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Concerns about boiler heat up in Swampscott

By Gayla Cawley
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SWAMPSCOTT — School officials are working to replace the 27-year-old boiler system at Hadley Elementary School before it fails. “The architect said it’s a miracle the heating system hasn’t failed,” said Evan Katz, school business administrator. “We need to replace it as quickly as possible to avoid an unscheduled failure.” The current residential style boilers at the 106-year-old school were installed in

1990, Katz said. There are 14 and only three are operating. The other 11 cannot be repaired, he said.

The school went out to bid on Dec. 12. Seven bids were received. Performance Plumbing & Heating of Medway was the lowest bidder.

The bids were awarded for the boiler replacement project at last week’s school committee meeting, according to Katz. The bid amount, from Performance

BOILER, A7

Lynnfield High has goals steeped in Ivy

By Bethany Doane
FOR THE ITEM

LYNNFIELD — High school (LHS) guidance counselors want to increase their students’ likelihood of getting into Ivy League schools.

High School Head of Guidance Mike Moresco and LHS Councilor Kathi Moody spoke bluntly in outlining their plan to School Committee members.

“Lynnfield students are not getting accepted into Ivy League schools,” Moresco

said.

Moresco blames the closed doors in part on significant changes in the college application process that accelerated in 1997. Colleges are more selective now, Moresco said, and encourage many more applicants than they accept.

“It would now be much more challenging for parents to get into the same college that they graduated from in their 20s,” Moresco said.

IVY LEAGUE, A7

Half-dozen weekend shootings in Lynn

By Gayla Cawley
ITEM STAFF

LYNN — Lynn Police are investigating as many as six shootings in a 36-hour time span. One person whose car was hit by gunfire claims she was told by authorities the incidents could be retaliatory from Friday night’s fatal shooting that claimed the life of 29-year-old Hanky Betancourt.

Lynn Police Lt. James Shorten confirmed there have been three to six shootings between Friday around 6 p.m. and midnight on Sunday morning. For the safety of officers and to protect everyone involved, he declined to release further information, but said the shootings are still under investigation.

Shorten said one arrest is part of the investigation, and may or may not be related. Matthew Sao, 24, of 121 High Rock St., was arrested Saturday night and charged with firearm-related offenses, drug possession with intent to distribute, violation of the city knife ordinance, receiving stolen property and failure to stop/yield.

Betancourt, of Lynn, was shot in the area of Chestnut Street on Friday, and was pronounced dead at Union Hospital. No arrests have been made, according to the Essex

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Is Boston Street in Lynn ...

THE UNHEALTHIEST STREET IN AMERICA?



By Gayla Cawley
ITEM STAFF

LYNN — Does Boston Street tickle your taste buds or turn your stomach?

In a half-mile stretch, you can love it at McDonald’s, have it your way at Burger King, think outside the bun at Taco Bell and pretend that it’s way better than fast food at Wendy’s. There’s also Dunkin’ Donuts, which America runs on. Is this street fast food heaven or hell?

But never fear. The street’s dichotomy has a Planet Fitness located in the same plaza as McDonald’s. A person can reward himself for a calorie-torching workout by stopping at the golden arches for some french fries and a quarter pounder.

That’s exactly what 13-year-old Carlos Alas, of Lynn, said he wants to do after he accompanies his mother for a workout at Planet Fitness. He was



dining at Wendy’s with some friends on Sunday, but said McDonald’s is his favorite fast food place on Boston Street. He likes the fries because they’re salty.

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Wendy’s and Burger King represent some of the fast food restaurants along Boston Street.

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Kyle Deveau of Marshall Middle School, Anna Phelan of Pickering and Ksena Gaskin of Breed, from left, will represent Lynn in Project 351, a student-leadership program.



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Lynn students in the middle of statewide leadership program

By Michele Durgin
FOR THE ITEM

LYNN — The 2017 Project 351 team kicked off its “Year of Goodwill” on Saturday during a meet and greet session with Gov. Charlie Baker at Faneuil Hall in Boston. The City of Lynn was well represented by three teens, serving as Student Ambassadors, who are looking forward to beginning their year of service. The representatives were selected by their school’s administration.

Kyle Deveau, 15, representing Marshall Middle School, is taking the responsibility and honor seriously.

“I feel it’s important to put forth my best effort and I am so proud,” he said. “It was wonderful to be selected, especially when so many other deserving students could have been chosen. I am very happy to be the voice of Marshall,” he said.

