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City looking to snag spot on TV show

By **JASON SUBIK**
Staff Writer

The cities of Amsterdam and Gloversville are both vying to be selected for an HGTV show that is looking to have renovation experts help revitalize a community.

The series "Home Town Takeover" on the HGTV channel, hosted by Ben and Erin Napier is looking for a community in the U.S. that meets three criteria:

- A population of less than 40,000 people.
- Homes with "great architecture longing to be revealed."
- A Main Street that "needs a facelift."

The TV show has encouraged people to submit applications that include either photos or a video of their community that show places that need a makeover, like din-

Amsterdam producing video to boost odds

ers, coffee shops, homes or playgrounds. According to the application page, which can be found at hgtvhometowntakeover.com, applications should also include a virtual "tour around the town" and include examples of people who love the small town and explanations of why people love it.

Amsterdam Community and Economic Development Director Amanda Bearcroft said her city has contracted with Amsterdam southside resident Andrew Iannotti, and his company Port Jackson Productions, to produce a short video explaining why Amsterdam should be chosen for the show.

"We're trying to come up with the voice of what we have to offer," she said. "We've been doing research on what other communities are submitting all over the country, and they always say 'you should come here and fix our town' — but our approach is we have all these amazing projects happening; we're really taking off, Amsterdam is truly going to be a different city in the next two to five years and we want you to have the opportunity to help us makeover our town, because we're already on that path. That is our approach."

Gloversville Mayor Vince DeSantis said

he thinks Gloversville, particularly with its historic downtown architecture, could be a perfect fit for the show. He said City Clerk Jennifer Mazur has taken the lead in preparing the city's application for the show, but the city is also encouraging Gloversville citizens to make their own applications, in an attempt to deluge the producers with images of Gloversville, hoping to get their attention.

"You are able to send them up to five photographs to show that your city has significant, historic buildings that would be really beautiful and serve as a really positive change for the community," he said. "It doesn't cost anything to submit an

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MARC SCHULTZ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LET THE RIVER RUN

All of the debris that was trapped in the gates of Lock 12 in Fort Hunter for the last few months have been cleared, and the waters of the Mohawk River run clean through it Thursday.

Experts: Virus's spread a concern

BEIJING (AP) — World health officials expressed "great concern" Wednesday that a dangerous new virus is starting to spread between people outside of China, a troubling development as China and the world frantically work to contain the outbreak. For a second day, the number of infections grew dramatically.

The new virus has now infected more people in China than were sickened there during the 2002-2003 SARS outbreak. On Wednesday, the number of cases jumped to 5,974, surpassing the 5,327 people diagnosed with SARS.

The death toll, which rose to 170 on Wednesday, is still less than half the number who died in China from SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. Scientists say there are many questions to be answered about the new virus, including just how easily it spreads and how severe it is.

In a report published Wednesday, Chinese researchers suggested that person-to-person spread among close contacts occurred as early as mid-De-

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Sunny.
High near 31.

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Trump defense: Ukraine 'quid pro quo' not impeachable

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a striking shift from President Donald Trump's claims of "perfect" dealings with Ukraine, his defenders asserted Wednesday at his Senate trial that a trade of U.S. military aid for political favors — even if proven — could not be grounds for his impeachment.

Trump's defense spotlighted retired professor Alan Dershowitz, a member of their team who said that every politician conflates his own interest with the public interest. Therefore, he declared, "it cannot be impeachable."

The Republicans are still hoping to wind up the impeachment trial with a rapid acquittal. Democrats are pressing hard for the Senate to call additional witnesses, especially Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton. Bolton's forthcoming book contends he personally heard Trump say he wanted military aid withheld from Ukraine until it agreed to investigate Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden — the abuse of power charge that is the first article of impeachment.

As Chief Justice John Roberts fielded queries in an unusual question-and-answer session, Texas Republican Ted Cruz asked, Does it matter if there was a quid pro quo?

Simply, no, declared Dershowitz, who said that many politicians equate their reelection with the public good.

"That's why it's so dangerous to try to psychoanalyze a president," he said.

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The Associated Press
In this image from video, Alan Dershowitz, an attorney for President Donald Trump, answers a question during the impeachment trial Wednesday.



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Thursday, Jan. 30**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 executive board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. All executive board members are urged to attend.

TOWN OF FLORIDA

Native American History and Culture: Come and explore the many ways the Native American world has influenced your world today. Find out how the words you use, food you eat, and even your own freedom exists through Native contributions. Learn about Native history, music, art and culture and how they are woven into America now.

This session from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. will include a hands-on experience with the Native drum as you learn about famous Native Americans and how people lived right here in the Mohawk Valley. The Fort Hunter Free Library is located at 167 Fort Hunter Road. For more information, call 518-829-7248 or email Lgraff@mvlis.info.

Saturday, Feb. 1**TOWN OF FLORIDA**

Take Your Child to the Library Day: This is National Take Your Child to the Library Day and the Fort Hunter Free Library will have a day full of activities for the whole family. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is located at 167 Fort Hunter Road. For more information, call 518-829-7248 or email Lgraff@mvlis.info.

HAGAMAN

Homemade Soup Sampler & Bake Sale — with all the soup you can eat plus a beverage — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cavalry Reformed Church, 10 Church St. Tickets sold at the door; \$7 per person, except those younger than 12 are free.

Monday, Feb. 3**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

St. Mary's Healthcare Auxiliary is holding a Chicken Parmesan Supper at Russo's Grill, 365 W. Main St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets for the Supper are \$12 per person to eat in or

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tribune News Service

Survivors and their families gathered at Auschwitz Monday to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the camp's liberation in Oswiecim, Poland. The Nazis killed an estimated one million people at the camp during the World War II occupation of Poland.

take out. Raffles will also be part of the evening's event, raising funds for this year's auxiliary pledge to the hospital.

FORT HUNTER

Museum Monday at Schoharie Crossing, 129 Schoharie St., will be held at 10 a.m. The first Monday of each month during the off-season, the site will be open at 10 and provide a themed discussion within the Pathway to Empire Exhibit at 10 a.m. and again at noon.

Tuesday, Feb. 4**AMSTERDAM**

The Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., will host a breast and prostate cancer education presentation at 11 a.m. The presentation will be conducted by St. Mary's Community Outreach and is free and open to the public.

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.

Wednesday, Feb. 5**AMSTERDAM**

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

Thursday, Feb. 6**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.

Saturday, Feb. 8**AMSTERDAM**

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will take place at the Amsterdam High School cafeteria, 140 Saratoga Ave., from 4:30 to 7

p.m. The cost to eat will be: \$10 for adults; \$7 for children ages 3 to 12; children younger than 3 will eat for free. Entertainment will be provided by the Amsterdam High School Chorus throughout the evening.

MOHAWK

The Glen-Mohawk Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 942 Auxiliary are hosting a Pitch Tournament at the Post Rooms on the Fonda Johnstown Road, starting promptly at noon. Cost is \$15 per person with 100% payout. Refreshments will be provided. To sign up, call 518-853-8932. Proceeds will be used for local veterans' needs.

Monday, Feb. 10**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.

JOHNSTOWN

The monthly luncheon of the Christian Women Connecting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Johnstown Holiday Inn on Route 30A. The inspirational speaker will be Elaine Miller. The luncheon is entitled "Journey of the Heart". Miller will also talk about "An Author's Journey". The luncheon choices are pot roast with roasted red potatoes and carrots or honey mustard chicken salad, rolls, dessert, coffee or tea. Cost is \$17.50 and may be paid at the door. For reservations, contact Gloria at 518-853-3126 or email women2connect@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 11**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.

Wednesday, Feb. 12**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.

Thursday, Feb. 13**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.

Friday, Feb. 14**AMSTERDAM**

The Horace J. Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., will host a St. Valentine's Day Pot Luck Luncheon. For more information, call 518-842-3815.

AMSTERDAM

The St. Mary's Healthcare Auxiliary's Valentine's Day Sweet Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hospital's Cafeteria at the Guy Park Campus, and from 10 a.m. to noon in the Main Lobby at the

Memorial Campus on Route 30. The sale will feature all kinds of sweets.

Saturday, Feb. 15**AMSTERDAM**

The Amsterdam Chapter of DAR will hold a genealogy workshop at the Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St., at 10 a.m. The workshop is open to anyone interested in working on their family tree. The Daughters of the American Revolution will assist those attending with help on how to find information on genealogy research.

Sunday, Feb. 16**AMSTERDAM**

The United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St., is hosting its annual Soup Sampler from noon until 2 p.m. A variety of homemade soups will be served along with crackers, bread, beverages and dessert. The cost for the Soup Sampler is: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger.

FLORIDA

An Ultimate Breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at the Town of Florida Old Town Hall, located on Fort Hunter Road. Food will include custom omelets, eggs Benedict, eggs your way, pancakes, sides, toast, orange juice, coffee. Cost: \$10 for presale; \$13 at the door; children will get a reduced cost. All proceeds go towards the Town of Florida Veterans Memorial Park development and maintenance. For more information or tickets, call Joe at 518-842-4987 or Kim at 518-842-8611.

Monday, Feb. 17**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, Feb. 18**AMSTERDAM**

The Horace J. Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., will host a Wilson Bickford Painting Class. For more information, call 518-842-3815.

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.

Wednesday, Feb. 19**AMSTERDAM**

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

Thursday, Feb. 20**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 Horace J. Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., will host Crafts with Marilyn and a Nature Club Meeting. For more information, call 518-842-3815.

Monday, Feb. 24**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, Feb. 25**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.

Wednesday, Feb. 26**AMSTERDAM**

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

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Thursday, Feb. 27**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 executive board meeting will be held at 7 pm. All executive board members are urged to attend.

Monday, March 2**AMSTERDAM**

The Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., is hosting tai chi every Monday from 8:45 to 9:45 am. The classes are free and open to the public. Call the Center to register at 842-3815.

Tuesday, March 3**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.

Wednesday, March 4**AMSTERDAM**

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

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.

Monday, March 9**AMSTERDAM**

The Inman Senior Center, 53 Guy Park Ave., is hosting tai chi every Monday from 8:45 to 9:45 am. The classes are free and open to the public. Call the Center to register at 842-3815.

Tuesday, March 10**BROADALBIN**

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Wednesday, March 11**AMSTERDAM**

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Thursday, March 12**AMSTERDAM**

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Tague won't seek state Senate seat

By **STEPHEN WILLIAMS**
Staff Writer

Assemblyman Chris Tague of Schoharie won't pursue a run for the state Senate seat being vacated by the retirement of Sen. James Seward of Oneonta.

"After much consideration and reflection with my wife, family and close friends, I have decided not to pursue a run for the state Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Jim Seward," Tague said. "I am incredibly honored and humbled to have been approached and encouraged by so many respected members of our region to consider succeeding a legend like Sen. Seward."

With Tague's decision, the only announced Republican candidate to succeed Seward is Pete Oberacker of Schenevus, who is a member of the Otsego County Board of Representatives and former supervisor of the town of Maryland, which includes Schenevus. He has con-

Oberacker emerges as GOP candidate for position

tacted the GOP leaders in all nine counties in the district, and they are expected to meet at some point to agree on a candidate.

"It was pretty much all our intents that if Chris decided to run, we would have supported him," said Vince Canale, the Otsego County Republican chairman.

While the nomination still must play out, Canale said he could support Oberacker. "I'm certainly comfortable with Peter if he became the candidate," he said. "I think he would be a great representative, but he has big shoes to fill."

Seward, who has served in the Senate for 34 years, announced last week that he would not seek re-election as he continues to undergo treatment for cancer.

Tague and Seward are both Republicans, and frequently appear at the same events. On Thursday, Feb. 6, they will jointly host a public meeting in Schoharie to discuss

public concerns about traffic safety along state Route 30.

Tague portrayed his decision as one to loyal to the people who elected him to the Assembly. The 102nd Assembly District includes all of Schoharie and Greene counties, parts of Albany, Otsego and Delaware counties, and the town of Saugerties in Ulster County.

"I have an obligation to my neighbors to finish working on the many projects currently in motion," Tague said. "I could not walk away from (Minority Leader Will) Barclay and the Assembly Republican conference; their support has never wavered and I will forever be thankful."

The 51st Senate District, on the other hand, has Schoharie County as its eastern boundary, and stretches west to Cortland, including parts all of Schoharie, Otsego and Cortland counties, and parts of Herkimer,

Tompkins, Chenango, Cayuga, Delaware and Ulster counties. Republicans have a significant voter enrollment advantage in the district.

Oberacker, 53, grew up in Schenevus, working in a family sausage business, and went on to graduate from SUNY-Delhi and work in food product research, development and implementation, according to a short campaign handout distributed to Republican leaders. He created a company called Form Tech Solutions in 2007, and moved its international headquarters from Texas to Schenevus in 2017. "He's known for continually using his business experience to create new and creative ways to make budgets work," the handout states.

Democrat Jim Barber of Middleburgh is the only other announced candidate so far in the 51st Senate District race.



The Associated Press
Harvey Weinstein, center, arrives at court for his trial on charges of rape and sexual assault on Wednesday in New York.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sheriff: Man threatened gunfire at local business

By **STEVEN COOK**
Staff Writer

FULTONVILLE — A Gloversville man who threatened employees at a Fultonville business with gunfire has been arrested, Montgomery County sheriff's officials said Wednesday.

Michael K. Downing, 46, of First Avenue, was arrested and charged with one count of making a terroristic threat, a felony.

Downing is accused of threatening the business' employees with violence by gunfire, officials said.

Montgomery County sheriff's deputies then investigated and arrested Downing, officials said.

A release did not identify the business nor specify when or how the alleged threat was made.

Downing was arraigned and ordered held on \$25,000 bail.

Cuomo officials face heat over Medicaid woes

ALBANY (AP) — Top state health officials were peppered with a series of questions by New York lawmakers over concerns that governor's call to curb soaring Medicaid spending could end up hurting residents' wallets.

Democratic and Republican members of the Legislature's fiscal committees used a Wednesday budget hearing to press the state's Commissioner of Health Howard Zucker and State Medicaid Director Donna Frescatore for more transparency about what has led to soaring Medicaid costs that Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration failed to predict or disclose ahead of last year's budget.

The Democratic governor has yet to announce his plan for an appointed Medicaid Redesign Team he wants to task with finding \$2.5 billion in Medicaid savings ahead of the legislative deadline to pass a budget by April 1. Cuomo's administration has said rising long-term care costs are fueling soaring costs for Medicaid.

Accusers: Weinstein excused lewd acts as showbiz norm

NEW YORK (AP) — Harvey Weinstein callously preceded an alleged rape with reassurances that he'd had a vasectomy, one accuser testified Wednesday.

Another accuser on the witness stand at Weinstein's New York City trial said the one-time Hollywood titan tried trading movie roles for sex, claiming the lewd offer was the kind of thing that happened all the time in the film business.

Both were aspiring actresses in their early 20s when they met Weinstein more than 15 years ago, and both say he preyed on their vulnerabilities and dreams of stardom.

Choking back tears, Tarale Wulff told jurors there was no stopping the much larger Weinstein as he grabbed her by the arm, pushed her onto a bed and raped her at his apartment in 2005, during what was supposed to be an audition.

Wulff, now 43 and a model, said she froze, thinking that would make it "easier to get through, to get past it."

Dawn Dunning testified that the year before, Weinstein put his hand up her skirt and fondled her genitals during a meeting in his hotel suite about her fledgling acting career.

At another meeting, Dunning said, he offered to put her in three movies, but only if she had sex with him and his assistant.

"When he said that, I kind of laughed, I thought he was kidding, and he had kind of a crass sense of humor," Dunning testified. "But when I started laughing, he got really angry and started screaming at me. He said, 'you'll never make it in this business, this is how this industry works.'"

Dunning, now 40, said Weinstein went on to namedrop actresses Salma Hayek and Charlize Theron, implying they had done similar things

to achieve success — something both women have strongly denied.

Hayek has said she had to fight off Weinstein's constant harassment and bullying. Theron was upset when some accusers said he implied they had slept together.

Wulff and Dunning's experiences with Weinstein are not part of the underlying criminal charges against him, but their testimony could be a factor in whether he goes to prison at the end of his landmark #MeToo-era trial.

Prosecutors called them as witnesses under a state law that allows testimony about so-called "prior bad acts," enabling them to explore things like motive, opportunity, intent and a common scheme or plan. Weinstein, 67, is charged with forcibly performing oral sex on Mimi Haley, at the time a "Project Runway" production assistant, in 2006 and raping another aspiring actress in 2013.

CDPHP expands telemedicine program for Medicaid patients

By **JOE HOFFMAN**
Staff Writer

ALBANY — CDPHP's Medicaid patients across the Capital Region will be able to access healthcare on their smartphones through a telemedicine app that the insurer said showed promising results in a Rensselaer County pilot program.

The ER Anywhere program started with a collaboration by Rensselaer County Executive Steven McLaughlin and CDPHP, which insures about half of that county's Medicaid population.

Already facing high Medicaid costs, hospitals can be stretched thin when emergency rooms are overloaded with patients who don't need immediate care. Also of concern: A hospital emergency department is one of the most expensive health care settings for the patient and/or insurer.

"If they call 911 and say they have a toothache, the rules were you had to send an ambulance, and if the patient wanted to go to the hospital, you had to go to the hospital," said CDPHP spokeswoman Ali Skinner.

Starting in October, CDPHP let Rensselaer Medicaid patients talk to care providers from United Concierge Medicine through an app or a toll free telephone number. United Concierge's doctors helped to diagnose and treat patients without them needing to go to an emergency room.

The app has about 150 downloads so far, according to Skinner. Insurers like telemedicine because in many circumstances it can provide care comparable to an office visit for much less money. But despite the promise of speed and convenience, convincing patients that they can

get quality care over a phone continues to be a challenge for telehealth initiatives — there's a resistance to trying it that first time.

"We're still in the process of working through that; I think that's still a barrier," said Skinner. "Once people try it, they see that it's the same exact thing as having a medical professional in front of you."

Skinner stressed that the doctors on the virtual health care app can send ambulances to patients who do need immediate care in a medical setting.

"We had more than 80 consults, and 97 percent of them didn't need to go to the emergency room," she said.

United Concierge Medicine is now working with Rensselaer County 911 operators to take calls from CDPHP Medicare members

who don't need an ambulance.

"When it's determined to be the lowest acuity, the 911 operator can transfer a call to our virtual ER," said United Concierge Medicine CEO Keith Algozzine. "An emergency physician can talk to the patient, determine if they need an ambulance, or if this is something we can treat at home, or if they can transfer to an alternate location other than the ER."

Algozzine said that although the ER Anywhere program currently serves only CDPHP Medicaid members, the company hopes to expand it.

"We're going to be working with the counties to bring on more populations. But somebody has to start, and CDPHP was the one to do it."

Your Local Tax Preparation Directory

Now is a great time to start preparing for tax season. While the deadline to file returns may be several weeks away, getting a head-start allows men and women the chance to organize their tax documents so they aren't racing against a deadline come April. The following are a handful of ways to start preparing for your returns now.

- Find last year's return
- Gather dependents' information
- Gather your year-end financial statements
- Speak with your mortgage lender
- Make a list of your charitable contributions
- Book an appointment with your tax preparation specialist now.

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The Associated Press

A girl wears a face mask Wednesday as she plays on a swing near the Yingwuzhou Yangtze River Bridge in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province.

Virus, from Page A1

ember. Based on the first 425 confirmed cases, the researchers estimate that each infection led to 2.2 others on average. That's a bit more than ordinary flu but far less than some other respiratory diseases such as whooping cough and tuberculosis. The rate for SARS, a cousin to this new virus, was estimated to be 3.

"Considerable efforts" will be needed to control the spread if this ratio holds up elsewhere, researchers wrote in the report, published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

More than half of the cases in which symptoms began before Jan. 1 were tied to a seafood market, but only 8% of cases after that have been, researchers found. They reported the average incubation period was five days.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization's emergencies chief said the few cases of human-to-human spread of the virus outside China — in Japan, Germany, Canada and Vietnam — were of "great concern" and were part of the reason the U.N. health agency's director-general was reconvening a committee of experts on Thursday to assess whether the outbreak should be declared a global emergency.

