 will test democracies' principles of freedom and commitment to human rights. We will have to walk a fine line between letting transparency and reason prevail, and taking sensible precautions to save lives.

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Customers look at mostly empty shelves that usually have bottled water at a Target store on Monday in San Rafael, Calif. As fears of the Coronavirus are spreading, people are emptying the shelves of cleaning supplies, protective masks and bottled water at some stores.



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Biden wins Virginia, Sanders takes Colorado

EDITOR'S NOTE: *All of Tuesday's election results were not available by this newspaper's deadline.*

By MARK Z. BARABAK
Los Angeles Times

Former Vice President Joe Biden notched victories in Alabama, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia while Sen. Bernie Sanders captured his home state of Vermont as well as Colorado as the two battled coast-to-coast on Super Tuesday.

Other states, including Arkansas, Maine, Tennessee and Texas, were too close to call. Sen. Elizabeth Warren was in a close fight to hang onto her home state of Massachusetts, a virtual must-win as she struggles to keep her campaign alive.

Sanders' victory in the state he has represented for nearly 30 years in Congress, as a congressman and U.S. senator, was widely expected. Young voters and independents pushed him to victory in Colorado.

Biden's three Southern state wins were powered in good part by massive support among black voters — the bedrock of his campaign — and late deciders evidently impressed by his crushing victory in Saturday's South Carolina primary.

In neighboring North Carolina, nearly 6 in 10 voters made up their minds in recent days and most backed the former vice president. In Alabama, nearly 4 in 10 voters were late deciders and more than 60% backed Biden.

At stake Tuesday in 14 states and American Samoa were just over a third of the pledged delegates needed to win the nomination at the party's July convention in Milwaukee.

The competition amounted to a fight pitting muscle against momentum and money.

Sanders, who waged a strong bid for the 2016 nomination, was the candidate with muscle, a powerful turnout operation financed by an enormous fundraising base and a national army of devoted fans.

Ivan DePaz voted for the Vermont senator just as he did four years ago.

"I love what he's done. I love that he stands by what he says, and he's been doing that since he started," the 55-year-old talent manager said after casting his ballot in Los Angeles' Los Feliz neighborhood.

Biden was riding a huge wave of momentum from his South Carolina win, which forced three rivals from the race and drew many pillars of the party establishment to his side.

The strong showing was also enough to bring Frank Anderson around.

The 74-year-old retired hospital administrator in Birmingham, Ala., had long considered himself a Biden man. But he began to worry after the former vice president slumped in Iowa and New Hampshire, finishing in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

South Carolina alleviated Anderson's concerns. "Now I think he is the guy," he said.

The candidate with money — in staggering sums — is former New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, who faced voters for the first time after skipping the race's early contests. After two uninspiring debate performances, he was braced for a poor showing despite lavishing more than $660 million on his candidacy, including more than $224 million on Super Tuesday advertising alone.

Speaking to reporters at a Miami field office, Bloomberg said he wasn't counting on winning a single state and suggested his hopes rested on Democrats turning to him in the event of a deadlocked convention — the same scenario Warren clings to.

"You don't have to win states," Bloomberg said, "you have to win delegates."

He did manage to score a victory in American Samoa, good for four convention delegates. But even before Tuesday's first votes were counted, Bloomberg's campaign manager sounded as though his candidate was preparing a possible exit from the race.

"We will find out how well he does tonight and we'll find out whether Mike Bloomberg is on his way to becoming the candidate, or we will find out if Mike Bloomberg is going to be the most important person to whomever that candidate is," Kevin Sheekey told reporters ahead of a Florida campaign rally.

In Sacramento, Calif., one high-profile voter declined to reveal his pick.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, who originally supported California Sen. Kamala Harris until she quit the race in December, said it was better for him to keep mum for now.

"I felt like we're at a moment where I was hoping we might find some unity," Newsom told reporters as he cast his ballot Tuesday morning at the California Museum in Sacramento, "and I think my voice is better served in that space than asserting myself on an endorsement that at the end of the day might not amount to much."



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Voters move through a line to cast their ballots at the Ace Hotel on Broadway in downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Release date for John Bolton's White House memoir pushed back

NEW YORK — Simon & Schuster announced Tuesday it was pushing back the release date of former National Security Adviser John Bolton's highly anticipated book about his time in the Trump White House.

The publisher cited an ongoing government security review of the manuscript as a reason for the delay.

Simon & Schuster announced a $2 million deal for the book in November. The book reportedly includes allegations that President Donald Trump pressured the Ukrainian government to investigate Joe Biden, an issue that was central to the president's impeachment. However, the Senate voted against hearing witnesses during its trial.

At a public speaking event in February, Bolton referred to Ukraine portions of the book as "the sprinkles on an ice cream sundae, in terms of the book. This is an effort to write history."

According to the Washington Post, Trump has directly involved himself in the White House's review of the book.

Trump reportedly said "everything he uttered to the departed aide about national security is classified and that he will seek to block the book's publication, according to two people familiar with the conversations."

— New York Daily News

Supreme Court justices question SEC's power to recoup billions

WASHINGTON — U.S. Supreme Court justices appeared ready to limit the Securities and Exchange Commission's ability to recoup ill-gotten profits from wrongdoers, hearing arguments on a legal tool the commission has used to collect billions of dollars.

In an hourlong session in Washington on Tuesday, the justices considered the SEC's use of "disgorgement" to collect money from someone the commission sues in federal court. Disgorgement is distinct from fines and other penalties the SEC seeks, in part because it's geared toward reimbursing victims.

The justices didn't appear willing to altogether eliminate disgorgement, which opponents say the SEC is using as an illegal punishment. The argument suggested the court instead might bar the commission from collecting more than the amount of profit a defendant gained through fraud. The justices also indicated they might require the agency to return more money to harmed investors.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor focused on the SEC's practice of sending much of the money it collects to the Treasury. "If the Treasury is getting it, we don't really know if it's being used to help investors," she said.

Without the disputed power, the SEC wouldn't have been able to use federal courts to obtain about $1.5 billion in disgorgement orders last year, according to Urska Velikonja, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center who tracks the agency's enforcement data.

President Donald Trump's administration and the SEC are defending the power, saying it comes from federal courts' inherent authority and three statutes passed by Congress, including the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

The Sarbanes-Oxley law doesn't explicitly mention disgorgement but says judges hearing SEC enforcement actions can award "any equitable relief" they deem appropriate to protect investors. Courts have traditionally viewed disgorgement as an "equitable" measure, which means judges make awards based on fairness rather than strict legal rules.

The justices are hearing an appeal by Charles Liu and Xin Wang, a California couple fighting a $27 million disgorgement order. They were found to have defrauded people seeking to take advantage of a visa program for foreigners who make large U.S. investments. Liu and Wang were accused of falsely telling investors their money would be used for a cancer treatment center.

Liu and Wang's attorneys say the order in their case went well beyond the $8 million the trial judge found they had gained from their scheme.

— Bloomberg News

Feds deport 119 Cubans back to Havana on flight

MIAMI — Immigration officials deported 119 Cubans back to Havana on Friday, in a flight that departed from Miami International Airport.

The Cuba repatriation flight is at least the third in the past six months. The Trump administration's efforts to detain and send undocumented Cubans back to the island got a boost in September, when the agency announced it successfully completed what it called one of the "largest" Cuba repatriation missions in recent history.

The size and nature of that "historic" flight — which deported 120 Cubans out of Louisiana — has now become the norm, some local immigration experts say, with recent repatriation flights regularly taking more than 100 Cubans back to Havana.

"That number is no longer a shocking number," said Wilfredo Allen, a longtime Miami immigration attorney. "Years ago, people would gasp at this news. But now, there is no surprise that 120 Cubans are deported. It's normal."

Over the years, special privileges for Cubans have withered away. The White House has tightened restrictions on travel to Cuba, allowed lawsuits in U.S. courts against anyone that profits from Cuban properties seized by the Castro government and slapped sanctions on delivery of oil from Venezuela to the island.

In 2019, more than twice as many Cubans were deported than in 2018, according to recent data. In December, federal officials released the latest deportation statistics, which showed that 1,179 Cubans were detained nationwide during the 2019 fiscal year, compared to 463 in 2018. In 2017 there were 160 arrests.

The ICE data does not break down the deportation by state or region so it's unclear how many Cubans were detained and deported from South Florida during its most recent flight, as well as the previous others. It's still unclear whether the people on the Havana flight consisted of recent arrivals, or people who have illegally remained in the country.

—Miami Herald

Iran denies nuclear inspectors access to possible sites

VIENNA — Iran has been blocking international nuclear inspectors from investigating possible secret nuclear activities at two sites, the International Atomic Energy Agency said on Tuesday.

The IAEA report, which was seen by dpa, added to the list of unresolved questions about the Islamic Republic's nuclear past.

A separate report by the Vienna-based agency said Iran boosted its enriched uranium stock far above the limit set by the 2015 nuclear deal with major powers. The agreement aimed to ease concerns about possible nuclear weapons projects by curbing Tehran's nuclear program.

The IAEA said it has questions about three undeclared sites where nuclear materials were possibly used or stored, and that it told Tehran that it would visit two of them in January.

— Tribune News Service

Mohawk Valley forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. Gusts as high as 41 mph. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. Gusts as high as 24 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Friday: Rain and snow, with a high near 41. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.

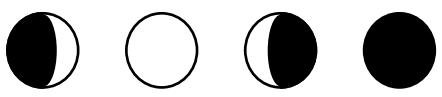
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

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Sports

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Boone: Judge will be ready for opener

BY KRISTIE ACKERT
New York Daily News

TAMPA — Aaron Boone is still holding out hope that Aaron Judge will be in his lineup on Opening Day — even after Brian Cashman said it would be unlikely at this point. The Yankees manager said that he will not rule out Judge until they know what is ailing his right shoulder or pectoral area.

"I just, I don't know. I mean, I think we're gonna sit here and speculate. I think it's premature," Boone said after the Yankees 9-1 win over the Red Sox at George M. Steinbrenner Field. "I understand you want the answer on it but, you know, the bottom line is (he's) been doing better the last few days so until we get to the bottom of what exactly is going on. If anything, then we'll have a better idea."

Boone has been encouraged throughout this process that Judge is close to returning to baseball activities. Tuesday, however, the slugger was not active. Instead, Judge had two more medical tests and by early evening, the Yankees were not revealing the results.

"I think most of the tests are being finished up today," Boone said.

Earlier, before the game, Cashman has said it would be hard with just three-and-a-half weeks left in spring training to expect Judge to be ready for the March 26 opener in Baltimore.

"I don't see it right now," the GM said. "It's more likely than not, I don't see him ready by Opening Day, because of the time frame."

Boone said that players can ramp up at different paces.

"I think it depends year in, year out, you know ... there were years where I felt great and it came kind of quick. There were other times where it took all the spring training and kind of searching for it," Boone said. "You know, especially as a hitter. Those are things that can kind of come and go a little bit.

"As far as, then it's building up getting the reps of building up where you're playing nine innings back to back, and getting your body used to handling that," Boone continued. "That's the thing that becomes the biggest challenge."

Judge has not swung on the field yet this spring. He felt shoulder discomfort and was sent to New York when he first started swinging in January. He was shut down after an MRI and just began ramping up again when he felt the discomfort behind his right pectoral muscle.

Despite illness, Yankees ace Gerrit Cole will make scheduled spring training start on Thursday »

While Aaron Boone said Sunday it was the same issue, Cashman made clear on Tuesday the discomfort has moved.

"Before it was the shoulder now it's moved on down towards the pec," Cashman said. "So it's different."

First the Yankees have to diagnose what is happening with Judge and then figure out how to get him ready. With 23 days until Opening Day, the deadline for him to get back on the field is closing quickly.



DOUG DEFELICE/USA TODAY SPORTS

New York Yankees rightfielder Aaron Judge fields a ball during spring training at George M. Steinbrenner Field on Feb. 21.



ERICA MILLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Waterford-Halfmoon's TJ Kelley makes the two winning foul shots during a Section II Class C boys' basketball semifinal game at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls on Tuesday.

SECTION II BOYS' BASKETBALL

Fort Plain drops heartbreaker

BY MICHAEL KELLY
Sports Editor

GLENS FALLS — It was a close game that could have gone either way.

Just like the game's final call.

"It was a 50-50 [call]," Waterford-Halfmoon junior TJ Kelley said. "It could've went both ways."

But that play went the way of Kelley and Waterford-Halfmoon, as the Fordians continued their underdog run through the Section II Class C boys' basketball tournament with a 54-52 win Tuesday at Cool Insuring Arena against Fort Plain.

Tied at 52, Waterford-Halfmoon worked the clock down to its final seconds, then got the ball to Kelley who made his move from the perimeter. Three Fort Plain defenders converged, Kelley put up an off-balance shot on the move . . . and a foul was called with 0.6 seconds left in regulation to send Kelley to the foul line.

"That call's never made," Fort Plain head coach Casey Russom said. "I don't see that call made very often."

One swish put Waterford-Halfmoon ahead, then Kelley added another before a desperation heave from Fort Plain missed as time expired on the Hilltoppers' season. Like Kelley, Waterford-Halfmoon head coach Brian Eastman referred to the last-second foul as a "50-50 call," but he liked the way his player put himself in position to get to the free-throw line.

"That's the thing with being aggressive and driving," Eastman said. "He created the contact."

With the victory against Fort Plain (No. 7, 17-6), Waterford-Halfmoon (No. 11, 17-6) earned the chance to take on Lake George (No. 4, 18-5) in Friday's final at Cool Insuring Arena. Kelley led the Fordians with a game-high 27 points, and the junior guard helped key Waterford-Halfmoon's comeback after it trailed 32-21 at halftime.

"We had to fight back," Kelley said.

Waterford-Halfmoon did, outscoring Fort Plain 22-8 in the third quarter after the Hilltoppers had taken control in the second with a 14-1 run to start it.

"We found the fire to come back," Kelley said.

Waterford-Halfmoon's full-court pressure defense caused problems for Fort Plain in the third quarter.

"It just kind of sped us up and we took some quick shots, some out-of-control shots that led to some easy baskets going the other way without even turning the ball over," Russom said. "That's something we worked on in practice and we talked about it. We just didn't handle that well in the third quarter."

Trailing 43-40 heading into the fourth quarter, Fort Plain battled back. A 3-pointer from Fort Plain sophomore Levi Thomas on the final period's opening possession tied the game, and the teams were never separated by more than five

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SECTION II GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Mekeel Christian eliminates Johnstown

BY STAN HUDY
Staff writer

AVERILL PARK — Survive and advance.

In Tuesday night's Section II Class B girls' semifinals, Mekeel Christian Academy and Mechanicville both raced out to sizable leads, but then saw it dwindle, if not evaporate.

However, Mekeel Christian and Mechanicville managed to survive a pair of comebacks to advance to Saturday's 12:45 p.m. championship game at Hudson Valley Community College.

Mekeel Christian needed overtime to get past a tenacious Johnstown squad 67-57, and Mechanicville held off top-seeded Schalmont 53-48.

Mekeel Christian (No. 3, 21-2) took 10-point first quarter lead against Johnstown (No. 7, 13-10). The Lady Bills slowly chipped away at the lead.

Johnstown tied the contest in the opening minute of the fourth quarter and took its only lead of the contest, 54-53, on the back half of Jaden Wilson's pair of free throws with 17 seconds left.

Mekeel knotted it at 54-54 on a free throw by Mikyla Mitchell with 13 seconds left.

"We were playing uphill the whole way," Johnstown coach Tim Derwin said. "We missed

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STAN HUDY/STAFF WRITER

Johnstown senior Amber Tesi is guarded outside the lane by Mekeel Christian's Mikyla Mitchell (12) and Promise Mitchell (34) during the first half of Tuesday's Section II Class B semifinal at Averill Park High School.



BRAD PENNER/USA TODAY SPORTS

New York Rangers right wing Kaapo Kakko, left, gets tangled up with St. Louis Blues defenseman Marco Scandella during the second period at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night.

NHL

Schenn wraps up Blues win

Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — The St. Louis Blues went 8 minutes 57 seconds between their first and second shots of the third period. But Brayden Schenn made that second shot count with a wraparound goal to snap a 1-1 tie midway through the third period.

That proved to be the game-winner as the Blues won their eighth consecutive game, 3-1 over the New York Rangers on Tuesday at Madison Square Garden.

Jaden Schwartz added an empty-net goal with 5.9 seconds left, but Schenn's goal was his fifth game-winner of the season.

It looked like Schenn actually might have been trying to feed Ryan O'Reilly in front of the net, but on its way through the legs of New York Rangers goalie Alexander Georgiev, the puck struck Georgiev's right skate and deflected into the net.

It was Schenn's 25th goal of the season, and his fifth goal in as many games. And that matched a career high for Schenn who also scored goals in five consecutive contests in Games 2-6 of this season.

With the win, the Blues improved 40-17-10, for 90 points, moving three points ahead of second place Colorado in the Central Division. The Avalanche have three games in hand.

Jordan Binnington stopped 25 of 26 shots, including several tough chances in the third period, to win his sixth game in a row and his 30th of the season.

During his personal six-game winning streak, Binnington has a 1.49 goals-against average and a save percentage of .934.

Colton Parayko's ninth goal of the season, and his seventh over his last 14 games, pulled the Blues into a 1-1 in the second period.

The second period began with the Rangers on the power play for the first 66 seconds. But the Blues killed that off and then went on the power play themselves just second later when the Rangers' Ryan Strome was whistled for slashing O'Reilly

On the power play New York's Mika Zibanejad's attempted clearing pass went right to Parayko in the left circle. Parayko then beat Georgiev at the 2:35 mark of the second to tie the game with a one-timer.

It was a physical, tight-checking game, with only 30 combined shots on goal through two periods — 16 by the Blues and 14 by New York.

In the first period, it took eight minutes before the Rangers had their first shot on goal, but they led 1-0 over the Blues after the first period.

Zibanejad scored his 33rd goal of the season with 7:34 remaining in the opening period. He was left alone down low to the right of goalie Jordan Binnington for his 13th power play goal of the season.

Robert Bortuzzo was in the box for tripping at the the time.

Parayko was in the lineup even though he missed Monday's practice in St. Louis due to illness and did not participate in an optional morning skate Tuesday at the Garden.

Jordan Kyrou, who missed the Dallas game Saturday because he was sick, was replaced in the lineup once again Tuesday by Jacob de la Rose.

Bortuzzo replaced Carl Gunnarsson on defense, marking the first time in 14 games Gunnarsson has been a healthy scratch.

BRUINS 2, LIGHTNING 1

TAMPA, Fla. — The Lightning were slow out the gate, and that doesn't cut it against the top team in the league. The Bruins took the game to Tampa Bay early and went on to win.

The Bruins hemmed the Lightning into their own zone for most of the first period. Through 10 minutes, Tampa Bay only put four shots on net. Meanwhile, Boston tested Andrei Vasilevskiy over and over.

Bruins winger Brad Marchand finally broke through with a power-play goal inside the final minute of that first frame. Torey Krug set him up with an incredible pass to the goal front. Marchand beat Mikhail Sergachev to the crease, tipping the puck past Vasilevskiy.

It looked like Yanni Gourde tied the game up for the out-played Lightning early in the second period. Zach Bogosian set him up for an impressive one-timer from the top of the right circle. But the Bruins challenged the goal and the officials called it off for an offside play.

Jake DeBrusk scored on a breakaway midway through the second. An ill-advised pass deep in the offensive zone became a turnover that sprung DeBrusk. Bogosian dove and swiped at the stick, but caught the player instead, and was called for tripping. DeBrusk, however, hopped back up and continued on net, expanding the Bruins' lead to two goals.

Mitchell Stephens finally put the Lightning on the board late in the second period. He battled for space in front of the net. Stephens got free just as Tyler Johnson put a shot on net, but couldn't get out of the way of the puck. He knocked the shot down and then jumped on the loose puck to score himself.

The Lightning played a strong third period, but the Bruins had seized control too early for Tampa Bay to flip this one.