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Peabody officials question Oak Street development

By Leah Dearborn
FOR THE ITEM

PEABODY — City departments have expressed concern about a pending 80-unit apartment development at 40 Oak St., known as The Residences at O’Shea Field.

“Right now it’s very speculative,” said Stacey Bernson, Assistant Director of Community Development.

OAK STREET, A7



The Peabody/ Lynn Elks Lodge on Oak Street in Peabody may be torn down to make room for an 80-unit apartment development.

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OBITUARIES

Francis J. McNulty, 85
1931-2017

LYNN — Francis Joseph McNulty, a long-time resident of Lynn, passed away on Friday evening, Jan. 13, 2017, in the Life Care Center of the North Shore in Lynn at the age of 85. Born in Saugus on Aug. 9, 1931, he was the son of the late Daniel B. and Mary A. (Hurley) McNulty. Frank was raised and educated in Saugus and was a graduate of Saugus High School. After school, Frank enlisted into the U.S. Navy. He entered into to active duty on Nov. 18, 1948, and served until Aug. 13, 1952. The very next day, Aug. 14, Frank joined the U.S. Army to help fight for our country during the Korean War. He served bravely until his honorable discharge on Aug. 6, 1954. Upon his discharge, Frank had attained the rank of Corporal and was awarded the Korean Service Medal, a Bronze Service Star, the United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Frank was a long-time laborer with the Teamsters Union and had worked for many years at General Builder's Supply in Norwood before moving on to Nonantum Lumber Yard in Watertown

from where he retired. Frank leaves his children: Kenneth F. McNulty of Kingston, N.H., Francis J. McNulty Jr. and his wife, DoriAnn of Lynn, Daniel J. McNulty and his wife, Dawn of Beverly, Maureen DeMello of N.C., Marjorie A. Macarelli and her husband, Edward of Groveland, Carol A. Brady and her husband, Shawn of Lynn, Deborah A. McNulty of Lynn, Nancy A. McNulty of Lynn, Dawn M. McNulty and her husband, Charles Self of Lynn, and JoAnne L. Castellarin and her husband, David of Middleton. Frank also is survived by his 19 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren as well as his brothers; Raymond McNulty of Florida and Ed McNulty of Chelmsford.

Service information: At the family's request, services will be held privately. Frank's family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the wonderful staff at Life Care Center of the North Shore for all of their exceptional care and compassion. Arrangements are under the direction of CUFFE-MCGINN Funeral Home, 157 Maple St., Lynn. www.cuffemcgin.com.



Richard T. Torto, 71
1945-2017

LYNN — Richard T. Torto, 71, of Lynn, passed away peacefully after a long illness surrounded by his family on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, at Mass. General Hospital in Boston.



children were the light of his life. He is survived by three daughters, Cynthia H. Anderson and her companion David Shelton of Topsfield, Jennifer M. Webber and her husband Robert Webber of

Topsfield, and Elizabeth C. Torto of Lynn; four grandchildren, Kevin S. Anderson, Dominique M. Anderson, Timothy J. Webber and Jaime E. Webber, all of Topsfield; his former wife and companion, Patricia A. Torto of Lynn; two sisters, Diane Malin of Arlington, and Linda Goodman and her husband Ira of Connecticut; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Service information: Richard's visitation will be held in The O'DONNELL Funeral Home, 46 Washington Sq. (at Salem Common), Salem on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, from 4-7 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Richard's memory to MSP-CA, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130 (www.mspca.org). To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.odonnellfuneralservice.com.

Robert J. Grella, 85



HOOKSETT, N.H. — Robert Joseph Grella, 85, of Hooksett, N.H., formerly of Lynn and Saugus, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 at Catholic Memorial Hospital in Manchester.

Born in Everett, he was the son of the late Anthony and Joan (Christafulli) Grella, and former husband of Margaret (Ramsdell) Grella and is survived by his longtime companion Gail Restall of Hooksett, N.H. He attended Saugus schools and graduated from Saugus High School where he played hockey and participated with duties on the football team.

He was employed by General Electric prior to his enlistment in the United States Navy where he was stationed in San Diego, Calif., prior to deployment to Guam during the Korean War. He was known as "Popeye." He also worked for the United States Postal Service prior to retirement and worked locally as a self-employed mason.