Dr. Michael Ryan spoke at a news conference in Geneva after returning from a trip to Beijing to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other senior government leaders. He said China was taking "extraordinary measures in the face of an extraordinary challenge" posed by the outbreak.

To date, about 99% of the nearly 6,000 cases are in China. Ryan estimated the death rate of the new virus at 2%, but said the figure was very preliminary. With fluctuating numbers of cases and deaths, scientists are only able to produce a rough estimate of the fatality rate and it's likely many milder cases of the virus are being missed.

In comparison, the SARS virus killed about 10% of people who caught it. The new virus is from the coronavirus family, which includes those that can cause the common cold as well as more serious illnesses such as SARS and MERS.

Ryan noted there were several aspects of the new virus outbreak that are extremely worrying, citing the recent rapid spike in cases in China. He said that while scientists believe the outbreak was

sparked by an animal virus, it's unclear if there are other factors driving the epidemic.

"Without understanding that, it's very hard to put into context the current transmission dynamics," he said.

Meanwhile, countries began evacuating their citizens from the Chinese city hardest-hit by the virus. Chartered planes carrying about 200 evacuees each arrived in Japan and the United States as other countries planned similar evacuations from the city of Wuhan, which authorities have shut down to try to contain the virus.

The U.S. plane arrived in California after a refueling stop in Alaska. All 195 passengers, who included diplomats from the U.S. Consulate in Wuhan, passed health screenings in China and Anchorage, and were to undergo three days of monitoring at a Southern California military base to ensure they show no signs of the illness.

"The whole plane erupted into cheers when the crew welcomed them back to the United States," Dr. Anne Zink, Alaska's chief medical officer, told reporters in Anchorage.

Four passengers on the evacuation flight to Japan had coughs and fevers, and two were diagnosed with pneumonia. It wasn't clear whether they were infected with the new virus, which first appeared in Wuhan in December. Its symptoms, including cough and fever and in severe cases pneumonia, are similar to many other illnesses.

Takeo Aoyama, an employee at Nippon Steel Corp.'s subsidiary in Wuhan, told reporters he was relieved to return home.

"We were feeling increasingly uneasy as the situation developed so rapidly and we were still in the city," Aoyama said, his voice muffled by a white surgical mask.

The first cases in the Middle East were confirmed Wednesday, a family of four from Wuhan that was visiting the United Arab Emirates. Airlines around the world announced they were cutting flights to China, and Hong Kong was suspending rail travel to and from the mainland at midnight.

The number of cases in China rose to 1,459 from the previous day, a smaller increase than the 1,771 new cases reported Tuesday. Australia, Finland and

Singapore were among those reporting new cases, as the number outside China topped 70. The vast majority are people who came from Wuhan.

Australia, New Zealand and Britain were among the latest countries to announce they are planning evacuations.

British health secretary Matt Hancock tweeted that "anyone who returns from Wuhan will be safely isolated for 14 days, with all necessary medical attention." The measures are a step up from those during the devastating 2014-16 Ebola outbreak, when returning travelers from West Africa were asked to monitor themselves for symptoms.

Mark Woolhouse, a professor of infectious disease epidemiology at the University of Edinburgh, said the steps are justified to prevent the introduction of the virus and its spread.

"There's always a balance between the draconian measures of public health and what people might want to do, and obviously it's regrettable if people who turn out not to have the virus are quarantined unnecessarily," he said.

In China's Hubei province, 17 cities including Wuhan have been locked down, trapping more than 50 million people in the most far-reaching disease control measures ever imposed.

During the 2002-2003 SARS epidemic, China was slammed for hiding that outbreak for months, allowing it to spread unchecked before reporting it to the WHO. Even after inviting international experts to investigate the epidemic, SARS patients were moved from hospitals and driven around in ambulances to conceal the true extent of the virus' spread.

Although the Chinese health minister and others have suggested that the virus is spreading before people get symptoms, data to confirm that has not yet been shared widely beyond China.

"It's still unclear whether that takes place," said Malik Peiris, chair in virology at the University of Hong Kong.

"The fortunate thing about SARS, if there was anything fortunate, was that transmission did not take place before symptoms," he said. If it turns out that the new coronavirus can indeed be spread by people who don't show any symptoms, "a pandemic is a scenario that we have to consider."

Dems' early 2020 blitz in Texas flops

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — If Texas is going to be competitive in 2020, the first race wasn't.

Democrats went all-in on a legislative runoff in the booming Houston suburbs, drumming up endorsements from Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren and putting \$1 million on the ground. Still, a Republican real estate developer who had lost seven previous tries for office cruised to a double-digit victory.

It was a high-profile defeat for Democrats who supercharged a sleepy statehouse special election in a bid to make an early 2020 strike on the GOP's biggest turf. On Wednesday, Republicans called it a lesson.

"They made a big mistake by nationalizing," said Republican strategist Karl Rove, the former adviser to President George W. Bush.

In final unofficial results, Republican Gary Gates polled 58% of the vote to 42% for Democrat Eliz Markowitz.

But despite the unusual attention on the race, the outcome is no surefire predictor of what's in store for Texas. Turnout for the race was more than 30,000 — far better than typical statehouse runoffs in Texas but still a fraction of how many are expected to vote in fast-growing Fort Bend County come November. And Democrats, who need to flip nine legislative seats to claim a majority in the Texas House for the first time since 2001, have more favorable targets than

state House District 28.

But before Tuesday's blowout, Democrats said there was reason to believe. President Donald Trump carried the district by 10 points in 2016, but two years later, Beto O'Rourke got within 3 points in his failed U.S. Senate run. In the final stretch, the race drew support from Biden, who said it could "set the tone for the entire general election in 2020."

Democrats sought to downplay the loss, and outside groups that amplified the race said it wouldn't cause them to retreat in Texas.

"That really isn't going to change," said Ross Morales Rocketto, co-founder of Run for Something, which recruits Democratic candidates nationwide. "But I think one thing a lot of Democratic and progressive donors need to really think hard about is what is going to be required to invest in the state of Texas, in order for us to get the outcomes that we want?"

Texas' fast-growing suburbs that carried the GOP for a generation are quickly changing, and Democrats are counting on voters there turning away from Trump to make gains. Last summer, Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, a Republican, was caught confiding to a conservative activist in a secretly recorded meeting that Trump was "killing us" in urban and suburban districts.

OBITUARIES

Derek James "DJ" LaConte

Derek James "DJ" LaConte, 43, of New Bern, NC, was a loving son, father, and brother, who sadly passed left his family on Sunday, January 19, 2020.



Derek is survived by his mother and step-father, Kathy and Glenn Lysogorski; son, Zachary LaConte; daughter, Diana Steenburg; brother, Michael LaConte; sisters, Kristin Martin, Tammy Koga, and Tina Wade; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the home of his mother, 105 Tammy Court, New Bern, NC 28560.

Arrangements are held by Cotten Funeral home and online condolences can be made in Derek's honor at www.cottenfuneralhome.com.

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application, and it doesn't have to be the city government, anybody can apply to nominate their hometown."

Bearcroft said she is viewing the application process for the show as a "casting call" so she will emphasize the positive, hoping to draw a contrast with some other cities applying for the show.

"We're going to keep the video to five to seven minutes, not too long to the point that people would lose interest, and keep everything on point," she said. "We're going to feature a community member, a business owner, people who've been around to see the decline and rise of Amsterdam, a mix of everything we're working with, and truly say who Amsterdam is."

The application deadline for the show is Feb. 7. Applications can be made at hgtvhometowntakeover.com.

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Rep. Adam Schiff, the Democrat leading the House prosecutors, appeared stunned.

"All quid pro quos are not the same," he retorted. Some might be acceptable some not. "And you don't need to be a mind reader to figure out which is which. For one thing, you can ask John Bolton."

With voting on witnesses later this week, Democrats, amid the backdrop of protesters swarming the Capitol, are making a last-ditch push to sway Republicans to call Bolton and others to appear for testimony and ensure a "fair trial."

Trump faces charges from the House that he abused his power like no other president, jeopardizing Ukraine and U.S.-Ukraine relations by using the military aid as leverage while the vulnerable ally battled Russia. The second article of impeachment says Trump then obstructed the House probe in a way that threatened the nation's three-branch system of checks and balances.

Over two days, senators are grilling the House Democrats prosecuting the case and the Republican president's defense team. Dozens of questions were asked and answered Wednesday in rapid-fire fashion, with senators under orders to sit silently without comment, submitting their questions in writing. They expect to keep going Thursday.

Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer asked whether the Senate could really render a fair verdict without hearing from Bolton or acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, both potential eye witnesses to Trump's actions.

"Don't wait for the book. Don't wait 'til March 17, when it is in black and white to find out the answer to your question," Schiff told the Senate.

That publication date is now in doubt. The White House on Wednesday released a letter to Bolton's attorney objecting to "significant amounts of classified information" in the manuscript, including at the top secret level. Bolton and his attorney have insisted that the book does not contain any classified information.

The White House action could delay the book's publication if Bolton, who resigned last September — Trump says he was fired — is forced to revise his draft.

GOP senators are straining to balance the new revelations with pressure for quick acquittal. They have been sternly warned by party leaders that calling Bolton as a witness could entangle the trial in lengthy legal battles and delay Trump's expected acquittal.

White House lawyers made exactly that point. Attorney Pat Philbin said in response to the Democrats' first question: "This institution will effectively be paralyzed for months." It was echoed by others.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell huddled privately with senators for a third consecutive day, acknowledging he didn't yet have the votes to brush back Democratic demands for witnesses now that revelations from Bolton have roiled the trial.

Republican ideas for dealing with Bolton and his book were fizzling almost as soon as they arose — among them, a witness "swap" with Democrats or issuing a subpoena for Bolton's manuscript.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

Here are the lottery numbers that were drawn Wednesday:

Daily MIDDAY: 0-4-7

Win Four MIDDAY: 3-3-4-0

Daily Evening: 1-3-1

Win Four Evening: 8-0-7-8

Pick 10: 01-05-06-07-09-10-18-23-29-30-33-36-38-43-56-64-65-71-72-79

Cash4Life: 19-27-40-41-58, Cash Ball: 1

Powerball — Estimated jackpot: \$394 million

Mega Millions — Estimated jackpot: \$155 million

Biden fending off new GOP attacks

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — With five days until the Iowa caucuses, Joe Biden is fending off a new onslaught of GOP attacks over his son's business overseas and facing piling pressure to show Democratic voters he can handle the incoming.

As Republicans amplified their allegations against the former vice president, accusing him of nepotism and worse in a series of charges stemming from the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, the Biden campaign promised an aggressive and direct counterstrategy ahead of Monday's first nominating contest. Biden planned an address Thursday in Iowa at the same time Trump was to stage a rally in Des Moines.

The Biden campaign was mindful that the last-minute GOP meddling in the Democratic race provides something of a preview of the election ahead should Biden be the party's nominee. As such, it was a test of whether Iowa voters would see strength or weakness in Biden's response.

Biden made his case Wednesday by openly mocking Florida Sen. Rick Scott, a

Republican, for running a digital ad in Iowa that repeats Trump's discredited theories about Biden's work in Ukraine as vice president and his son's private business dealings there. The ad came a day after Trump's impeachment defense team repeatedly framed Hunter Biden's tenure on an energy firm's governing board as the real corruption in need of investigation.

"A senator from Florida, sitting in Washington, has decided to start running negative ads against Joe Biden just days before the Iowa caucus," the elder Biden told several hundred Iowa voters in Sioux City. "What do you think that's about? Look, it's simple," he said, returning to an oft-used line: "They're smearing me ... because they know if I'm the nominee, I'm going to beat Donald Trump like a drum."

Biden adviser Anita Dunn was even more pointed, saying of the Scott ad: "We'll pay him to keep it up." Biden campaign manager Greg Schultz said, "This is all a help to us" because it valid Trump's fear.

That's quite a turn from October, when the

Biden campaign sent letters to Facebook, Google and Twitter pressuring the online platforms to block ads from Trump's reelection campaign that contained similar debunked allegations against the Bidens. But Dunn and Schultz suggest that their new posture could be the better path to turning a potentially damaging story line into an electoral asset.

"We are going to call out the lies. We are going to confront him," Dunn said of how Biden will handle Trump going forward. "If Joe Biden has proven one thing in this race, it's that he's the person to stand up to Donald Trump."

Yet there are Democrats who see the Biden controversy as a replay of 2016. In that campaign, Trump deflected myriad stories of his own conflicts of interests and business dealings by hammering away at Democrat Hillary Clinton, her use of a private email server as secretary of state and the foreign contributions to the Clinton Foundation created after her husband Bill Clinton's presidency.

"Whether there's anything to it or not, there's going to be a lack of trust and doubt that we could end up like we did four years ago," said Iowa Democrat Emma Thompson, 63, who is considering caucusing for Biden, but is also considering Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg and Andrew Yang.

These aren't perfect parallels. During the Trump-Clinton campaign, the FBI was actively investigating whether Clinton or her aides subjected classified material to disclosure, and the agency did not close the case — without any criminal charges — until well after Trump was in office.

There has been no evidence of wrongdoing by Biden or his son. The elder Biden's efforts to oust a Ukrainian prosecutor reflected the consensus of the U.S. government and its Western allies. And there's no evidence the U.S. government has ever actively investigated Hunter Biden's dealings at Burisma, even under Trump's Justice Department.



The Associated Press

This undated photo provided by the Drug Enforcement Administration shows what is believed to be the longest smuggling tunnel between Mexico and the U.S.

Authorities find long smuggling tunnel

SAN DIEGO (AP) — U.S. authorities on Wednesday announced the discovery of the longest smuggling tunnel ever found on the Southwest border, stretching more than three-quarters of a mile from an industrial site in Tijuana, Mexico, to the San Diego area.

The tunnel featured an extensive rail cart system, forced air ventilation, high voltage electrical cables and panels, an elevator at the tunnel entrance and a drainage system.

While there were no arrests, no drugs found at the site and no confirmed exit point in the U.S., the length — more than 14 football fields — stunned authorities.

"This one blows past (the second-longest)," said Lance LeNoir, a Border Patrol operations supervisor. "We never really thought they had the moxie to go that far. They continue to surprise me."

The tunnel exposes limitations of President Donald Trump's border wall, which stretches several feet underground in the area and is considered effective against small, crudely built tunnels often called "gopher holes." The one announced Wednesday was found about 70 feet (21 meters) underground, well below the wall.

Following the discovery in August, Mexican law enforcement identified the entrance and U.S. investigators mapped the tunnel that extends a total of 4,309 feet. (1,313 meters). The next longest tunnel in the U.S. was discovered in San Diego in 2014. It was 2,966 feet (904 meters) long.

The newly discovered tunnel is about 5.5 feet (1.68 meters) tall and 2 feet (0.61 meters) wide and runs at an average depth of 70 feet (21.3 meters) below the surface, officials said.

Agents discovered several hundred sandbags blocking a suspected former exit of the tunnel in San Diego's Otay Mesa industrial warehouse area. It went under several warehouses in Otay Mesa, where sophisticated tunnels have typically ended, and extended into open fields.

U.S. authorities say they are confident that the tunnel exited in San Diego at one time, based on its trajectory.

LeNoir, a veteran on the multiagency task force of tunnel investigators known as "tunnel rats," said he made his way through about 50 feet (15 meters) of sugar sacks blocking the tunnel but couldn't go any farther.

An incomplete offshoot of the tunnel that extended 3,529 feet (1,090 meters) suggested to authorities that smugglers had plugged an initial exit point and were building another.

The suspected previous exit "became unsustainable for whatever reason, so they built a spur," Border Patrol spokesman Jeff Stephenson said.

By federal law, U.S. authorities must fill the U.S. side of tunnels with concrete after they are discovered.

"The sophistication and length of this particular tunnel demonstrates the time-consuming efforts transnational criminal organizations will undertake to facilitate cross-border smuggling," said Cardell T. Morant, acting special agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations unit in San Diego.

Authorities have found 15 sophisticated tunnels on California's border with Mexico since 2006, with hallmarks including lighting, ventilation, railway tracks and hydraulic lifts.

Grounded jet sends Boeing to first annual loss in 2 decades

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

Boeing, an icon of American manufacturing, suffered its first annual financial loss in more than two decades while the cost of fixing its marquee aircraft after two deadly crashes soared to more than \$18 billion.

New CEO David Calhoun on Wednesday stood by his estimate that regulators will certify changes Boeing is making to the 737 Max by mid-year.

Calhoun criticized the company's prior leadership for not immediately disclosing a trove of damning internal communications that raised safety questions about the Max. He promised to be more transparent.

"I have to restore trust, confidence and faith in the Boeing Co.," he told Wall Street analysts.

Boeing reported a loss of \$1 billion in the fourth quarter as revenue plunged 37% due to the grounding of the Max. The company suspended deliveries of the plane last spring and hadn't expected the stoppage to last this long.

The company lost \$636 mil-

lion for all 2019, compared with a profit of nearly \$10.5 billion in 2018. It was the first annual loss since 1997, when Boeing was roiled by parts shortages, production delays, and expenses from merging with McDonnell Douglas.

Boeing's problems aren't limited to the Max.

Slowing demand for larger planes led the company to announce it will reduce production of the 787 Dreamliner from 14 a month to 12 later this year, then 10 early next year. The plane has become more important to Boeing's health during the Max

grounding.

In addition, Boeing's 777X jet is behind schedule, and a decision on whether to build a new mid-size plane to compete with one from Airbus has been delayed.

Revenue in the company's defense and space business fell 13% and it took a \$410 million charge in case NASA requires another unmanned flight of the Starliner — the spacecraft that failed to reach the International Space Station during a test flight in December.

Boeing's focus, however, is on fixing the Max.

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Bond denied for officer in handcuffed man's fatal shooting

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP) — A judge denied bond Wednesday for a Maryland police officer who has been charged with murder after being accused of fatally shooting a handcuffed man in his patrol car.

Judge Robert Heffron Jr. said he found convincing evidence that Prince George's County Police Cpl. Michael Owen Jr. posed a danger to the community. Owen's defense attorney had asked for him to be freed without bond.

Investigators didn't find any evidence of a fight between Owen and William Howard Green before Green was fatally shot Monday night in the front passenger seat of a patrol car, police said in a report on a murder charge against the officer.

That finding contradicted statements on the night of the shooting by a department spokeswoman, who told reporters that two "independent witnesses" said they saw or heard a struggle "of some sort" coming from the patrol car before they heard loud bangs.

Owen fired seven shots at Green and struck him multiple times, according to the police report released Wednesday.

A prosecutor, Renee Joy, said Green had complied with officers' commands when he was taken out of the car and handcuffed. She added that the man posed "absolutely no threat."

Supporters of Green clapped after the judge denied bail for Owen, whose next court date is set for Feb. 28.

"Thank you, Jesus," a woman who identified herself as Green's fiancée said outside the courtroom after the brief hearing. She referred questions to an attorney for the family. The attorney, William "Billy" Murphy, didn't immediately respond to an email and telephone message seeking comment Wednesday.

Owen had handcuffed Green, 43, of Washington, D.C., behind his back and placed him in the cruiser after responding to a traffic accident and finding him sleeping in his vehicle, apparently under the influence of an unknown substance, the report said.

About five to 10 minutes after Owen placed Green in his cruiser, a witness heard gunshots and saw the wounded man still seated in the front passenger seat with his hands cuffed behind his back, police said.

Investigators did not find any weapons in Green's possession or in his vehicle. Witnesses told officers Green had struck their vehicle, police said in a news release.

Owen a 10-year veteran of the force, was arrested Tuesday on charges of second-degree murder, voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, first-degree assault and use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence.

Prince George's County Police Chief Hank Stawinski said during a news conference Tuesday that he asked his special investigations response team to file the charges. Stawinski called the announcement the most difficult of his tenure as police chief.

"I am unable to come to our community this evening and provide you with a reasonable explanation for the events that occurred last night," the chief told reporters. "I concluded that what happened last night is a crime."

During an earlier news conference, police department spokeswoman Christina Cotterman had said two witnesses told police they either saw or heard a struggle before the shooting. Cotterman also said officers smelled PCP and believed the man was under the influence of that drug. However, Stawinski later said PCP did not appear to have been involved and that no account of a struggle in the cruiser could be corroborated.