PENGUINS 7, SENATORS 3

PITTSBURGH — Two hours before puck drop at PPG Paints Arena — in those uncertain moments when time slows to a crawl and the range of possible outcomes feels endless — Penguins coach Mike Sullivan was asked what his team's six-game losing streak had done to his club.

Sure, the impact was obvious in the standings. The Penguins had tumbled from the top of the Metropolitan Division to third, just two points ahead of the last wild card spot. But the question was, had there been any similar decline in confidence?

"For players, confidence is fleeting," Sullivan said. "You can get it back as quick as you lose it."

When the puck finally dropped, that quote was almost prophetic.

During a 7-3 victory over the lowly Ottawa Senators, the Penguins began to get their swagger back. Pittsburgh's leading goal-scorer Bryan Rust recorded his third career hat trick. Sidney Crosby and Jason Zucker each posted three-point nights. And Conor Sheary scored in his first game back at PPG Paints Arena in a Penguins uniform since the 2018 postseason.

But really, the losing streak that spanned six games and 14 days began to be stopped in its tracks just 48 seconds into the game.

Rookie defenseman John Marino rejoined the lineup for the first game since a Steven Stamkos slap shot broke three bones in his face. On the first shot of the game, Marino's wrister from the point gave the Penguins a 1-0 lead.

Less than a minute later, the lead was 2-0. Sheary tossed a puck through the crease looking for Crosby. A good pass would have been a guaranteed assist for Sheary. He got a goal instead when the puck missed Crosby's blade and Senators defenseman Mike Reilly batted it into his own net.

During this slump, captain Crosby has also been critical of his own performance. He had tallied just a single point and minus-8 rating. But on a night the Penguins exercised nearly every demon, he lit the lamp with less than three minutes left in the second period to extend the score to 4-1.

SUMMARIES

St. Louis 3, NY Rangers 1

St. Louis	**0**	**1**	**2—3**
NY Rangers	**1**	**0**	**0—1**

First Period—1, NY Rangers, Zibanejad 33 (Strome, Buchnevich) 12:26 (pp). Penalties—Bortuzzo, STL (Tripping), 11:32; De La Rose, STL (Interference), 19:06.

Second Period—2, St. Louis, Parayko 9 (unassisted) 2:35 (pp). Penalties—Strome, NYR (Slashing), 1:13; Faulk, STL (Slashing), 8:42.

Third Period—3, St. Louis, Schenn 25 (Schwartz, Parayko) 9:56. 4, St. Louis, Schwartz 21 (O'Reilly, Schenn) 19:54 (en).

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 7-9-6—22. NY Rangers 7-7-12—26.

Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 1 of 1. NY Rangers 1 of 3.

Goalies—St. Louis Binnington 30-11-7 (26 shots-25 saves). NY Rangers Georgiev 16-14-1 (21-19).

A—16,091 (18,200). T—2:10. Referees—Kyle Rehman, Dean Morton. Linesmen—Steve Barton, Kiel Murchison.

Montreal 6, NY Islanders 2

Montreal	**3**	**1**	**2—6**
NY Islanders	**0**	**0**	**2—2**

First Period—1, Montreal, Gallagher 22 (Chiarot, Danault) 13:31. 2, Montreal, Petry 11 (Gallagher, Danault) 15:43. 3, Montreal, Hudon 1 (unassisted) 18:34. Penalties—Lee, NYI major (Fighting), 16:16; Folin, MON major (Fighting), 16:16.

Second Period—4, Montreal, Byron 4 (Armia) 12:35 (sh). Penalties—Domi, MON (Tripping), 11:35; Ouellet, MON (Holding), 17:33.

Third Period—5, NY Islanders, Nelson 24 (Bailey) 6:14. 6, Montreal, Weal 8 (Lehkonen) 15:28. 7, NY Islanders, Pulock 8 (Nelson, Eberle) 16:21 (pp). 8, Montreal, Armia 16 (unassisted) 17:10 (sh) (en). Penalties—Chiarot, MON (Holding), 15:44; Lehkonen, MON (Delay of game), 15:55.

Shots on Goal—Montreal 12-5-10—27. NY Islanders 7-7-8—22.

Power-play opportunities— NY Islanders 1 of 4.

Goalies—Montreal Price 27-23-6 (22 shots-20 saves). NY Islanders Varlamov 19-13-5 (14-12), Greiss 0-0-0 (12-9).

A—12,788 (18,103). T—2:26. Referees—Dan O'Halloran, Peter MacDougall. Linesmen—Trent Knorr, Derek Amell.

Pittsburgh 7, Ottawa 3

Ottawa	**1**	**0**	**2—3**
Pittsburgh	**3**	**1**	**3—7**

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Marino 6 (Malkin, Zucker) 0:48. 2, Pittsburgh, Sheary 10 (Dumoulin, Letang) 1:39. 3, Ottawa, Hawryluk 2 (Reilly, White) 16:24. 4, Pittsburgh, Rust 25 (Malkin, Crosby) 19:15 (pp). Penalties—Johnson, PIT (Interference), 4:25; Ryan, OTT (Holding the stick), 13:18; Zaitsev, OTT (Hooking), 18:10.

Second Period—5, Pittsburgh, Crosby 14 (Zucker) 17:21. Penalties—Tierney, OTT double minor (High Sticking - Double Minor), 5:56; Lafferty, PIT (Tripping), 11:16.

Third Period—6, Pittsburgh, Zucker 20 (Sheary, Crosby) 0:36. 7, Ottawa, Tkachuk 19 (Zaitsev, White) 1:09. 8, Ottawa, Brown 15 (Chabot) 11:27. 9, Pittsburgh, Rust 26 (Marleau, Malkin) 13:29. 10, Pittsburgh, Rust 27 (Malkin) 17:10. Penalties—Sheary, PIT (Hooking), 5:50; Chabot, OTT (Tripping), 6:32; Dumoulin, PIT (Hooking), 9:23.

Shots on Goal—Ottawa 8-10-8—26. Pittsburgh 10-9-16—35.

Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 4. Pittsburgh 1 of 5.

Goalies—Ottawa Anderson 9-16-2 (35 shots-28 saves). Pittsburgh Murray 18-10-5 (26-23).

A—18,455 (18,387). T—2:32. Referees—Justin St. Pierre, T.J. Luxmore. Linesmen—Bryan Pancich, Greg Devorski.

Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1

Boston	**1**	**1**	**0—2**
Tampa Bay	**0**	**1**	**0—1**

First Period—1, Boston, Marchand 28 (Krug, Pastrnak) 19:05 (pp). Penalties—Shattenkirk, TB (Hooking), 2:35; Carlo, BOS (Tripping), 14:09.

Second Period—2, Boston, DeBrusk 19 (Coyle) 10:06 (pp). 3, Tampa Bay, Stephens 3 (Johnson, Goodrow) 17:28 (sh). Penalties—Gourde, TB (Tripping), 5:46; Sergachev, TB (Slashing), 12:54; Nordstrom, BOS major (Fighting), 19:56; Gourde, TB major (Fighting), 19:56.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Boston 14-17-4—35. Tampa Bay 9-5-7—21.

Goalies—Boston Rask 25-7-6 (21 shots-20 saves). Tampa Bay Vasilevskiy 33-13-3 (36-34).

T—2:32. Referees—Ghislain Hebert, Gord Dwyer. Linesmen—Libor Suchanek, James Tobias.

Minnesota 3, Nashville 1

Nashville	**0**	**0**	**1—1**
Minnesota	**2**	**0**	**1—3**

First Period—1, Minnesota, Kunin 14 (Eriksson Ek) 4:07. 2, Minnesota, Fiala 21 (Suter) 12:04.

Second Period—Penalties—Fabbro, NAS (Slashing), 3:19; bench, NAS (Too many men on ice), 5:00; Foligno, MIN (Tripping), 7:43; Smith, NAS (Slashing), 14:54; Greenway, MIN (Goaltender interference), 18:21; Greenway, MIN (Goaltender interference), 18:21; Hartman, MIN (Slashing), 19:03; Granlund, NAS (Holding), 19:27.

Third Period—3, Minnesota, Parise 24 (Staal, Fiala) 1:38. 4, Nashville, Smith 18 (Forsberg, Josi) 5:07 (pp). Penalties—Galchenyuk, MIN (Hooking), 4:53; Ellis, NAS (Interference), 9:10; Weber, NAS (Interference), 12:26; Granlund, NAS (Tripping), 14:59; Brodin, MIN (Tripping), 17:40.

Shots on Goal—Nashville 6-15-17—38. Minnesota 12-10-11—33.

Power-play opportunities—Nashville 1 of 5. Minnesota 0 of 7.

Goalies—Nashville Saros 14-11-4 (33 shots-30 saves). Minnesota Stalock 19-10-4 (47-46).

A—17,242 (18,064). T—2:32. Referees—Francois St. Laurent, Frederic L'Ecuyer. Linesmen—Derek Nansen, Scott Driscoll.

Winnipeg 3, Buffalo 1

Buffalo	**0**	**1**	**0—1**
Winnipeg	**2**	**1**	**0—3**

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Connor 34 (Wheeler) 13:59. 2, Winnipeg, Poolman 3 (Connor, Copp) 16:05 (sh). Penalties—Roslovic, WIN (Hooking), 7:49; Shore, WIN (Slashing), 14:46.

Second Period—3, Winnipeg, Connor 35 (Scheifele, Wheeler) 3:41 (pp). 4, Buffalo, Ristolainen 6 (Okposo, Larsson) 10:34. Penalties—Ristolainen, BUF (Tripping), 3:12; bench, BUF (Too many men on ice), 4:39; Simmonds, BUF (Roughing), 12:29.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 11-8-7—26. Winnipeg 13-14-8—35.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 2. Winnipeg 1 of 3.

Goalies—Buffalo Hutton 12-13-4 (35 shots-32 saves). Winnipeg Hellebuyck 28-21-5 (26-25).

A—15,325 (15,004). T—2:16. Referees—Eric Furlatt, Francis Charron. Linesmen—David Brisebois, Brian Murphy.

NBA

Brooklyn tops Celtics in OT

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BOSTON — With Jayson Tatum at home with an illness, Gordon Hayward back in the post-halftime locker room with a knee contusion, and Kemba Walker on a strict minutes restriction, Brad Stevens resorted to hockey shifts.

And as the Celtics coach went deep into his bench, and initially watched the Celtics lead soar as high as 21 points, before the bottom fell out in Tuesday night's 129-120 overtime loss to Brooklyn. Including Saturday night's loss to Houston, it was their second straight overtime loss.

The Celtics, who led by 18 points one hoop into the fourth quarter, were caught taking their foot off the gas, and fell prey to a 51-point explosion by Nets guard Caris Levert, who scored 23 points in the fourth quarter and followed it up by scoring all 11 Brooklyn points in overtime.

Walker, who had missed the previous five games with a sore knee, showed some understandable rust in a 23-minute, 21-point, 6-for-16 return to action. Jaylen Brown led the Celtics with 22 points in 35 heavy minutes, but did not come out for overtime while receiving treatment on the sideline.

SPURS 104, HORNETS 103

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Hornets went without a shot in their final possession, allowing the San Antonio Spurs to escape with a victory at Spectrum Center.

Hornets point guard Terry Rozier drove to the rim, drew multiple defenders, and whipped a one-handed pass to rookie Cody Martin. He couldn't handle the ball, the Spurs grabbed it in and the clock sounded on a game the Hornets once led by 17 in the first half.

Dejounte Murray led the Spurs (26-34) with 21 points. Rozier finished with 20 points and P.J. Washington added 19 on a night when guard Devonte Graham sat out with a sore left ankle.

The Spurs were coached by former superstar Tim Duncan, who joined San Antonio's staff this season. Coach Gregg Popovich couldn't be at the game, the team said, due to a family issue.

The Hornets finished the game with a 47-33 rebounding advantage.

BOX SCORIES

Brooklyn 129, Boston 120 (OT)

BROOKLYN (129)

LeVert 17-26 12-18 51, Dinwiddie 4-10 4-7 14, J.Harris 4-11 0-0 10, Prince 1-8 0-0 2, J.Allen 3-8 2-2 8, Jordan 3-4 2-2 8, Luwawu-Cabarrot 4-11 6-6 16, Kurucs 2-6 1-1 5, Chiozza 3-5 0-0 8, Temple 1-6 2-2 4, W.Chandler 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 43-100 29-38 129.

BOSTON (120)

Smart 5-15 0-0 14, Theis 7-11 2-2 16, J.Brown 7-16 5-7 22, Walker 6-16 5-5 21, Hayward 3-8 0-0 7, Wanamaker 4-8 0-0 9, G.Williams 2-6 0-0 4, Jv.Green 1-3 0-0 2, Kanter 2-6 1-2 5, Ojeleye 0-1 0-0 0, Edwards 3-8 0-0 8, Williams III 3-3 4-7 10, Langford 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 44-103 17-23 120.

Brooklyn	**28**	**15**	**24**	**51**	**11—129**
Boston	**33**	**23**	**28**	**34**	**2—120**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 14-49 (LeVert 5-10, Chiozza 2-3, Dinwiddie 2-5, J.Harris 2-5, Luwawu-Cabarrot 2-9, W.Chandler 1-4, Kurucs 0-3, Prince 0-5, Temple 0-5), Boston 15-49 (Walker 4-12, Smart 4-14, J.Brown 3-9, Edwards 2-5, Hayward 1-2, Wanamaker 1-3, Langford 0-1, Theis 0-1, G.Williams 0-2). Fouled Out—Smart. Rebounds—Brooklyn 63 (Jordan 15), Boston 42 (Jv.Green 8). Assists—Brooklyn 22 (LeVert 5), Boston 24 (Smart 10). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 26 (Jordan, Luwawu-Cabarrot 5), Boston 30 (Smart 6). A—19,156.

San Antonio 104, Charlotte 103

SAN ANTONIO (104)

DeRozan 5-11 2-3 12, Lyles 2-8 1-1 6, D.Murray 9-14 0-0 21, Forbes 4-7 5-6 15, Eubanks 1-1 1-2 3, Gay 4-10 2-2 10, Walker IV 2-6 0-0 5, Mills 4-10 4-4 13, D.White 4-9 2-2 12, K.Johnson 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 38-80 17-20 104.

CHARLOTTE (103)

Rozier 8-18 2-2 20, Washington 6-13 2-4 19, Co.Martin 6-8 0-0 13, Ml.Bridges 5-14 3-3 15, Zeller 4-6 0-3 8, McDaniels 3-7 0-0 6, Ca.Martin 5-9 0-0 12, W.Hernangomez 2-4 4-4 8, Chealey 0-4 2-2 2. Totals 39-83 13-18 103.

San Antonio	**19**	**30**	**28**	**27**	**—104**
Charlotte	**36**	**22**	**18**	**27**	**—103**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 11-32 (D.Murray 3-5, Forbes 2-5, D.White 2-5, K.Johnson 1-2, Walker IV 1-2, Lyles 1-6, Mills 1-6, Gay 0-1), Charlotte 12-29 (Washington 5-9, Ca.Martin 2-4, Ml.Bridges 2-5, Rozier 2-7, Co.Martin 1-1, McDaniels 0-1, Chealey 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 40 (Gay 7), Charlotte 54 (McDaniels 9). Assists—San Antonio 25 (DeRozan 10), Charlotte 25 (Rozier, McDaniels 5). Total Fouls—San Antonio 16 (DeRozan, D.White, Gay 3), Charlotte 16 (McDaniels 5). A—12,008.

Minnesota 139, New Orleans 134

MINNESOTA (139)

Beasley 11-13 2-2 28, J.Hernangomez 6-11 2-3 16, Russell 8-21 4-4 23, Okogie 4-7 2-2 11, Reid 5-12 2-2 13, J.Johnson 8-14 2-4 19, McLaughlin 6-7 0-0 13, Culver 5-8 0-0 11, Layman 0-2 2-2 2, K.Martin 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 54-97 17-20 139.

NEW ORLEANS (134)

Jr.Holiday 10-16 5-9 27, Ingram 9-17 3-3 24, Ball 9-12 1-2 26, Williamson 10-19 5-9 25, Favors 5-6 0-0 10, Hart 5-13 0-0 11, Melli 2-6 1-2 5, Moore 1-7 0-0 2, F.Jackson 1-4 1-2 4. Totals 52-100 16-27 134.

Minnesota	**28**	**44**	**37**	**30**	**—139**
New Orleans	**31**	**37**	**43**	**23**	**—134**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 14-34 (Beasley 4-5, Russell 3-9, J.Hernangomez 2-5, J.Johnson 1-2, McLaughlin 1-2, Okogie 1-2, Culver 1-3, Reid 1-4, Layman 0-1, K.Martin 0-1), New Orleans 14-39 (Ball 7-10, Ingram 3-7, Jr.Holiday 2-6, F.Jackson 1-2, Hart 1-9, Moore 0-2, Melli 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 50 (Reid 14), New Orleans 55 (Jr.Holiday 10). Assists—Minnesota 31 (Russell 8), New Orleans 37 (Jr.Holiday 12). Total Fouls—Minnesota 22 (Reid, J.Hernangomez 4), New Orleans 18 (Jr.Holiday, Williamson 4). A—15,264.

L.A. Clippers 109, Oklahoma City 94

L.A. CLIPPERS (109)

K.Leonard 9-20 5-6 25, Morris Sr 4-9 0-0 8, George 5-10 3-4 16, Beverley 1-6 0-0 3, Zubac 3-3 3-3 9, R.Jackson 3-8 0-0 7, L.Williams 4-9 5-5 14, Harrell 5-8 6-8 16, Jm.Green 2-3 0-0 6, Shamet 0-4 0-0 0, McGruder 0-0 0-0 0, Coffey 1-3 0-0 2, Patterson 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 38-84 22-26 109.

OKLAHOMA CITY (94)

Gilgeous-Alexander 7-12 0-0 15, Paul 5-11 2-2 14, Gallinari 4-13 3-5 15, Adams 2-6 0-2 4, Dort 1-5 5-5 7, Schroder 9-19 5-7 24, Nader 2-5 1-3 5, Ferguson 0-4 0-0 0, Noel 2-3 0-0 4, Muscala 0-0 0-0 0, Burton 1-1 0-0 3, H.Diallo 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 34-82 17-26 94.

L.A. Clippers	**38**	**21**	**30**	**20**	**—109**
Oklahoma City	**27**	**20**	**23**	**24**	**— 94**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 11-36 (George 3-5, Jm.Green 2-3, K.Leonard 2-6, Patterson 1-1, L.Williams 1-3, R.Jackson 1-4, Beverley 1-5, Shamet 0-4, Morris Sr 0-5), Oklahoma City 9-28 (Gallinari 4-9, Paul 2-4, Burton 1-1, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-2, Schroder 1-4, H.Diallo 0-1, Dort 0-2, Nader 0-2, Ferguson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 41 (K.Leonard 8), Oklahoma City 44 (Adams 10). Assists—L.A. Clippers 19 (L.Williams 4), Oklahoma City 15 (Paul 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 23 (Harrell 4), Oklahoma City 23 (Adams 5). A—NA.

Deputies face discipline over crash photos

BY JOSH SLAGTER
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Vanessa Bryant was "devastated" when she heard the report, and Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva confirmed there were eight deputies who allegedly took or shared photos of the Kobe Bryant helicopter crash.

Villanueva has since ordered those photos to be deleted. The only two groups authorized to take pictures of the scene are the National Transportation Safety Board and the coroner's office.

"We identified the deputies involved, they came to the station on their own and had admitted they had taken them and they had deleted them. And we're content that those involved did that," Villanueva told NBC News.

"We've communicated in no uncertain terms that the behavior is inexcusable. I mean, people are grieving for the loss of their loved ones. To have that on top of what they've already gone through is unconscionable."

Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna were killed along with seven others in a Jan. 26 crash in California. They were on the way to Gianna's basketball game at Bryant's training facility. A "Celebration of Life" was held last week.

Villanueva told KABC-TV that the deputies are facing an investigation and possible disciplinary action. The sheriff's department has a policy involving sharing crime scene photos, but it doesn't apply to crash scenes.