Coach Grella participated in the development of Lynn and Nahant Youth Hockey where he coached and mentored the city's youth, teaching them how to skate at the hockey clinic, while coaching traveling teams and in-house teams. Robert also coached Central Little League and Babe Ruth

in the city of Lynn, and played hockey in the General Electric City League.

Robert is survived by his three sons, Robert Grella and his late wife Sharon of Beverly, Kevin Grella of Lynn, Michael and his wife Cecilia of Saugus and former wife Josephine; three daughters, Kathie Porter and her husband Rusty, Debbie Grella and her companion Patrick O'Connor, Karen Watler and her husband Harold; his brother, Tom Grella of Amherst, N.H.; his sisters, Dolores Caggiano and Patricia Copeland, both of Saugus; 12 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Service information: Relatives and friends are invited to attend Bob's memorial service on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 12 p.m. in the NADWORN Funeral Home, 798 Western Ave., Route 107, Lynn, MA 01905. Interment in Riverside Cemetery in Saugus. Visiting hours will be before the service from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For directions and guest book nadwornfuneralhome.com. A celebration of life will be held after the graveside service at the Knights of Columbus, Lynnfield Street, Lynn.

Big changes or small tweaks? Lawmakers to revisit pot law

By Bob Salsberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Legislative leaders have made clear they are not through with making changes to the voter-approved recreational marijuana initiative, but it remains to be seen whether future action amounts to an overhaul or a mere tinkering with the new law.

A committee of House and Senate lawmakers will soon be named to consider potential revisions and make recommendations to the full Legislature.

Marijuana backers are watching closely to see whether the panel's makeup tilts toward members who opposed the November ballot question, or those who were supportive. That could offer a hint as to how significant any changes might be.

The Legislature bought itself more time last month by postponing key deadlines related to retail sales of recreational marijuana by six months.

One of the issues the committee might weigh is taxes.

The law calls for a 3.75 percent excise tax on recreational pot sales.

Marijuana products will also be subject to the state's 6.25 percent sales tax and a local option sales tax of 2 percent, making for an effective maximum tax rate of 12 percent.

Many critics of the law say that's too low, and won't even cover regulatory costs.

States where recreational marijuana was previously legalized have substantially higher tax rates: Colorado, 29 percent; Washington, 37 percent; and Oregon, 25 percent.

Ballot measures recently passed by California and Nevada voters establish 15 percent tax rates, while Maine's new law is more in line with Massachusetts, imposing a 10 percent sales tax on marijuana.

Backers of the current Massachusetts law say they're open to higher taxes in the future, but argue that lower taxes initially will strengthen the legal marijuana market while weakening the illegal market.

They also note that some legal states in the west have lately been reducing, not raising their taxes.

Warren embraces her role as a top Democratic foil to Trump

By Steve LeBlanc
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Donald Trump's election has propelled Sen. Elizabeth Warren into an even sharper partisan spotlight as she embraces her role as a top Democratic foil to the Republican president-elect.

In just the past few weeks, Warren has penned a scathing 16-page critique of Trump's nominee for education secretary, Betsy DeVos; grilled his pick for housing secretary, Ben Carson; co-sponsored legislation requiring the president and vice president to disclose and divest any potential financial conflicts of interest; and signed onto legislation to block the creation of a federal religious registry.

The Massachusetts Democrat is leaning on every lever of power she has — from her fundrais-



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Senate Armed Services Committee member Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. questions Defense Secretary-designate James Mattis on Capitol Hill.

ing prowess to her social media accounts — to position herself as a leading voice of a party in political exile.

"My priorities haven't changes since the day I got into office," Warren said in an interview with

The Associated Press. "I see my job as making sure the voices of ordinary people aren't drowned out in Washington by those who have money and power."

Her list of grievances with Trump is long and growing longer.

But in a shift from the campaign, when Warren lobbied Twitter grenade after Twitter grenade to get under Trump's skin, she says her criticism is now more focused on her top priority: the economic well-being of middle- and working-class families.

She has excoriated Trump's pick for Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, saying he profited from the foreclosure crisis; called out Trump's Department of Labor nominee, fast food entrepreneur Andrew Puzder, after hearing from workers who said they were underpaid, had their wages stolen, and were forced to work in unsafe conditions; and vowed to fight to protect President Barack Obama's health care law and preserve the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which she helped create.