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Daily Bridge Club

Under the weather

By FRANK STEWART
Tribune Content Agency

"Being a husband is like being a weatherman," a club player sighed to me. "You can be wrong 80 percent of the time and keep your job."

"Sounds as if your wife is unhappy with you," I said.

"Everything is great," he shrugged, "except when we play bridge."

My friend was today's East; his wife led the deuce of clubs against four hearts.

"Dummy played low," he told me, "and I took the queen and ace, dropping declarer's ten. For want of anything better, or so I thought, I led the eight of trumps: ten, queen. Declarer won my wife's club return in dummy, led a second trump and claimed when my king appeared. My wife said I'd booted another deal."

ONLY HOPE

On the bidding, East's only hope is to win two trump tricks. At Trick Three, he must lead a third club to dummy.

South will lead a trump to his jack next, and when West wins, she leads her last club. East ruffs with his king of trumps, and South must overruff with the ace, promoting West's nine for the setting trick.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 9 8 3 2 ♥ K 8
♦ 8 4 2 ♣ A Q 6. Your partner opens one heart, you bid one spade and he

rebids two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has minimum opening values but suggests six or more hearts. (He would never be compelled to rebid a five-card heart suit over your one spade.) Hence a pass would be timid. To bid 2NT is unappealing with no diamond strength, but you can raise to three hearts.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A K 7
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ K 9 7 3

WEST

♠ 10 6 5 4
♥ Q 9 2
♦ 7 3
♣ J 8 4 2

EAST

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ K 8
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A Q 6

SOUTH

♠ J
♥ A J 10 7 4
♦ K J 10 9 5
♣ 10 5

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ 2

Powell: Virus possible risk to world economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as the outlook for the global economy had been brightening in recent months, a new threat has suddenly emerged in the form of the viral outbreak in China.

That was the cautionary message that Chairman Jerome Powell delivered Wednesday after the Federal Reserve held interest rates low after its latest policy meeting.

Speaking at a news conference, Powell said the signing of a preliminary U.S.-China trade deal earlier this month, the resolution of Brexit and continuing low interest rates in the United States and abroad had suggested that the world economy would start to expand more quickly after being held back by trade conflicts. That scenario is now complicated by the emergence of the virus.

Still, Powell noted that the extent of the economic damage that the virus may ultimately inflict, in China or around the world, remains unknown.

“There is likely to be some disruption to activity in China and globally,” Powell said. “It’s very uncertain how far it will spread and what the (economic) effects will be in China, for its trading partners, and around the world.... We are very carefully monitoring the situation.”

Even so, Powell said he thinks there are “there are signs and reasons to expect” a global economic rebound. And he said the initial U.S.-China trade agreement and a new trade pact among the U.S., Canada and Mexico that President Donald Trump signed into law Wednesday could poten-

tially boost the U.S. economy.

Powell spoke after the Fed had announced that it has kept its key interest rate unchanged in a low range of 1.5% to 1.75%, far below levels that were typical during previous expansions. The chairman and other Fed officials have indicated that they see that range as low enough to support faster growth and hiring.

Investors, however, are increasingly betting that the Fed will feel compelled to cut rates later this year, likely out of concern that the U.S. will feel the impact of a global slowdown stemming from the coronavirus. The chances of a cut by September’s Fed meeting have risen above 70%, according to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange’s FedWatch tool, up from roughly 40% just a month ago.

Still, Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said he saw nothing in the Fed’s statement or at Powell’s news conference to make him change his belief that the central bank will keep its benchmark rate unchanged for the foreseeable future.

“Unless the U.S. experiences its own epidemic, we doubt that the indirect effects from the disruptions in China would be enough to warrant a U.S. rate cut,” Ashworth said.

The coronavirus has in effect shut down much of that nation and seems sure to slow the Chinese economy — the world’s second-largest — which had already been decelerating. The virus has now infected more people in China than were sick-

ened in the country by the SARS outbreak in 2002-2003.

Major companies across the world have responded to the virus by suspending some operations in China. Starbucks said it plans to close half its stores in China, its second-largest market. British Airways has halted all flights to China, and American Airlines suspended Los Angeles flights to and from Shanghai and Beijing.

Hotels, airlines, casinos and cruise operators are among the industries that have suffered the most immediate repercussions. Apple CEO Tim Cook said the company’s suppliers in China have been forced to delay the re-opening of factories that have closed for the Chinese New Year holiday until Feb. 10.



The Associated Press

President Donald Trump shows off a new North American trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, during an event at the White House, Wednesday, in Washington.

Trump celebrates major rewrite of North American trade rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed into law a major rewrite of the rules of trade with Canada and Mexico, celebrating the fulfillment of one of his top campaign promises while declining to share the moment with Democratic lawmakers whose support was essential to getting it over the finish line.

Trump said renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement was “probably the No. 1 reason that I decided to lead this crazy life that I’m leading right now.”

“Today, we’re finally ending

the NAFTA nightmare,” Trump said in a ceremony on the South Lawn. The event featured hundreds of business and farm leaders from around the country and scores of Republican officials. No Democratic members of Congress were on the White House guest list.

Trade experts say the impact of the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement will be modest. Canada and Mexico already represent the top two export markets for U.S. goods. The independent U.S. International Trade Commission last year calculated that the deal would add 0.35%, or

\$68 billion, to economic growth and generate 176,000 jobs over six years. That’s not much of a change for a \$22 trillion economy with 152 million nonfarm jobs.

The new pact, along with the signing of a “phase one” agreement with China, dials down trade tensions that have contributed to slowing economic growth globally.

It also gave the president a chance to at least briefly shift the focus in Washington, where Trump’s impeachment trial has occupied center stage for weeks.

Prosecutor says Avenatti saw dollar signs in Nike fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — A deep-indebt Michael Avenatti threatened to deploy his big social media and television presence like a “modern weapon” to try to extort up to \$25 million from Nike, a prosecutor claimed Wednesday while a lawyer for the California attorney told jurors at a trial’s opening not to criminalize his client’s “aggressive, tenacious, demanding behavior.”

“He’s outrageous and sometimes he might even be offensive,” attorney Howard Srebnick said of Avenatti, who turned his body and his gaze toward his lawyer and the jury as the first of three fraud trials he faces on two coasts launched.

But what Avenatti said and how he said it in his representation of an amateur California basketball coach who was mad at Nike, “that’s not extortion,” Srebnick insisted.

Prosecutors said Avenatti, 48, tried to extort \$15 million to \$25 million from Oregon-based Nike last March by threatening to go public with evidence that the shoemaker had paid off the families of highly ranked high school basketball prospects. The trial was expected to last about 2 1/2 weeks.

The Avenatti whose enthusiastic representation of porn star Stormy Daniels in lawsuits against President Donald Trump made him a favorite of cable television program hosts has lost none of his energy and intensity in his conversion to a courthouse defendant in a suit and blue tie.

His eyes canvas a courtroom as large as a basketball gymnasium, settling on jurors, journalists, lawyers and spectators. Sometimes, he passes notes to his attorneys. When the first witness — attorney Scott Wilson — was asked to identify Avenatti in the courtroom, Avenatti sprang to his feet before Wilson could point him out.

Wilson testified he was representing Nike when Avenatti in

March 2019 threatened to stage a news conference and go public with allegations Nike was corrupting college basketball unless “we paid him millions of dollars.”

Earlier, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Sobelman pointed a finger at Avenatti and said he “sold out his client and threatened to harm a major company, all to line his pockets.”

The prosecutor said Avenatti used “a weapon, a modern weapon” to try to force the company to pay him up to \$25 million. That weapon, Sobelman said, was Avenatti’s large social media following and access to cable television programs.

“When he looked at the coach, he did not see a client to help,” the prosecutor said. “He saw dollar signs for himself.”

Srebnick told jurors that Avenatti’s negotiations with Nike were “not extortion” but were the enthusiastic representation of a coach whose league of 40 teams in California was being sabotaged by Nike withdrawing its annual \$72,000 sponsorship.

He said the coach, liking Avenatti’s “bravado,” chose his representation to gain his ability to get the attention of Nike because he had the platform to do that.

Srebnick, aware that some correspondence to be shown to jurors includes profanity, warned that Avenatti can be “tenacious, bullish.”

But he added: “It’s not extortion because you use harsh language in negotiating for a client.”

He urged them to reject the notion that Avenatti’s “aggressive tenacious, demanding behavior ... constitutes a crime.”

Avenatti also faces an April trial in New York on charges that he cheated Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, of proceeds of a book deal and a May trial in Los Angeles on charges that he ripped off clients and others for millions of dollars.

Stocks give up early gains and end mixed on Wall Street

By ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

Major U.S. stock indexes ended mixed Wednesday after an early rally powered by strong gains in technology companies faded in the final minutes of trading.

The wobbly finish left the benchmark S&P 500 with a 0.1% loss. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed with a gain of less than 0.1%, while the Nasdaq composite inched 0.1% higher. Bond prices rose, pulling yields lower.

Investors continued to assess quarterly reports from big companies, including solid results from General Electric and Apple. The iPhone maker’s shares climbed to an all-time high. Microsoft reported quarterly results after the close of regular trading that topped Wall Street estimates.

Tesla also reported strong quarterly results after the closing bell, which sent its shares 11% higher in after-hours trading. The electric vehicle maker’s stock had already closed at an all-time high during the regular trading session.

Stocks barely budged after Federal Reserve announced it is leaving its benchmark interest rate unchanged at a low level. The move, which was widely expected, reflects the central bank’s mostly positive view of the U.S. economy.

“They seem to have gotten the porridge temperature just about right,” said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Global Investments. “Inflation isn’t budging one way or the other — same thing with unemployment, same thing with wage growth.”

The S&P 500 index fell 2.84 points, or 0.1%, to 3,273.40. The index had earlier been up by 0.5%.

The Dow edged up 11.60 points, or less than 0.1%, to 28,734.45. The Nasdaq added 5.48 points, or 0.1%, to 9,275.16. The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks slid 9.09 points, or 0.5%, to 1,649.22.

Gainers and losers closed nearly even on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow, S&P and Nasdaq are on track to end January with gains.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.58% from 1.64% late Tuesday.

Despite a rally Tuesday, stocks have been mostly pulled lower this week amid investor jitters over the outbreak of a new virus in China. The virus, which has infected more than 6,000 in mainland China and abroad, remains a potential threat to the global economy.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday afternoon, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell acknowledged that there’s a risk the outbreak could slow the global economy.

Turning to interest rates, the central bank said it would hold short-term rates in a range of 1.5% to 1.75%, far below levels that were typical during previous expansions. Powell and other Fed officials have indicated that they see that range as low enough to support faster growth and hiring.

Last year, the Fed cut its benchmark interest rate three times after having raised it four times in 2018. Powell credits those rate cuts with revitalizing the housing market, which had stumbled early last year, and



The Associated Press

In this Dec. 13, 2019, file photo trader Sal Suarino works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

offsetting some of the drag from President Donald Trump’s trade war with China.

Losses in communication services, energy and health care stocks outweighed gains by technology, industrial and utilities companies Wednesday.

A report that Americans pulled back on signing contracts to buy homes last month dragged down homebuilder stocks. PulteGroup fell 1.8% and Hovnanian Enterprises dropped 3.7%.

Apple rose 2.1% after a strong holiday season helped propel profits beyond Wall Street forecasts. The iPhone maker’s surprisingly good report marks a turnaround from a year ago when sales of its marquee product appeared to be sliding. The company is also seeing gains in sales of smartwatches, digital services and wireless earbuds.

General Electric surged 10.3% after a strong showing from its aviation business

pushed profits above expectations.

Norfolk Southern climbed 4.9% after the railroad reported surprisingly good fourth-quarter profits following cost cuts. The railroad industry has been experiencing weak demand for freight hauling and the company is trying to operate on a tighter schedule and move more freight with fewer people.

Union Pacific rose 1.2% and CSX climbed 1.7%.

Traders bid up shares in L Brands 12.9% following reports that the owner of Bath & Body Works and Victoria’s Secret could change leadership and sell off some of its parts. The Wall Street Journal reported that Leslie Wexner, who has served as CEO for more than five decades, is in talks to step down. It also said the company is considering a full or partial sale of its lingerie business.

Wall Street’s busy week of company earnings reports continues Thursday, when Coca-Cola, UPS, Amazon and Visa are scheduled to release results. Caterpillar and Exxon Mobil will report results on Friday.

Benchmark crude oil fell 15 cents to settle at \$53.33 a barrel. Brent crude oil, the international standard, rose 30 cents to close at \$59.81 a barrel. Wholesale gasoline rose 3 cents to \$1.53 per gallon. Heating oil declined 2 cents to \$1.70 per gallon. Natural gas fell 6 cents to \$1.87 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold rose 60 cents to \$1,570.40 per ounce, silver rose 5 cents to \$17.45 per ounce and copper fell 3 cents to \$2.55 per pound.

EDITORIAL

Microsoft raises bar on climate action

Microsoft is demonstrating strong leadership with its bold new climate pledge.

The software giant promised to become “carbon negative” by 2030, reducing more carbon than it emits. By 2050, it plans to eliminate as much carbon as it emitted since its founding in 1975.

In the nearer term, Microsoft will invest \$1 billion over four years to accelerate development of technologies to remove, capture and reduce carbon. This broadens its socially responsible investing program that’s providing \$750 million for affordable housing.

Microsoft also is placing carbon requirements on suppliers, and promising annual progress reports.

“It’s a hat trick of sustainability leadership,” Environmental Defense Fund managing director, Elizabeth Sturcken, told the BBC. “But to really shift the needle on climate change, we need 1,000 other (companies) to follow suit and turn rhetoric into action.”

Substantial efforts by companies are critical as the global warming crisis intensifies. Corporate leadership in the U.S. is also needed as the White House backtracks on climate commitments and weakens environmental protections. The failure of last month’s United Nations climate summit in Madrid also highlighted the importance of private leadership.

Microsoft was already among nearly 800 companies in a U.N. alliance pledging to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

Microsoft now has a more aggressive timetable than the alliance and a 2040 carbon neutral goal that Amazon announced in September. But Amazon’s target may be more ambitious, given that it’s producing not just software, services and devices, but also a global retail and logistics network.

Other major employers are making strong commitments.

Starbucks last week announced an array of responses, including a preliminary goal of cutting emissions from operations and its supply chain in half by 2030. Starbucks will also invest in more eco-friendly stores and operations, and in supply-chain improvements like reforestation and water replenishment.

Still, Mother Earth will be the final judge of how much benefit comes from companies’ pledges and carbon offset techniques.

Global companies have many indirect effects, contributing to dispersed growth and productivity. They can help customers, partners and other regions prosper and improve living standards, which tends to increase pollution.

The trick is finding ways to decouple economic growth from emissions growth. Washington state, home of Microsoft and Amazon, is raising the bar there too, though it’s partly luck, being blessed with an abundance of clean tech jobs and hydroelectricity.

Washington had the nation’s fastest economic growth in 2016 and 2017, growing its gross domestic product 4.4% and 5.7%, respectively.

That growth was supercharged by a cluster of tech companies. Yet economic and population growth they spurred did not cause comparable increases in greenhouse gas emissions.

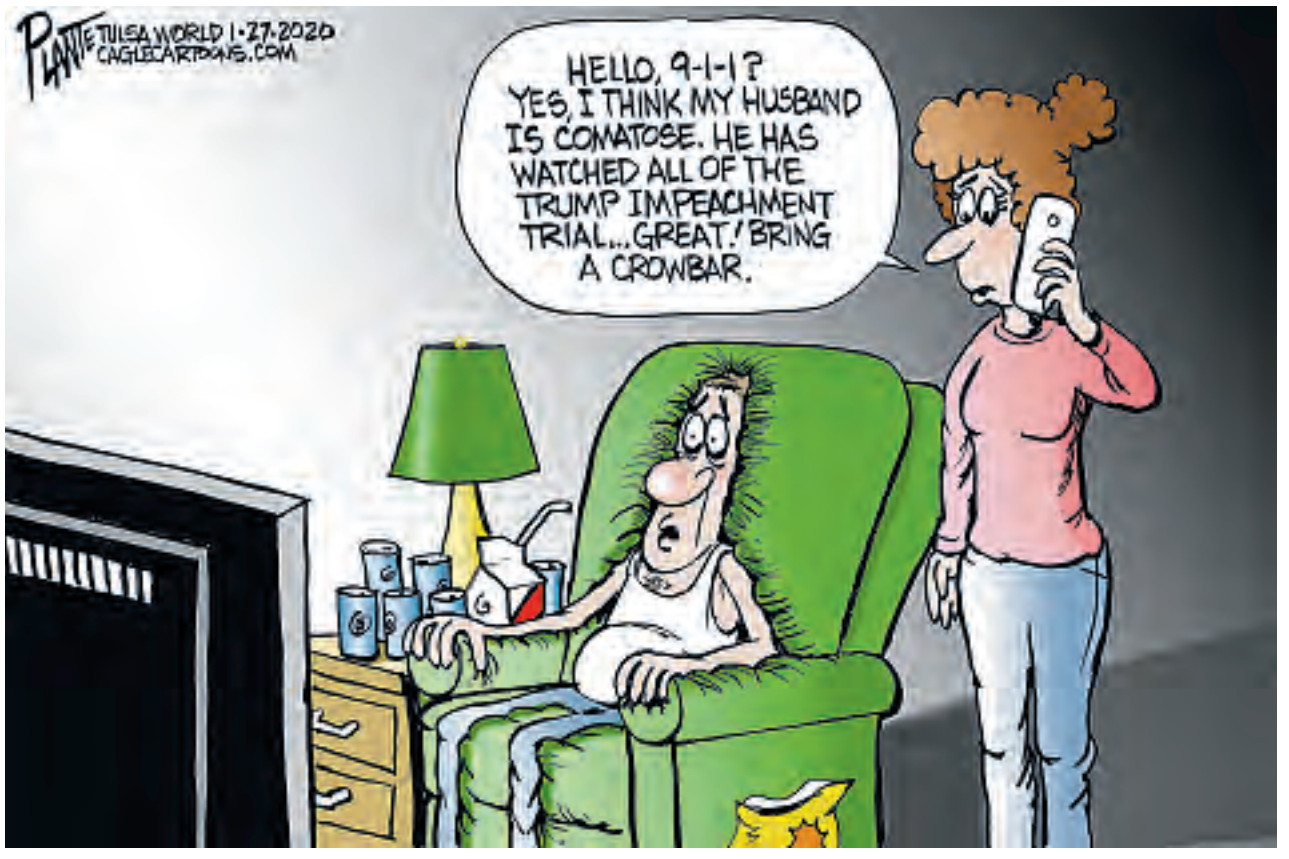
State emissions rose just 1.7% in 2016 and declined in 2017, according to the latest Department of Ecology tally.

Of course, emissions must be further reduced to meet state and global targets to prevent ecological catastrophe.

That also requires big advances in clean energy and pollution reduction technologies. Washington companies will contribute, along with the state’s network of academic, government and private research organizations.

Software built on both sides of Lake Washington should help whatever companies and people are working on this most pressing challenge. Caffeine should help, too.

— The Seattle Times



COMMENTARY

Time to restore experience to the WH

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
The Dallas Morning News

More than six decades ago, I asked Sen. John Kennedy at a college editors’ conference why he felt qualified for the presidency, since his political career was wholly in Congress and lacked managerial or executive experience.

More important than “the nature of one’s experience,” the future president responded, was “one’s understanding of the issues and America’s place in the world.”

As Iowa’s Democrats prepare to cast 2020’s first ballots some six decades later, that seems like a minimal standard in an election where the top candidates’ experience ranges from eight years as mayor of Indiana’s fourth largest city to 44 years in the Senate and vice presidency.

The bad news for Joe Biden, the Democrat with an unprecedented level of elective experience, is that for the last three decades Americans have regularly elected the less experienced presidential candidate, a trend that culminated in 2016 with the election of the least qualified candidate in memory.

The good news is that the resulting level of presidential incompetence is spurring renewed interest in electing a candidate not only able to win but likely to bring the requisite experience to the White House.

Sheila Bair, a Kansas Republican and former federal financial agency head, made a strong case against continued inexperience in a recent op-ed in The Washington Post. Bret Stephens, a conservative New York Times columnist, warned that not all Trump foes have the necessary middle-of-the road appeal to both win and govern effectively.