The Los Angeles Times reported last week that a public safety source with knowledge of the events had seen one of the photos on the phone of another official in a setting that was not related to the investigation of the crash. He said the photos showed the scene and victims' remains.

"I personally apologized … on behalf of the poor conduct of our employees and we want to make things right," Villanueva told CNN. "We don't want to extend or increase anybody's anguish."

SCHOOLS

TUESDAY
BOYS' BASKETBALL
Section II Tournament
Semifinals
Class AA
Green Tech 55, Colonie 42
Shenendehowa 66, Niskayuna 49
Class C
Waterford-Halfmoon 54, Fort Plain 52
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Section II Tournament
Semifinals
Class B
Mekeel Christian Academy 67, Johnstown 57
Mechanicville 53, Schalmont 48
Class C
Maple Hill 49, Hoosic Valley 45
Cambridge 84, Berne-Knox-Westerlo 36
HOCKEY
Section II Tournament
Championship
Division 1
Bethlehem 3, Saratoga Springs 2
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TODAY
BOYS' BASKETBALL
Section II Tournament
Semifinals
CLASS D — at Cool Insuring Arena: Argyle vs. Northville, 5; North Warren vs. Germantown, 6:30.
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Section II Tournament
Semifinals
CLASS A — at HVCC: Troy vs. Averill Park, 6; Holy Names vs. Queensbury, 7:30.

SCHOOL ALL-STARS

WRESTLING
FOOTHILLS COUNCIL
FIRST TEAM
99: Avi Berg (Glens Falls) **106:** Chris Petteys (Hoosick Falls) **113:** Carlos Montalvo (Amsterdam) **120:** Renso Montalvo (Amsterdam) **126:** Kaiden Laluna (Queensbury) **132:** Ethan Weller (SGF) **138:** Trevor Robbins (Queensbury) **145:** Jacob Garcia (Amsterdam) **152:** Nick Rodecker (Amsterdam) **160:** Andrew Mickel (Amsterdam) **170:** Will Fraser (Queensbury) **182:** Dylan Schell (Queensbury) **195:** Shawn Stimpson (Queensbury) **220:** Seth Guay (Queensbury) **285:** Andrew Dumas (Schuylerville/Greenwich).
SECOND TEAM
99: Dom Doyle (Hoosick Falls) **106:** Ryan VanGuilder (Queensbury) **113:** Jimar McMaster (Queensbury) **120:** Seamus Paige (Hoosick Falls) **126:** Zach Gillis (Amsterdam) **132:** Jack Repsis (Hoosick Falls); **138:** Kyle Miller (Queensbury) **145:** Lanz James (Queensbury) **152:** Skylar Sturdevant (Glens Falls) **160:** Scott Miller (Queensbury) **170:** Eladio Montalvo (Amsterdam) **182:** Alejandro Christopher (Amsterdam) **195:** Isaiah Murray (Glens Falls) **220:** Aiden Mickel (South Glens Falls); **285:** Christian Robinson (Amsterdam)/ Carter Gray (Hoosick Falls).
PATROON CONFERENCE
FIRST TEAM
99: Vincent Colvin (MH); **106:** Kieran Cullen (GV); **113:** Logan Campbell (C-A); **120:** Javier Ayarza (MH); **126:** Caleb Svingala (MH); **132:** Aiden Cullen (GV); 138: James Colvin (MH); **145:** Jesse Davies (Cat); **152:** Daniel Forbes (Cat); **160:** Colin Riley (C-A); **170:** Stephen Forbes (Cat); **182:** Colby Lord (C-A); **195:** Christopher Doty (TH); **220:** Seth Dillworth (CA); **285:** Edward Smither (TH)
SECOND TEAM
99: Neil Murphy (C-A); **106:** Thomas Mehrige (MH); **113:** Aidan Scarpinati (C-A); **120:** Josiah Decker (C-A); **126:** Vincent Davis (GV); **132:** Anthony Ortiz (MH); **138:** Noah Bartels (C-A); **145:** Cody Chicoine (MH); **152:** Anthony Iammuno (C-A); **160:** Reese Steele (MH); **170:** Andre Riley (C-A) **182:** Adrian Delfavro (MH); **195:** Nicholas Roy (MH); **220:** Anthony Sturgis (MH); **285:** Jesse Cameron (B/NL).
BOYS' BOWLING
COLONIAL COUNCIL
MVP: Josh Ross
FIRST TEAM
Max Surprenant (Cohoes); Zach Bombard (Cohoes); Johnnie King (Lansingburgh); Devyn Riffelbach (Lansingburgh); John Mauceri (Mohonasen); Eric Mannatto (Mohonasen); Kolton Keeler (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk); David Squires (Schalmont); Tommy Moyer (Schalmont); Jarred Frank (Schalmont).
SECOND TEAM
Jeremiah Lawyer (Cobleskill-Richmondville); Liam Kane (Cobleskill-Richmondville); Elijah Gillick (Cohoes); Alex Metcalfe (Lansingburgh); Chris Whalen (Lansingburgh); David Memoli (Mohonasen); Sean Howlan (Schalmont); Alex Walsh (Schalmont); Richard Pitsas (Schalmont).

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's games
NY Yankees 9, Boston 1
Minnesota 5, Detroit 1
Oakland 6, Chi. White Sox 5
LA Angels 11, Cleveland 7
Today's games
Detroit (Nova 1-1) at Boston (Springs 0-0), 1:05
Toronto (Kay 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Glasnow 1-0), 1:05
Seattle (Cortes Jr. 0-0) at LA Angels (Bundy 2-0), 3:10
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NATIONAL LEAGUE
Tuesday's games
Miami 6, NY Mets 1
Colorado 11, Chi. Cubs 10
San Diego 9, Milwaukee 0
Today's games
Pittsburgh (Noesi 0-0) at Philadelphia (Nola 1-0), 1:05
Atlanta (Soroka 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Williams 0-2), 1:05
St. Louis (Flaherty 1-0) at NY Mets (Stroman 0-1), 1:10
Chi. Cubs at Cincinnati, 3:05
San Francisco (Cueto 0-0) at LA Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0), 8:05
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INTERLEAGUE
Tuesday's games
Washington 5, Baltimore 3
St. Louis 6, Houston 3
Tampa Bay 5, Atlanta 2
Texas 6, San Francisco 5
Arizona at Kansas City
Today's games
Miami (Hernandez 0-0) at Houston (Greinke 1-0), 1:05
Baltimore (LeBlanc 1-0) at Miami (Smith 0-0), 1:05
Colorado (Senzatela 0-0) at Texas (Lynn 0-0), 3:05
Chi. White Sox (Cease 0-0) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 0-0), 3:05
Kansas City (Montgomery 0-0) at San Diego (Morejon 0-0), 3:10
Cleveland (Civale 0-0) at Arizona (Bumgarner 0-1), 3:10
Philadelphia (Pivetta 0-0) at NY Yankees (Happ 1-0), 6:35

LOCAL BOWLING

DAILY GAZETTE—Pete Dougherty 256-739, Doug Hopkins 266-728, Jean Brown 232-578, Jeanne Mastro 185-500.
BELLES AND BEAUX—Don LaQue 207-593, Ryan Stark 555, Karen Wacksman 214-479, Lory Bennett 425.
BOWLING SCORES—Joyce Vine 436, Val Jackson 423, Caroline Nickerson 406.
SUNNYVIEW MIXED—Don Zautner 247-704, Bob Barkley 247-698, Brittany Barkley 245-670, Kristi Donnelly 186-530.
KEELER—Cory Willbrant 236-652, Mark Koslosky 245-628, Jim Cooper 215-610, Lou Miller 258-605.
ALLEY KATS MIXED—Joel Hayes 296-820, Ken Lawyer 256-676, Kim Cleveland 258-725, Jessica Brockmyer 235-636.
TOWNE'S TWISTED 10—Ken LaBelle, Jr. 269-784, Andrew Eeinitz 225-657, Becky LaBelle 233-663, Val Cuccurullo 179-509.
TOWNE PENSIONERS—Dom Barone 246-671, Pete Zalucki 247-658, Steve Boomhower 236-650, Dave Barone 226-642.
HANG TEN—Kyle McPhail 279-687, Joe Marotta 255-660, Reanna McPhail 245-689, Lindsey McPhail 278-685.
GET TOGETHER MIXED—Ed Walrath 226-605, Bruce Cerniglia 268-597, Emily Russo 235-579, Kellie Tully 203-495.
GE RETIRED MEN—Steve Boomhower 237-610, Pete Zalucki 223-599, Tim Walsh 211-584, Bob Stepnowski 200-546.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	42	18	.700	—
Boston	41	19	.683	1.0
Philadelphia	37	24	.607	5.5
Brooklyn	27	33	.450	15.0
New York	19	42	.311	23.5
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	52	9	.852	—
Indiana	37	24	.607	15.0
Chicago	21	40	.344	31.0
Detroit	20	42	.323	32.5
Cleveland	17	44	.279	35.0
Southeast	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	39	22	.639	—
Orlando	27	34	.443	12.0
Washington	22	37	.373	16.0
Charlotte	21	40	.344	18.0
Atlanta	19	44	.302	21.0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	41	19	.683	—
Utah	38	22	.633	3.0
Oklahoma City	37	24	.607	4.5
Portland	27	35	.435	15.0
Minnesota	18	42	.300	23.0
Pacific	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	46	13	.780	—
L.A. Clippers	42	19	.689	5.0
Sacramento	26	34	.433	20.5
Phoenix	24	37	.393	23.0
Golden State	13	48	.213	34.0
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	39	21	.650	—
Dallas	37	25	.597	3.0
Memphis	30	31	.492	9.5
San Antonio	26	34	.433	13.0
New Orleans	26	35	.426	13.5

Monday's games
Utah 126, Cleveland 113
New York 125, Houston 123
Portland 130, Orlando 107
Memphis 127, Atlanta 88
Miami 105, Milwaukee 89
Chicago 109, Dallas 107
Indiana 116, San Antonio 111
Tuesday's games
San Antonio 104, Charlotte 103
Brooklyn 129, Boston 120, OT
Minnesota 139, New Orleans 134
L.A. Clippers 109, Oklahoma City 94
Golden State at Denver
Toronto at Phoenix
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers
Washington at Sacramento
Tonight's games
Boston at Cleveland, 7
Oklahoma City at Detroit, 7
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7
Orlando at Miami, 7:30
Memphis at Brooklyn, 7:30
Utah at New York, 7:30
Chicago at Minnesota, 8
New Orleans at Dallas, 9:30
Washington at Portland, 10
Thursday's games
Denver at Charlotte, 7
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10
Toronto at Golden State, 10:30

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	SO	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	67	42	13	5	7	96	220	168
Tampa Bay	66	41	20	5	0	87	231	185
Toronto	66	35	23	4	4	78	233	218
Florida	66	33	26	3	4	73	224	224
Montreal	68	31	28	8	1	71	209	209
Buffalo	66	29	29	6	2	66	189	208
Ottawa	67	23	32	7	5	58	181	231
Detroit	68	15	48	3	2	35	136	257
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**SO**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	65	40	19	4	2	86	226	199
Philadelphia	65	38	20	2	5	83	220	190
Pittsburgh	65	38	21	6	0	82	211	181
NY Islanders	65	35	22	6	2	78	183	181
Columbus	67	32	21	10	4	78	175	179
Carolina	64	35	24	5	0	75	207	183
NY Rangers	66	35	27	2	2	74	218	206
New Jersey	65	26	27	6	6	64	177	216

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	SO	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	67	40	17	7	3	90	216	185
Colorado	65	40	18	6	1	87	223	173
Dallas	65	37	21	4	3	81	177	168
Winnipeg	68	34	28	4	2	74	204	199
Minnesota	66	33	26	4	3	73	209	207
Nashville	66	32	25	5	3	72	208	215
Chicago	65	29	28	4	4	66	195	207
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**SO**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	67	36	23	6	2	80	216	202
Edmonton	66	35	23	6	2	78	212	204
Calgary	67	34	26	6	1	75	201	206
Vancouver	65	34	25	3	3	74	214	204
Arizona	67	32	27	4	4	72	187	178
San Jose	65	28	33	3	1	60	169	209
Anaheim	65	26	31	7	1	60	168	205
Los Angeles	66	25	35	3	3	56	164	206

Monday's games
Colorado 2, Detroit 1
Edmonton 8, Nashville 3
Tuesday's games
Montreal 6, NY Islanders 2
St. Louis 3, NY Rangers 1
Pittsburgh 7, Ottawa 3
Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1
Minnesota 3, Nashville 1
Winnipeg 3, Buffalo 1
Anaheim at Chicago
Edmonton at Dallas
New Jersey at Vegas
Toronto at San Jose
Tonight's games
Philadelphia at Washington, 7
Columbus at Calgary, 8:30
Anaheim at Colorado, 9:30
Arizona at Vancouver, 10:30
Thursday's games
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7
Boston at Florida, 7
Washington at NY Rangers, 7
Carolina at Philadelphia, 7
NY Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30
Dallas at Nashville, 8
Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30
Toronto at Los Angeles, 10:30
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30

LATEST LINE

NCAA Basketball

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Fresno St.	4	Air Force
at New Mexico	7.5	San Jose St.
at Providence	5	Xavier
Florida	2.5	at Georgia
at Auburn	13	Texas A&M
at Arkansas	2	Louisiana State
SMU	1	at Cent. Florida
at Temple	2.5	Tulsa
at Indiana	3	Minnesota
at Butler	9	St. John's
at La Salle	3	Massachusetts
at St. Bonaventure	12	St. Joseph's
Canisius	1	at Marist
at Monmouth	8	Fairfield
at Iona	5.5	Quinnipiac
at Rider	7.5	Manhattan
at Siena	11.5	Niagara
at Geo.Washington	6	Fordham
Saint Louis	1.5	at Geo. Mason
at Virginia Tech	2	Clemson
North Texas	3	at Charlotte
at Old Dominion	6	Tex.-San Antonio
at Marshall	6.5	Florida Atlantic
at Sacred Heart	7.5	Mount St.Mary's
FDU	No line	at LIU
at St. Francis-Pa.	7.5	Bryant
at Robert Morris	8.5	St. Francis (NY)
at Tennessee St.	2.5	Morehead St.
Texas-El Paso	No line	at Mid. Tenn. St.
at La. Tech	10	Fla. International
at Northwestern St.	3.5	New Orleans
at Nicholls St.	6.5	McNeese St.
at Creighton	10	Georgetown
Rice	PK	at So. Mississippi
at Kansas	17.5	Texas Christian
at Colorado St.	11	Wyoming
Sam Houston St.	2.5	at Texas A&M CC
at Seton Hall	4.5	Villanova
at Mississippi	4.5	Missouri
at Wisconsin	13.5	Northwestern
at Oklahoma St.	6.5	Kansas St.
Dayton	4	at Rhode Island
Virginia	1.5	at Miami-Florida
at Georgia Tech	6	Pittsburgh
Florida St	2	at Notre Dame
at E. Illinois	2.5	Jacksonville St.
at UC Irvine	12.5	Northridge

NBA

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Boston	No line	at Cleveland
Oklahoma City	No line	at Detroit
at Milwaukee	1	Indiana
Orlando	No line	at Miami
at Brooklyn	2	Memphis
Utah	7.5	at New York
Chicago	No line	at Minnesota
New Orleans	No line	at Dallas
Washington	No line	at Portland

NHL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Washington	-145/+131	Philadelphia
at Calgary	-165/+149	Columbus
Anaheim	No line	at Colorado
at Vancouver	-117/+106	Arizona

MAAC BASKETBALL

MEN

	Conf	Overall	Pct
Siena	**13-5**	**17-10**	**.630**
St. Peter's	13-6	16-12	.571
Monmouth	11-7	17-12	.586
Rider	11-8	17-12	.586
Iona	9-9	11-14	.440
Niagara	9-9	11-18	.379
Quinnipiac	9-10	14-15	.483
Manhattan	8-10	12-15	.444
Fairfield	7-11	11-18	.379
Marist	6-13	7-21	.250
Canisius	5-13	10-19	.345

Tonight's games
Manhattan at Rider, 7
Fairfield at Monmouth, 7
Niagara at Siena, 7
Canisius at Marist, 7
Quinnipiac at Iona, 7
Friday's games
Siena at Monmouth, 7
Niagara at Canisius, 7
Fairfield at Manhattan, 7
Iona at Saint Peter's, 7
End of Regular Season
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WOMEN

	Conf	Overall	Pct
Marist	16-2	23-4	.852
Rider	16-2	23-4	.852
Manhattan	11-8	14-14	.500
Fairfield	10-8	13-14	.481
Quinnipiac	10-8	13-14	.481
Iona	8-10	9-18	.333
Siena	**8-10**	**10-17**	**.370**
Niagara	7-11	9-18	.333
St. Peter's	5-13	8-19	.296
Monmouth	5-13	8-19	.296
Canisius	4-15	5-23	.179

Thursday's games
Saint Peter's at Rider, 7
Siena at Fairfield, 7
Quinnipiac at Niagara, 7
Monmouth at Manhattan, 7
Iona at Marist, 7
Saturday's games
Niagara at Fairfield, 2
Iona at Saint Peter's, 2
Quinnipiac at Canisius, 2
Rider at Monmouth, 4
Siena at Marist, 7
End of Regular Season

AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL

MEN

	Conf	Overall	Pct
Vermont	14-2	24-7	.774
Stony Brook	10-6	19-12	.613
Hartford	9-7	16-15	.516
New Hampshire	8-8	15-14	.517
UMBC	8-8	15-16	.484
UAlbany	**7-9**	**14-17**	**.452**
UMass Lowell	7-9	13-18	.419
Maine	5-11	9-21	.300
Binghamton	4-12	10-19	.345

Tuesday's games
Maine 71, Hartford 65
UMass Lowell 63, New Hampshire 54
UMBC 75, Stony Brook 67
Vermont 85, UAlbany 62
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WOMEN

	Conf	Overall	Pct
Stony Brook	14-2	26-3	.897
Maine	12-4	16-14	.533
UMass Lowell	11-5	15-14	.517
Binghamton	10-6	21-8	.724
New Hampshire	7-9	10-18	.357
Vermont	6-10	12-17	.414
UMBC	6-10	10-17	.370
UAlbany	**5-11**	**9-20**	**.310**
Hartford	1-15	1-28	.034

AE Tournament
Wednesday's games
UAlbany at Stony Brook, 6:31
New Hampshire at Binghamton, 7
Vermont at Maine, 7
UMBC at UMass Lowell, 7

AREA COLLEGES

TUESDAY
MEN'S LACROSSE
SKIDMORE 24, CASTLETON 4

Castleton	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**— 4**
Skidmore	**3**	**6**	**8**	**7**	**—24**

Castleton scoring: Russell 2-1, McKenna 1-0, Fontaine 1-0, Lang 0-1, Meczywor 0-1. **Skidmore scoring:** Ross 3-0, Skowronek 3-0, Stricker 2-3, Miller 2-1, Fink 2-1, Wafalosky 2-1, Shlonsky 2-0, Seybolt 1-1, Gastonguay 1-1, Ryan Madalone 1-1, Mahoney 1-1, Hudson Miller 1-0, Breen 1-0, Meindl 1-0, Soucy 1-0, Whalen 0-2, Millstein 0-1, Munck 0-1. **Goalies:** Castleton, Ingison, 18 saves, Jones, 1 save, McGrath, 5 saves, Skidmore, Downey, 0 saves, Kacher, 4 saves, Spagnoletti, 0 saves, Wright, 0 saves.
SOFTBALL
CONCORDIA 3, SAINT ROSE 2