MASSACHUSETTS BRIEFS

Project to restore 1894 fishing schooner gets key grant

NEW BEDFORD (AP) — A \$375,000 challenge grant has put the completion of a project to restore the historic fishing schooner Ernestina-Morrissey within sight.

The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association Inc., the nonprofit overseeing the \$6.3 million restoration effort, announced the grant from the Manton Foundation this week. If it can match the grant with its own fundraising efforts, the \$750,000 will be enough to make the schooner seaworthy.

The Ernestina-Morrissey is a National Historic Landmark Vessel and the official vessel of the state.

It was launched in 1894 in Essex. It was later used to explore the Arctic and for trips between the U.S. and Cape Verde.

Once the restoration project is complete, the schooner will be used as a training vessel for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and as a tourist attraction in New Bedford.

Physicians group unhappy over new alternative medicine law

BOSTON (AP) — An organization representing Bay State physicians says it's disappointed that Gov. Charlie Baker signed a bill establishing a state licensing board for naturopaths — health care professionals who practice alternative medicine. Massachusetts Med-

ical Society President Dr. James Gessner says naturopathy offers few scientifically or clinically proven treatments and "lacks rigorous medical training and standards of care."

The Republican governor signed the bill after it was approved in the final hours of the 2015-2016 legislative session.

Supporters of the new law say licensing assures only properly trained and qualified people can practice naturopathic health care, which is defined in part as treatment based on education, nutrition, and natural medicines and therapies.

Gessner says he's grateful that naturopaths won't be allowed to prescribe medications, or call themselves physicians or primary care providers.

Hundreds rally to save 'Obamacare'

BOSTON (AP) — Hun-

dreds of people have gathered outside Boston's Faneuil Hall calling on Congress to save the Affordable Care Act.

Among the Democrats leading Sunday's rally were both of Massachusetts' U.S. senators, Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh.

Walsh told the crowd that millions of Americans could lose access to health care if President Barack Obama's signature health care law is repealed. Both senators said they will fight efforts by Republicans in Congress to dismantle the law.

The rally was one of many being staged across the country in advance of President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration on Jan. 20.

Trump has promised to repeal and replace the health care law, and the Republican-controlled Senate on Thursday passed a measure taking the first

steps to dismantle it.

Boston's archbishop joins Vatican office on clergy sex abuse

BOSTON (AP) — Boston's archbishop has been appointed to a top Vatican office that handles cases of clergy sex abuse.

The Vatican's press office announced Saturday that Pope Francis named Cardinal Sean O'Malley the newest member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which enforces church teachings and also judges sex abuse cases. O'Malley will remain the archbishop of Boston.

The move strengthens O'Malley's role as a key figure in the church's work to prevent abuse. In 2014 he was named president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, an advisory body for the pope.

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The Big Top is coming down — for good



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey performers ride camels during a performance in Orlando, Fla., on Saturday.

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By Tamara Lush
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SARASOTA, Fla. — Goodbye to death-defying feats — daring young men (and women) on the flying trapeze, whip-wielding lion tamers, human cannonballs. Goodbye to the scent of peanuts and popcorn, the thrill of three rings, the jaunty bum-bum-dadadada of circus music.

Send out the clowns. The Big Top is coming down — for good.

On Saturday, officials of the company that owns the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus announced that it will close in May, ending a 146-year run that dates back to a time before automobiles or airplanes or

movies, when Ulysses S. Grant was president and minstrel shows were popular entertainment.

What killed the circus? There are many suspects: increased railroad costs. Costly court battles with animal rights activists that led to an end to elephant acts — and the fact that some people didn't want to see a show without elephants.

But mostly, in an era of Pokemon Go, online role playing games and YouTube celebrities, the "Greatest Show on Earth" doesn't seem so great.

"It's been through world wars, and it's been through every kind of economic cycle and it's been through a lot of change," said Kenneth Feld, chairman and CEO of Feld En-

tertainment, owner of the Ringling Bros. "In the past decade there's been more change in the world than in the 50 or 75 years prior to that. And I think it isn't relevant to people in the same way."

For a long time, the circus was more than relevant — it was the stuff that dreams were made of. The first circuses were created in Europe; the American twist would be canvas tents that allowed mobile troupes to go to the far-flung audiences of the 19th century.