Bair, a one-time aide to former Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole, later held several top governmental regulatory posts under presidents of both parties.

“Over the past 40 years — about as long as I’ve been of age to vote — the country has seen a downward spiral in the qualifications of the individuals we have elected as president,” she wrote, adding “we arguably hit a new low” with Trump.

“Voters often use their ballots as weapons of punishment,” she explained, noting that a result “is for elections to favor naifs over pros, because the pros have amassed so many years’ worth of activity for the public to get mad at.”

Bair singled out the inexperience of Pete Buttigieg, the 38-year-old former South Bend, Ind., mayor, whose thin resume provides “scant fodder for Trump to exploit in a general election.”

She cited Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren as “two candidates with strong records of public achievement,” notably ignoring Sen. Bernie Sanders of the top Democratic

hopefuls.

“Democrats need to decide whether they just want to beat Trump or whether they want a credible candidate who has the vision, commitment and proven skills to truly reform our government,” she concluded.

Stephens rejected the notion that voters would accept any Democrat over Trump. But he warned that a too-liberal candidate like Sanders or Warren might negatively impact the economy and the political balance, adding that, to attract necessary middle-of-the road support, Democrats need to nominate “a sober alternative to a reckless president.”

“What they can’t do is nominate a reckless candidate of their own and insist it’s the only choice,” he added, warning “an assertively left-wing presidency would spark a right-wing backlash that would have all the fear and rage of the left’s Resistance — but none of its restraint.”

Before the last election, author Jonathan Rauch discussed the issue of presidential unpreparedness at length in the Atlantic, noting it’s often said the presidency “is a job for which everyone arrives unprepared” and asking, “But just how unprepared is unprepared enough?”

One problem, that he said former White House speech writer John McConnell first noted, is that, since the early 20th century, “no one gets elected president who needs longer than 14 years to get from his first gubernatorial and senatorial victory to either the presidency or the vice presidency.”

Applied to the 2020 field, this rule would only eliminate Biden, since Sanders and Amy Klobuchar have both been senators for 14 years. At the time Rauch wrote his article, the 2016 campaign was just beginning, and the 14-year rule presciently ruled out both Jeb Bush (18 years) and Hillary Clinton (16 years).

There was a time, Rauch concluded, that the more experienced candidate won the presidency, a trend culminating with the election of George H. W. Bush in 1988, possibly the last truly prepared candidate elected.

Since then, he added, “the candidate with more experience begins consistently losing,” explaining that “as voters have grown angrier with government, they have become more receptive to outsiders.”

Rauch noted that, in 1962, political scientist James Q. Wilson presciently predicted “the ascendancy of amateurism” in politics “would cause social friction and governmental gridlock.”

Here’s hoping that voters will decide the last thing needed in 2020 is more of the same.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2020. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

On this date:

In 1649, England’s King Charles I was executed for high treason.

In 1931, the Charles Chaplin feature “City Lights” had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany’s chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse (neh-too-RAHM’ gahd-SAY’), a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

In 1962, two members of “The Flying Wallendas” high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the

Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

In 1969, The Beatles staged an impromptu concert atop Apple headquarters in London; it was the group’s last public performance.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as “Bloody Sunday.”

In 1974, President Richard Nixon delivered what would be his last State of the Union address; Nixon pledged to rein in rising prices without the “harsh medicine of recession” and establish a national health care plan that every American could afford.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the American hostages freed from Iran.

In 1993, Los Angeles inaugurated its Metro Red Line, the city’s first modern subway.

In 2005, Iraqis voted in their country’s first free election in a half-century; President George W. Bush called the balloting a resounding success.

Ten years ago: China suspended military exchange visits with the United States in protest over \$6.4 billion in planned U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Israel postpones move to annex large parts of West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has postponed a move to annex large parts of the West Bank, a government minister said Wednesday, a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to quickly act on the Trump administration's Mideast plan despite fierce Palestinian opposition.

Brexit deal cleared by EU Parliament

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union grudgingly let go of the United Kingdom with a final vote Wednesday at the EU's parliament that ended the Brexit divorce battle and set the scene for tough trade negotiations in the year ahead.

In an emotion-charged session at the session in Brussels, lawmakers from all 28 EU countries expressed their love and sadness, while some, notably from Britain's Brexit Party, their joy.

Some even cried and many held hands during a mournful rendition of the Auld Lang Syne farewell song that contrasted sharply with hard-headed exhortations that Britain won't find it easy in the talks that will follow the country's official departure on Friday.

"We will always love you and we will never be far," said EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Britain will leave the EU after 47 years of membership. It is the first country to leave the EU and for many in Europe its official departure at 11 p.m. London time on Friday, Jan. 31 is a moment of enormous sadness and reduces the number in the bloc to 27.

US expands troop, fighter jet presence at Saudi base

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Across the vast expanse of this desert air base, hundreds of tents have popped up and a newly arrived squadron of U.S. Air Force F-15E fighters is lined up on the tarmac, flying daily missions over Iraq and Syria.

The U.S. troop presence here has grown to roughly 2,500 since last summer, when the U.S. announced it had begun deploying forces to what once was a major U.S. military hub. The return of U.S. forces to Prince Sultan Air Base is one of the more dramatic signs of America's decision to beef up troops in the Middle East in response to threats from Iran.

On Wednesday, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East spent a few hours meeting with his commanders and troops here, assessing what he called a "sweet spot" of U.S. force projection in the region.

Prince Sultan Air Base, said Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, presents a complicated target for Iran to hit and provides a remote location for U.S. troops, fighter jets and other assets. It also provides greater security for Saudi Arabia, which asked for U.S. help in the wake of an Iranian drone and missile attack on oil facilities in the kingdom last September.



The Associated Press

In this Sept. 26, 2019, photo, protesters stand outside Howard County government building in Ellicott City, Md. The group is opposed to a school redistricting plan that will force some students to be relocated to other schools

Parent resistance thwarts local school desegregation efforts

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — As they try to address stubborn school segregation, many of the nation's school districts confront a familiar obstacle: resistance from affluent, well-organized and mostly white parents to changes affecting their children's classrooms.

From New York City to Richmond, Virginia, sweeping proposals to ease inequities have been scaled back or canceled after encountering a backlash. The debates have been charged with emotion and racist rhetoric reminiscent of the aftermath of Brown vs. Board of Education, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that threw out state laws establishing segregated schools.

While the federal government has largely stepped back from the aggressive role it played decades ago in school desegregation, some local districts have acted in recognition of increasingly apparent racial divides and the long-established educational benefits of integration.

In Howard County, Maryland, a suburban community between Washington and Baltimore, one parent who supports reforms lamented the presence of "concentrated poverty in certain schools and concentrated wealth in other schools."

"When we have concentrated poverty, those students are not getting that same quality of education," said Dawn Popp, a white mother of two students in local schools.

The Supreme Court has ruled that race cannot be used as the driving factor in assigning students to public schools. But more than 100 school districts have

implemented voluntary desegregation plans that work around that ruling by mixing students from families with different incomes or educational levels, factors often associated with race, according to Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation in Washington.

The success of such efforts can depend on the size of the coalition seeking change and how well the goals are communicated. The most important task for school officials is "to explain to the public why integrated schools are good for everyone," Kahlenberg said.

Race and class divisions were on display for months last year after the Howard County school board directed the superintendent to start a comprehensive redistricting process. The Howard County Council in August requested that the blueprint address socioeconomic and racial segregation across the school system, which serves about 59,000 children, the majority of whom are minorities. Most low-income students are black and Hispanic.

The superintendent originally proposed moving some 7,400 students to different schools. The overwhelming opposition was led by white and Asian families, who protested near an area mall and flooded public meetings.

They carried signs that read "Kids before politics," "Swapping kids creates new inequities" and "No forced busing." Speakers at public meetings said the changes would cause stress and anxiety for their children. One suggested the transfers could lead students to consider suicide.

Opponents insisted the issue was not about race and sought to distance themselves from racist feedback submitted in writing.

George Henry, a retiree living in Ellicott City, wrote in a newspaper op-ed that his children, now in their 30s, received good educations in the local schools, with highly diverse classmates. He said the "artificial and forced mixing" is unnecessary. He told The Associated Press the "fundamental factor" to closing the achievement gap is the support students have at home, which is not up to the county.

In November, the Howard County Board of Education approved reassigning some 5,400 students, not including two particular high schools — River Hill High and Wilde Lake High, where less than 5% and more than 45% of students, respectively, are from low-income families. Parents of students at River Hill High had been among the most outspoken protesters.

Some parents are now challenging the plan in court. Others would have preferred to see more ambitious changes. Popp said the scaled-back redistricting sends a message that "people who can afford the matching T-shirts and the fancy signs" and have time to organize can get their way.

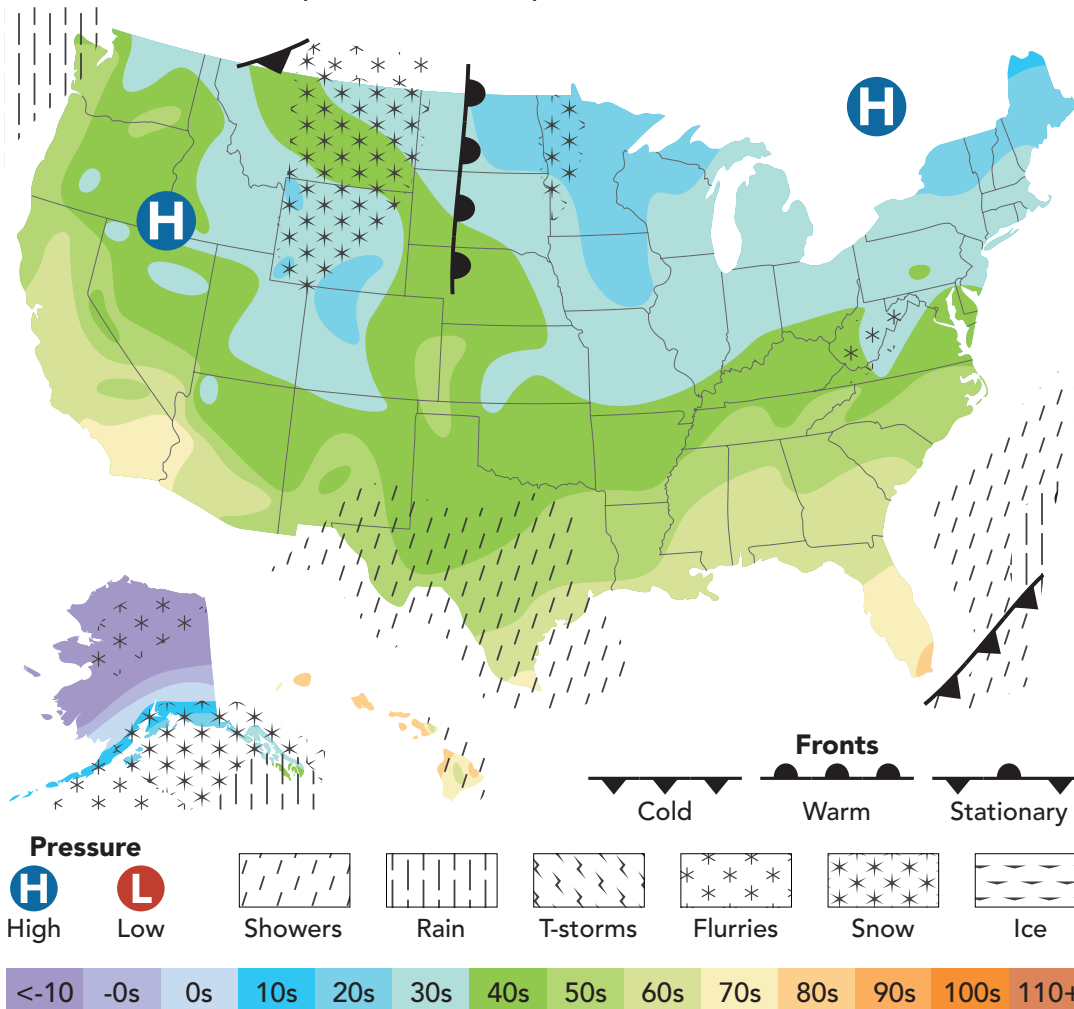
Cynthia Fikes, whose son attends Wilde Lake High, said the redistricting debate revealed the "level of fear and disdain" that much of the community had for people unlike themselves. She said racist and classist statements were "allowed to pass as conversations" at meetings and on social media.

Today's weather AccuWeather.com Forecast for Thursday, January 30, 2020 Mohawk Valley forecast Today: Sunny, with a high near 31. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 11. Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 36. Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Moon phases First Feb. 1, Full Feb. 9, Last Feb. 15, New Feb. 23

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Thursday, January 30, 2020

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Much of the eastern half of the nation will be dry with some sunshine as snow showers dot the central and southern Appalachians today. Rain is forecast to gather over Texas as a patch of snow and flurries drifts across the northern Rockies and Plains. Much of the Southwest can expect a dry day as more rain approaches coastal Washington.

WAC showdown

Second-half surge propels Bishop Gibbons boys' basketball past Fonda-Fultonville.

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Wild and crazy guys

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COLLEGE NOTES

Santiago earns NEC Rookie of the Week for Sacred Heart

BY PAUL ANTONELLI
Staff Writer

Lauren Santiago has only been on the Sacred Heart campus since September, but the Amsterdam native is already compiling awards and turning in solid showings on the track.

Santiago was selected Northeast Conference Women's Rookie of the Week, announced by the conference office on Tuesday.

"Things have been going really well," said Santiago, who is an Exercise Science major. "Running at Sacred Heart is great. I remember when I was younger I didn't even picture myself running in college and to be able to do that now is a blessing. My team is such a great support system."

Santiago, who sports six individual Top 10 results this season,

plus two more in relays, is quickly becoming one of the leaders on a talented squad. A sprint specialist, Santiago has clocked in with the fastest 200, 400 and 500-meter dash times for the Pioneers this season.

"The main reason I have progressed is because the trust I have in my sprinting coach," Santiago said. "I knew things would be different such as training when I got here, but the lifts and workouts we do have made me stronger. Workouts have made me obtain endurance as well as speed."

The freshman notched a new personal-best time in the 400-meter dash on Friday while competing in the John Thomas Terrier Women's Invitational hosted by Boston University. Santiago clocked in at 57.68 seconds to easily top her previous indoor best of 59.34 seconds,

which she set one week prior.

"I earned my spot on the Sacred Heart team running my race and using my competitors to push me and that's how I've succeeded so far," Santiago said. "I just believe in trusting the process because I know my times will improve as the training comes."

Santiago automatically qualified for the New England Indoor Championships with her time, besting the qualifying standard of 58.73 seconds. She also moved into sixth place on the NEC leaderboard with her performance and is closing in on the automatic ECAC qualifying mark of 57.04 seconds.

Santiago and the Pioneers are back in action at the New England Championships on Friday and Saturday.

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Photo provided by Sacred Heart
Amsterdam graduate Lauren Santiago, now competing at Sacred Heart, was named the Northeast Conference Women's Track and Field Rookie of the Week on Tuesday.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Ziskin's return provides spark for Amsterdam

Junior battled back from injuries that kept him out since football season

BY ADAM SHINDER
Staff Writer

AMSTERDAM — Tommy Ziskin waited a long time to get his junior boys' basketball season going at Amsterdam. His return to the court, plus a few others, have a once-depleted Running Rams roster gearing up for the stretch drive.

Ziskin, a 5-foot-11 forward, missed the first month-plus of the season while recuperating from injuries that shortened his football season.

"I had two concussions in the course of about a month," Ziskin said following Amsterdam's 74-56 loss to Gloversville on Tuesday.

Ziskin, a quarterback and defensive back on Amsterdam's football team, suffered the first injury in Week 4 of the season against Albany. That kept him out of the lineup until he returned for the first round of the Section II Class A playoffs against Ballston Spa. Amsterdam lost that game, and Ziskin ended up getting hurt again in the Rams' Week 9 crossover game against Scotia-Glenville.

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Amsterdam's Tommy Ziskin makes a shot against Johnstown's Zachary Serpa during their high school basketball game in Amsterdam on Jan. 17.

Erica Miller/Staff Photographer

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Junior Rams sixth-graders notch a pair of wins

Luis Tirado scored a game-high 21 points, and C.J. Miller added 11 points to lead the Amsterdam Junior Rams sixth grade basketball team to a 49-41 victory over Fonda on Sunday.

Kingston Daley added seven points, and Rocco Natale and Pietro Russo chipped in with six and four points, respectively for the winners.

Amsterdam received strong defensive performances from Jonathan Clute, Anthony Lopez and Chris Chirico.

AMSTERDAM 56,
MAYFIELD 15

In a game played on Saturday, Kingston Daley and Luis Tirado scored 16 points apiece to lead Amsterdam to an easy win over Mayfield.

C.J. Miller helped the winners

with eight points, Pietro Russo had seven points and Rocco Natale finished with six points.

Fifth Grade Boys

FONDA 28, AMSTERDAM 23

Eliel Aleman-Rivera scored 12 points, but it wasn't enough as Amsterdam lost to Fonda.

Chase Resila contributed with four points, and Logan Zabielski, John Miller and Israel Ruiz had two points apiece for Amsterdam.

Jordan Brinkerhoff and Matt Reed played well on defense for Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM 24,
MAYFIELD 15

Eliel Aleman-Rivera scored eight points and Chase Resila had six points to propel the

Amsterdam fifth grade boys to a win.

Christian Quinones-Perez and Logan Zabielski had three points apiece, and John Miller and Israel Ruiz each had two points for Amsterdam.

Jordan Brinkerhoff, Jayden Shabass and Matt Reed all played solid on defense for Amsterdam.

Fourth Grade Boys

FONDA 33, AMSTERDAM 15

Kristoff Hipolito and Jayden Braithwaite scored five points apiece, and Joell Vegas contributed with three points in Amsterdam's loss to Fonda.

MAYFIELD 26,
AMSTERDAM 22

Caleb Power poured in eight

points, and Michael Amanat and Jayden Braithwaite chipped in with six and five points, respectively, but it wasn't enough as Amsterdam lost a close contest to Mayfield.

Lucas Brown, Kristoff Hipolito, Edward Oare, Tanner Graham and Maximus Moak played well on defense for Amsterdam.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Girls

AMSTERDAM 26,
MAYFIELD 15

Mia Natale, Elianna Tirado and Johannah Gardner scored eight points apiece, and Alaina Adam had two points to lead the Amsterdam fifth and sixth grade girls squad to a win over

Mayfield.

Playing well defensively for Amsterdam were Abby Grant, Taitianna Uebrick, Breanna Frehulfer, Katey Bull and Claudia Boyd.

Third and Fourth Grade Girls

AMSTERDAM 17,
MAYFIELD 16

Trinity Lopez scored six points and Emma Agresta chipped in with five points to lead Amsterdam. Alani Soto, Emma Grant and Carolyn Agresta chipped in with two points apiece for the winners. Brielle Winn, Illy Aleman-Rivera, Nevaeh Bergh,

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THOROUGHBRED RACING

Collmus is no longer NYRA track announcer

Imbriale takes over for NYRA

BY MIKE MACADAM
Staff Writer

After just five years, Larry Collmus is out as the primary track announcer for the New York Racing Association.

NYRA announced on Wednesday that John Imbriale, who has worked at NYRA in a variety of broadcast jobs since 1979, will become the full-time track announcer at Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course.

He has served as Collmus' backup since Collmus was hired in 2014 and follows in a long line of legendary race callers that includes Tom Durkin, Marshall Cassidy, Chic Anderson, Dave Johnson and Fred Capossela.

"John Imbriale is a central part of the fabric of thoroughbred racing in New York," NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke

said in a NYRA release. "Johnny's high level of professionalism and flawless delivery are well known to horseplayers and racing fans, and we congratulate him on becoming the voice of NYRA. We would like to thank Larry Collmus for his many contributions to NYRA and wish him the very best as he takes the next step in his career."

"I'd like to thank the New York Racing Association for five great years calling memorable races at these wonderful venues," Collmus said in the release. "I will certainly miss the people and places that make NYRA so special, especially the passionate racing fans at Saratoga, but it's the right time for me to move on to the next challenge while continuing my work with NBC Sports."