Saint Rose	**000 001 1—2**	**5**	**0**
Concordia	**000 000 3—3**	**9**	**3**

WP: Powell(1-1) **LP:** Houghtaling (1-2)
FELICIAN 4, SAINT ROSE 2

Felician	**000 040 0—4**	**8**	**1**
Saint Rose	**110 000 0—2**	**5**	**2**

WP: Powers (2-1) **LP:** Houghtaling (1-3)
WOMEN'S LACROSSE
SUNY CORTLAND 17, UNION 6
Halftime: Cortland 8, Union 4. **SUNY Cortland scoring:** L. Meager 4-3, K. Meager 1-0, Lorenzen 3-1, Goodrich 1-0, Yonge 3-1, Keach 2-0, Hoeffner 1-0, Newton 0-2, Procopio 0-1, Petre 0-2, Janis 1-0, Meduski 1-0. **Union scoring:** Trop 1-0, Golden 1-0, Gerrato 2-0, McPartlon 1-0, Bush 1-0. **Goalies:** SUNY Cortland, Potter, 8 saves, Casey, 3 saves; Union, Taney, 8 saves.
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TODAY
Men's Basketball
Niagara at Siena, 7
Women's Basketball
America East quarterfinals: UAlbany at Stony Brook, 6:31
Women's Lacrosse
Saint Rose at American International, 1
Siena at Vermont, 3
Skidmore at Vassar, 6
Men's Lacrosse
Williams at Union, 5
Saint Rose at Florida Southern, 6
Softball
Findlay vs. Saint Rose (Winter Haven, FL.), 10:15 a.m.
USciences vs. Saint Rose (Winter Haven, FL.), 12:30
Baseball
Saint Rose at Augusta, 2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN
EAST
Vermont 85, Albany 62
Bucknell 65, Holy Cross 62
Buffalo 75, Miami (OH) 69
Lehigh 78, Loyola-Maryland 75
Liberty 55, New Jersey Tech 49
UMBC 75, Stony Brook 67
Maine 71, Hartford 65
UMass Lowell 63, New Hampshire 54
Michigan St 79, Penn St. 71
Richmond 80, Davidson 63
Rutgers 78, Maryland 67
Syracuse 84, Boston College 71
SOUTH
Arkansas St. 76, Georgia Southern 75
Charleston Southern 81, Presbyterian 64
Cincinnati 79, South Florida 67
Georgia St. 89, Little Rock 70
N.C. Asheville 72, Campbell 68
North Carolina 93, Wake Forest 83
North Florida 91, Jacksonville 88
South Carolina 83, Mississippi State 71
SC Upstate 69, High Point 59
Stetson 82, North Alabama 72
Texas-Arlington 78, Troy 64
MIDWEST
Ball St. 85, Central Michigan 68
Kent St. 83, Bowling Green 69
Oakland 80, Cleveland St. 59
W. Michigan 70, Eastern Michigan 54
Youngstown St. 63, Wis.-Milwaukee 57
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WOMEN
EAST
EAST
Duquesne 70, Rhode Island 53
Fordham 59, St. Joseph's (PA) 36
Massachusetts 72, St. Bonaventure 54
Richmond 57, George Washington 49
SOUTH
Davidson 67, La Salle 63
Northern Kentucky 94, Detroit Mercy 47
MIDWEST
Cleveland St. 84, Youngstown St. 48
Wright St. 83, Illinois-Chicago 47
WEST
Ab. Christian 88, Stephen F. Austin 62

THIS DATE IN HOCKEY

MARCH 4
1941 — Chicago Black Hawks netminder Sam LoPresti has the busiest day in NHL history. The 24-year-old rookie turns aside a league-record 80 shots as the Black Hawks drop a 3-2 decision to the Boston Bruins.
1964 — Gord Kluzak is born in Climax, Saskatchewan. The talented defenseman is taken first overall by the Boston Bruins but fails to reach his potential, playing in just 299 career NHL games while dealing with chronic knee issues that result in 11 surgeries.

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MEN
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-3)
Friday's games
Union at Yale, 7
St. Lawrence at Harvard, 7
Princeton at Dartmouth, 7
Brown at Colgate, 7
Saturday, March 7
Union at Yale, 7
St. Lawrence at Harvard, 7
Princeton at Dartmouth, 7
Brown at Colgate, 7
Sunday, March 8
(if necessary)
Union at Yale, 4
St. Lawrence at Harvard, 4
Princeton at Dartmouth, 5
Brown at Colgate, 7
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WOMEN
QUARTERFINALS
(Best-of-3)
Saturday's games
Quinnipiac 3, Princeton 2 (OT)
Cornell 3, St. Lawrence 2, Cornell wins series 2-0
Yale 4, Harvard 3 (OT)
Clarkson 2, Colgate 0, Clarkson wins series 2-0
Sunday's games
Harvard 4, Yale 3 (3OT), Harvard wins series 2-1
Quinnipiac 3, Princeton 2 (OT), Quinnipiac wins series 2-1
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SEMIFINALS
At Lynah Rink, Ithaca
Saturday, March 7
Harvard at Cornell, 1 or 4
Princeton vs. Clarkson, 1 or 4
CHAMPIONSHIP
At Lynah Rink, Ithaca
Sunday, March 8
Semifinal winners, TBA

HOCKEY EAST

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Boston College	16	6	0	32	88	44
y-UMass	13	8	2	28	68	49
y-UMass Lowell	11	7	5	27	57	59
y-UConn	12	9	2	26	70	72
y-Maine	11	9	3	25	55	56
Providence	10	10	3	23	70	62
Boston U.	9	8	5	23	67	61
Northeastern	10	11	1	21	64	67
New Hampshire	9	11	2	20	50	64
Merrimack	7	14	3	17	63	77
Vermont	2	17	4	8	44	82

OVERALL RECORDS: Boston College 23-8-1, Boston U. 12-12-8, Maine 17-11-5, Merrimack 9-22-3, New Hampshire 15-14-3, Northeastern 17-12-3, Providence 16-11-6, UConn 15-14-4, UMass 20-11-2, UMass Lowell 17-10-6, Vermont 5-22-6.
y-clinched playoff berth
Thursday's game
Vermont at UMass, 7
Friday's games
New Hampshire at Boston College, 7
Boston U. at Northeastern, 7
UConn at UMass Lowell, 7:15
Providence at Maine, 7:30
Saturday's games
Northeastern at Boston U., 4
Boston College at New Hampshire, 7
End of Regular Season

COLLEGE HOCKEY

DIVISION I NATIONAL RANKINGS
(First-place votes in parentheses)
MEN
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Team	Pts
1. Cornell (37)	978
2. North Dakota (11)	957
3. Minnesota State (1)	881
4. Boston College (1)	829
5. Minnesota Duluth	802
6. Denver	728
7. Clarkson	666
8. Penn State	645
9. Massachusetts	629
10. Bemidji State	545
11. Ohio State	491
12. UMass Lowell	454
13. Arizona State	404
14. Quinnipiac	331
15. Maine	233
16. Northeastern	192
17. Western Michigan	188
18. Providence	180
19. Minnesota	75
20. AIC	66

Others receiving votes: Michigan 63, Sacred Heart 48, Notre Dame 24, Bowling Green 23, Harvard 21, St. Cloud 20, Connecticut 17, Alaska 4, Michigan State 3, Rensselaer 2, Wisconsin 1.
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Team	Pts
1. Cornell (19)	488
1. North Dakota (13)	485
3. Minnesota State (2)	451
4. Boston College	402
5. Minnesota Duluth	362
6. Denver	326
7. Penn State	290
8. Clarkson	261
9. Massachusetts	251
10. Bemidji State	210
11. Ohio State	186
12. UMass Lowell	103
13. Arizona State	101
14. Quinnipiac	67
15. Western Michigan	27

Others receiving votes: Maine, 24; Michigan, 14; Northeastern, 10; Minnesota, 10; St. Cloud State, 6; American International, 4; Providence, 2.
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WOMEN
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Team	Pts
1. Cornell (15)	150
2. Wisconsin	134
3. Minnesota	118
4. Northeastern	108
5. Ohio State	90
6. Princeton	71
7. Clarkson	62
8. Minnesota Duluth	41
9. Boston University	28
t10. Harvard	11
t10. Quinnipiac	11

Others receiving votes: Mercyhurst 1.

HORSE RACING

NTRA POLL
(through Feb. 23 races)
TOP 3-YEAR-OLDS
Current ranking of the Top Thoroughbred on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-1 basis, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2019 record and total points. Poll concludes Monday, Nov. 4. A-S: Age-Sex, Sex: C-colt, G-gelding, H-horse, F-filly, M-mare, R-ridgling.

Horse	Record	Pts
1. Tiz the Law (33)	1-1-0-0	406
2. Thousand Words (4)	1-1-0-0	328
3. Ete Indien (1)	2-1-0-1	264
4. Nadal (2)	2-2-0-0	226
5. Sole Volante	2-1-0-1	193
6. Authentic (1)	1-1-0-0	187
7. Silver Prospector (2)	2-1-0-0	140
8. Independence Hall	2-1-1-0	140
9. Maxfield (1)	0-0-0-0	84
10. Mr. Monomoy	2-1-0-1	77

Other horses receiving votes: Enforceable (72), Gouverneur Morris (62), Modernist (60), Charlatan (42), Storm the Court (23), Chance It (18), Finite (16), Eight Rings (11), Tonalist's Shape (11), Max Player (8), Country Grammer (8), Honor A.P. (7), Basin (6), Dennis' Moment (3), Candy Tycoon (3), British Idiom (2), Mischevious Alex (2), Azul Coast (2), Shotski (1), Structor (1), Major Fed (1), Anneau d'Or (1), Vitalogy (1), Invader (1).
TOP THOROUGHBREDS
Current ranking of the Top Thoroughbred on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-1 basis, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2019 record and total points. Poll concludes Monday, Nov. 4. A-S: Age-Sex, Sex: C-colt, G-gelding, H-horse, F-filly, M-mare, R-ridgling.

Horse	A-S	Record	Pts
1. Max. Security (42)	4-C	1-1-0-0	422
2. Midnight Bisou (1)	5-M	1-0-1-0	369
3. Mucho Gusto	4-C	2-1-0-0	311
4. Zulu Alpha	7-G	2-2-0-0	276
5. Mr Freeze	5-H	2-1-1-0	161
6. Code of Honor	4-C	0-0-0-0	114
7. Firenze Fire	5-H	1-1-0-0	101
8. Hard Not to Love	4-F	1-1-0-0	63
9. McKinzie	5-H	1-0-0-0	61
10. Silver Dust	6-G	2-1-0-0	58

Other horses receiving votes: Sistercharlie (54), Uni (44), Warrior's Charge (40), Tacitus (35), Spun to Run (34), Tom's d'Etat (32), Gift Box (27), Covfefe (16), Finite (16), Starship Jubilee (15), Tiz the Law (13), Midcourt (10), Mr. Buff (10), United (10), Texas Wedge (9), Monomoy Girl (8), New York Central (8), Higher Power (7), Cookie Dough (6), Elizabeth Way (5), Alwaysmining (4), Shancelot (4), Sir Winston (4), Imperial Hint (3), Mind Control (3), Sombeyay (3), Ete Indien (2), Lady Apple (2), Tonalist's Shape (2), Hidden Scroll (1), Omaha Beach (1), Silver Prospector (1).
Note: Daily Gazette turf writer Mike MacAdam votes on this poll.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m. — Xavier at Providence, FS1
7 p.m. — Niagara at Siena, MY4, ESPN3
7 p.m. — Texas A&M at Auburn, ESPN2
7 p.m. — Florida at Georgia, ESPNU
7 p.m. — St. John's at Butler, CBSSN
7 p.m. — Clemson at Virginia Tech, ACC Network
7 p.m. — Minnesota at Indiana, BTN
7 p.m. — LSU at Arkansas, SEC Network
8:30 p.m. — Villanova at Seton Hall, FS1
9 p.m. — Florida State at Notre Dame, ESPN2
9 p.m. — Kansas State at Oklahoma State, ESPNU
9 p.m. — Dayton at Rhode Island, CBSSN
9 p.m. — Virginia at Miami, ACC Network
9 p.m. — Northwestern at Wisconsin, BTN
9 p.m. — Missouri at Ole Miss, SEC Network
NHL
7 p.m. — Philadelphia at Washington, NBCSN
9:30 p.m. — Anaheim at Colorado, NBCSN
NBA
7 p.m. — Indiana at Milwaukee, ESPN
7:30 p.m. — Utah at New York, MSG, MSG Plus
7:30 p.m. — Memphis at Brooklyn, YES
9:30 p.m. — New Orleans at Dallas, ESPN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11 a.m. — SEC Tournament: First Round, Auburn vs. Vanderbilt, SEC Network
1 p.m. — SEC Tournament: First Round, Ole Miss vs. Missouri, SEC Network
2 p.m. — Big Ten Tournament: First Round, Wisconsin vs. Illinois, BTN
4:30 p.m. — Big Ten Tournament: First Round, Minnesota vs. Penn State, BTN
11 p.m. — Mountain West Tournament: Championship Game, CBSSN
SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL
1 p.m. — St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets, ESPN
8 p.m. — San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers, MLB Network
GERMAN SOCCER CUP
2:30 p.m. — Quarterfinal: Werder Bremen at Eintracht Frankfurt, ESPNU
COLLEGE BASEBALL
3 p.m. — Coastal Carolina at N.C. State, ACC Network
TENNIS
6 a.m. — WTA Lyon, Early Rounds, Tennis Channel
Noon — WTA Lyon and WTA Monterry, Early Rounds, Tennis Channel
4 p.m. — WTA Monterry, Early Rounds, Tennis Channel
8 p.m. — WTA Monterry, Early Rounds, Tennis Channel
GOLF
2:30 a.m. — European PGA Qatar Masters, First Round, Golf Channel
RADIO
1 p.m. — Spring Training Baseball: Detroit vs. Boston, WOFX-980/95.9
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Niagara at Siena, WGDJ-1300/98.7
8:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Villanova at Seton Hall, WOFX-980/95.9

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
Minnesota Twins — Assigned CF Lane Adams to the Minnesota Twins.
Tampa Bay Rays — Assigned LF Carl Chester to the Tampa Bay Rays.
Texas Rangers — Assigned 2B Derwin Barreto, 1B Tyreque Reed, and RHP Austin Bibens-Dirkx to the Texas Rangers.
National League
Chicago Cubs — Assigned RHP Lincoln Henzman to the Chicago White Sox.
Miami Marlins — Assigned SS Joe Dunand to the Miami Marlins.
San Diego Padres — Assigned C Jose Lezama to the San Diego Padres.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
Carolina Panthers — Named Sean Padden vice president of football operations.
Cleveland Browns — Named Ben Bloom senior defensive assistant.
Washington Redskins — Signed TE Marcus Baugh.
NCAA Football
Alabama — Named David Ballou strength & conditioning coach. Named Matt Rhea director of performance science.
Kansas — Announced RB Dom Williams left the program and will transfer to Northern Iowa.
Mississippi — Named Matt Lindsey general manager.
Nevada — Signed head coach Jay Norvell to a five-year, $3.125 million contract extension.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
Charlotte Hornets — Signed PG Joe Chealey to a second 10-day contract.
Detroit Pistons — Signed PF Donta Hall to a 10-day contract.
Golden State Warriors — Signed PG Chasson Randle to a 10-day contract.
Oklahoma City Thunder — Recalled SG Isaiah Roby from Oklahoma City (NBAGL).
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
Dallas Stars — Recalled G Jake Oettinger from Texas (AHL).
Detroit Red Wings — Assigned D Dennis Cholowski to Grand Rapids (AHL).
Florida Panthers — Recalled G Chris Driedger from Springfield (AHL).
Los Angeles Kings — Assigned D Daniel Brickley to Manitoba (AHL).
Pittsburgh Penguins — Activated D Brian Dumoulin and D John Marino from injured reserve. Recalled RW Anthony Angello from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).
Vancouver Canucks — Assigned RW Justin Bailey to Utica (AHL). Recalled D Guillaume Brisebois and D Jalen Chatfield from Utica (AHL).
Winnipeg Jets — Assigned C Michael Spacek to Ontario (AHL).

THIS DATE IN BASKETBALL

MARCH 4
1952 — George Mikan has 41 points and 36 rebounds but the Minneapolis Lakers fall 83-81 to the Philadelphia Warriors.
1962 — Wilt Chamberlain has 58 points and 35 rebounds to lead the Philadelphia Warriors to a 129-128 victory over the New York Knicks.
1969 — Oscar Robertson dishes out 20 assists to go with 23 points as the Cincinnati Royals trounce the Phoenix Suns 141-122.
1978 — Swen Nater grabs 30 rebounds to go with 27 points as the Buffalo Braves post a 111-107 victory over the New Jersey Nets.
1982 — San Antonio's George Gervin scores 48 points to surpass 19,000 career points but the Spurs lose 110-101 to the Boston Celtics.
1987 — Chicago's Michael Jordan scores 61 points to lead the Bulls to a 125-120 overtime win over the Detroit Pistons.
1992 — Dennis Rodman grabs 34 rebounds to help the Detroit Pistons to a 110-107 overtime victory over the Indiana Pacers.
1998 — Arbitrator John Feerick upholds the season-long suspension of Golden State's Latrell Sprewell related to a physical attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo, but reinstates Sprewell's contract for the following two seasons.
2007 — Milwaukee's Michael Redd scores 52 points but is upstaged by Chicago's Ben Gordon, who tallies 48 points as the Bulls record a 126-121 overtime victory.
2012 — New Jersey's Deron Williams sets a franchise-record with 57 points as the Nets edge the Charlotte Bobcats 104-101.
2019 — Dwyane Wade rejects a B.J. Johnson jumpshot in the second quarter of a one-point Miami Heat win over the Atlanta Hawks to pass Michael Jordan for most career blocks by a guard with 1,052.

NBA LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

Harden, HOU	34.9
Beal, WAS	30.4
Young, ATL	29.6
Antetokounmpo, MIL	29.6
Lillard, POR	29.5
Doncic, DAL	28.5
Westbrook, HOU	27.5
Leonard, LAC	27.0
Davis, LAL	26.4
Booker, PHX	26.0
James, LAL	25.5
LaVine, CHI	25.5
Mitchell, UTA	24.7
Ingram, NOR	24.6
Siakam, TOR	23.5
Tatum, BOS	23.5
McCollum, POR	22.5
DeRozan, SAN	22.4
Wiggins, GOL	22.0
Walker, BOS	21.8
Middleton, MIL	20.9
Dinwiddie, BKLYN	20.9
Jokic, DEN	20.8
Butler, MIA	20.5
Bogdanovic, UTA	20.5
Brown, BOS	20.4
Sexton, CLE	20.2
Hield, SAC	19.9
Vucevic, ORL	19.3
Gallinari, OKC	19.3
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	19.3
Harris, PHL	19.2
Porzingis, DAL	19.2
Randle, NYK	19.2
Lowry, TOR	19.2
Williams, LAC	19.2
Holiday, NOR	19.1
Fournier, ORL	18.9
Schroder, OKC	18.8
Aldridge, SAN	18.8
Murray, DEN	18.8
Harrell, LAC	18.7
Warren, IND	18.7
Oubre Jr., PHX	18.7
Sabonis, IND	18.3
Morris Sr., LAC	18.2
Rose, DET	18.1
Graham, CHA	17.6
Morant, MEM	17.6
VanVleet, TOR	17.6

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Robinson, NYK	.730
Gobert, UTA	.696
Allen, BKLYN	.650
Capela, ATL	.629
Clarke, MEM	.623
Whiteside, POR	.610
Adams, OKC	.592
Simmons, PHL	.585
Harrell, LAC	.580
Collins, ATL	.579
Valanciunas, MEM	.575
Adebayo, MIA	.565
Ayton, PHX	.554
Wood, DET	.551
Antetokounmpo, MIL	.551
Sabonis, IND	.539
Jokic, DEN	.533
Warren, IND	.532
Drummond, CLE	.529
DeRozan, SAN	.528
Ibaka, TOR	.518
Zeller, CHA	.517
Thompson, CLE	.515
Davis, LAL	.509
Towns, MIN	.508
Anunoby, TOR	.505
Hayward, BOS	.504
Middleton, MIL	.503

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Hill, MIL	.487
Redick, NOR	.452
Curry, DAL	.448
McDermott, IND	.439
Robinson, MIA	.438
Bjelica, SAC	.434
Olynyk, MIA	.430
Middleton, MIL	.430
Morris Sr., LAC	.425
Bertans, WAS	.424
Holiday, IND	.424
Niang, UTA	.418
Bogdanovic, UTA	.417
Mykhailiuk, DET	.414
O'Neale, UTA	.412
Towns, MIN	.412
Trent Jr., POR	.411
Gallinari, OKC	.410
Snell, DET	.410
Harris, BKLYN	.409
Shamet, LAC	.409
Korver, MIL	.407
Holiday, IND	.407
Davis, TOR	.407
Hardaway Jr., DAL	.403
Fournier, ORL	.403
George, LAC	.401
Kennard, DET	.399
Johnson, PHX	.398
Galloway, DET	.398
Jackson Jr., MEM	.397
McLemore, HOU	.397
Caldwell-Pope, LAL	.396
Tatum, BOS	.396

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Wanamaker, BOS	.926
Irving, BKLYN	.922
Booker, PHX	.919
Middleton, MIL	.908
Redick, NOR	.902
Bogdanovic, UTA	.901
Leonard, LAC	.898
Gallinari, OKC	.898
Burks, PHL	.898
Brogdon, IND	.895
Paul, OKC	.894
George, LAC	.891
Lee, GOL	.889
Lillard, POR	.889
Murray, DEN	.883
Augustin, ORL	.882
Rozier, CHA	.878
Teague, ATL	.872
Satoransky, CHI	.872
Rose, DET	.871
Bertans, WAS	.868
Harden, HOU	.867
Gay, SAN	.867
Walker, BOS	.866
Young, ATL	.864
Ingram, NOR	.861



ERICA MILLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Waterford-Halfmoon's Michael Talavera grabs a rebound against Fort Plain's Joe Lemoine during a Section II Class C boys' basketball semifinal game at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls on Tuesday.