Phineas Taylor Barnum's traveling menagerie was wildly popular, while the five Ringling brothers performed juggling acts and skits in Wisconsin. Eventually, Barnum, the Ringlings and another

performance-minded businessman named James Bailey pooled their resources and knowledge. Some of the early performances were merely zoos on wheels and a few human oddities, but over time, the acts became truly spectacular — attractions like Jumbo, touted as the world's largest elephant.

Sprawling companies traveled around America by train, wowing audiences with the sheer scale of entertainment and exotic animals. Deborah Walk, assistant director of legacy and circus at The Ringling — circus impresario John Ringling's mansion, art and circus collection in Sarasota — said that the circus' impact on small town America is often overlooked.

"That wonderful show that you can see in Madison Square Garden criss-crossed the country and ended up in San Francisco. And every place in between saw the same thing," she said.

"In the 1880s, especially, here you had this huge colossal canvas city that tracked across the country. It brought the wonders of the world to your door. You didn't have to go to Africa or Asia to see the animals."

The circus also heralded societal changes, she said. Women became performers around the turn of the 20th century (although there would be no African-American ringmaster until 1999 or a female ringmaster until 2016).

Arkansas tries to strip Gen. Lee from Martin Luther King Day

By Andrew DeMillo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Every third Monday in January, Arkansas state offices are closed in observance of an unlikely holiday: the shared birthdays of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Only three states commemorate both men on the same day, a practice that critics say hurts Arkansas' reputation. Now the Republican governor is reviving an effort to remove Lee from the holiday, but he faces resistance from opponents who complain the move belittles the state's Confederate heritage and from black lawmakers worried about a plan to set aside another day to honor Lee.

"I think this provides our state an opportunity to bridge divides," said Gov. Asa Hutchinson, who has vowed since early last year to make the change, which is part of his agenda for the legislative session that began last week. Arkansas has had a hol-

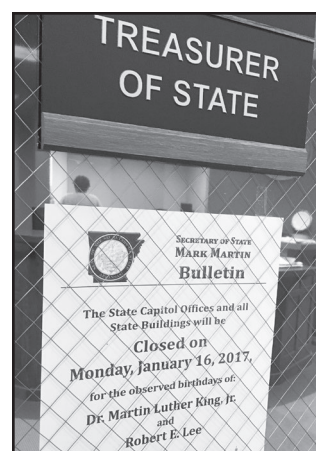


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A sign on the door of a state treasurer's office in Little Rock, Ark., noting the joint holiday Jan. 16 observing the birthdays of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

iday in honor of Lee since 1947 and one for King since 1983. That year, agencies required state employees to choose which two holidays they wanted off: King's birthday on Jan. 15, Lee's birthday on Jan. 19 or the employee's birthday. In

1985, the Legislature voted to combine holidays.

Alabama and Mississippi also honor the men on the same day.

Hutchinson's idea is not new. Two years ago, a similar proposal repeatedly failed before a House committee.

The renewed debate comes amid a nationwide re-evaluation of monuments and symbols linked to the Civil War, the Confederacy and slavery.

After the 2015 fatal shooting of nine black church members by a white gunman who had posed with the Confederate flag in photos, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called for the flag's removal from the Statehouse. In Alabama, Gov. Robert Bentley took down four Confederate flags on the Capitol grounds.

Arkansas Democrats last year announced they would remove Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson's names from the party's annual fundraising dinner, joining a growing number of states distancing themselves from the slave-owning presidents.

Central United States ice storm falls short of dire forecasts

By Jim Suhr
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Sleet and drizzle glazed swaths of the central U.S. on Sunday, extending icy weather that some meteorologists acknowledged fell short of dire forecasts.

Much of the region remained under an ice storm warning on the eve of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as stretches continued getting pelted by rain, often in areas where temperatures hovered around freezing. A National Weather Service ice storm warning for the Kansas City and St. Louis areas expired Sunday afternoon as temperatures exceeded freezing. An identical warning

remained in effect until Monday morning to the north, as the storm pressed into Nebraska and Iowa.

The freeze made roads harrowing. In Kansas near Kansas City, two troopers escaped injury when their vehicles were struck while working a crash along northbound Interstate 80, forcing a three-hour closure of 15 miles of Interstate 80. There were no injuries.

Authorities say ice contributed to a southwest-ern Kansas wreck Sat-

urday night that killed a 35-year-old Oklahoma man and injured several others. The Kansas Highway Patrol said Thay Torres-Ocacio of Guymon, Oklahoma, died after the sport utility vehicle in which he was riding went out of control on an overpass and eventually overturned several times.