Imbriale's tenure with NYRA dates to 1979 when he won a New York Daily News contest which gave him the opportunity to call a race and work with the NYRA press office. In 1990,

Imbriale became Tom Durkin's backup and has since been part of NYRA's race-calling team at all three tracks.

Along the way, he took on other responsibilities at NYRA, working with Harvey Pack on the popular "Inside Racing" program, and also behind the scenes in a variety of roles within NYRA TV, most recently as NYRA's Director of Television Production.

"In a sense, this is a job for which I've been preparing for years," said Imbriale, who celebrated his 40th anniversary with NYRA on Nov. 5. "I've been so lucky to be surrounded by incredible race callers during my career. I learned from all of them and these lessons live with me to this day. I'm humbled by the trust placed in me by NYRA and look forward to calling races for the best fans in the sport."

Collmus joined NYRA in 2014 and called the last two Triple Crowns: American Pharoah in 2015, whose victory ended a



Erica Miller/Staff Photographer

NYRA announced Wednesday that track announcer Larry Collmus is being replaced by John Imbriale.

37-year drought, and Justify in 2018.

Imbriale will officially assume his new duties effective immediately.

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NBA

Brooks, Grizzlies rout Knicks 127-106

Combined wire services

NEW YORK — Dillon Brooks scored 27 points, Ja Morant had 18 points and 10 assists, and the Memphis Grizzlies cruised to their fourth straight victory, beating the New York Knicks 127-106 on Wednesday night.

Tempers flared with 48 seconds left in regulation when Knicks guard Elfrid Payton knocked Memphis' Jae Crowder into the first row after Crowder attempted a 3-pointer following the steal of an errant inbound pass by Julius Randle.

MEMPHIS (127)
Brooks 9-17 6-6 27, Valanciunas 4-12 4-4 12, Crowder 4-6 6-7 18, Morant 7-13 4-8 18, Jackson Jr 4-12 0-0 10, Clarke 7-10 3-3 17, T.Jones 5-7 0-0 12, S.Hill 1-3 0-0 3, Anderson 1-3 0-0 2, Guduric 1-2 2-2 5, Jo.Jackson 0-1 3-3 3, Watanabe 0-0 0-0 0, Konchar 0-0 0-0 0. 39-91 43-86 28-33 127.

NEW YORK (106)
Randle 5-14 6-10 16, Payton 7-14 1-2 15, Morris Sr 5-17 4-4 17, Bullock 4-9 1-2 9, Gibson 1-3 0-0 2, M.Robinson 4-6 2-5 10, Dotsen 5-8 1-1 15, Knox II 3-7 1-1 8, Portis 2-5 0-0 4, Smith Jr 3-6 1-2 8, Ellington 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 39-91 19-29 106.

Memphis 32 27 37 31—127
New York 32 20 32 22—106

3-Point Goals—Memphis 13-28 (Crowder 4-6, Brooks 3-5, T.Jones 2-2, Jackson Jr 2-6, Guduric 1-2, S.Hill 1-3, Jo.Jackson 0-1, Valanciunas 0-3), New York 9-28 (Dotson 4-5,

Morris Sr 3-9, Smith Jr 1-2, Knox II 1-3, Portis 0-1, Bullock 0-2, Ellington 0-2, Randle 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 53 (Valanciunas 13), New York 57 (Randle 14), Assists—Memphis 25 (Morant 10), New York 26 (Payton 11). Total Fouls—Memphis 22 (Jackson Jr 5), New York 22 (Morris Sr 4). A—18,768.

NETS 125, PISTONS 115

NEW YORK — Kyrie Irving was the center of attention.

But it was Spencer Dinwiddie reminding Detroit Pistons fans of when their franchise gave up on the sixth-year point guard.

Dinwiddie, the Pistons' 2014 second-round pick, scored 28 points in 29 minutes to help the Nets to a victory over the Pistons.

It was Irving's first game since the death of his mentor, Kobe Bryant.

DETROIT (115)
Drummond 5-16 2-6 12, Rose 9-15 3-3 22, Snell 2-8 0-0 6, B.Brown 3-5 0-0 6, Doumbouya 0-2 0-0 0, Ma.Morris 7-9 0-0 15, R.Jackson 8-14 3-5 23, Galloway 3-4 0-0 8, Wood 5-8 10-11 20, Mykhailiuk 0-2 3-3 3. Totals 42-83 21-28 115.

BROOKLYN (125)
Irving 7-16 4-4 20, Prince 9-16 0-0 22, J.Harris 4-11 0-0 9, J.Allen 4-7 3-4 11, Temple 3-6 2-2 10, Dinwiddie 8-13 8-11 28, LeVert 4-8 3-4 11, Jordan 2-2 0-0 4, W.Chandler 1-5 2-3 5, Luwawu-Cabarrot 1-1 2-2 5, Musa 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-85 24-30 125.

Detroit 30 38 25 22—115
Brooklyn 32 38 29 26—125



Frank Franklin II/The Associated Press

New York Knicks' Dennis Smith Jr. drives past the Memphis Grizzlies' Brandon Clarke during the first half Wednesday.

3-Point Goals—Detroit 10-26 (R.Jackson 4-6, Galloway 2-2, Snell 2-7, Ma.Morris 1-2, Rose 1-2, B.Brown 0-1, Doumbouya 0-2, Mykhailiuk 0-2, Wood 0-2), Brooklyn 15-39 (Dinwiddie 4-8, Prince 4-8, Irving 2-5, Temple 2-5, Luwawu-Cabarrot 1-1, W.Chandler 1-5, J.Harris 1-6, LeVert 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 53 (Drummond 13), Brooklyn 43 (Jordan 8). Assists—Detroit 25 (R.Jackson, Rose 5), Brooklyn 26 (Dinwiddie 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 20 (Drummond 4), Brooklyn 19 (J.Allen, J.Harris 3). A—14,275.

NHL

Predators make up for mistakes, beat Capitals

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Nashville Predators showed some promise amid a disappointing season by beating the Washington Capitals 5-4 Wednesday night in a weird game that featured a bad goaltender turnover and a worse own-goal.

Ryan Johansen tied it after a giveaway by Washington goalie Braden Holtby, and Yannick Weber scored the go-ahead goal with 4:37 left in the third period. Nashville moved within four points of the final playoff position in the Western Conference and improved to 4-4 under new coach John Hynes, who replaced Peter Laviolette earlier this month.

Predators goalie Juuse Saros made 29 saves to make up for handing the puck to Alex Ovechkin for his 693rd goal and compensating for teammate Nick Bonino shooting the puck off him and into their own net.

Those blunders seemed to encapsulate what's going wrong with Nashville, which has struggled, especially without concussed defenseman Ryan Ellis.

Little-used defenseman Jarrod Tinordi also scored his first NHL goal in his dad's old home arena.

Nashville 3 0 2-5
Washington 2 2 0-4

First Period—1, Washington, Panik 6 (Hagelin) 9:28. 2, Nashville, Tinordi 1 (Forsberg) 10:15. 3, Nashville, Granlund 10 (Forsberg, Turris) 12:52 (pp). 4, Nashville, Grimaldi 9 (Josi, Bonino) 16:02. 5, Washington, Ovechkin 35 (unassisted) 16:26. Penalties—Tinordi, NAS (High sticking), 6:41; Orlov, WAS (Holding), 11:02; Turris, NAS (Hooking), 17:35.

Second Period—6, Washington, Panik 7 (unassisted) 6:01. 7, Washington, Wilson 16 (Eller, Ovechkin) 11:06 (pp). Penalties—Duchene, NAS (Hooking), 2:19; Ekholm, NAS (High sticking), 9:16; Hathaway, WAS (Hooking), 15:37.

Third Period—8, Nashville, Johansen 11 (unassisted) 3:00 (sh). 9, Nashville, Weber 1 (Hamhuis, Johansen) 15:23. Penalties—Panik, WAS (Roughing), 0:35; Johansen, NAS (Slashing), 0:35; Arvidsson, NAS (High sticking), 1:57; Vrana, WAS (Slashing), 11:15; Eller, WAS (Hooking), 16:03.

Shots on Goal—Nashville 7-7-10—24. Washington 15-14—33. Power-play opportunities—Nashville 1 of 4. Washington 1 of 5. Goalies—Nashville Saros 7-8-4 (33 shots-29 saves). Washington Holtby 19-10-4 (24-19). A—18,573 (18,506). T—2:29. Referees—Dan O'Rourke, Ghislain Hebert. Linesmen—Mark Shewchuk, Scott Driscoll.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Nadal ousted by Thiem in quarters

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Outplayed at his own brand of physical tennis for much of the match, Rafael Nadal finally claimed a set to try to start a comeback against Dominic Thiem.

Nadal marked the moment by hopping in a crouch at the baseline and vigorously pumping his right arm four times.

Soon, though, he was back in trouble. And eventually, his bid to tie Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slam titles by winning the Australian Open was over with a quarterfinal loss Wednesday to Thiem — a younger version of Nadal himself.

Thiem's 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (6) victory over the top-seeded Nadal lasted 4 hours, 10 minutes because of so many lengthy, electrifying points. One rather memorable one featured Thiem stumbling onto his backside before popping up and keeping the ball in play until Nadal made a mistake.

"He's playing with a lot of ener-

gy ... [and] determination. So well done for him," Nadal said. "I honestly didn't play a bad match."

Thiem reached his fifth major semifinal but first somewhere other than at the French Open, the place that is Nadal's domain.

Of more significance: The outcome ended Nadal's career-best streak of making at least the semifinals at seven consecutive Grand Slam tournaments, a span during which he earned three trophies.

"If you want to have a chance against him, one of the all-time greats, everything needs to work in your game," the fifth-seeded Thiem said.

The last time Nadal didn't get to the final four at a major? Also at the Australian Open, where he also went out in the quarterfinals two years ago before finishing as the runner-up to Novak Djokovic in 2019.

That was Nadal's fourth defeat in a final at Melbourne Park since he won his lone title at the place in 2009. He's won two at Wimbledon, four at the U.S. Open and 12 at the French Open.

Asked what he wished he'd done differently against Thiem, Nadal replied: "Win any tie-break."

Thiem had been 0-5 against Nadal at the majors, including losses in the final at Roland Garros each of the past two years.

But this one was different. The defining statistic: Thiem won exactly twice as many points that featured nine or more shots, 24-12.

"Just an unbelievable match. Like, epic," Thiem said. "A very high level from both of us."

Thiem managed to hang in there with Nadal on physical baseline exchanges, trading groundstroke for groundstroke and picking the proper spots to move forward.

Or to describe it another way: Thiem was out-Nadal-ing Nadal, the ultimate grinder who never met a point that was too long or too grueling.

"Even from difficult positions," Nadal said, praising Thiem's quickness and power, "he was able to produce amazing shots."

Now Thiem will play No. 7 Alexander Zverev on Friday for a berth in the title match.

AQUEDUCT ENTRIES

Post time 12:50 p.m.

FIRST — \$33,000, 4YO&up, NY-breds, mdn cfm, 1mi.:

- 1 Freudian Analyst, Heman K. Harkie, Leo O'Brien, 115
- 2 Da Berg, Luis Cardenas, John C. Kimmel, 112
- 3 Try'n Smart'n Up, Jose Lezcano, Paul W. Barrow, 122
- 4 Plebe, Eric Cancel, Bruce N. Levine, 122
- 5 El Sangru, Reyly Gutierrez, Jaime Cruz, 122
- 6 Ridolfo, Julio Correa, Gary Sciacca, 117

SECOND — \$42,000, 4YO&up, cfm, 1mi.:

- 1 Wild Weekend, Junior Alvarado, Jason Servis, 123
- 2 Legion Storm, Kendrick Carmouche, Linda Rice, 120
- 3 Quiet Out East, Jose Lezcano, Linda Rice, 123
- 4 Starting Point, Manuel Franco, Danny Gargan, 123
- 5 Tiz Morning, Christian Santiago Reyes, Jesse C. Weinlein, 120
- 6 Kadens Courage, Emmanuel Esquivel, Gregory DiPrima, 120

THIRD — \$33,000, 3YO, NY-breds, mdn cfm, 1mi.:

- 1 Mr. Fidget, Kendrick Carmouche, Linda Rice, 120
- 2 Eye'm Gone, Heman K. Harkie, James W. Ferraro, 108
- 3 Tuxedo Sunday, Steven Fret, Rachel Sells, 120
- 4 Titan's Will, Manuel Franco, Orlando Noda, 120
- 5 Oneshotatforever, Joey Martinez, Richard E. Schosbera, 120

- 6 Political, Dylan Davis, Michael Miceli, 120
- 7 Aleph, Luis Cardenas, Gary C. Contessa, 110

FOURTH — \$28,000, 4YO&up, cfm, 1 1/8mi.:

- 1 My Amanjena, Reyly Gutierrez, Gregory DiPrima, 120
- 2 Informed Consent, Jose Lezcano, Linda Rice, 120
- 3 Overbold, Kendrick Carmouche, Thomas Morley, 123
- 4 Inclusionation, Dylan Davis, Mertkan Kantarmaci, 120
- 5 Fotis, Oscar Gomez, Eduardo E. Jones, 120
- 6 Bridgetothefuture, B. Hernandez, Antonio Arriaga, 123
- 7 True Blue Giant, Luis Cardenas, Ralph D'Alessandro, 110

FIFTH — \$68,000, 3YO, mdn spc wgt, 6f:

- 1 Cousin Andrew, Eric Cancel, Chad C. Brown, 120
- 2 Mr Phil, Kendrick Carmouche, James T. Ryerson, 120
- 3 Sixto, Reyly Gutierrez, Eric J. Guillot, 120
- 4 Its a Wrap, Manuel Franco, Michelle Nevin, 120
- 5 Fevola, Junior Alvarado, Chad C. Brown, 120
- 6 Ghost Fighter, Jose Lezcano, Mark E. Casse, 120

SIXTH — \$40,000, F&M, 4YO&up, cfm, 6 1/2f:

- 1 Orchid Party, Andre Worrie, John T. Toscano, Jr., 123
- 2 Miss Mi Mi, Julio Correa, Rudy R. Rodriguez, 115
- 3 Radianrhythm, Jose Lezcano, Linda Rice, 123

- 4-1 4 Madame Barbarian, Emmanuel Esquivel, G. DiPrima, 120
- 8-1 5 No Deal, Junior Alvarado, Chris J. Englehart, 120
- 6 Annie Rocks, Benjamin Hernandez, Edward J. DeLauro, 120
- 5-1 7 Malibu Mischief, Dylan Davis, Michael Miceli, 123
- 5-2 8 Friend of Liberty, Manuel Franco, Michelle Nevin, 120
- 4-1 **SEVENTH — \$55,000, F&M, 4YO&up, str alb, 6 1/2f:**

- 3-1 1 Whyisshesoolucky, Luis Cardenas, Randi Persaud, 113
- 12-1 2 Elegant Rose, Kendrick Carmouche, Bruce N. Levine, 123
- 8-1 3 Winifred J, Eric Cancel, Edward R. Barker, 123
- 9-2 4 Questeq, Emmanuel Esquivel, Gregory DiPrima, 120
- 6-1 5 Shesasuperfreak, C. Santiago Reyes, Alejandro Maymo, 120
- 6-1 6 Peggy Sue, Jose Lezcano, Linda Rice, 123

EIGHTH — \$41,000, 3YO, NY-breds, mdn cfm, 6f:

- 10-1 1 Tiz Kaz Now, Julio A. Hernandez, Eduardo E. Jones, 120
- 9-2 2 Catzalionbythetale, Jose Lezcano, Linda Rice, 120
- 2-1 3 Imperio D, Julio Correa, Rudy R. Rodriguez, 115
- 5-1 4 I Prowl Alone, Dylan Davis, Linda Rice, 120
- 8-1 5 Cause, Reyly Gutierrez, Robert Ribaud, 120
- 5-2 6 Go Rudy Go, Jorge A. Vargas, Jr., Rudy R. Rodriguez, 120
- 7-2 7 Inspector Henning, Benjamin Hernandez, Gary Sciacca, 120

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On the next "The Parting Schotts Podcast" that will be posted today, host and Associate Sports Editor Ken Schott remembers the late Kobe Bryant and will have the thoughts from people who posted their thoughts on his Facebook page.

Ken then previews the Super Bowl LIV matchup between the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs with Bay Area sportstalk show host and Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons graduate Damon

Bruce. Rivers Sportsbook manager Hal Wafer talks about the "Big Game" prop bets. Ken also gets the Super Bowl picks of the sports staff.

Ken will have interviews with New York Giants wide receiver Darius Slayton and New York Yankees first baseman Luke Voit. "The Parting Schotts Podcast" is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Castbox and at https://dailygazette.com/sports/parting-schotts.

NHL

NHL Eastern Conference Atlantic Division table with columns for GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA, Home, Away, Div.

NHL Eastern Conference Metropolitan Division table with columns for GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA, Home, Away, Div.

NHL Western Conference Central Division table with columns for GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA, Home, Away, Div.

NHL Western Conference Pacific Division table with columns for GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA, Home, Away, Div.

NHL Monday's games, Tuesday's games, Wednesday's games, and Tonight's games.

NHL Friday's games.

NHL Detroit at NY Rangers, Washington at Ottawa, Boston at Winnipeg, Tampa Bay at Anaheim.

NBA

NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Conf.

NBA Eastern Conference Southeast Division table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Conf.

NBA Eastern Conference Central Division table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Conf.

NBA Eastern Conference Southwest Division table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Conf.

NBA Western Conference Northwest Division table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Conf.

NBA Western Conference Pacific Division table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Conf.

NBA L.A. Lakers, L.A. Clippers, Phoenix, Sacramento, Golden State.

NBA Charlotte 97, New York 92, New Orleans 125, Cleveland 111, Boston 109, Miami 101, Milwaukee 151, Washington 131, L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, ppd.

NBA Indiana 115, Chicago 106, OT Memphis 127, New York 106, Houston at Portland.

NBA Toronto at Cleveland, Philadelphia at Atlanta, Toronto at Denver, Toronto at Detroit, Dallas at Houston, Denver at Milwaukee, Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier League table with columns for Team, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts.

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for draw.

Wednesday's game: Liverpool 2, West Ham United 0.

Saturday's games: Chelsea at Leicester City, Sheffield United at Crystal Palace, Southampton at Liverpool, Brighton and Hove Albion at West Ham United, Norwich City at Newcastle, Everton at Watford, Aston Villa at AFC Bournemouth, Wolverhampton at Manchester United, Arsenal at Burnley, Manchester City at Tottenham.

THIS DATE IN FOOTBALL

1983 - The Washington Redskins defeat the Miami Dolphins 27-17 in Super Bowl XVII at Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, California.

1994 - The Dallas Cowboys win their second straight Super Bowl championship over Buffalo, defeating the Bills 30-13 at Super Bowl XXVIII in Atlanta.

2000 - The St. Louis Rams hold on to defeat the Tennessee Titans 23-16 at Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta.

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SUNDAY at Hard Rock Stadium Miami San Francisco vs. Kansas City, 6:30 (FOX).

SCHOOLS

WEDNESDAY BOYS' BASKETBALL Western Athletic Conference Mayfield 45, Northville 40.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL Western Athletic Conference OESJ 29, Fort Plain 22.

TODAY FOOTBALLS COUNCIL - Amsterdam at Hudson Falls, 7; Glens Falls at Scotia-Glenville, 7; Queensbury at Broadalbin-Perth, 7; Johnstown at Schuylerville, 7:30.

NON-LEAGUE - Hadley-Luzerne at Northville, 5:30.

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE - Canajoharie/Fort Plain at Galway, 6.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UAlbany 67, UMBG 63 Army 68, Bucknell 59 Boston U 92, Loyola-Maryland 77 Connecticut 78, Temple 63 Dayton 73, Duquesne 69 George Washington 107, Davidson 104, 40T Hartford 73, Binghamton 57 Lafayette 80, Colgate 78 Massachusetts 91, St. Joseph's (PA) 76 Navy 81, Holy Cross 66 Penn St. 64, Indiana 49 Saint Louis 77, La Salle 76, OT Seton Hall 64, DePaul 57.