Fort Plain

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points the rest of the way. Before Kelley's game-winning free throws, Fort Plain senior Ethan Schoch had tied the game at 52 with a driving layup with less than 30 seconds to go in regulation.

Fort Plain received 20 points from junior Troy Butler, and 11 apiece from Thomas and sophomore Robert Jordan. Russom's squad only included four seniors, and the coach is optimistic this year's postseason run will be one the Hilltoppers can build on next season.

"I'll tell you, even the last three or four weeks, this group has been practicing really hard," Russom said. "It's been a lot of fun to be around them."

Waterford-Halfmoon? It's thrilled to be sticking around for another round, and wants to keep playing beyond Friday. To do so will require the Fordians to register their fourth upset victory of the postseason, but the need to topple another squad ranked better than them doesn't bother Kelley and Co.

"I like being the underdog," Kelley said, "[and] showing Section II what we are."

Waterford	**16 5 22 11 — 54**
Fort Plain	**14 18 8 12 — 52**

Waterford-Halfmoon scoring: Fairclough 1-3-5, Kelley 9-6-27, Houle 4-1-9, Bodah 1-1-3, Talavera 4-0-8, Pontore 1-0-2. Fort Plain scoring: Schoch 3-1-8, Butler 7-6-20, Thomas 4-0-11, Welch 0-2-2, Jordan 3-5-11. Scoring totals: Waterford-Halfmoon 20-11-54, Fort Plain 17-14-52.



ERICA MILLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fort Plain head coach Casey Russom talks to his team during a Section II Class C semifinal game at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls on Tuesday.

Mekeel

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some bunnies on that last little scramble there, but that's the way it is. It's a testament to their character to battle, battle, they never quit. They could have folded early, they had that look in their face, but they didn't."

Mekeel came out aggressive and effective in overtime, limiting the Lady Bills to just three points on 3-of-8 shooting.

"I think we felt like we could push it over the top in overtime,"Derwin said. "We came out and scored the first basket, and then it spiraled the other way."

Mitchell continued her game-saving efforts, scoring eight of the Lions' 13 points in overtime, with eighth-grader Avery Mills dropping in five of her game-high 31 points.

"This game really built some character, going to the line, hitting that foul shot," Mekeel coach Kelsey Collins said. "That was the one we needed, if she doesn't make that and misses the second one our season is over."

Another highlight on the night was Johnstown junior Anna Lee scoring her 1,000th career point during the third quarter.

"A lot of people were trying to keep it from me, so I didn't know, but my dad ended up saying something to one of my friends and I overhead it," Lee said. "It's hard not to think about when you're in the game. You just want to focus and get the job done, but [it] was lingering a little bit. At the end of the day, I just wanted to win."

She finished with 12 points, giving her 1,003 in her career.

"I've worked pretty much my whole life for it and to just be able to get it here at the semifinals, I couldn't have done it without my teammates," Lee said. "They are the ones who drive me every day to be a better basketball player."

"They just got away from us, which really stinks because we wanted to go so bad [to HVCC], we have so much heart," Lee said. "Just to see it end in overtime like that, it stinks, but we're ready to bring it next year."]



STAN HUDY/STAFF WRITER

Johnstown freshman Jaidyn Chest looks for an outlet pass while guarded by Mekeel Christian's Maraya Davis (23) and Mikyla Mitchell (12) during the Section II Class B semifinal Tuesday night.

MECHANICVILLE HOLDS OFF SCHALMONT

Mechanicville coach Blaine Goverski has been preparing himself for his final conversation with his team and its five seniors, whenever that date may come, but it wasn't going to be Tuesday night.

Mechanicville (No. 2, 18-5) roared out to a 35-17 halftime lead against Schalmont (No. 1, 21-2) but a choppy third quarter and a series of 3-pointers from sophomore Payton Graber almost made Goverski's farewell speech necessary.

"We wanted to come out and have a really good third quarter, we got to keep on playing hard, but then I think the fouls kind of got us in trouble," Goverski said. "It kind of put us on our heels, had to be a little cautious, we weren't playing as aggressive in transitioning as we could."

Mechanicville was led by Charlie Goverski's 20 points with Schalmont's Siena Hallberg dropping in 17 followed by Karissa Antoine added another 14.

MEKEEL CHRISTIAN 67, JOHNSTOWN 57 (OT)

Mekeel Christian	**21 13 10 10 13 — 67**
Johnstown	**11 16 13 14 3 — 57**

Mekeel Christian scoring: Mills 12-5-31, M. Mitchell 6-6-19, Ballard 0-3-3, Davis 1-3-6, P. Mitchell 4-0-8. Johnstown scoring: Wilson5-4-16, Lee 4-1-12, A. Sasaki 1-2-4, K. Sasaki 0-3-3, VandeWalker 5-2-16, Tesi 1-1-3, Chest 1-0-3. **Scoring totals:** Mekeel Christian Johnstown 17-13-57.

MECHANICVILLE 53, SCHALMONT 48

AUTO RACING

Blaney can't escape the pit

BY ALEX ANDREJEV
The Charlotte Observer

Another week, another late-lap heartbreak for Ryan Blaney, who finished 19th at Sunday's Auto Club 400.

Blaney, the No. 12 Ford driver for Team Penske who led the second-most laps Sunday, was running in second place behind eventual winner Alex Bowman with five laps to go when he said he felt his car vibrating. That forced him to pit for a tire change, dashing his hopes for a top-10 finish for the second week in a row.

"Racing happens," Blaney said. "Just corded a right rear (tire) there at the end and gave up a good finish."

The rubber on that tire had been run down to the inner threads, causing the vibration. Blaney ran a consistent race overall, winning the second stage and leading 54 of the 200 total laps (Bowman led 110).

As Blaney has done in the previous two races, he ran at the front of the pack for a majority of Sunday's race, but when those final few laps came around, disaster again struck.

"Just lost the lead and they got (Bowman's) better," Blaney said. "I just kind of got too loose at the end there."

Last week, it was a late-lap call to pit that took Blaney out of contention for the win and caused him to finish in 11th place. He was leading when a caution was called with six laps to go. When he pitted for a tire change, his Penske teammate Joey Logano did not. The call allowed Logano to soar to his first victory of the season, while Blaney watched from the back of a pack of cars that all pitted.

Blaney's crew chief Todd Gordon apologized for the call after the race.

"I should have left you out," Gordon radioed to Blaney. "My gut told me to. I didn't. My bad."

The week before, Blaney was involved in the devastating wreck in the last lap of the Daytona 500 which put No. 6 driver Ryan Newman in the hospital. As the two leaders raced down the straightaway in the final lap, Blaney tapped the back of Newman's No. 6 Ford, in attempt, he said, to push a fellow Ford car to victory. Newman's car instead spun out and flipped multiple times, and Denny Hamlin, who was running in third, slid by for a first-place finish. Blaney finished second.

"Even though it is unintentional and it is racing, it still takes a toll on you when it is off of your nose," Blaney said after the crash. "You never want to see anyone get hurt in this sport. We are all competitors, but we are also a big family."

Blaney recovered to lead 19 laps and win the second-most points (tied with Kevin Harvick at 42 points) the following weekend at the Pennzoil 400. Sunday, he won the second stage and earned 37 points.

His consistency, while faltering in the final few laps, has paid off in points; Blaney is leading the Cup Series with 122 points — 11 more than Logano, giving Team Penske a strong start.

"But we got swallowed up on the restart and had to drive all the way back up there," Blaney said. "So, just that one didn't work out in our favor, but (we had a) really fast Body Armor Ford Mustang."

Blaney, who has three career victories — most recently at Talladega in last year's playoffs — will attempt to extend his point streak this coming weekend at the FanShield 500 at Phoenix Raceway. Blaney knows those final laps and restarts are critical, and will try to avoid the same outcome.

"Just unfortunate end to the day," Blaney said after Sunday's race. "Again."

AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
BOYS' BASKETBALL
Section II Tournament
Semifinals

CLASS D — at Cool Insuring Arena: Northville vs. Argyle, 5.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4
BOYS' BASKETBALL
Section II Tournament
Semifinals

CLASS A — at Cool Insuring Arena: Gloversville vs. Mekeel Christian, 6:30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
BOYS' SWIMMING

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS — at Nassau County Aquatic Center (Long Island), 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
INDOOR TRACK

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS — at Ocean Breeze Track and Field Facility (Staten Island), 8:45 a.m.

BOYS' SWIMMING

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS — at Nassau County Aquatic Center (Long Island), 10:30 a.m.

Ozuna will be bargain for Braves

BY MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

NORTH PORT, Fla. — Blaming bad luck for poor performance in sports can be a weak excuse. But sometimes it's a legitimate explanation for good work that goes unrewarded.

I'm putting new Braves left fielder Marcell Ozuna in the second category.

Ozuna didn't produce for the Cardinals the past two seasons like he did for the Marlins in 2017. That doesn't necessarily mean he was a worse hitter. The results weren't up to Ozuna's standards, but he frequently hit the ball hard and in the air.

What else could Ozuna do? Baseball doesn't always give players the outcomes they deserve.

"It was bad luck," Ozuna said Monday before the Braves' Grapefruit League game against the Phillies. "I was hurt, too. Everything was going well before I got hurt. After I was hurt, I saw everything going down, but then I finished (strong)."

You may recall that Ozuna beat up the Braves in his first postseason series of his career. Ozuna smashed five extra-base hits to help the Cardinals past the Braves in the NLDS.

He hit two solo homers off Dallas Keuchel in the 5-4 victory in Game 4. Ozuna's RBI single started the 10-run nightmare for the Braves in the first inning of Game 5.

The Cardinals decided not to offer Ozuna a long-term contract after the season. He'd been solid over two years as their clean-up hitter (fractured fingers cost Ozuna 28 games in 2019). The Cardinals placed a higher value on the draft pick they'd be owed if Ozuna rejected the qualifying offer and signed elsewhere. That's how it played out when the Braves signed Ozuna for one year and $18 million.

Ozuna told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch he would have signed the qualifying offer with St. Louis if he'd known he wouldn't get a long-term deal. Those comments seemed to cause a stir among some Braves backers. I don't see the problem. It makes sense that Ozuna would prefer to stay put where he was comfortable rather than become a one-year rental elsewhere.

For the record, Ozuna said he likes the fit so far with the Braves.

"Right now, it is comfortable with them, and they are comfortable with me," he said. "The most that we need is respect. They respect me and I respect them and that's a clear part to being a good team this year."

I believe the starting rotation is the biggest question mark for the Braves in 2020. A close second is how much of the lineup hole left by Josh Donaldson's departure can be filled by Ozuna. If Ozuna can hit like he did in his best year it would look something like what Donaldson gave the Braves in 2019, which was a lot.

In 2017 with the Marlins, Ozuna set career highs for batting average (.312), home runs (37), on-base percentage (.376), doubles (30) and RBIs (124). The awards piled up: All-Star, Silver Slugger, Gold Glove. Only Giancarlo Stanton was a better hitter for the Marlins that season.

The Marlins, as is their custom with star players in their primes, traded Ozuna for prospects after that season. (Another Miami custom: one of those prospects, right-hander Sandy Alcantara, already is an All-Star). Ozuna couldn't duplicate his Marlins production with the Cardinals: .263 batting over two seasons with a .327 OBP and totals of 52 home runs, 39 doubles and 177 RBIs.

But look closer at Ozuna's two Cardinals seasons and you see a lot of similarities to his final one with the Marlins. His rate of extra-base hits in 2019 was about the same as it was in 2017. Ozuna struck out less and hit fewer ground balls in each of the past two seasons. Ozuna's walk rate was higher in 2019 than in 2017.

Ozuna didn't suddenly start swinging wildly or hitting the ball softly the past two seasons. When he made contact, he hit the ball hard. The difference was dramatically worse results on balls in play in 2019. There was a mismatch between how hard Ozuna hit the ball and the outcomes. Consider that Braves All-Star Freddie Freeman had the most similar batted ball profile to Ozuna in 2019, according to StatCast data.

Ozuna should keep hitting the ball hard this year. He's always done that. If better results follow, then the Braves again can flex a deep lineup with pop through the middle.

"A little bit of bad luck (last season), but I don't worry about that," Ozuna said. "It's in the past already. I was having bad luck in the regular season so when we made the playoffs, then I showed up like what I feel now."



JIM RASSOL/USA TODAY SPORTS

New York Mets outfielder Jeff McNeil (6) congratulates teammate Brandon Nimmo (9) after they both scored in the first inning against the Washington Nationals at Clover Park on Sunday.

How Mets' McNeil's long journey is an example to all

BY JUSTIN TOSCANO
The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

In a storage unit in Pasadena, California, you can find notes from the day a future star began his rise.

Mark Kertenian, who penned them, knew Jeff McNeil possessed exceptional talent. His notes on a Saturday doubleheader in October 2009 were not long because, at a point, he trusted what he saw and opted not to waste any more ink.

Kertenian has observed a shameful amount of herd mentality in the player development industry, but McNeil has served as a reminder that a player's determination is the driving force. Norms can be shattered and those willing to think creatively may be rewarded.

In following and keeping in touch with the one now called "Squirrel," Kertenian has drawn a simple truth.

"You can remind them of what they're capable of, but he did not need a vision created for him," said Kertenian, who coached at Cal State Northridge when he recruited McNeil but now is an assistant coach with the Triple-A Oklahoma City Dodgers. "He was willing to do whatever it took and he never stopped."

Those close to McNeil focus on his journey more than his current success as an All-Star utility man with the New York Mets. Kertenian and others use the story as an example of what can happen with grit and will, work ethic and confidence. McNeil received a small break many years ago, took advantage of it and never looked back.

The most important lesson might be this: Stay true to yourself.

McNeil, his supporters say, knew who he was and never changed — for anyone. He's beloved because his road makes you believe in yourself and convince yourself that you, too, can do anything.

"He's the hero of the common man," said Vince Sagisi, a former Cleveland Indians scout who not only led Kertenian to McNeil, but was the first baseball man to believe in a skinny kid who had not played the sport in years.

LOOKING BACK

From the stands of a scout league game, Kertenian tried to put himself in McNeil's shoes.

I just started playing baseball after having not played in over four years. There's a college coach here to watch me. I'm facing stiff competition.

"Like, that's a ton of pressure, man," Kertenian said. "I don't care if you're a big leaguer or a guy in his shoes or a regular youth ball player. That's just going to pressure anybody on the face of this earth."

Backstory: Sagisi and Kertenian are friends who met in the early 2000s. Sagisi coached the Indians' scout ball team, sponsored by the organization, while Kertenian coached at Cal State Northridge. One day, Sagisi — who made it a mission to help players from the central coast of California receive exposure — called Kertenian and told him he might have a player for him. But it was going to take someone thinking creatively, Sagisi said, "for what I believe is going to be a special player."

The kid had played golf and basketball, but no high school baseball.

He was raw.

Still, Kertenian made the trip to Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California.

Kertenian watched McNeil warm up and play catch before the games. "It was obvious that it was not a regular part of his routine," he said. While McNeil's teammates were nonchalant, flipping the ball around and making aggressive throws, McNeil seemed concerned about making sure he stood in the right place.

The recruiter, who had a heart, commended McNeil for simply giving it a go. He wondered how the high school senior would fare. He soon received the answer he least expected.

"In two games, facing multiple 90-mph arms, all college-bound signees and guys who were slated to be potential draft picks, Jeff McNeil did not swing and miss one time," said Kertenian, recalling it took until the middle of the second game for him to notice a streak.

Kertenian began to think.

McNeil does not have any real power. He hasn't played in "God knows how long." But Vince must have summoned me for a reason, right? What makes this kid special?

He peeked at his notes and realized that, in 14 swings, McNeil had not whiffed once.

"He is the only recruit that I can ever remember that I observed swing that many times without failing to hit the ball," said Kertenian, who was a recruiting coordinator at three schools.

Just like the scholarship Kertenian eventually extended, McNeil earned his spot on that scout league team. Sagisi knew the McNeils because Ryan, Jeff's younger brother, pitched for the team.

It is Sagisi's understanding that, in the fall of 2009, Jeff participated in a golf tournament and did not do too well. He hoped to earn a golf scholarship, but his prospects were not promising, so he eventually approached Sagisi and asked if he could try out for the team.

Sagisi said yes. During the session, he threw McNeil batting practice and learned he had the best hand-eye coordination he had ever seen in a hitter.

"I was trying to make him swing and miss," said Sagisi, who later remembered he cut McNeil in a tryout for this same team when the kid was a freshman. "It's like, 'OK, this guy hasn't played baseball in his high school career, I'm going to make him look bad.' I couldn't. So I said, 'Well, this guy's good enough to play.'"

By not whiffing during the tryout, McNeil earned a spot on the squad. By not whiffing in his first game, he earned entry into the baseball world.

"The way I got recruited was kind of out there," McNeil said. "Nobody knew about me. I got lucky because I had a few good people in my corner like Vince, calling people for me like, 'Hey, come take a look at this kid. He doesn't play baseball but you'll want him on your team.'"

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES

Nipomo is a small town on the central coast of California. Less than 20,000 people live there. It's a one-freeway exit town with one high school. You'll see 15 people you know when you go to the grocery store.

"I would call it a hidden gem," said Ryan McNeil.

Jeff is like Nipomo in that way. Nipomo is beautiful, but it's not flashy like Los Angeles or San Francisco. Ryan said the town's personality has shaped the person Jeff is to this day.

Jeff played college baseball before the Mets drafted him. He fought through the minors — despite a couple bad injuries — and made the bigs. Last season, he was an All-Star who led the league in batting at the break.

But what Nipomo likes most about Jeff these days, Ryan said, is that he's remained the normal, approachable guy he's been since the McNeils moved there from Santa Barbara Jeff's freshman year in high school. He is unchanged by fame and success.

Nipomo is happy Jeff put it on the map. It is even happier that he still acts like one of its own. He still goes back every offseason, still uses the local gym and grocery store, still stays in touch with friends there.

"He'll still treat everybody the same," Ryan said. "Nothing about his success has changed who he is as a person."

Throughout his career, Jeff has been like that. He needed confidence to reach his goals but his humility never suffered because of it.