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Space-X's Falcon 9 rocket with 10 satellites launches at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. on Saturday.

SpaceX launches first rocket since explosion in Florida

By John Antezak
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LOS ANGELES — A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket blasted off from California on Saturday and placed a constellation of satellites in orbit, marking the company's first launch since a fireball engulfed a similar rocket on a Florida launch pad more than four months ago.

The two-stage rocket lifted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base at 9:54 a.m. carrying a payload for Iridium Communications Inc., which is replacing its entire global network with 70 next-generation satellites.

The satellites were de-

ployed about an hour after launch.

About nine minutes after the rocket blasted off, to cheers from the control room, its jettisoned first stage landed upright on a so-called dronship in the Pacific Ocean south of Vandenberg — part of SpaceX's effort to make boosters reusable.

The company has succeeded six times previously with landings on a barge or ashore.

A camera aboard the first stage gave viewers a you-are-there experience as it returned to Earth, flared landing rockets and made a perfect upright touchdown on the floating pad.

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OPINION

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Hysteria aplenty at the Sessions hearing

Code Pink may get a bad rap, disrupting as it does seemingly every significant event on Capitol Hill. But the most hysterical performances at Tuesday's serially interrupted Senate confirmation hearing for attorney general nominee Jeff Sessions came not from scrappy protesters, but from the august senators within.

"I would like to begin," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said to Sessions, "with the second largest criminal industry in this country, which is now — believe it or not, by revenues produced — human sex trafficking."

In other words, the senator wished to lead off her critical cross-examination of the nation's likely next top cop with a factually insane claim that will probably give him more power.

In order for "human sex trafficking" to be the second largest criminal industry in the United States, it would at minimum need to supplant illegal narcotics (roughly \$100 billion a year, according to a 2014 Rand Corp. estimate), or Medicare fraud (in the ballpark of \$60 billion, according to the Government Accountability Office in 2015). So distant is reality from those numbers that even the commonly cited figure of \$9.8 billion a year for all trafficking — and keep in mind that human smuggling dwarfs sex trafficking — was given "four Pinocchios" by Washington Post fact-checker Glenn Kessler.

Feinstein wasn't done. "Trafficking victims," she warned, average "12 to 14" in age. ("Four Pinocchios," judged Kessler.)

These fake numbers have consequences.

Congress has leaned on such bogus statistics by periodically ratcheting up the penalties of the 2000 Trafficking Victims Protection Act — the 2015 reauthorization, for example, made websites liable for sex trafficking if a minor is found to

have advertised services there.

"In 2014 alone, 31 states passed new laws concerning human trafficking," Elizabeth Nolan Brown wrote in Reason magazine 15 months ago. "Since the start of 2015, at least 22 states have done so."

And who is being prosecuted? Besides publishers such as Backpage.com, which shut down its "adult" section this week after relentless pressure (including concurrent hearings on Capitol Hill on Monday), the criminals apprehended are disproportionately adult females who work in the sex industry by choice.

There is a well-established connection between moral panic over disfavored behaviors and laws that produce grotesque injustices. What boggles the mind is how this clear causation seems to elude lawmakers even in the midst of a conversation about the enforcement of federal law.

In fact, the best parts of Tuesday's hearings came when senators grilled Sessions over his opposition to scaling back previous hysteria-based overreaches, such as disparities in sentencing involving crack and powder cocaine. (The Alabama senator voted in favor of one such reform, but stands opposed to making the recalibrated sentences retroactive for people still languishing in prison.)

Yet those moments were outnumbered by Judiciary Committee members trying to egg Sessions on to enforce laws against the monsters hiding under their beds.

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, favorably cited a new Utah bill that describes pornography as a public health "epidemic," and encouraged Sessions to reopen the Justice Department's porno task force. As recently as President Obama's first term, that unit was producing prosecutions that could have put pornographers in jail for as long as 32

years.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina was a one-man hysteria generator, with each question designed to give the federal government more power. What did Sessions think about the Obama administration interpreting the Wire Act in a way to "allow online video poker"? "I was shocked," Sessions replied.

"Do you believe the threats to the homeland are growing or lessening?" Graham asked. "Growing," said the likely next attorney general. Gitmo? Keep 'er open. Try suspected terrorists like criminals? Hell no!