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ECAC HOCKEY

ECAC Hockey table with columns for MEN, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA.

Friday's games: Harvard at Union, Dartmouth at RPI, Yale at Clarkson, Colgate at Princeton, Cornell at Quinnipiac, Brown at St. Lawrence.

Saturday's games: Dartmouth at Union, Vermont at RPI, Brown at Clarkson, Cornell at Princeton, Colgate at Quinnipiac, Yale at St. Lawrence.

Monday's game: Beanpot Semifinal: Harvard vs. Northeastern, 5.

WOMEN table with columns for W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA.

Overall Records: Brown 3-16-2, Clarkson 18-4-4, Colgate 13-10-4, Cornell 17-1-2, Dartmouth 5-13-3, Harvard 11-8-1, Princeton 15-4-1, Quinnipiac 13-10-3, RPI 0-26-1, St. Lawrence 11-10-5, Union 5-18-5, Yale 13-8-0.

Tuesday's games: St. Lawrence 2, Union 0, Yale 3, Brown 1, Princeton 3, Quinnipiac 2, Friday's games: Quinnipiac at Brown, 6; St. Lawrence at Colgate, 6; Clarkson at Cornell, 6; Dartmouth at Harvard, 6; Princeton at Yale, 6.

Saturday's games: RPI at Syracuse, 3; Princeton at Brown, 3; Clarkson at Colgate, 3; St. Lawrence at Cornell, 3; Quinnipiac at Yale, 3.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Harvard vs. Northeastern in Beanpot semifinal, 7; Dartmouth at New Hampshire, 7.

HOCKEY EAST

Hockey East table with columns for W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA.

Overall Records: Boston College 15-7-0, Merrimack 6-16-3, New Hampshire 13-9-2, Northeastern 13-7-2, Providence 14-6-5, UConn 9-11-4, UMass 16-8-2, UMass Lowell 13-7-5, Vermont 3-16-4.

Friday's games: Providence at Northeastern, 7; Boston College at UMass, 7; UConn at New Hampshire, 7; Boston U. at Vermont, 7:05; Merrimack at Maine, 7:30.

Saturday's games: New Hampshire at UConn, 4; Vermont at Maine, 7; Merrimack at Maine, 7.

Monday, Feb. 3: Beanpot Semifinals: Harvard vs. Northeastern, 5; Boston College vs. Boston U., 8.

MAAC BASKETBALL

MAAC Basketball table with columns for MEN, Conf, Overall, Pct.

Wednesday's game: Saint Peter's 66, Monmouth 63.

Friday's games: Siena at Iona, 7; Fairfield at Rider, 7; Marist at Niagara, 7; Quinnipiac at Canisius, 7; Manhattan at Saint Peter's, 7.

Sunday's games: Quinnipiac at Niagara, 1; Rider at Monmouth, 1; Marist at Canisius, 2; Siena at Saint Peter's, 4.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Monmouth at Fairfield, 7.

WOMEN table with columns for Conf, Overall, Pct.

Tuesday's game: Rider 80, Fairfield 62.

Tonight's games: Niagara at Siena, 7; Marist at Fairfield, 7; Manhattan at Rider, 7; Quinnipiac at Saint Peter's, 7.

Saturday's games: Quinnipiac at Iona, 1; Canisius at Siena, 2; Saint Peter's at Manhattan, 2; Monmouth at Rider, 2; Niagara at Marist, 7.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Marist at Iona, 7.

AMERICA EAST BASKETBALL

America East Basketball table with columns for MEN, Conf, Overall, Pct.

Wednesday's games: UAlbany 67, UMBG 63 Vermont 56, New Hampshire 43 Hartford 73, Binghamton 57 Stony Brook 84, UMass Lowell 76.

Saturday's games: Stony Brook at New Hampshire, 1; Maine at Binghamton, 2; UMBG at UMass Lowell, 4; Vermont at Hartford, 7.

Friday, Feb. 5: UAlbany at Vermont, 7; New Hampshire at Vermont, 7; Maine at UMass Lowell, 7; Stony Brook at Binghamton, 7.

WOMEN table with columns for Conf, Overall, Pct.

Wednesday's games: UAlbany 67, UMBG 63 Vermont 56, New Hampshire 43 Hartford 73, Binghamton 57 Stony Brook 84, UMass Lowell 76.

Saturday's games: Stony Brook at New Hampshire, 1; Maine at Binghamton, 2; UMBG at UMass Lowell, 4; Vermont at Hartford, 7.

Friday, Feb. 5: UAlbany at Vermont, 7; New Hampshire at Vermont, 7; Maine at UMass Lowell, 7; Stony Brook at Binghamton, 7.

WOMEN table with columns for Conf, Overall, Pct.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

NHL

7 p.m. - Montreal at Buffalo, MSG; 7:30 p.m. - Nashville at New Jersey, NBCSN.

NBA

8 p.m. - Golden State at Boston, TNT; 10:30 p.m. - Utah at Denver, TNT.

TENNIS

11 p.m. - Australian Open, Mixed Doubles Semifinals, Tennis Channel; 3:30 a.m. - Australian Open, Men's Semifinal, ESPN.

KOBE BRYANT: 1978-2020

Lakers return to practice amid grief over Bryant's death

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers ended practice with a few somber, almost plaintive laughs. As they left the court, they all passed under the oversized 8 and 24 outlined in white on the black wall above the door to their locker room.

Anthony Davis and several other Lakers paused and looked up at Kobe Bryant's two retired numbers for a moment before they moved forward.

The Lakers are still grieving and mourning Bryant's death Sunday in a helicopter crash along with his daughter, Gianna, and seven others. Los Angeles' players and coaches returned to work Wednesday at their training complex with a determination to

keep Bryant and the victims in their thoughts while getting on with the business of basketball and life.

"We want to represent what Kobe was about, more than anything," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "We've always wanted to make him proud, and that's not going to be any different now."

Vogel, who joined the Lakers eight months ago, was the only person to speak to the media after the workout. The loss apparently was still too raw for the players, including superstars LeBron James and Davis, who played in the Olympics with Bryant.

Although Bryant retired in 2016, he is still enormously important to his franchise and his sport. Ever since the Lakers drafted the

17-year-old guard from suburban Philadelphia in 1996, Bryant had been a face of this franchise and a basketball-mad city while he became a five-time NBA champion and his team's career leader in points and games played.

The current Lakers are still grappling with the loss while they prepare for their next game Friday night at Staples Center against Portland.

"We've become a family in a very short time," Vogel said of the Lakers' roster, which features only one player who suited up with Bryant. "It's something that we talk about in the NBA with your teams, but this group in particular has really grown to love each other very rapidly, and we understand the importance and the opportunity we have this year.

This has just brought us closer together."

Outside the Lakers' training complex, a temporary wall of remembrance has grown to nearly the entire length of the building, bookended on either side by large photos and colorful memorials to the Bryants. Fans have streamed through the security gates and up to the wall throughout the past three days, using markers to inscribe their thoughts and prayers on the white surface.

Bryant's death has temporarily overwhelmed an exciting season of rebirth for the Lakers, who have missed the playoffs for a franchise-record six straight years. The current Lakers are poised for a serious run at the franchise's 17th championship, with James and Davis leading a

burgeoning powerhouse to the Western Conference's best record at 36-10.

But life and basketball have been put in a new perspective for everyone around the Lakers.

After their game against the Clippers on Tuesday night was postponed, the players and coaches gathered that afternoon to share stories and remembrances because it felt "therapeutic and beneficial," Vogel said.

"It's been something that has touched my family, being the father of daughters, and it's been very emotional," Vogel said. "It's something that brings us together. I'm around the people who were closest to Kobe throughout his time here, and it's been just a deeply saddening time for all of us."

Junior

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Kaitlin Rhinehardt and Jaylah Saunders played solid on defense for Amsterdam.

Abigail Powers scored a game-high 14 points to lead Mayfield. Abby Andrews chipped in with two points.

Recreation Basketball

First and Second Grade

LEADER-HERALD 26, THE SENTINEL OF AMSTERDAM 18

Cameron Colistra scored 17 points, and Priya Nichani added four points to lift the Leader Herald to a win over The Sentinel of Amsterdam.

Claire Stanavich scored 15 to lead The Sentinel of Amsterdam.

Z-CORE 32, MCT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 20

Xavian Bergh poured in 19 points, and Julian Harder added six points to lift Z-Core to a win over MCT Federal Credit Union.

Jax Smuk scored 11 points, and Grayson Mack ended up with three points to lead MCT Federal Credit Union.

Grades 3-5 Girls

NADINE BLOOM, ESQ. 31, JACKSON HEWITT 9

Tori Opalka scored eight points, Nevaeh Bergh had seven points and Kiana Russell finished with six points to lift Nadine Bloom Esq. to a win over Jackson Hewitt.

Allie Dennison scored four points to lead Jackson Hewitt.

JACKSON HEWITT 18, NADINE BLOOM, ESQ. 18

Katelynn Bull scored 12 points for Jackson Hewitt, while Nadine Bloom, Esq. got six points each from Tori Opalka and Nevaeh Bergh as the teams played to a tie.

Scoring two points each were Marina Moawad, Allie Keller and Lucille Brayman for Jackson Hewitt, and Victoria Gonzalez, Kiana Russell and Avalisa Rios for Nadine Bloom, Esq.

College

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NOTEWORTHY

Nina Fedullo (Amsterdam) of Saint Rose had a monster game on Saturday, compiling 21 points and 16 rebounds in the Golden Knights' 74-68 loss to Southern New Hampshire.

Fedullo, who connected on 7 of 14 shot attempts from the floor, is averaging 13 points and nine rebounds per game this season.

Giuliana Pritchard (Amsterdam) tallied 13 points in 33 minutes of action in Hartwick's 55-45 loss to Utica on Tuesday night.

Pritchard is averaging 13 points and 9.5 rebounds per game this season for Hartwick.

Julianna Taylor (Fonda-Fultonville) scored six points in Brockport's 69-66 loss to Buffalo State on Tuesday. Taylor is averaging 13 points and four rebounds.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Bishop Gibbons soars past Fonda

BY JIM SCHILTZ
Staff Writer

SCHENECTADY — Fonda-Fultonville survived a scoring burst by Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons at the outset of Wednesday night's Western Athletic Conference boys' basketball showdown.

After a second surge by the Golden Knights, there was no coming back.

"That flurry there slammed the door," Braves coach Eric Wilson said after the Golden Knights soared to an 86-68 win in a game that matched Hudson Division unbeaten. "We couldn't stop it."

Rodney Parker stepped forward at the offensive end when Bishop Gibbons put together a 29-4 run that spanned most of the third quarter, and Nacier Hundley played defensive bulldog against Braves ace Jackson Atty in a victory that left the hosts 8-0 in the WAC and dropped the Braves to 8-1.

"When we started the [third] quarter, I told my guys, 'The game will be decided in the first four minutes,'" Bishop Gibbons coach Steve Garzone said. "We had a couple of opportunities where we saw the floor in transition, and we hit some shots."

Atty sank his last significant basket, a 3-pointer, early in the third quarter to give Fonda-Fultonville a 42-40 lead. Bishop Gibbons' ensuing run included a pair of 9-0 spurts and another 11-0 push at the end of it that made it 69-46.

"Too many turnovers, and those turnovers became scores in the other direction," Wilson said. "Their athleticism and quickness bothered us."

Atty finished with 20 points, his last six coming in the fourth quarter after the star senior had delivered 46 Saturday in a 76-51

non-league win over Tamarac. Atty sank a school-record 11 3s that day, yet managed two of them Wednesday going mostly against Hundley.

"My thought was stop him [Atty] for this possession," said Hundley, a senior guard who totaled 22 points, six assists, five rebounds and three steals. "I was not going to worry about the last one or the next one. I wanted to stay in the present."

"He is responsible for 40 percent of their points. Who do you want to stop?"

Noah Foster also defended Atty, but for only short segments of the contest before Hundley was back at it.

"At one point, I was going to give Nacier a rest, and he said no," Garzone said. "He is a true competitor."

Parker paced Bishop Gibbons (14-2 overall) with 25 points, 15 of them coming in the knockout 29-4 third-quarter spree that Todd Williamson began with a tying layup. Parker's reverse layup soon after gave the Golden Knights the lead for good at 44-42.

"Once I make a shot, I feel like I am going to keep scoring," said Parker, a junior forward who also snared 12 rebounds. "I make a shot and it boosts me."

"He [Parker] is one of those guys you can put together a game plan against him, and not be able to guard him," Garzone said. "He's 6-2 and he plays like he's 6-6, 6-7."

Parker converted a pair of 3-point plays in the big run and also sank a 3-pointer. Omari Carmon and Anthony Blasquez also hit 3s in the key run.

"When they exploded, there were a lot of threes from a lot of guys," Wilson said.

Carmon scored 20 points, his



Peter R. Barber/Staff Photographer

Rodney Parker of Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons takes a shot while being blocked by Fonda-Fultonville's Andrew Georgia on Wednesday.

putback basket and layup after a steal being part of a game-starting 8-0 run for the Golden Knights. Fonda-Fultonville steadied afterward and got within 22-19 at the end of the first quarter and trailed 38-36 at the half after a jumper by Atty.

"Going into the game it was, 'You've got to survive the first [Bishop Gibbons] flurry,' and we did," Wilson said.

Fonda-Fultonville took its first lead of the game at 39-38 on a 3 by Colin Kowalski moments into the third quarter. Hundley answered with a layup, and Atty followed with his 3, one of nine made by the Braves.

"They're pretty tough," Parker said of the Braves. "They shoot

the ball well. We tried to shut it down."

Jake Shaw scored 16 points for Fonda-Fultonville (13-2 overall), and Atty added seven assists.

Bishop Gibbons has won six straight games since losing back-to-back games to La Salle by two points and Lansingburgh by one in late December.

Fonda-Fultonville 19 17 13 19 — 68
Bishop Gibbons 22 16 31 15 — 86
Fonda-Fultonville scoring: Shaw 7-0-16, Cusack 2-0-5, Atty 7-4-20, Weaver 2-3-7, Kowalski 3-0-9, Sweet 0-2-2, Belfance 1-0-2, Mancini 1-0-3, Georgia 2-0-4. **Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons scoring:** Foster 3-1-8, Hundley 9-3-22, Carmon 8-2-20, Blasquez 2-0-5, Williamson 3-0-6, Parker 9-5-25. **Scoring totals:** Fonda-Fultonville 25-9-68, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons 34-11-86.

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HIGH SCHOOLS

B-K-W boys' basketball tops Canajoharie

Zeke Pulliam scored 37 points to lead the Berne-Knox-Westerlo boys' basketball team to a 77-73 Western Athletic Conference victory over Canajoharie Wednesday. Cal Insero scored 11 points, and Zach Brink added 10 points for Berne-Knox-Westerlo. Ritchie Tamsett scored 34 points for Canajoharie, while Derek Hyney scored 16, and Marcus Johnson added 10 points.

Kyle Capparello scored 18 points to lead Mayfield to a 45-40 victory over Northville. Aidan Halloran added 11 points for Mayfield. Wyatt Sira and Jason Ellsworth both scored 14 points for Northville.

Anderson Eggleston and Shian Harman each scored eight points

to lead the OESJ girls' basketball team to a 29-22 Western Athletic Conference victory over Fort Plain. Erin Crouse scored 10 points for Fort Plain.

BOYS' BASKETBALL
WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
MAYFIELD 45, NORTHVILLE 40
Northville 9 10 9 12 — 40
Mayfield 8 15 9 13 — 45
Northville scoring: Morgan 1-0-2, Frank 2-0-5, Sheperd 2-0-5, Ellsworth 4-6-14, Sira 5-0-14. **Mayfield scoring:** Brink 4-0-3, Rohling 1-0-2, Goodemote 1-0-3, Halloran 5-1-11, Capparello 6-6-18, Lehr 3-0-8. **Scoring totals:** Northville 14-6-40, Mayfield 16-10-45.
BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO 77, CANAJOHARIE 73
Berne 18 22 21 16 — 77
Canajoharie 15 28 15 15 — 73
Berne-Knox-Westerlo scoring: Brink 4-0-10, Edwards 4-0-8, Heitzman 2-0-4, Insero 4-0-11, Lefkaditis 1-0-3, Moseby 1-0-2, Pulliam 14-4-37, Toomey 1-0-2. **Canajoharie scoring:** Fairley 2-0-5, Ferguson 2-0-4, Hyney 5-1-16, Johnson 4-2-10, Nowalk 2-0-4, Tamsett 8-18-34. **Scoring totals:** Berne-Knox-Westerlo 23-4-77, Canajoharie 23-21-73.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
OESJ 29, FORT PLAIN 22
OESJ 9 3 8 9 — 29
Fort Plain 4 10 6 2 — 22

OESJ scoring: A. Eggleston 3-2-8, Blakeslee 2-0-4, Klock 1-0-3, S. Eggleston 2-2-6, Harman 3-2-8. **Fort Plain scoring:** Page 1-0-3, Florian 1-1-3, Vanasse 3-0-6, Crouse 5-0-10. **Scoring totals:** OESJ 11-6-29, Fort Plain 10-1-22.

BOYS' BOWLING
FOOTHILLS COUNCIL
AMSTERDAM 3, GLENS FALLS 1
GF (3,214) — Granger 215-583, Leon 232-564, McLane 186-519. **A (3,453) —** Wolff 266-673, Laher 223-591, Sawitzki 220-583.
BROADALBIN-PERTH 4, QUEENSBURY 0
BP (2,444) — Filmer 252-667, Pavone 207-551, Wallace 191-536. **Q (2,574) —** Persutti 193-496, Fedele 160-450, Alexander 201-444.
JOHNSTOWN 3, GLOVERSVILLE 1
G (3,329) — Tallon 631, Morrison 237-624, Griffith 612. **J (3,415) —** Hulbert 247-681, Roth 602, Winton 592.

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
NOTRE DAME-BISHOP GIBBONS 3, CANAJOHARIE 1
ND (2,545) — Belcher 222-616, Verdicky 227-510, Simmonds 171-480. **C (2,466) —** Mereness 213-583, Yerdon 203-528, Montayne 165-472.
FONDA-FULTONVILLE 3, FORT PLAIN 1
FP (2,788) — Fureno 233-677, Paradiso 201-589, Burgess 187-508. **FF (2,874) —** H. Auspendymer 298-703, Davis 205-578, E. Auspendymer 202-557.

GIRLS' BOWLING
WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
FORT PLAIN 4, FONDA-FULTONVILLE 0
FP (2,445) — Jenks 193-532, Paradiso 178-511, Oldick 187-489. **FF (1,765) —** Coleman

148-412, Quillan 135-361, McGaha 131-361.

NORDIC SKIING
BOYS
Teams: Queensbury 9, Lake George 30, Saratoga Springs 34, Johnsbury 39, Glens Falls 43, Shenendehowa 49, Mayfield 55, Johnstown 84, Scotia-Glenville 97, Guilderland 100.
Individuals: Logan (Q 27:57.2); Jenkin (QUEENS 27:59.2); Lindsay (LG 28:31.3); Smith (JBURG 29:52.6); Bordeau (GF 30:08.2); Jenkin (QUEENS 30:31.3); Wiedmann (SHEN 31:00.6); Rowley (QUEENS 31:06.7); Borgos (QUEENS 31:26.0); Trackey (GF 32:07.3).

GIRLS
Teams: Mayfield 11, Scotia-Glenville 34, Queensbury 38, Lake George 55, Johnstown 62, Glens Falls 63, Guilderland 77, Johnsbury 999, Saratoga Springs 999, Hadley 999, Shenendehowa 999.
Individuals: Relyea (MAY 21:24.8); Schreiner (HAD 22:14.3); Halloran (MAY 23:22.2); Culliton (GF 23:22.8); Guay (QUEENS 23:32.4); Bayse (JBURG 24:20.3); Bjelica (MAY 24:58.4); Millington (JBURG 25:33.4); Olson (SCOTIA-GLEN 25:38.4); Vadney (SCOTIA-GLEN 25:46.8).

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Ziskin

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"Just a broken play, got wrapped up and hit on the side when the guy came off the edge," Ziskin said. "It happens. It's football."