When the Mets played the Dodgers in Los Angeles, McNeil sat with Kertenian and talked during Dodgers batting practice. They've also remained in touch and seen one another at various points throughout McNeil's career, and the Met is grateful for the man who first came to watch him play.

When McNeil was in college, he spent a summer in the Cape Cod League. Many players, Kertenian said, will shrug off coaches there. Instead, McNeil looked at coach John Altobelli like: "You're one of the best coaches in the world. Can you help me?" Altobelli died in January in the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant but, to this day, McNeil credits Altobelli for helping motivate him to reach his goals.

McNeil also played for Bill Pintard, a Yankees scout who coaches the Santa Barbara Foresters of the California Collegiate League (another summer baseball league). The team often did hospital visits and McNeil always offered his time. Nowadays, he sends Pintard signed jerseys and still calls him "Coach."

Over the offseason, McNeil went to Nipomo High's alumni basketball game. He couldn't play because he was recovering from wrist surgery, but he signed every autograph and took every photo asked of him in the gym.

"You'd never hear Jeff McNeil say, 'Well don't you know who I am?'" Pintard said. "You'd never hear him say that."

AGAINST THE ODDS

Professional athletes are treated like heroes and gods. They are big, strong, and seemingly superhuman. They perform acts we could never.

Jeff McNeil stands out because of this perception. He is unbelievably talented, but has a way of seeming like a regular guy on the field.

"I'm not a 6-foot-6 giant who hits bombs," he said. "People kind of relate to the kind of the player I am."

McNeil's story is about never giving up on dreams — even if an original plan does not work out. Life is not linear and there are challenges along the way, but McNeil remained true to himself. He believed in himself, then capitalized when given opportunities.

He offers an opportunity to root for a player that has not had a smooth journey. He had to possess thick skin.

"Hey, if he can do it, maybe I can do it, and I'm not the best player," Sagisi said, describing one lesson McNeil's story teaches. "Sometimes you don't have to be the best player — you just have to outwork everybody. But he has ability (too)."

High hopes for Orioles' Mullins

BY JON MEOLI
The Baltimore Sun

On the first day of workouts for position players, the Orioles filed one by one in front of a set of high-speed cameras to record slow-motion video of their breaks off a base. There's new work during batting practice designed to better simulate game-situations, and they're already learning how to better study opponent's tendencies to give themselves an edge on the bases.

Everywhere you look at Orioles camp, the efforts to build up an area the 2019 team wanted to be aggressive and productive in but too often ran into outs and hurt themselves are evident.

They still have their fair share of mashers, but as a speedy wave of young players looks to establish itself in the big leagues, they see a way to start influencing the game more in an old-fashioned way.

"I think it all starts with the skip, with (manager Brandon) Hyde," new first base coach Anthony Sanders said. He's spearheading a lot of the baserunning work this year.

"Last year in spring training, things went really well here," he said. "They pushed the envelope and were really aggressive on the bases and put pressure on the defense, and that's all I know right there — causing havoc on the base paths. To have his blessing on that makes my job easier. But the instincts, and some of the stuff we're trying to focus on, some game-awareness stuff, we're just trying to educate these guys with all the information that's out there now and to simplify it for them."

The 2019 Orioles featured Jonathan Villar and his 40 stolen bases, but as a team they ranked fourth in the majors with 58 outs on the bases — not including pickoffs or caught stealings — though their 18 pickoffs were third-most. Their 74% stolen base rate was right near the league average, though without Villar's contributions, that drops to 67.8%.

Still, there was speed on the team. According to MLB's Statcast data from baseballsavant.com, shortstop Richie Martin was 21st out of 600 major leaguers with at least five representative runs with an average sprint speed of 29.5 feet per second. Cedric Mullins and Austin Hays were also in the top-100. And the Orioles are trying to get them all running.

Nowhere has that been more evident early in spring than with Mullins. He's always been a speed threat in the minors, but isn't passing up an opportunity to run so far as he looks to rebuild his reputation in the organization's eyes after a nightmare 2019 that began in the majors and ended at Double-A Bowie.

Mullins reached base in each of his first four games, on two singles and two walks. He stole second after each of the first three instances, and advanced easily on a wild pitch in the fourth instance in Tuesday's split-squad loss at the Boston Red Sox.

"I just want Cedric to be aggressive," Hyde said. "I want him to come out of his shell. I want him to play with confidence and so far he's done that."

There might be any number of ways that Mullins and the rest of the speedy Orioles get an edge this spring, but both Mullins and Sanders believe the early success is built on what will be the foundation of whatever benefit comes next: communication.

"They've helped me develop a thought process when I'm on the bases," Mullins said. "How can I get to second base? How can I advance 90 feet, in any sense, whether that be a delayed steal, a stolen base, reading the ball in the dirt. Them continuously putting that in my head throughout the game helps me be aware of what's going on."

Sanders said: "I'm waiting for the first baseman to get over there and tell on me for talking to him, telling him what's going on. The communication has been good. The kids are here to learn, and everyone is here to get better."

That in-game preparation is building on what's been weeks of work that the baserunners are trying to build on. The first-day filming under the cameras, which yielded slow-motion video of their every motion as they go from standing to sprinting, set that tone early. Sanders also noted how much openness and collaboration there is between the coaching staff and the team's new strength and conditioning staff, an area he's often seen walled off in baseball, that's helping unlock better speed in the players.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 4, 2020

	T	A	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
WNYA	4		**Mom** (In Stereo) CC	**black-ish** (In Stereo) CC	**College Basketball**: Niagara at Siena. From The Times Union Center In Albany, N.Y. (N) (Live)				**Newschannel 13 Live at 9**	**Seinfeld** "The Bizarro Jerry"	**Dateline** "Written in Blood" A message written in blood.		**Seinfeld** "The Jimmy" CC	**Family Guy** CC (DVS)	**Family Guy** (In Stereo) CC	**25 Words or Less** (N) CC	**Comics Unleashed**
TBS	5	48	**Family Guy** CC (DVS)	**Family Guy** CC (DVS)	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal**	**Conan** (N) CC	**Full Frontal**	**New Girl** "Santa"	**Conan** CC	**2 Broke Girls** CC (DVS)
WRGB	6	6	**CBS 6 News at 6** (N) CC	**CBS 6 News at 6:30** (N)	**CBS Evening News**	**Family Feud** CC	**Survivor** "I Like Revenge" (N) (In Stereo) CC		**SEAL Team** A failure leads to a high-stakes review. (N)		**S.W.A.T.** "Animus" A lone gunman targets women. (N)		**CBS 6 News at 11pm** (N)	**The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** (In Stereo) CC		**The Late Late Show With James Corden** CC	
WXXA	8	7	**The Big Bang Theory** CC	**Judge Judy** CC	**News10 at 7:00 on FOX23**	**Judge Judy** CC	**The Masked Singer** (N) (In Stereo) CC (DVS)		**LEGO Masters** The contests each build a city block. (N)		**News10 at 10:00**	**News10 at 10:30**	**The Goldbergs** CC	**Modern Family** CC	**TMZ** (N) (In Stereo) CC	**The Real** (In Stereo) CC	
WTEN	10	10	**News10 at 6:00pm** (N)	**ABC World News**	**Wheel of Fortune** (N) CC	**Jeopardy!** (N) CC	**Volcano Live! With Nik Wallenda** Highwire walk over an active volcano. (N) (In Stereo Live) CC				**Stumptown** "All Quiet on the Dextern Front" (N) (In Stereo)		**News10 at 11:00pm** (N)	**Jimmy Kimmel Live!** (In Stereo) CC		**Nightline** (N) CC	**Paid Program**
WMHT	11	4	**BBC World News America**	**PBS NewsHour** (N) (In Stereo) CC		**AHA- A House**	**Nature** Extraction of fossils of an ichthyosaur. CC (DVS)		**NOVA** Beijing's ancient palaces and temples. CC		**Food -- Delicious Science** "Food on the Brain" CC		**Amanpour and Company** (N) (In Stereo) CC		**BBC World News**	**BBC World News**	**NOVA** (In Stereo) CC
WNYT	13	13	**Newschannel 13 Live at 6**	**NBC Nightly News - Holt**	**Entertainment Tonight** (N)	**Inside Edition** (N) CC	**Chicago Med** An escaped murderer endangers the staff.		**Chicago Fire** Boden is on edge after starting a diet. (N)		**Chicago P.D.** Voight and Halstead butt heads. (N)		**Newschannel 13 Live at 11**	**The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon** (In Stereo) CC		**Late Night With Seth Meyers** (In Stereo) CC	
CSPN	14	71	(3:30) **U.S. House of Representatives** (N) (Live) CC						**Politics and Public Policy Today** CC						**Politics and Public Policy Today** CC		
WCWN	15	8	**2 Broke Girls** CC	**2 Broke Girls** CC	**Mike & Molly** CC	**Mike & Molly** CC	**Riverdale** Alice begins shooting a documentary. (N) CC		**Nancy Drew** Nancy is desperate to save her father. (N)		**CBS 6 News at 10pm** (N) (Live) CC		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**DailyMailTV** (N) CC
WYPX	20	5	**Blue Bloods** Frank attempts to find a missing boy. (In Stereo)		**Blue Bloods** A felon dies in a prisoner van crash. (In Stereo)		**Blue Bloods** Danny protects a released ex-con. CC (DVS)		**Blue Bloods** Danny is asked to help Linda's brother.		**Blue Bloods** An ex-NYPD officer disappears. CC (DVS)		**Blue Bloods** "Love Lost" Jamie rides with a new partner.		**Blue Bloods** A case against a human trafficker. (In Stereo)		**Law & Order: Criminal Intent**
HSN	21	15	**Skinn Cosmetics** (N) CC		**At Home** (N) CC		**At Home** (N) CC		**Beauty Report With Amy**		**Beauty Report With Amy**		**Skinn Cosmetics** (N) CC		**Curations Fashions** (N) CC		**Curations**
QVC	22	12	(4:00) **Gourmet Holiday** (N)		**Nespresso Vertuo Coffee**		**In the Kitchen With David** (N) (Live) CC				**Carmindy Beauty** (N) CC		**Lancer Skincare** (N) CC		**Shawn's Closet** (N) CC		**Gardening**
TWC	23	33	**Weatherscan Local From The Weather Channel**								**Weatherscan Local From The Weather Channel**						
ESPN	24	25	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live) CC		**NBA Basketball**: Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks. (N) (Live)					**NBA Basketball**: New Orleans Pelicans at Dallas Mavericks. (N) (Live)					**SportsCenter W/Van Pelt**		**SportsCenter**
ESPN2	25	26	**Daily Wager** (N) (Live) CC		**College Basketball**: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball**: Florida State at Notre Dame. (N) (Live)				**SportsCenter** (N) (Live) CC		**NFL Live** CC		**Around/Horn**
MSGPL	26	20	**Red Bull Air**	**Big East**	**Knicks Pre.**	**NBA Basketball**: Utah Jazz at New York Knicks. (N) (Live)					**Knicks Post.**	**Bundesliga Soccer**: Borussia Dortmund vs SC Freiburg.				**Bundesliga Soccer**	
TNT	27	18	(5:00) **Movie:** ★★★ *"Transformers"* (2007) Shia LaBeouf.				**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (N) (Live) CC				**Movie:** ★★★ *"Transformers"* (2007) Shia LaBeouf. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.						**NCIS: N.O.**
USA	28	30	**Chicago P.D.** CC (DVS)		**Chicago P.D.** CC (DVS)		**WWE NXT** (N) (In Stereo Live) CC				**Miz & Mrs** (N)	**Miz & Mrs**	**Mod Fam**	**Mod Fam**	**Mod Fam**	**Mod Fam**	**Miz & Mrs**
AMC	29	34	(5:00) **Movie:** ★★★ *"The Perfect Storm"* (2000) CC				**Movie:** *"Star Trek"* (2009) Chronicles the early days of the starship Enterprise and her crew.						**Movie:** *"Under Siege"* (1992) A Navy cook thwarts a plot to hijack a battleship.				
LIFE	30	27	(5:30) **Married at First Sight** CC			**Married-Sight**	**Married at First Sight** The group attends a cooking class. (N)				**Bride & Prejudice**		**Married at First Sight** CC		**Married at First Sight** CC		
FX	31	23	*"Star Trek Into Darkness"*		**Movie:** ★★★½ *"Avatar"* (2009) A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world. (In Stereo) CC							**Movie:** ★★★½ *"Avatar"* (2009) A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world.					
TOON	32	47	**Teen Titans**	**Teen Titans**	**Wrld, Gumball**	**Wrld, Gumball**	**Home Movies**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Rick & Morty**	**American Dad**	**American Dad**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Chicken**	**Mike Tyson**	**Ballmastrz**
NICK	33	28	**Loud House**	**Loud House**	**Movie** (In Stereo) CC				**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** (In Stereo) CC	
DISN	34	35	**Jessie** CC	**Raven's Home**	**Bunk'd** CC		**Bunk'd** CC	**Gabby Duran**	**Sydney-Max**	**Roll With It**	**Coop & Cami**	**Sydney-Max**	**Bunk'd** CC	**Gabby Duran**	**Jessie** CC	**Jessie** CC	**Raven's Home**
FREE	35	16	(5:30) **Movie:** ★★½ *"The Twilight Saga: Eclipse"* (2010) (In Stereo) CC					**Party of Five** "Diaspora" (Season Finale) (N)			**Good Trouble** "Trap Heals"		**The 700 Club** (In Stereo) CC		**Movie:** ★½ *"The Waterboy"* (1998) (In Stereo)		
COM	36	43	(5:10) **South Park** CC		**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**Awkwafina**	**Daily Show**	**Lights Out**	**Awkwafina**	**South Park**	**South Park**
DISC	37	17	**Expedition Unknown** (N) CC		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown** (N) (In Stereo) CC						**Curse-Bermuda Triangle**		**Expedition Unknown** (In Stereo) CC		
A&E	38	57	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**America's Top Dog** (N) CC		**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**PD Cam**	**Americas-Dog**
HIST	39	40	**Forged in Fire** CC (DVS)		**Forged in Fire** CC (DVS)		**Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper** "Curved Blades" Bladesmiths create a functional weapon. (N)						**Forged in Fire** CC (DVS)		**Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper** CC		
TLC	40	37	**My 600-Lb. Life** Seana is 23 and 700lbs with depression.				**My 600-Lb. Life** "Ashley B's Story" (N) (In Stereo)				**My Feet Are Killing Me**		**Save My Skin** (In Stereo)		**My 600-Lb. Life** "Ashley B's Story" (In Stereo)		
HGTV	41	41	**Property Brothers**		**Property Brothers**		**Extreme Makeover**		**100 Day Dream Home** (N)		**Property Brothers**		**Island Life** (N)	**Island Life** (N)	**100 Day Dream Home** CC		**Property Bro.**
FOOD	42	51	**Guy's Grocery Games** CC		**Guy's Grocery Games** CC		**Guy's Grocery Games** CC		**Guy's Grocery Games** (N)		**Tournament of Champions** CC			**Diners, Drive**	**Guy's Grocery Games** CC		**Tournament**
OWN	43		**Dateline on OWN** (In Stereo)		**20/20 on OWN** (In Stereo)		**20/20 on OWN** (In Stereo)		**20/20 on OWN** (In Stereo)		**20/20 on OWN** (In Stereo)		**20/20 on OWN** (In Stereo)		**20/20 on OWN** (In Stereo)		**20/20 on OWN**
NBCS	44	126	**NHL Live** (N) (In Stereo Live)		**NHL Hockey**: Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals. (N) (Live)					**NHL Hockey**: Anaheim Ducks at Colorado Avalanche. (N) (Live)					**Wired - Stadium Series** (N)		**Cross-Country**
BET	45		**Movie:** ★★★ *"About Last Night"* (2014) Couples try to turn their one-night-stands into real love.						**Tyler Perry's Sistas** (N) CC		**Twenties**	**Twenties** (N)	**Tyler Perry's Sistas** CC		**Twenties**	**Twenties**	**Martin** CC
CNN	46	31	**Situation Room With Wolf**		**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**Cuomo Prime Time** (N) CC		**CNN Tonight With Don Lemon**		**CNN Tonight With Don Lemon**		**Anderson Cooper 360** CC		**Prime Time**
HN	47	32	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**	**Forensic Files**
CNBC	48	38	**Mad Money** (N) CC		**Shark Tank** CC (DVS)		**Shark Tank** CC (DVS)		**Listing Impossible** (N) CC		**The Deed: Chicago** CC		**Listing Impossible** CC		**The Deed: Chicago** CC		**Listing Impos.**
MNBC	49	36	**The Beat With Ari Melber** (N)		**Hardball With Chris Matthews**		**All In With Chris Hayes** (N)		**The Rachel Maddow Show** (N)		**The Last Word**		**The 11th Hour**		**The Rachel Maddow Show**		**Last Word**
GOLF	51	121	**Golf Central** (N) (Live) CC		**PGA TOUR**	**PGA TOUR**	**GOLF Films** CC		**GOLF Films** CC		**GOLF Films** CC		**Golf Central** CC		**Golf Central Special** CC		**On the Range**
SYFY	53	44	(5:04) **Movie:** ★★ *"The Purge"*		**Movie:** ★★½ *"The Magnificent Seven"* (2016, Western) Denzel Washington. CC (DVS)						**The Magicians** (N) CC		**Movie:** ★★½ *"The Magnificent Seven"* (2016) Denzel Washington. CC (DVS)				
PARMT	55	42	**Two/Half Men**		**Movie:** ★★ *"Bad Boys II"* (2003) Martin Lawrence. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. (In Stereo)						**68 Whiskey** (N) CC		**Movie:** ★★½ *"Shooter"* (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg. (In Stereo) CC				
VH1	56	39	**Black Ink Crew** CC		**Black Ink Crew** CC		**Black Ink Crew** (N) CC		**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**
MTV	57	29	**Catfish: The TV Show** CC		**Catfish: The TV Show** CC		**Catfish: The TV Show** (N)		**True Life Crime** CC		**Ridiculous.**	**Ridiculous.**	**Ridiculous.**	**Ridiculous.**	**Ridiculous.**	**Ridiculous.**	**Ridiculous.**
TCM	58	55	(5:45) **Movie:** ★★★ *"Dead Ringer"* (1964) Bette Davis. CC				**Movie:** *"Circus Clown"* (1934)		**Movie:** ★★½ *"The Tenderfoot"* (1932) CC			**Movie:** ★½ *"Bright Lights"* (1935) CC			**Movie:** ★★ *"Pin Up Girl"* (1944) Betty Grable.		
BRAV	59	54	**Housewives/NJ**		**Housewives/NJ**		**Housewives/NJ**		**Summer House** (N) CC		**Housewives/NJ**		**Watch What**	**Blind Date** (N)	**Blind Date** (N)	**Blind Date** (N)	**Blind Date** (N)
E!	60	45	(4:30) **Movie:** ★★★ *"Selena"* (1997) CC			**Movie:** ★★ *"The Wedding Planner"* (2001) Jennifer Lopez. CC					**The Soup** (N)	**Nightly Pop**	**Movie:** ★★ *"The Wedding Planner"* (2001) Jennifer Lopez. CC				
NGEO	61	120	**Locked Up Abroad** CC		**Locked Up Abroad** CC		**Locked Up Abroad** CC		**Locked Up Abroad** (N) CC		**To Catch a Smuggler** (N)		**To Catch a Smuggler** CC		**To Catch a Smuggler** CC		**Locked Up**
UNI	62		**Noticiero**	**Noticiero Univ.**	**La Rosa de Guadalupe** (SS)		**Ringo** (N)		**Amor eterno**				**Noticiero Univ.**	**Noticiero Uni**	**Contacto Deportivo**		**Destilando**
TVL	63	46	**Andy Griffith**	**Andy Griffith**	**Andy Griffith**	**Andy Griffith**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**King**	**King**	**King**	**King**	**King**	**King**	**Two/Half Men**
LMN	64	161	**Movie:** *"His Secret Marriage"* (2019) Karissa Lee Staples.				**Movie:** ★★ *"Unforgettable"* (2017, Suspense) Rosario Dawson. CC					**Movie:** *"The Perfect Soulmate"* (2017) CC			**Movie:** ★★ *"Unforgettable"* (2017) CC		
WE	65	140	**Law & Order** "Custody" CC		**Law & Order** "Encore" CC		**Law & Order** "Savior" CC		**Law & Order** "Deceit" CC		**Law & Order** "Atonement"		**Law & Order** "Slave" CC		**Law & Order** "Girlfriends"		**CSI: Miami**
YES	67		(3:00) **The Michael Kay Show**		**Nets Pregame**	**NBA Basketball**: Memphis Grizzlies at Brooklyn Nets. (N) CC					**Postgame**	**College Basketball**: Georgetown at Creighton. (N) CC				**College Basketball**	
FXN	70	56	**Special Report**		**The Story With Martha**		**Tucker Carlson Tonight** (N)		**Hannity** (N) CC		**The Ingraham Angle** (N) CC		**Fox News at Night**		**Tucker Carlson Tonight** CC		**Hannity** CC
TRUTV	71	58	**Inside Jokes**	**Inside Jokes**	**Inside Jokes**	**Inside Jokes**	**Imp. Jokers**	**Imp. Jokers**	**Imp. Jokers**	**Imp. Jokers**	**Amy Hoggart**	**Inside Jokes**	**Inside Jokes**	**Inside Jokes**	**Amy Hoggart**	**Inside Jokes**	**Inside Jokes**
EWTN	73	21	**EWTN News**	**The Church**	**Daily Mass - Olam**	**Daily Mass**	**EWTN Live** (N) CC		**EWTN News**	**Holy Rosary**	**Father Spitzer's Universe**		**Crossing/Goal**	**Women of**	**Daily Mass - Olam**	**Daily Mass**	**EWTN Live**
BBC	110	109	**Star Trek: Next Generation**		**Star Trek: Next Generation**		**Movie:** ★★★★ *"Stand by Me"* (1986) Wil Wheaton. CC				**Movie:** ★★★★ *"Stand by Me"* (1986) Wil Wheaton. CC				**Movie:** ★★ *"Knowing"* (2009) Premiere. CC		
A-P	132	52	**I Was Prey** (In Stereo) CC		**I Was Prey** (In Stereo) CC		**I Was Prey: Under Attack** A Canadian adventure turns chaotic.				**I Was Prey** (In Stereo) CC		**I Was Prey** (In Stereo) CC		**I Was Prey: Under Attack** (In Stereo)		
SCI	136	102	**Monster Ships** CC		**Impossible Engineering** CC		**Impossible Engineering** CC		**Mega Machines** (N) CC		**Richard Hammond's Big!** (N)		**Engineering Catastrophes**		**Mega Machines** CC		**Richard Hamm**
FXX	144	125	(5:30) *"Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates"*			**Movie:** ★★★ *"Deadpool"* (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds. (In Stereo) CC					**Dave** (Series Premiere) (N)		**Dave** (In Stereo) CC		**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Always Sunny**
TRAV	165	50	**Paranormal Caught- Camera**		**Paranormal Caught- Camera**		**Paranormal Caught- Camera**		**Paranormal Caught on Camera** (N) CC				**Paranormal Caught- Camera**		**Paranormal Caught- Camera**		**Paranorm.**
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CSP2	226	72	(2:30) **U.S. Senate** (N) (Live)			**Public Affairs Events** (In Stereo)									**Public Affairs Events** (In Stereo)		
DFC	266	101	**From Wags to Riches**		**What Not to Wear** "Vikki"		**What Not to Wear** "Christine"		**What Not to Wear** "Emily"		**What Not to Wear** "Gina"		**What Not to Wear** CC		**What Not to Wear** "Vikki"		**Not to Wear**
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CLSC	303	131	**College Football** From Nov. 22, 1986.				**College Football** From Nov. 24, 2007.				**College Football** Champs Sports Bowl, from Dec. 29, 2009.				**College Basketball**		
HBO	511	201	(5:30) ★★ *"Along Came Polly"*		**McMillion$** (In Stereo) CC		**Movie:** ★★ *"Anna"* (2019, Action) Sasha Luss. 'R' CC				**The New Pope** CC		**Avenue 5**	**McMillion$** (In Stereo) CC	**Movie:** ★★ *"Ma"* (2019) CC		
HBO2	512	202	(5:40) **Movie:** ★★★ *"The Conjuring 2"* (2016) (In Stereo) CC				**The New Pope** CC		**Avenue 5**	**The Outsider** (In Stereo) CC		**Whitmer Thomas**		**Movie:** ★★ *"Hostel"* (2006) Jay Hernandez.		**Movie:** *Soldier*	
MAX	331	270	*Tucker: Man*	**Movie:** ★★★ *"Unstoppable"* (2010) CC			**Movie:** ★★½ *"Cowboys & Aliens"* (2011) Daniel Craig. CC				**Movie:** ★★ *"The Predator"* (2018) Boyd Holbrook. CC				**Movie:** ★½ *"The Darkest Hour"* (2011) CC		
SHOW	351	221	*District 9* CC	**Movie:** ★★½ *"Real Steel"* (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman. 'PG-13' CC					**Movie:** ★★★ *"Twelve Monkeys"* (1995) Bruce Willis. CC				**Desus & Mero**	**Funny Women of a Certain Age** CC			*Chuck*
SHW2	352	222	★★ *Phantom*	**Movie:** ★★ *"The Upside"* (2017) Kevin Hart. (In Stereo) CC				**Movie:** *"The Kingmaker"* (2019) (In Stereo)			**Movie:** ★★½ *"The Best of Enemies"* (2019) Taraji P. Henson. (In Stereo) CC					**Movie:** ★★★ *"Jarhead"* (2005)	
TMC	371	231	(5:00) **Movie:** *"Guess Who"*		**Duran Duran: There's Some**		**Movie:** *"The Professor"* (2018) (In Stereo)			**Movie:** ★★½ *"Phenomenon"* (1996) John Travolta. (In Stereo)				**Movie:** *"Phil"* (2019) Greg Kinnear. (In Stereo) CC			
STRZ	381	241	(5:42) **Movie:** ★★½ *"Nanny McPhee"* (2005)			**Movie:** ★★ *"Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs"*			*"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"*			**Movie:** ★★ *"Men in Black: International"* (2019) CC				**Movie:** *"Jet Li's Fearless"*	
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STZEW	607	252	**Cheyenne**	**Lawman** CC	**The Virginian** CC		**Movie:** ★★★ *"Rio Conchos"* (1964) Stuart Whitman. CC				**Movie:** ★★½ *"Ride a Crooked Trail"* (1958)		*"Noose for a Gunman"* (1960)		**Movie:** ★★★★ *"Shane"* (1953)		
MSG		19	**MSG Shorts** (N)		**Knicks Pre.**	**NBA Basketball**: Utah Jazz at New York Knicks. (N) (Live)					**Knicks Post.**	**MSG 150 Final**	**MSG Shorts**		**NBA Basketball:** Jazz at Knicks		
STZE		243	*American*	**Movie:** ★★½ *"Baby Mama"* (2008) (In Stereo)			**Outlander** "Free Will" CC		**Movie:** *"After the Wedding"* (2019) Premiere. (In Stereo) CC				**Outlander** "Free Will" CC		**Movie:** ★★★ *"American Gangster"* (2007) CC		