There are excellent reasons to oppose Sessions' nomination, beginning with his enthusiastic support for the evil practice of civil asset forfeiture, by which the government can lawfully seize the property of citizens who haven't even been charged with a crime. (Ninety-five percent of asset forfeiture cases, he has ludicrously claimed in the past, involve people "who have done nothing in their lives but sell dope.")

But maybe the most terrifying thing about the man is that he so faithfully reproduces the basic posture of his fellow senators: Everything is a threat, evidence be damned, and the federal government needs more power to keep us safe.

We are at a point in this country where officials in the Justice Department can't even tell you the number of federal crimes, the average American (according to the calculations of the civil libertarian Harvey Silverglate) commits "three felonies a day," and there is no observable political penalty for grotesquely exaggerating real problems. Jeff Sessions might not be a good pick for AG, but maybe he's the honest one.

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EDITORIAL

A dangerous trapdoor

This could be the year concerned and caring Lynn legislators and a host of organizations and agencies focus on bridging the critical social service gap separating teenagers from adulthood.

A variety of governmental regulations set standards for cutting off social services for teens, in some cases, when they are in their late teenage years and, in other cases, when they reach their early 20s.

For teenagers facing tough challenges associated with mental and physical disabilities as well as learning challenges, substance abuse and homelessness, loss of services can be a life or death matter.

Saugus School Superintendent David DeRuosi is worried about the service gap. He told homelessness prevention advocates at a meeting this month that educators have a very limited time period to identify and begin to help homeless teens before they graduate high school or leave school and become much harder to help and find.

Lynn School Superintendent Dr. Catherine Latham sounded incredulous at the same meeting DeRuosi attended when she observed how some homeless teens don't equate "couchsurfing" in friends' homes with being homeless.

Parents of developmentally disabled and mentally ill teenagers have advocated for years for increased state and federal assistance bridging the gap between services available for teens and assistance provided to the same individuals once they are legally considered adults.

Local organizations such as Bridgewell and Haven Project are working to smooth the transition from teenage years to adulthood for troubled youth. Tucked on Munroe Street in the shadow of the commuter rail line, Haven describes itself as the only agency north of Boston specifically serving homeless teenagers.

Haven workers try to give teens a place where they can meet other people and make connections that can turn into employment and a stable place to live. Bridgewell provides similar support to disabled individuals.

Latham's remarks underscore the difficulty even dedicated agencies such as Haven and Lynn Shelter Association face in trying to reach out and gain the trust of teenagers who are homeless for a variety of reasons.

Like mentally ill youth, these teens are at risk of falling into a sort of Twilight Zone between adolescence and adulthood where services available to teens may not be available to young adults.

Lynn's legislators, beginning with state Sen. Thomas M. McGee, are dedicated elected officials who have forged close relationships with local social service agency leaders. McGee and his colleagues are urged to meet with those leaders and pinpoint potential trapdoor language in state and federal law that might drop troubled youth into the social service Twilight Zone.

Once these danger areas are identified, legislators can draft proposals doing away with them and highlight ways to better serve teens before they become a danger to themselves or others.

Youth homelessness in America is an incomprehensible reality. The Haven Project and other agencies can attest to its grim existence and elected officials and social service workers can combine forces to end it.



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Obamacare repeal and replacement: The case for moving quickly

President-elect Donald Trump has repeatedly promised voters he will repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Now he and his congressional allies have an obligation to fulfill that promise.

Despite some hysterical claims to the contrary, Congress isn't going to throw millions of Americans out of coverage. Under Obamacare, most newly insured people have been enrolled in Medicaid, a welfare program, while the bulk of those covered in the troubled exchanges are getting generous taxpayer subsidies. Thus far, at least, congressional leaders appear focused on avoiding further disruption and securing a smooth transition, particularly for those enrolled in the exchanges and Medicaid.

Meanwhile, there is another, more pressing, problem. There are more than 10 million people in the individual market who get no ACA taxpayer subsidies for their insurance yet are being hit with staggering premium increases.

Moreover, there are also approximately 15 million Ameri-

cans in the small group markets — small-business employers and employees — who are likewise facing escalating premiums.

In the Obamacare exchanges, the average increase in the benchmark plan premium will be 25 percent for 2017 in the 39 states using the HealthCare.gov platform, and the exchange deductibles are positively breathtaking. For plans with the lowest premium costs, the so-called bronze plans, the average deductible for single coverage is \$6,000 annually, while family coverage climbs to more than \$12,000.