Basketball practice started about a week after that second injury, but Ziskin — projected to be an important piece in Amsterdam coach Tim Jones' rotation this season — was watching from the sidelines. It's only in the last few weeks

that Ziskin has gotten back on the floor, making his first contributions of the year when he scored eight points in Amsterdam's Jan. 17 win over Johnstown. He's quickly established himself as one of the first players off the bench for the Rams, and was playing crucial minutes in the second half Tuesday as Amsterdam tried to come back from a double-digit deficit against Gloversville.

"The past few games, it's been great to be back to normal," Ziskin said. "I wouldn't be able to be here right now if it weren't for our coach, our athletic trainer Carla [Pasquarelli] and all their

patience with me. It feels great."

Ziskin's return to health is one of several boosts for an Amsterdam roster that was depleted during the team's four-game losing streak, at one point having only eight healthy players available. In addition to Ziskin, senior Tyler Saffran — out since suffering an ankle injury Dec. 10 at Gloversville — is also making his way back into the lineup.

Jones also called up sophomore Tyrell Douglas two weeks ago, and he's immediately provided the offensive spark off the bench. The mid-season JV call-up is a move that's worked well for

Jones multiple times in the past. Yandeel Vazquez was brought up to the varsity squad in January 2019 and became the team's best offensive player in the stretch run, while Ozzy DeJesus — now a senior at Mekeel Christian Academy — was brought up midway through the 2016-17 season.

"We got through all our hurdles," Jones said. "Now, we've just got to be able to get through our biggest one, which is being able to play 32 minutes."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AP source: Baker reaches agreement to become Astros manager

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Dusty Baker has reached an agreement to be the manager of the Houston Astros, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced.

The 70-year-old Baker became the oldest manager in the big leagues. He takes over from AJ Hinch, who was fired Jan. 13 just an hour after he was suspended for the season by Major League Baseball for his role in Houston's sign-stealing scandal.

Baker's hiring was a sign the AL champions wanted to add a veteran presence to a franchise reeling from the dismissal of Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow. Baker has 22 years of managerial experience, starting in 1993 with the San Francisco Giants.

A three-time National League

Manager of the Year, Baker last managed the Washington Nationals, who let him go after a 97-65 season in 2017.

Since 2018, Baker has served as a special adviser to Giants CEO Larry Baer, working in both the baseball and business operations of the club. He regularly attended son Darren's college games at the University of California in Berkeley.

Baker will get a chance to chase his first title as a manager with a team that returns the bulk of its roster from last year that reached the World Series for the second time in three years before losing to the Nationals.

His hiring is a stark departure from the youth-oriented recent history of the Astros, who hired Hinch when he was just 41. Baker takes over a team that should be a favorite to contend again after winning 100-plus games in three straight seasons.

But it will also be a challenge for a man who hasn't managed

for two seasons and will have to deal with the fallout from the sign-stealing saga that is certain to cast a pall over Houston's quest to return to the World Series.

Astros owner Jim Crane had indicated at the beginning of the search that he was looking for someone like Baker to bring stability to the team after the shake-up at the top.

"Someone mature that can handle the group," he said then. "Someone that's had a little bit of experience in some areas. We've just got to find a leader that can handle some pressure and there's going to be a little bit of pressure from where this team has been in the last few months."

The Astros haven't made any changes to Hinch's coaching staff since his dismissal and Crane said a couple of weeks ago that the new manager could make some changes, but that he expected the bulk of the staff to remain in place.

If they retain pitching coach

Brent Strom, the league's oldest manager will have a fellow septuagenarian on his staff in the 71-year-old, who has worked for the Astros since 2014.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred disciplined the Astros after he found the team broke rules by using electronics to steal signs during its run to the 2017 World Series championship and again in the 2018 season.

The Astros were fined \$5 million, the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, and forfeited their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

The investigation found that the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to view and decode opposing catcher's signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming, believing it would improve chances of getting a hit.

The penalties left Houston scrambling to find a manager with spring training less than a

month away.

Baker has compiled a 1,863-1,636 regular season record in a career where he spent 10 years with the Giants, four years with the Chicago Cubs and six seasons with the Cincinnati Reds before his two-year stint with the Nationals.

Baker had a 19-year major league career as an outfielder and was a two-time All-Star. He began his career with Atlanta and played for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Oakland and San Francisco. He was selected MVP of the 1977 NL Championship Series and won a Gold Glove in 1981, when he helped the Dodgers to a World Series title.

He was voted Manager of the Year in his first season with San Francisco in 1993, when he helped the Giants to a 103-59 record. He won the award again in 1997 and 2000 with the Giants, and led San Francisco to the 2002 World Series, a seven-game loss to the Anaheim Angels.

SUPER BOWL LIV

TEs Kelce, Kittle the life of the party

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — They've got swagger, style and lots and lots of catches.

Kansas City's Travis Kelce and San Francisco's George Kittle are talkative tight ends at this year's Super Bowl and among the most entertaining personalities in the NFL — Rob Gronkowski-types who could play big roles in who wins the big game Sunday.

"I just love to live life, man," Kelce said with a big smile. "And I like to enjoy happiness along the way."

That comes from a guy whose silly, entertaining, ridiculous, hilarious — or, all of the above — dances to celebrate his touchdowns instantly go viral moments after he gets into the end zone.

The 6-foot-5, 260-pound Kelce has "Hit the Quan" and done "The Chicken Head" and everything in between. He's the life of a football party that has moved to the NFL's biggest stage — and with a worldwide audience watching.

"I just think any time he gets the ball in the end zone, I ask him all the time, 'How do you come up with these dances, man? Just how do you come up with all this stuff?'" said Chiefs offensive tackle Eric Fisher, who was fined \$14,037 for dumping two beers on himself while celebrating a touchdown in Kansas City's divisional round win over Houston.

"I don't know, man," Fisher added. "I think his touchdown celebrations are one of a kind and will go down in history."

Kelce is also doing a pretty good job of getting himself into the record books with his play.

He holds the NFL record for the most seasons by a tight end with 1,000 or more yards receiving with four, and counting. Kelce is a favorite target of Patrick Mahomes and established himself as possibly the best all-around tight end in the game.

"Kelce's a beast," Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill said. "He's special. I've never seen a guy that size to have that much ability or to carry that kind of swagger. He's definitely a leader."

The 49ers say the same of the playmaking Kittle, who was selected a first-team All-Pro this season. The third-year tight end



Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce poses during Opening Night for Super Bowl LIV on Monday at Marlins Park in Miami.

has had 85 catches or more and 1,000 yards receiving in each of his past two years.

Kittle is a fun-loving character whose approach to the game mimics that of a playful professional wrestler. After all, his nickname is "Stone Cold Kittle" — after "Stone Cold" Steve Austin.

He even uses a gesture to celebrate first downs that he borrowed from Pentagón Jr., a Mexican wrestler. He makes a circle with his thumb and forefinger to form a "0" and then flicks his wrist so his other fingers form an "M" for Pentagón Jr.'s catch phrase: "Cero miedo," which means, "zero fear."

"I think we're all a little different, but he's unique and you see it on the field," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "He has a personality where he goes 100 mph in whatever he does. That's probably why he's going to have a WWE career after this. What's cool is that's kind of who he is and then you see it on the field. That's why whether he does perfect or not, he always makes

plays with his attitude when the ball is in his hands."

That all started when Kittle was in college at Iowa, where then-tight ends coach Levar Woods gave him homework. The assignment: Watch videos of the best players at the position and take anything he can use to add to his game.

Kittle couldn't stop looking at film of Kelce, filling his iPad with film of the Chiefs star.

Every play, every game.

"Whether it's what he does in the red zone, how he runs his routes, his mindset every time he steps on the football field. I think the thing that really kind of stands out the most is you see his personality when he plays and how much fun he has," Kittle said. "Very similar to Gronk and his personality, the way it shows. I think they just kind of opened the door for tight ends like me to be able to express ourselves on the football field."

Or, off it.

Kittle is an affable guy who's always smiling and cracking jokes. After the 49ers' victory over Green Bay in the NFC

championship game, the tight end walked around doing TV interviews while wearing a T-shirt of a bare-chested quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo that a fan sent to him.

Of course, photos and video went viral. Just like his first-down celebrations.

"I think we both have a really good time playing football," Kittle said. "You can see that on the tape. We both just enjoy being out there with our teammates. We both make plays when we're asked to, and I think we both make plays when we're not asked to."

They've also been able to make plays when they aren't there.

Last season, Kittle had the most yards after catch since the stat began being tracked in 2010 with 870. He ranked first this season among non-running backs with 602.

"One guy shouldn't bring us down," the 6-4, 245-pound Kittle said. "And if you have that mindset, where you're going to run through someone's face, it definitely makes the YAC a lot easier."

NFL

Hall of Fame DE Doleman dies at 58

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Hall of Fame defensive end Chris Doleman, whose enviable blend of speed and power made him one of the NFL's most feared pass rushers during 15 seasons in the league, has died. The longtime Minnesota Vikings star, who had 150½ career sacks to rank fifth on the all-time list, was 58.

The Vikings and the Pro Football Hall of Fame expressed their condolences in separate statements confirming Doleman's death on Tuesday night. Doleman had surgery two years ago to remove a brain tumor after being diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive type of cancer that killed U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona in 2018.

The diagnosis and surgery kept Doleman from attending Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis, requiring a five-week hospital stay in Atlanta, but later that year he was able to travel to Canton, Ohio, for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony that included former teammate Randy Moss. That fall, he married his wife, LaTresa Doleman, and they traveled to Minnesota together for the team's Ring of Honor induction ceremony for the late Dennis Green, one of his coaches with the Vikings.

"Just the thought of catching up with everybody pulls you through those dark times," Doleman said then in an interview with the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Doleman returned to U.S. Bank Stadium as recently as last October, for the Ring of Honor induction for former teammate Steve Jordan. Former teammate and fellow Hall of Famer Randall McDaniel pushed Doleman to and from the on-field ceremony in a wheelchair.

Doleman, an Indianapolis native who played in college at Pittsburgh before being drafted by the Vikings with the fourth overall pick in 1985, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2012.

He converted from linebacker to defensive end and spent his first nine seasons with the Vikings, collecting a league-high 21 sacks in 1989 while forming a fierce pass-rushing tandem with defensive tackle Keith Millard, who had 18 sacks himself that year for the NFC North champions. He was a two-time first-team All-Pro and eight-time Pro Bowl selection who played in 232 of a possible 236 regular-season games.

The 6-foot-5 Doleman played two seasons for Atlanta and three seasons with San Francisco before returning to Minnesota to finish his career in 1999.

"Chris was a great example for players past and present, as he embodied all the best characteristics of a Viking — resilience, toughness and a competitive spirit," the Vikings said. "Chris always carried himself with dignity and class. Vikings fans worldwide will greatly miss him."

NFL

Goodell: Diversity in coach/executive hirings must improve

BY BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — Stopping short of saying the Rooney Rule is not working, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell noted Wednesday the league needs change to its minority hiring policy.

Though the league requires teams to interview minority candidates, only two African-Americans have been hired for 19 open head coaching spots over the past three years. The league has only two minority general managers among the 32 teams.

"Clearly we are not where we want to be on this level," he said at his annual Super Bowl news conference. "We have a lot of work that has gone into not only the Rooney Rule but our policy overall. It's clear we need change

and do something different.

"There's no reason to expect we're going to have a different outcome next year without those kinds of changes and we've already begun engaging in those changes. Not just with our diversity committee, not just with the Fritz Pollard Alliance, but others. And trying to figure out what steps we could take next that would lead to better outcomes. It's clear we're all committed to doing that, and we have to make those changes.

"We will have a series of meetings which we've already scheduled over the next month to get that kind of dialogue going, to continue the dialogue to try to determine what are the solutions so we can have those better outcomes," he added.

The Rooney Rule, which has been adopted by other leagues and businesses, calls for a minority candidate to be interviewed for head coaching and executive openings such as general managers. Critics have said those interviews are often simply token responses to the rule and that the minority candidates are not seriously considered for those positions.

Goodell also addressed negotiations between the NFL Players Association and the league on a new labor deal. The current 10-year contract runs out in March 2021 and there is optimism on both fronts that a new deal would be finalized before this March when the 2020 league year begins.

"We've been having incredibly productive dialogue," Goodell

said. "I think we've made a lot of progress at now seven or eight months since we began those discussions more formally."

"I think we've addressed difficult issues that face our league going forward and looking forward. I think both the players and management and everyone at the negotiations have worked to try to find creative solutions to make the NFL better and that's what you want."

As for putting a timetable on a potential agreement, Goodell wouldn't speculate.

"The process will close when the process closes, when all of us feel comfortable that we've reached an agreement that we want to go forward with," he said. "I don't know when that will be. I think it's more important to get it right."

Weekender

THE CALENDAR

Jan. 31

Mandy Patinkin in Concert: Diaries with Adam Ben David on Piano, 8 p.m., Proctors, Schenectady.

Feb. 1

Rock Junkies, 8:30 p.m., Sharpshooters, 35 Main St., Amsterdam.

Get The Led Out, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, Albany.

Feb. 8

Rock Junkies, 9 p.m., Imperial Lanes/Skyview Lounge, 249 Wallins Corners Road, Amsterdam.

Feb. 9

The Original Harlem Globetrotters, 1 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 S. Pearl St., Albany. For more information, call (518) 487-2000.

Feb. 14

Rock Junkies, 9:30 p.m., Spa City Tap & Barrel, 13 Caroline Street, Saratoga Springs.

Feb. 21

Maria Riccio Bryce, presenting “Home Again,” 7:30 p.m. The Bert DeRose Theatre at Amsterdam High School, 140 Saratoga Ave. This performance will be a benefit for the Amsterdam Free Library. After the performance, a champagne reception will be held at the library. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased at the library or online at www.amsterdamlibrary.com.

Feb. 22

Maria Riccio Bryce, presenting “Home Again,” 7:30 p.m. The Bert DeRose Theatre at Amsterdam High School, 140 Saratoga Ave. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased at the library or online at www.amsterdamlibrary.com.

Feb. 23

Maria Riccio Bryce, presenting “Home Again,” 3 p.m. The Bert DeRose Theatre at Amsterdam High School, 140 Saratoga Ave. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased at the library or online at www.amsterdamlibrary.com.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 30: Actor Gene Hackman is 90. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 83. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 83. Musician Phil Collins is 69. Actor Charles S. Dutton (“Roc”) is 69. Comedian Brett Butler (“Anger Management,” “Grace Under Fire”) is 62. Actor Christian Bale is 46. Actor Wilmer Valderrama (“That ‘70s Show”) is 40.

Jan. 31: Composer Philip Glass is 83. Actress Jessica Walter (“Arrested Development”) is 79. Actor Jonathan Banks (“Better Call Saul,” “Breaking Bad”) is 73. Singer Harry Wayne Casey of KC and the Sunshine Band is 69. Singer John Lydon (Johnny Rotten) of the Sex Pistols is 64. Actress Minnie Driver is 50. Actress Portia de Rossi (“Arrested Development,” “Ally McBeal”) is 47. Comedian Bobby Moynihan (“Saturday Night Live”) is 43. Actress Kerry Washington (“Scandal,” “Ray”) is 43. Singer Justin Timberlake is 39. Singer Marcus Mumford of Mumford and Sons is 33.

Feb. 1: Singer Don Everly of The Everly Brothers is 83. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 81. Actor-writer-director Terry Jones (Monty Python) is 78. Guitarist Mike Campbell of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers is 70. Singer Lisa Marie Presley is 52. Comedian Pauly Shore is 52. Actor Michael C. Hall (“Dexter,” “Six Feet Under”) is 49. Rapper Big Boi of Outkast is 45. TV personality Lauren Conrad (“The Hills,” “Laguna Beach”) is 34. Singer Harry Styles of One Direction is 26.

Feb. 2: Comedian Tom Smothers is 83. Singer Graham Nash is 78. TV chef Ina Garten is 72. Model Christie Brinkley is 66. Singer Shakira is 43. Actor Rich Sommer is 42. Country singer Blaine Larsen is 34. Actress Zosia Mamet is 32.

Feb. 3: Actress Blythe Danner is 77. Guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 73. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 70. Actor Nathan Lane is 64. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 64. Actor Warwick Davis is 50. Actress Elisa Donovan is 49. Actress Isla Fisher is 44. Rapper Sean Kingston is 30. Actor Brandon Micheal Hall is 27.

Feb. 4: Rock singer Alice Cooper is 72. Country singer Clint Black is 58. Rock musician Noodles (The Offspring) is 57. Actor Rob Corddry is 49. Singer Natalie Imbruglia is 45. Rapper Cam’ron is 44.

Feb. 5: Movie director Michael Mann is 77. Actress Barbara Hershey is 72. Actor Christopher Guest is 72. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 59. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 58. Actress Laura Linney is 56. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Velvet Revolver) is 56. Actor-comedian Chris Parnell is 53. Singer Bobby Brown is 51. Actor Michael Sheen is 51. Actor Henry Golding is 33. Rock musician Kyle Simmons (Bastille) is 32.

MOVIE REVIEW



Tribune News Service

Blake Lively in “The Rhythm Section.”

‘The Rhythm Section’ brings a fresh cadence to its genre

By KATIE WALSH

Tribune News Service

Award-winning director and cinematographer Reed Morano has tackled dystopian futures in “The Handmaid’s Tale,” the end of the world in “I Think We’re Alone Now” and devastating grief in “Meadowland.” Her third feature film, “The Rhythm Section,” combines a bit of all these themes, though it has a bit more kick to it than her prior indies. Starring Blake Lively as Stephanie Patrick, “The Rhythm Section” is adapted from the series of thriller novels by Mark Burnell, with a screenplay by Burnell himself. If Jason Bourne were a grieving trauma survivor, and the film serves as her gritty origin story.

Lively has severely de-glammed herself in this edgy role, and when we first meet Stephanie, she’s a heroin-smoking London sex worker with a shaggy bowl cut. When a reporter (Raza Jaffrey) contracts her services to talk about the plane crash that killed her family, Stephanie’s rock bottom existence is thrown into chaos. With the knowledge that a bomb on board caused the crash, she sets out to attain revenge. She just has to kick the smack first.

There’s something rather enjoyable about watching such a

wastoid try and turn herself into “La Femme Nikita,” with the help (or harm) of a former MI-6 agent, B (Jude Law), who has valuable intel about the terrorist organization Stephanie’s seeking. He whips her into shape, and the first half of “The Rhythm Section” is essentially an exercise in body horror as Lively subjects her battered body to opiate detox, freezing lake water, clumsy fisticuffs and lots and lots of jogging.

When B sends Stephanie into the field on a few wild goose chases, posing as a dead assassin named Petra, wow, is she ever bad, and it’s honestly refreshing. Enough with the “Black Widow” super spies. For something really original, let’s see a green wannabe hit woman try to navigate a small car through Tangier while in a full panic. The willingness to let Stephanie be human and react as such brings a sense of reality and authenticity back to the action-spy genre, which has in many ways gotten too slick.

Morano focuses intensely on Stephanie’s subjective experience, using many hazy and handheld extreme close-ups on her face in the fight and action scenes, placing us inside Stephanie’s head, or at least as close as possible to her experience. It’s a fascinating exercise in shooting action and combat as something expe-

riential and subjective. While it works sometimes, there are times when it doesn’t.

While Morano brings a gritty neorealist style with the help of cinematographer Sean Bobbitt, and Lively dirties herself up for cred, writer Burnell brings his story to the screen, though the adaptation is a bit rickety. We all know why Stephanie does what she does, but why does anyone else? Why does B recruit her and what is his goal? Why does Keith, the reporter, need her? Why does she enter into a dalliance with intended mark/reluctant ally Marc Serra (Sterling K. Brown)? The storytelling here is a bit too economical, and the vague aphorisms Lively mutters in a serviceable British accent don’t clarify anything. “The Rhythm Section” launches Morano into a new world of action/thriller filmmaking, and her unique style is a welcome refresh for the genre. But while it certainly has a spirit, it often loses the beat.

‘THE RHYTHM SECTION’
2.5 stars

Cast: Blake Lively, Jude Law, Sterling K. Brown, Max Cassella. Directed by Reed Morano.