12 TV shows to watch to get ready for Emmys

By GLENN WHIPP
Los Angeles Times

The 72nd Primetime Emmy Awards are a little more than six months away, which means if you start watching now and apply yourself — I mean, really grind it out — then you might see about half the programs and performances that figure to be nominated this year.

That kind of abundance means you need to be disciplined and discerning (or possess a limitless amount of free time). And, these days, who has that? To help, I've put together an early Emmys guide, mixing series that have already aired with promising programs that will premiere in the next several weeks. One way or another, they'll all be in the conversation leading up to July 14.

Drama series

Emmy voters threw up their hands and nominated eight dramas last year, a sign that, yes, there's way too much TV — and it's splintering people's attention spans. It's even more crowded this year, as six of those eight nominated shows are returning and several programs that took the year off — "The Crown," "Stranger Things," "Big Little Lies," "Westworld" and "The Handmaid's Tale" — are back too. Let's prioritize.

"Succession" (HBO): "Veep" may be gone, but "Succession" seamlessly fills the void in its depiction of horrible, self-centered people behaving like monsters and the way it straddles the line between tragedy and comedy. Make no mistake: It's terrifying too, a convincing depiction of a world where money always wins, leaving behind plenty of collateral damage in the process. "Succession's" first season earned a modest five Emmy nominations, winning for writing. Look for that number to double as voters catch up with the show and its superb ensemble, including Brian Cox, Kieran Culkin and Jeremy Strong.

"The Crown" (Netflix): "Succession" might be the best series on TV, but the Roys will have a hard time competing with the royals when it comes to voters' loyalty. "The Crown" hauled in 26 Emmy nominations for its first two seasons, winning eight, including a prize for Claire Foy in its last season. Oscar winner Olivia Colman replaced Foy as the series jumped ahead a decade, and the show remains a dazzling soap opera, distinguished by its willingness to bend its narrative structure to serve its storytelling.

"The Morning Show" (Apple TV+): As the first series from streaming service Apple TV+, "The Morning Show" arrived with great fanfare and an eye-popping budget ($15 million per episode) that made it an easy target. Critics savaged its early episodes, but it improved as it went along, though the progression seemed to be noticed more by viewers than the media. At the SAG Awards, star Jennifer Aniston won the lead actress prize and launched a million memes with her lingering backstage reunion with ex-husband Brad Pitt. She might win the Emmy too. This is easily the best work of her career.

"Pose" (FX): While the second season didn't quite equal its first (a tall order), "Pose" retained a singular place in "prestige" television — a show about poor, black and brown LGBTQ characters that reveled in beauty, depicting grace in the midst of sorrow, anger on the road to comfort. Billy Porter won the lead actor drama Emmy last year for his incomparable turn as ballroom emcee Pray Tell, and a repeat seems possible as he's even more central to the story this season. Voters' first order of business, though, is to nominate his co-star Mj Rodriguez.

Comedy series

"Fleabag," last year's winner, is gone, though I'm still having a hard time accepting that. "Veep" ended too. And new seasons of "Barry" and "Russian Doll" will arrive past the May 31 eligibility cutoff. So there's plenty of room at the inn, and it'll be interesting to see whether voters return to old favorites ("Curb Your Enthusiasm") or embrace programs long overdue for recognition ("Better Things"). Here's a mix of the old and the new.

"Schitt's Creek" (PopTV): It took five seasons and a key streaming platform on Netflix, but "Schitt's Creek" finally cracked the Emmys last year, earning nominations for comedy series, stars Catherine O'Hara and Eugene Levy and (yes!) outstanding contemporary costumes. This sweet and funny treasure of a show has never dipped in quality, which makes it all the more bittersweet that it's ending. Building on last year's breakthrough, it should be an absolute force at this year's Emmys.

"Ramy" (Hulu): When Ramy Youssef won the lead actor comedy Golden Globe in January, he joked at the podium, "Look, I know you guys haven't seen my show," and everyone in the Beverly Hilton ballroom laughed knowingly. You do wonder how many Emmy voters saw the first season of Youssef's groundbreaking coming-of-age comedy about a Muslim American searching for belonging. Season 1 episodes dropped a few weeks before nominations voting began, and Season 2 is cutting it even closer, landing on Hulu on May 29. Hopefully, that Globes speech — and a year's worth of time — builds more awareness.

"Run" (HBO): "Fleabag" may have ended, but Phoebe Waller-Bridge and her frequent collaborator Vicky Jones return next month with this promising comedy-thriller about a woman (the great Merritt Wever) who escapes her humdrum suburban life to travel America with her old college boyfriend (Domhnall Gleeson). Waller-Bridge will guest on a couple of episodes as a woman they meet on their journey, putting her in line for two more Emmy nominations. (She and Jones are executive producers on the show.)

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" (Amazon Prime): Broadly appealing, lavishly crafted and intermittently insufferable, "Maisel" won 16 Emmys from 34 nominations for its first two seasons. Expect the love to continue for Amy Sherman-Palladino's fizzy series and its excellent ensemble, though the show's nostalgic escapism is beginning to show signs of age.

Limited series

Networks' infatuation with the limited series format has become a full-blown love affair. HBO alone has three high-profile miniseries coming soon — "The Undoing," "This Much Is True" and "The Plot Against America" — and they'll compete alongside its fall offering, the ambitious, audacious superhero epic "Watchmen." Also yet to come: Hulu's "Little Fires Everywhere," Netflix's "The Eddy" and "Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker" and a new season of "Fargo" starring Chris Rock. Clear your calendars and your DVRs.

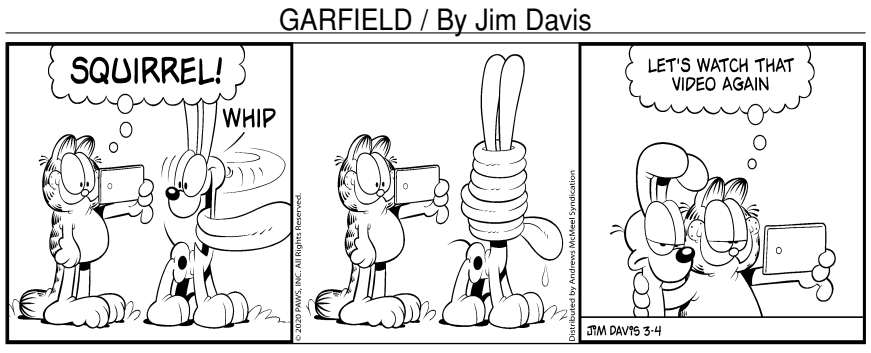
"Mrs. America" (FX): Cate Blanchett is playing Phyllis Schlafly. Do I need to go on? OK. How about Margo Martindale being cast as Bella Abzug? Uzo Aduba as Shirley Chisholm? Tracey Ullman as Betty Friedan? "Mrs. America" uses the '70s fight for the Equal Rights Amendment as a starting point for an examination of the culture wars and the rise of religion in conservative politics. The cast and the explosive subject matter guarantee loads of attention.

"Unbelievable" (Netflix): This true-crime series, starring Toni Collette and Merritt Wever as detectives investigating a series of sexual assaults, debuted last September, winning raves for its skillful, detailed storytelling and an affirmation of the importance of hearing and validating victims. Months later, it remains one of the best programs of the Emmy year.

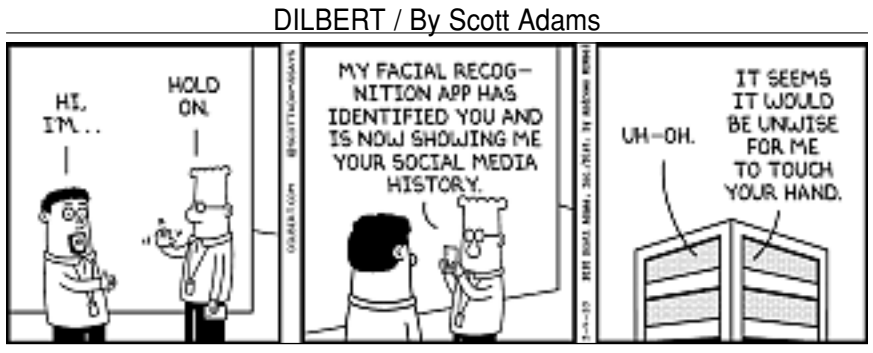
"The Undoing" (HBO): Nicole Kidman won an Emmy two years ago for "Big Little Lies," and she could return to the ceremony this year with two nominations — for her clash-of-the-titans match against Meryl Streep in "Big Little Lies'" second season and for this Hitchockian series, which Kidman calls one of the most challenging roles of her career. (And she has challenged herself often.) Susanne Bier directs; David E. Kelley wrote it. It lands in May.

"Genius: Aretha" (Nat Geo): Had Cynthia Erivo won an Oscar from either of her two "Harriet" nominations (lead actress, original song), she would have joined the EGOT club — though some raised the question of whether her daytime Emmy counted as a real Emmy. (It does.) Erivo may end up owning a primetime Emmy anyway and get the R-E-S-P-E-C-T she deserves if her turn as Aretha Franklin delivers on the promise of its trailer. The eight-episode series begins airing May 25.

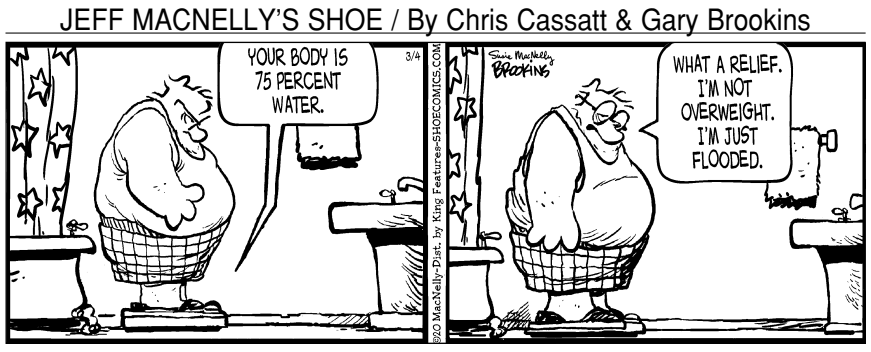
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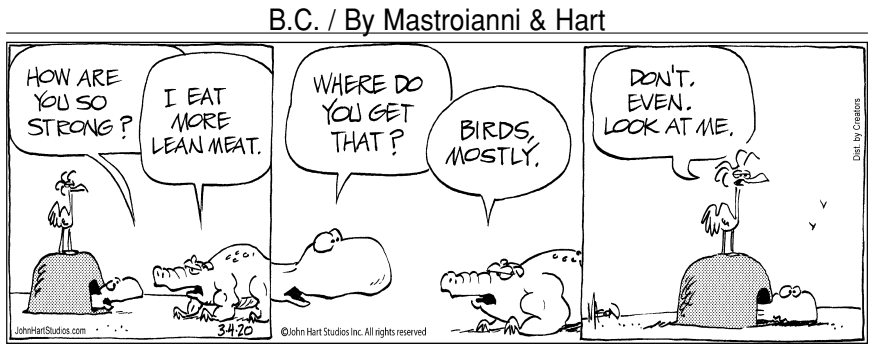
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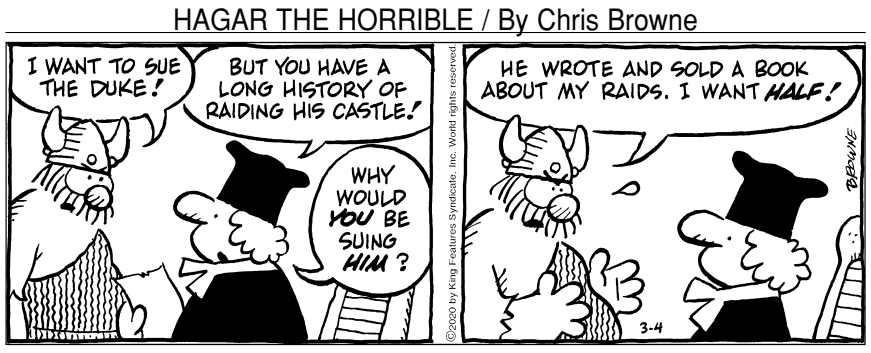
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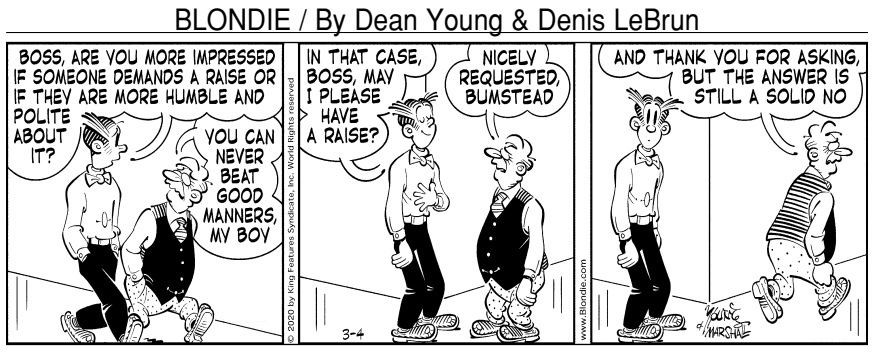
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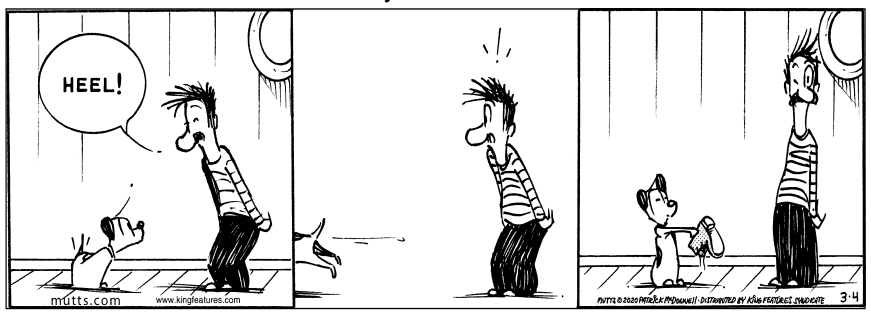
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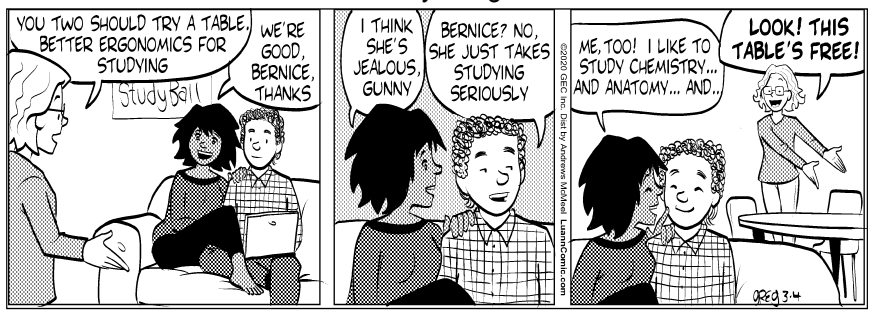
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Ex multiplies couple's trust issues



By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I dated a guy for 10 months. We constantly fought because of his lack of trust. He had been burned in previous relationships. He said, "Trust is earned, not given," which isn't my philosophy.

After a recent argument (about lack of trust), I told him this attitude is a deal-breaker, and he needed time to reflect on his issues. I talked to him several days a week during the process, and we weren't intimate during that time.

I decided to have dinner with him at his apartment last night to further discuss the situation, only to have an old girlfriend ring his doorbell, upset. It seems that during the last five weeks, he had started seeing her again and slept with her while attempting to make amends with me. When I asked about her, he told me he thought we were done, and he was trying to put a Band-Aid on his pain. What to do?

He has great qualities but is so jealous and suspicious. Will he ever improve, or will I always be trying to prove myself? I believe he cares for me, but his actions with the old girlfriend negate this. I cannot even begin to rationalize his thought process. – GETTING TIRED OF IT

DEAR GETTING TIRED: This guy is suspicious because HE isn't trustworthy. There's a saying attributed to historian, civil rights activist and author W.E.B. Du Bois: "A man does not look behind the door unless he has stood there himself." People are often jealous and controlling because they are insecure. Your boyfriend ran back to his old girlfriend because he was unable to be alone, even for a brief period. Be smart. Wake up and lose him. You can do better.

DEAR ABBY: My father was physically abusive to me when I was a child, and distant and emotionally abusive when I was a teenager. Because of it, I had low self-esteem and was extremely depressed for most of my life. I confronted him when I was an adult, and he tried to explain why he was that way, but never apologized.

He is now 93 and in a nursing home. He probably won't be alive much longer. I would like to get closure by telling him the extent to which his behavior damaged my life, but I know it would hurt him. Should I look for the closure I have needed all of my life, or keep it to myself to spare his feelings? – HURTING STILL IN COLORADO

DEAR HURTING: If you have things you need to get off your chest to your father, as painful as they may be, then do it. Explain calmly, in an even tone of voice, how important validation is to children as they develop, and how deeply his physical and emotional abuse has affected your life. I agree that he owes you an apology, but do NOT go there expecting one because he may be incapable of it.

DEAR ABBY: Today I was in a small neighborhood restaurant with a friend. I ordered a special burger. When the cook brought it to the table, my friend immediately pulled out her camera and snapped several shots. A stranger who had been sitting at the bar jumped off his stool and came over to our table with his camera. My friend was logging onto Facebook to post before I took my first bite. I was dumbfounded. What can be said to people who are this rude? – GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT

DEAR GET IT: What can be said? Plenty – starting with, "Knock it off." or "I don't like that." Talk about an invasion of privacy as well as personal space.

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HOROSCOPE

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For Wednesday, March 4, 2020

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)

This is a good day to shop for wardrobe treasures for yourself. Be open to letting someone younger help you do this.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)

This is an excellent day to make your pitch to the boss or to ask a parent for a favor, because authority figures are well disposed to you. (It never hurts to try.)

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)

Study will appeal to you today. This is an excellent day for hitting the books or writing a paper or a manuscript. Your best choice is to finish something that's been sitting around for a while.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

Discussions about shared property, inheritances and such will be favorable to you today. Something might happen that helps you impress your boss.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

This is a great day to enjoy schmoozing with partners and close friends. You might meet someone in the general public who you like. Be friendly with others today.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

This is a productive day at work for you. It's also a great day to deal with pets and take care of everyday hygiene matters related to your daily world.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You're in a creative frame of mind, which is why this is a useful day for those of you who work in the arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry. You've got ideas.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Family discussions will go well today, especially if they relate to overdue repair projects. People will be reasonable and easygoing.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Today you have the gift of gab, which is why this is a great day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write. Your words are like gold.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Business and commerce are favored today, which is why you can trust your moneymaking ideas. Focus on old issues or something that fell through in the past.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You will enjoy schmoozing with others because this is a pleasant, easygoing day. Conversations with younger people in particular will delight you.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Quiet research behind the scenes will yield positive results for you today. If this is the case, people will listen to you because the Sun is in your sign and you are empowered.

YOU BORN TODAY

Sometimes you appear to be spacey because you are warm, forgiving and trusting of others. This will be a more relaxed year for you. Because your interactions with others will be important, do your best to cooperate with others. Look for ways to be kind and helpful. Be open to engaging with others, because business and personal relationships will benefit you.

Birthdate of: Catherine O'Hara, actress; Tamzin Merchant, actress; Steven Weber, actor.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TEYNR

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answer: Her students were learning cursive and followed her instructions — TO THE LETTER



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The village of Ky Loi, in northeastern Vietnam, with the smokestack of the Vung Ang I power plant seen in the distance.

Overseas, GE still pushing coal

By SHASHANK BENGALI
Los Angeles Times



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The 1,200-megawatt Vung Ang I power station, in northeastern Vietnam, has operated since 2014. GE is involved in an expansion that would double the station's capacity.

VUNG ANG, Vietnam — Since an enormous coal power plant went up five years ago near a once-empty beach, villagers here blame its emissions for the pains in their chests, the foul smell in their groundwater and the fine black dust that smears their rice crop.

Now the Vietnamese government is planning a second coal-fired plant next door, but officials have told residents little about the project, which is financed by investors from China, Japan and Singapore — and due to run on equipment from one of America's most familiar corporate names: General Electric.

In the U.S., GE is increasingly known for wind turbines and other renewable energy technology, among many other products. But the 1,200-megawatt plant due to be built here on Vietnam's northern coast is one of 19 coal power projects the company is working on in 17 foreign countries, many with far weaker environmental standards than the United States.

The projects have prompted allegations that GE, mired in financial trouble, is attempting to dump outdated and highly polluting technology on developing countries.

They also put GE at odds with a growing number of international banks and manufacturers that are no longer investing in new coal infrastructure because of the environmental damage caused by the dirtiest fossil fuel and the increasing affordability of solar and wind energy.

"There's no way GE could get away with this sort of aggressive expansion of coal in the U.S.," said Julien Vincent, executive director of Market Forces, a climate advocacy group based in Australia.

Company officials say the countries where they sell technology want coal — still the world's No. 1 power source — to boost economic development. Vietnam's communist government, which approves every energy project, is planning to boost its growing manufacturing sector by adding more than 33.5 gigawatts of electricity over the next decade, half of it from coal.

GE says that its coal plants are more environmentally friendly than the global average, and that it has upgraded the design of several projects, including the northern Vietnamese plant dubbed Vung Ang 2, to reduce carbon emissions.

"We support customers and governments who are working to deliver access to affordable and reliable electricity," GE said in a statement to The Times. "GE provides the best available technology, no matter which fuel is chosen."

Environmental groups argue that coal plants pollute poor communities, and that any expansion of fossil fuel-based power jeopardizes efforts under the Paris climate agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial levels by 2030, seen as essential to staving off the worst effects of climate change.

Market Forces launched a campaign Monday called "GE Get Out of Coal" and released an open letter signed by 65 activist groups from the 17 countries, calling on the company to cease supporting coal plants.

Many of GE's projects are already delayed because of legal troubles, public opposition and difficulties obtaining financing — a reflection of the diminishing global market for coal power. In January, Bloomberg News reported that GE was looking to sell its steam power unit, which supplies coal plants, part of its larger power business, which had revenues that fell by 22% in 2018.

Publicly, the company emphasizes renewables: It has agreements to develop at least 1,800 megawatts of wind power in Vietnam, with some equipment manufactured at its factory in the coastal city of Hai Phong. Its coal projects are bigger but less well known.

"I was surprised to hear about Vung Ang 2 because in Vietnam we think of GE as a green company," said Nguy Thi Khanh, founder of the Green Innovation and Development Center, one of Vietnam's leading environmental groups. "I wondered why GE was involved in this."

According to the Global Coal Plant Tracker, GE has agreed to supply equipment — including steam turbines and boilers — at 19 overseas coal projects that account for 15 gigawatts of electricity. If GE were a country, it would have the seventh largest slate of upcoming coal plants in the world, according to Market Forces.

GE has endorsed the Paris climate agreement and says renewable energy is its future. But its thermal power business — built on installing and operating coal and gas plants — has long been the core of the company, once the most valuable in the world.

In 2015 GE made an ill advised bet on the future of fossil fuels, paying $13 billion to acquire a French energy company, Alstom, and doubling its fleet of coal plant turbines. That investment collapsed as the market for renewables took off, erasing 74% of GE's value in three years.

The closure of coal plants in the U.S. and Europe has forced GE to look to emerging markets.

"What you're seeing is essentially a fire sale," said Melissa Brown, director of Asia energy finance studies at the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis. "This is a liquidation strategy that, at this stage of the game, reeks of desperation. They are literally trying to sell anything they can, wherever they can."

As a result, analysts say, GE has become entangled in controversial projects. In Kenya, a court last year halted a 1,000-megawatt power plant on Lamu island, adjacent to a UNESCO World Heritage Site, ruling that the Kenyan and Chinese developers had failed to conduct proper environmental assessments.

A Chinese-backed power plant at Tuzla in Bosnia-Herzegovina, due to use GE equipment, is moving ahead despite violations of European Union financing and pollution control standards, according to Bankwatch, which monitors investments by European public banks.

After a project in Poland was suspended last month because of difficulties obtaining financing, state-owned utilities opened talks with GE to convert the power station from coal to gas.

A separate GE project in southern Vietnam has been delayed after a Russian contractor, Power Machines, was hit with U.S. sanctions over Moscow's military interventions in Ukraine and Crimea.

There is no construction date set for Vung Ang 2, which has been in the planning stages for more than a decade. Two banks and a Hong Kong-based power company have withdrawn from the project in recent months, but the Vietnamese government says it expects the plant to begin operating in early 2024.

The $2.2-billion project has raised controversy in part because of its location — across a bay from a steel mill where a 2016 chemical spill destroyed hundreds of acres of coral reefs and poisoned more than 100 tons of fish, their carcasses washing ashore across four provinces.

The spill — widely described as Vietnam's worst environmental disaster — and emissions from the coal plant have devastated the fish trade upon which the villagers surrounding Vung Ang have relied for generations. A dangerous human trafficking operation thrives here as many young men seek jobs in Europe; of the 39 Vietnamese migrants found dead in a truck outside London last fall, several hailed from this area.

According to documents published by a Japanese government bank linked to the project, developers informed nearby residents in writing that they would minimize pollution and fairly compensate anyone whose land was needed to build the plant. In October, local officials held a meeting where they encouraged residents to sign papers agreeing to sell farmland, even though the price hasn't been set.

In Ky Loi, a village of single-story concrete homes where red Vietnamese flags wave from bamboo poles, residents complained of chronic coughs and itchy skin. They all blamed the culprit they could see from their front doors: the red-and-white smokestack of the existing power plant.

No one had told them if they would be relocated for the second one.

"We don't want to live next to this pollution, but we don't know what's going to happen," said Le Ngoc Anh, a 65-year-old fisherman. "Poor people don't get a choice."

Facebook drops out of conference over virus fears

By DAN SINGER and JEREMY HALLOCK
The Dallas Morning News

Facebook called off its plans for South by Southwest on Monday, joining Twitter as the second tech giant to pull out of the conference amid growing anxiety about the coronavirus. "Due to concerns related to coronavirus, our company and employees will not be participating in SXSW this year," Jocelyn Jones, a Facebook spokesperson, said by email.

Several Facebook employees were scheduled to speak on panels during the conference, according to the Austin American-Statesman. The company also planned to set up an outpost in East Austin for its artists in residence program, a Facebook spokesperson told the Statesman.

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey canceled his appearance at South by Southwest after Twitter announced Sunday it was "suspending all noncritical business travel and events" for its employees and others involved in the company's operations in response to the virus.

The announcements came as an online petition to cancel South by Southwest due to health concerns continued to rack up signatures. On Tuesday, more than 30,000 people had signed the petition, which appears on the website Change.org.

Organizers behind South by Southwest said they still planned to move ahead with the conference, which is set to run from March 13 to March 22 this year. Aiming to ease concerns, they updated the conference's website Monday with a statement saying they were aware of the petition but would go forward with the lineup of events as planned after consulting with government agencies including Austin's municipal health department. "We are proceeding with the 2020 event with the health and safety of our attendees, staff, and volunteers as our top priority," they said in the statement.

Organizers said they would take special germ-fighting measures like wiping down microphones, providing disinfectant wipes and sprays, hand sanitizer and literature from Austin's health department about disease prevention.

Just as Twitter and Facebook bowed out of the conference, a handful of other high-profile attendees said they planned to jump on board.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, who led the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, were announced Monday as part of the festival's "Conversations About America's Future" series. Clinton is set to talk with MSNBC's Joy Reid, and Schiff will chat with NBC correspondent Kasie Hunt. The two-day series co-hosted by the Texas Tribune also includes Anita Hill, U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, Beto O'Rourke and Andrew Yang.

Celebrity-wise, Judd Apatow, Spike Jonze, Stephen Colbert, Kim Kardashian West, Ozzy Osbourne, Trent Reznor, Bob Odenkirk, Roger Waters and Michael Moore are on deck for South by Southwest. American linguist and social critic Noam Chomsky is also on the program. And of course, many up-and-coming bands are set to perform in venues all over Austin.

Target to test fresh grocery pickup

By KAVITA KUMAR
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — In an investors meeting Tuesday that touched on a wide range of issues, Target executives said the retailer would start adding fresh groceries and alcoholic beverages to its store pickup services and open more small-format stores, including a new convenience store-size concept.

They also said they have not seen a significant impact on their current business or economic outlook for the coming year due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Chief Financial Officer Michael Fiddelke said the company is closely monitoring the situation and impact on its supply chain, but the company feels well-positioned to weather any disuptions and isn't expecting its sales for the year to deviate from its plan for comparable slaes growth in mid single-digits.

CEO Brian Cornell acknowledged there could be some delays in getting some products in, but said the company is working closely with its domestic vendors to increase inventory of items such as household essentials and food and beverages. He added that Target has seen an uptick in traffic to its stores in recent days as consumers stock up on supplies as the coronavirus spreads.

Executives also told investors the company will begin adding fresh grocery and alcohol beverages to its Drive Up and in-store pickup services. It will test the enhanced fresh grocery options, which include items such as milk and bananas, first in the Minneapolis area stores this spring with plans to have it added to about half of its stores by this holiday. It will also pilot adding adult beverages to those services at more than 100 stores in Florida and Oregon this spring with plans to expand it to most stores by the holidays.

The Minneapolis-based retailer also will open 36 small format stores this year, a record number for these smaller models like the ones in Dinkytown and Uptown, executives said during the company's annual investors' meeting.

At the same time, Target is looking at a new convenience store size model of about 6,000 square feet, or about half the size of its smallest store. Such stores would be tucked into cities like New York and Philadelphia and would also offer in-store pickup of online orders in addition to a more limited assortment. It expects to sign a lease for one of these new concepts this year, with plans for it to open next year. Exectives said they see potential for hundreds of these kinds of locations down the road.

The company said it would also begin expanding robotics it has been testing in the Twin Cities to more warehouses that send better-sorted boxes to stores to help cut down on time employees spend stocking shelves.

The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in New York. But over the weekend, the company decided to instead broadcast it remotely from Minneapolis given the "rapidly evolving situation regarding the coronavirus."

After previously reporting the first two months of the holiday quarter earlier this year, the comparable sales for the full quarter were not much different. Target's shares tumbled in January when it said that comparable holiday sales rose 1.4%, well below the 3% to 4% the company had forecast. It blamed the performance mostly on weaknesses in toys and electronics, which account for a larger part of Target's sales over the holidays.

In the full fourth-quarter, Target said comparable sales grew 1.5%. Its net earnings grew 4.4% to $834 million. When adjusted for one-time items, it earned $1.69 a share, which was better than what analysts were expecting.

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Dated: February 28, 2020
Planning Board
Thank you,
Amy S. Kretser
Secretary

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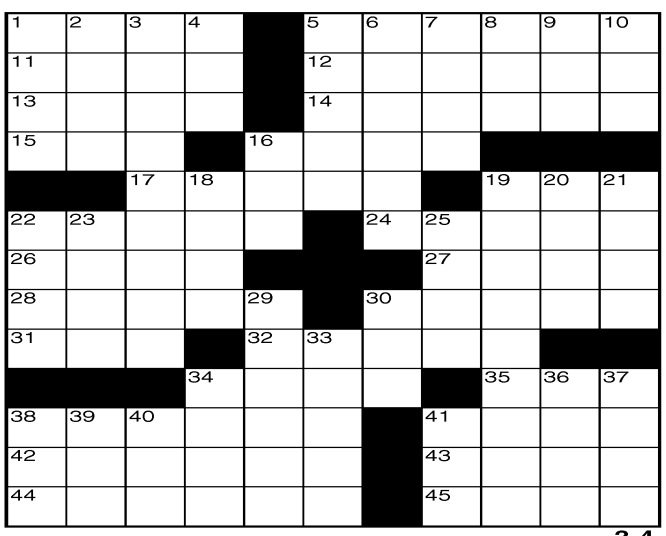
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16 Longings
17 African scavenger
19 Singer Tillis
22 Some sharks
24 City square
26 Composer Satie
27 Makes mistakes
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32 Media icon from Chicago
34 Trial group
35 Deli meat
38 Party snack
41 Curbside call
42 Wows
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45 Sunset setting

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2 Stratford's river
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4 Yellowstone grazer
5 Hive head
6 Open, in a way
7 Dance and music, e.g.
8 Color
9 Flamenco cry
10 Trainer's place
16 "For sure!"
18 Connector for a plow team
19 Mad Hatter's friend
20 Poet Pound
21 Highlands girl
22 Citi Field team
23 Open space
25 Luke's sister
29 Bald spot cover
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