Running time: 1 hour 49 minutes.

Rated R for violence, sexual content, language throughout, and some drug use.

MOVIE GUIDE

(TNS) — Films opening this week include:

“2020 Oscar Shorts” — A survey of short films nominated for this year’s Academy Awards. Animated (1:25); live action (1:44); documentary: (2:40) (NR)

“The Assistant” — A junior assistant to a powerful executive gets a crash course in the indignities and abuses in the entertainment industry. With Julia Garner, Matthew MacFadyen, Makenzie Leigh, Kristine Froseth. Written and directed by Kitty Green. (1:25) R.

“Coda” — A celebrated pianist in the twilight of his career gets a new lease on life thanks to a female music critic several years his junior. With Patrick Stewart, Katie Holmes, Giancarlo Esposito, Drew Davis, Catherine St. Laurent, Paul Van Dyck. Written by Louis Godbout. Directed by Claude Laloche. (1:37) NR.

“Gretel & Hansel” — A young girl and her little brother find terror in the deep woods in this reimagining of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale. With Sophia Lillis, Samuel Leakey, Jessica De Gouw, Alice Krige. Written by Rob Hayes. Directed by Oz Perkins. (1:27) PG-13.

“Heavy Water” — Big-wave surfer Nathan Fletcher explores the evolution of his sport in this documentary. Written and directed by Michael Oblowitz. (1:24) NR.

“The Rhythm Section” — A woman seeks vengeance against those who plotted the plane crash that killed her family. With Blake Lively, Jude Law, Sterling K. Brown. Written by Mark Burnell. Directed by Reed Morano. (1:47) R.

“The Traitor” — Fact-based drama about a made man turned informant whose testimony dealt a serious blow to the Sicilian mafia in the early 1980s. With Pierfrancesco Favino, Fausto Russo Alesi. Written by Marco Bellocchio, Valia Santella, Ludovica Rampoldi. Directed by Bellocchio. In Italian, Sicilian, Portuguese, English with English subtitles. (2:25) R.

“The Wonderland” — A shy sixth-grader meets an alchemist and his assistant who take her on a fantastical journey in this anime tale. With the voices of Mayu Matsuoka, Masachika Ichimura. Written by Miho Maruo; based on the novel by Sachiko Kashiwaba. Directed by Keiichi Hara. In Japanese with English subtitles. (1:56) NR.

NEW ON DVD

'Doctor Sleep,' 'The Good Liar' pack emotional punches

By **KATIE FORAN-MCHALE**
Tribune News Service

"The Shining" returns (kind of) and two new costars meet their matches in this week's top DVD picks.

"Doctor Sleep": Years after the "redrum" in "The Shining," a traumatized adult Dan Torrance (Ewan McGregor) meets a teenage girl (Kyliegh Curran) who shares his gift, and together they must stop a group of vampires called the True Knot that tortures and kills children. While prolific horror writer Stephen King disliked director Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining," he loved director Mike Flanagan's take on his 2013 sequel to the Overlook Hotel saga.

Flanagan's visual and editing skills are impressive, wrote Los Angeles Times critic Justin Chang in his review, but naturally, something more powerful brews below.

"Beneath the movie's slick surfaces there is also an insistent, pulsing humanity, an understanding of the deep emotional underpinnings of King's fiction," Chang wrote. "'Doctor Sleep' may cut a wider narrative swath than 'The Shining,' but it returns to many of the same themes: the innocence and mischief of children, the protective and predatory capacities of adults, the vulnerability of the family unit."

"The Good Liar": This isn't the first movie wherein Ian McKellen and Helen Mirren have worked together, but "The Good Liar," directed by Bill Condon, is

the first one featuring both in costarring roles (and it's about time). In the film, a longtime con artist (McKellen) plans to scam a wealthy widow (Mirren) out of her fortune but has second thoughts after developing feelings from her. And from there, things keep twisting ... and twisting ... and twisting.

The pace starts slow and the plot could have used some heightening, but those twists make the thriller a fun ride, wrote Tribune News Service critic Katie Walsh in her review.

"There's more twist where that twist comes from, and Condon carefully lays out the pieces of the mystery with his accomplished actors," she wrote. "As it rounds the bend, doubling back on itself, the folds and bends and detail of the story revealed only in hindsight, 'The Good Liar' finally steps into its full potential as a satisfying potboiler mystery."

ALSO NEW ON DVD FEB. 4

"Last Christmas": A disillusioned woman (Emilia Clarke) who works in a year-round New York Christmas store meets a charming man (Henry Golding).

"Playing with Fire": Firefighters run into trouble while babysitting three kids they rescued. John Cena stars.

"Arctic Dogs": A team of Arctic animals must work together to thwart a plot by an evil walrus to destroy their habitat in this computer-animated family film. Cast

includes Jeremy Renner, Alec Baldwin, Heidi Klum, John Cleese, Anjelica Huston, Omar Sy and James Franco.

"Waves": A suburban family works to heal after a devastating loss.

"The House That Jack Built": A Pacific Northwest serial killer (Matt Dillon) revisits his murders.

"Dragonheart: Vengeance": A farmer (Jack Kane) sets off with a dragon and a mercenary to seek revenge against his family's killers.

"Grand Isle": A man (Luke Benward) must convince a detective (Kelsey Grammer) he's not a murderer after sinister events unfold at a couple's (Nicolas Cage and KaDee Strickland) home.

"Keeping Faith — Series 2": A lawyer (Eve Myles) searches for her missing husband in this BBC thriller series.

"Mon Mon Mon Monsters!": A group of teenagers discover a zombielike creature in this horror comedy. In Mandarin with English subtitles.

"Rabid": After a medical procedure, an aspiring fashion designer (Laura Vandervoort) wakes up hungry for human blood.

"The Nightingale": In colonial Australia, an Irish convict (Aisling Franciosi) recruits an Aboriginal tracker (Baykali Ganambarr) to help find a British officer (Sam Claflin) who has raped her and killed her family.

"Trauma Center": A young woman with

a bullet lodged in her leg must escape from the hospital as two killers pursue her. Nicky Whelan and Bruce Willis star.

OUT ON DIGITAL HD FEB. 4

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood": A journalist with unresolved family issues (Matthew Rhys) is sent on assignment to meet beloved TV show host Fred Rogers (Tom Hanks). Out on DVD and Blu-ray Feb. 18.

"The Festival": A young man (Joe Thomas) heads to a three-day musical festival after a painful breakup.

"Midway": Six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the infamous World War II battle between Japanese and American forces commences. Look for it on DVD and Blu-ray Feb. 18.

"21 Bridges": A New York detective (Chadwick Boseman) searches the city for a pair of cop killers while all Manhattan's bridges are closed. It will be available on DVD and Blu-ray Feb. 18.

OUT ON DIGITAL HD FEB. 7

"Waiting for Anya": A young shepherd and a widow attempt to save Jewish children during World War II by secretly transporting them to Spain.

"Knives Out": After a beloved mystery writer (Christopher Plummer) dies by an apparent suicide, his kooky family convenes for the investigation of his death. Available on DVD and Blu-ray Feb. 25.

Author tour for controversial 'American Dirt' is canceled

NEW YORK (AP) — The publisher of Jeanine Cummins' controversial novel "American Dirt" has canceled the remainder of her promotional tour, citing concerns for her safety.

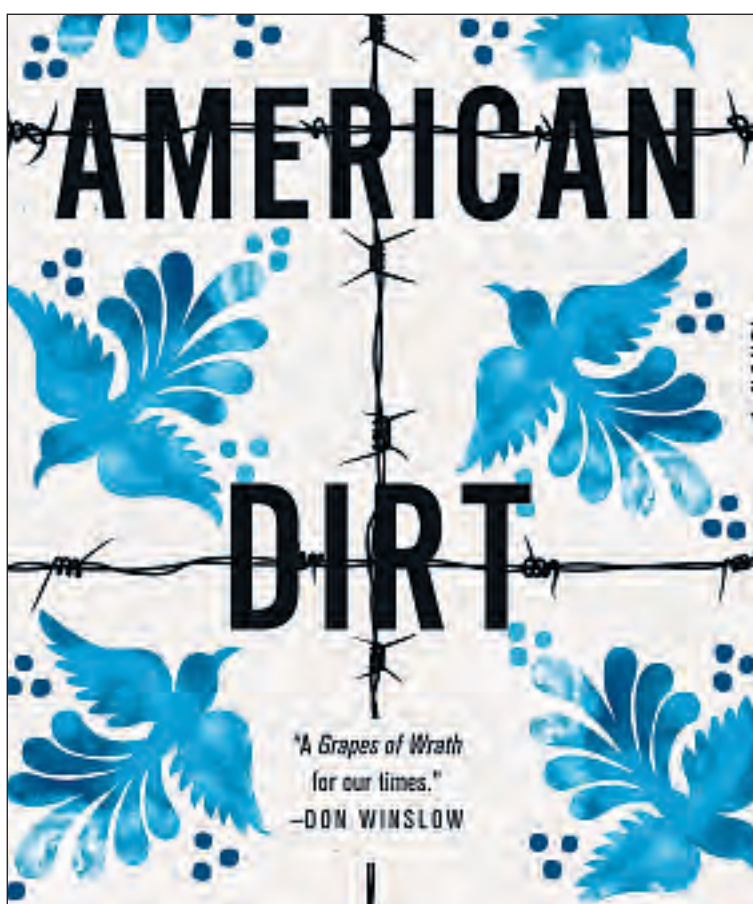
The novel about a Mexican mother and her young son fleeing to the U.S. border had been praised widely before its Jan. 21 release and was chosen by Oprah Winfrey for her book club. But Mexican American writers have been among those strongly criticizing "American Dirt" for stereotypical depictions of Mexicans. Cummins is of Irish and Puerto Rican background and had herself raised questions about the narrative, writing in an author's note at the end of the book that she had wondered if "someone slightly browner than me" should have done it.

"Jeanine Cummins spent five years of her life writing this book with the intent to shine a spotlight on tragedies facing immigrants," Bob Miller, president and publisher of Flatiron Books, said in a statement Wednesday. "We are saddened that a work of fiction that was well-intentioned has led to such vitriolic rancor.

"Unfortunately, our concerns about safety have led us to the difficult decision to cancel the book tour."

Cummins, 45, had made a handful of promotional appearances since her book was released, but over the past few days the St. Louis-based Left Bank Books had called off an event and Flatiron had cancelled interviews in California. The tour for her heavily promoted book had been scheduled to last at least through mid-February, with planned stops everywhere from Seattle to Oxford, Mississippi.

Flatiron instead hopes to organize a series of town hall gatherings with Cummins and her critics, calling it "an opportunity to come together and unearth difficult truths to help us move forward as a community." On Wednesday, a spokesperson for Winfrey confirmed that Winfrey will meet as planned with the author next month and that the



This cover image released by Flatiron Books shows "American Dirt," a novel by Jeanine Cummins.

discussion will air in March on Apple TV Plus. "American Dirt" was the third novel picked by Winfrey since she began a partnership with Apple last year.

"American Dirt" has dramatized ongoing issues of diversity in publishing that mirror criticisms of Hollywood. From publishers and editors to booksellers and agents, the book industry is predominantly white. Miller acknowledged that the novel "exposed deep inadequacies" at Flatiron and apologized for how the novel was promoted.

"We should never have claimed that it was a novel that defined the migrant experience; we should not have said that Jeanine's husband was an undocumented immigrant while not specifying that he was from Ireland," he wrote. He also referred to a picture that surfaced on social media from a promo-

tional dinner last May, when table centerpieces included barbed wire decorations based on the book's cover image.

"We can now see how insensitive those and other decisions were, and we regret them," Miller said.

Flatiron is a division of Macmillan and has had authors ranging from former Vice President Joe Biden to Winfrey, who also has her own imprint at Flatiron that is releasing an Alicia Keys memoir in March.

One of Cummins' leading detractors, Myriam Gurba, tweeted Wednesday that she, too, had security concerns. She wrote she had received death threats because of her criticisms and added "Let's talk about the SAFETY of MIGRANTS and LATINX ppl. That's what that book was intended to do, right?"

DJ Khaled, Cardi B, Gaga to perform during Super Bowl week

MIAMI (AP) — DJ Khaled will be celebrating his first-ever Grammy win in the city where the former radio host built his career: Miami.

The hitmaker will perform at multiple pre-Super Bowl events this week, which will be jam-packed with other A-list celebrities, including Diddy, Shaquille O'Neal, Lady Gaga, Lizzo, Post Malone, Kevin Hart, Vin Diesel, Cardi B, Chris Brown, Guns N' Roses and Maroon 5.

"Oh yeah, we're definitely celebrating (this) week. I remember Super Bowl came here 10 years ago and it was a special time. We want to make this special, too," Khaled said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I'm excited it's in Miami."

Khaled is fresh off winning a Grammy Award for best rap/sung performance for "Higher," a collaboration with late rapper Nipsey Hussle and R&B star John Legend.

Super Bowl week will mirror the Grammys, which took place Jan. 26, with the number of big music stars performing ahead of Jennifer Lopez and Shakira's halftime show Sunday at the Hard Rock Stadium, where the San Francisco 49ers will take on the Kansas City Chiefs.

Khaled will perform at Bud Light Super Bowl Music Fest's EA Sports Bowl, the VEWTOPIA Music Festival and Rolling Stone's party.

Others, too, will perform several times throughout the week, including Lil Wayne, Snoop Dogg, the Chainsmokers, DaBaby, Marshmello, Megan Thee Stallion, Meek Mill and Tiesto.

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Hernandez's fiancée speaks out on documentary

BOSTON (AP) — The fiancée of former NFL star Aaron Hernandez spoke publicly for the first time since the release of a documentary series examining his life more than two years after he killed himself in his prison cell.

Hernandez's fiancée, Shayanna Jenkins, said in an interview Wednesday morning that she had been unaware the late New England Patriots tight end was bisexual. Jenkins said she "would not have loved him differently" if he had told her.

"Although I have a child with Aaron, I still can't tell you how he was feeling inside," Jenkins said. "No one can."

The three-part Netflix series "Killer Inside: The Mind of Aaron Hernandez," was released Jan. 15.

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	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)	black-ish "Gap Year"	Mom (In Stereo)	black-ish	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Grow" (In Stereo)	Newschannel 13 Live at 9	Seinfeld "The Shoes"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Diamond Dogs"	Seinfeld "The Dinner Party"	Family Guy	Family Guy (In Stereo)	25 Words or Less (N)	Comics Unleashed		
TBS	5	48	Family Guy	Family Guy	Miracle Workers	Seinfeld "The Doodle"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	Miracle Workers	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Conan	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	
WRGB	6	6	CBS 6 News at 6 (N)	CBS 6 News at 6:30 (N)	CBS Evening News	Family Feud (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	The Unicorn (N)	Mom (N) (In Stereo)	Carol's Second Act (N)	Evil "Book 27" A woman claims her unborn child is evil.	CBS 6 News at 11pm (N)	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (In Stereo)	The Late Late Show With James Van Der Beek	The Late Late Show With James Van Der Beek		
WXXA	8	7	The Big Bang Theory	Judge Judy	News10 at 7:00 on FOX23	Judge Judy	Last Man Standing (N)	Outmatched "The Talk" (N)	Deputy Paula is put in a tough position. (N) (In Stereo)	Grey's Anatomy Bailey returns to work. (N) (In Stereo)	A Million Little Things "We're the Howards" (N)	News10 at 11:00pm (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (In Stereo)	Nightline (N)	Paid Program		
WTEN	10	10	News10 at 6:00pm (N)	ABC World News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Station 19 The new fire chief is introduced. (N)	Member Favorites	Celtic Woman: Ancient Land (In Stereo)	Celtic Woman performs in Ireland. (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Late Night With Seth Meyers (In Stereo)	Finding Your Roots		
WMHT	11	4	BBC World News America	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Superstore (N)	The Good Place Various conversations occur.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Late Night With Seth Meyers (In Stereo)	Finding Your Roots		
WNYT	13	13	Newschannel 13 Live at 6	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Superstore (N)	The Good Place Various conversations occur.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Late Night With Seth Meyers (In Stereo)	Finding Your Roots		
CSPN	14	71	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)	(3:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)		
WCWN	15	8	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Supernatural Sam and Dean play high-stakes pool. (N)	Legacies Landon seizes an opportunity. (N)	CBS 6 News at 10pm (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing		
WYPX	21	5	Chicago P.D. A body leads to a college drug ring. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A body leads to a college drug ring. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A dead teen in an athlete's home. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A dead teen in an athlete's home. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A witness to a murder gets killed. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A witness to a murder gets killed. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A killer targets the police department. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A killer targets the police department. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A young woman is found shot to death. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A young woman is found shot to death. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A young woman is found shot to death. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A young woman is found shot to death. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. A young woman is found shot to death. (In Stereo)		
HSN	21	15	Bali Designs by	Giuliana Rancic Fashions	Giuliana Rancic Fashions	Giuliana Rancic Fashions	Giuliana Rancic Fashions	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez		
QVC	22	12	Feels Like Home With Alberti	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.	Down Home with David "1st Anniversary" Creating a warm and welcoming home.		
TWC	23	33	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel	WeatherScan Local From The Weather Channel		
ESPN	24	25	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)		
ESPN2	25	26	Daily Wager (N) (Live)	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics	Women's College Gymnastics		
MSGPL	26	20	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.	Bundesliga Soccer: Borussia Dortmund vs FC Koln.		
TNT	27	18	Bones (In Stereo)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Pregame (N)		
USA	29	30	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
AMC	29	34	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.	Movie: *** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.		
LIFE	30	27	Wife Swap (In Stereo)	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"	Supernanny "Ostler Family"		
FX	31	23	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo)		
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		
NICK	33	28	It's Pony	Loud House	Casagrandes	Loud House	Movie: *** "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" (2012)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
DISN	34	35	Gabby Duran	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Gabby Duran	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop & Cami	Sydney-Max	Gabby Duran	Raven's Home	Raven's Home		
FREE	35	16	(5:30) Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.	Movie: *** "21 Jump Street" (2012) Jonah Hill.		
COM	36	43	The Office "Turf War"	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		
DISC	37	17	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue		
A&E	38	57	The First 48 "Blood Lust"	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	Alaska PD (N)	Alaska PD (N)	Alaska PD (N)	Alaska PD (N)	Alaska PD (N)	Alaska PD (N)	Alaska PD (N)	Alaska PD (N)		
HIST	39	40	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People		
TLG	40	37	Say Yes to the Dress	My Feet Are Killing Me	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)	Dr. Pimple Popper (In Stereo)		
HGTV	41	41	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Christina	Christina	Christina	Christina	Christina	Christina	Christina	Christina		
FOOD	42	51	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible		
OWN	43	20	20/20 on OWN "Witness"	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 (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)		
NBCS	44	126	Mecum Moto.	NHL Live (N) (In Stereo Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (N) (Live)		
BET	45		We Belong	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004) Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.		
CNN	46	31	Senate Trial of Donald Trump	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
HNN	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		
CNBC	48	38	Mad Money (

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- 15 Béchamel and béarnaise
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- 19 Groan inducer
- 20 Opening
- 23 Key of Chopin's "Winter Wind"
- 25 "— Las Vegas"
- 26 Bar order
- 28 Like custard
- 29 Light, in a way
- 30 Uno doubled
- 31 Track act
- 32 Powerful people
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- 35 Singer
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- 41 IRS worker
- 42 Ultrasound targets
- 43 Rustling sound

DOWN

- 1 Emulate
- 2 Hatched's kin
- 3 Bar orders
- 4 Alan of "M*A*S*H"
- 5 Attack
- 6 Hive leader
- 7 Game callers
- 8 Japanese prime minister
- 9 Notice
- 10 They're made of mins.
- 16 Becomes clotted
- 17 Called to the phone
- 18 Baja buddy
- 20 Bar orders
- 21 Bird-related
- 22 Accords
- 24 Opposing vote
- 25 Promise
- 27 Add
- 31 Thin soup
- 33 Start of a German count
- 34 "Toodle-oo!"
- 35 Mouth part
- 36 "That's gross!"
- 37 Island gift
- 39 Hosp. parts
- 40 Spotted cube

Yesterday's answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

INTERDIGITATE **Solution: 11 letters**

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