Premium subsidies aren't available for many in the middle class. A single person making more than \$47,000 is out of luck for help in offsetting her premium costs. And if she makes roughly \$15 an hour, she will likely be ineligible for cost-sharing subsidies.

Trump and Congress are inheriting unstable insurance markets. In droves, millions of Americans expected to sign up in the exchanges have not; middle class folks, especially young

folks, clearly don't see much value in high-priced insurance with crazy deductibles.

So a larger proportion of older and sicker people, whose claims costs are often higher than their premium contributions, are driving costs higher. And the individual mandate penalty, which is riddled with exemptions, isn't much of an incentive to buy Obamacare coverage.

There has also been the steep reduction in health plan competition since the inception of the exchanges in 2014. By underpricing the product, perhaps in hopes of federal bailouts, and then failing to recover sufficient revenues, many of the plans have been losing money, and major plans have withdrawn from the exchanges altogether.

The Obama administration's political remedies to enhance competition in the exchanges have either failed or become another excuse for more taxpayer bailouts. Note the stunning collapse of the co-op program — 18 out of 23 have disappeared from the markets — and the equally

important but overlooked dismal performance of the federally sponsored multistate plans administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. They enroll just 440,000 people, or 4 percent of the entire exchange population.

The new president and Congress must act decisively to stabilize the insurance markets that exist as well as lay the groundwork for the improved markets they envision. Through a combination of early administrative and legislative actions, they can reduce costs and stabilize the insurance markets. Among the many other provisions to be enacted or implemented, they must do at least the following:

- Reduce the costs in the individual and small group markets by liberalizing insurance rules, particularly the federal benefit and insurance rating rules, which artificially drive up premium costs for young families.

- Reduce the costs of employer-sponsored insurance. Administratively, this can be done by liberalizing the "grandfather

rules," thus allowing employers greater flexibility to alter or modify their plans, delaying the employer mandate reporting and penalty requirements. Legislatively, Congress should kill the employer mandate entirely.

- Provide individual tax relief for Americans buying health insurance if they do not or cannot get health care coverage through the place of work.

Trump and Congress must move quickly to prevent even greater disruption to the badly damaged health insurance markets. While Obamacare was designed to insure the uninsured, now Obamacare costs threaten to un-insure those who are insured. It's time to act.

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Attorney General Loretta Lynch speaks during an interview with AP at the University of Baltimore School of Law in Baltimore, Thursday.

US investigators continue to pursue soccer corruption

By Eric Tucker and Rob Harris
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — American criminal investigators are continuing to pursue soccer corruption, according to outgoing Attorney General Loretta Lynch, who initiated the prosecution of fraudulent FIFA executives.

Lynch attracted global attention by jolting the world's most popular sport, launching sprawling criminal cases that burst into view with early morning arrests in May 2015 at a luxury hotel in Zurich ahead of the FIFA presidential election.

The FIFA case, which started when Lynch was a U.S. Attorney in Brooklyn before being appointed the country's chief law enforcement officer in 2015, has led to more than 40 people or organizations being charged.

"The work that we did, the cooperation from our international partners really made that case possible as well. It continues. It's ongoing," Lynch said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"The first trial is scheduled for October, and the investigation continues," she added.

The American case alleges bribery, fraud, money laundering, and racketeering, including in the award of hosting rights for FIFA's showpiece World Cup and broadcasting rights for the tournament's qualifying matches and other international competitions.

"FIFA is supposed to help (children) by building soccer fields and maintaining them," Lynch said. "So when you have an organization that has so much power, so many resources ... and to have them just abdicate that responsibility for personal gain to me, was and is, particularly galling."

The scandal helped to topple FIFA President Sepp Blatter, whose 17-year reign ended in October 2015 when financial wrongdoing was unearthed in a parallel Swiss investigation.

Lynch's tenure is drawing to a close with President-elect Donald Trump due to be inaugurated on Friday, and Sen. Jeff Sessions, an Alabama Republican, is his choice to succeed her. Highlighting the importance of pursuing cases against sports-related sleaze, Lynch said the FIFA investigation "exemplifies why corruption is so corrosive" in society.

Many motivations drive women to DC for inauguration protest



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Pro-abortion rights activists celebrate during a rally at the Supreme Court in Washington.

By Nancy Benac
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Call them rebels with a cause. Or two. Or three. Or 10.

When throngs of women from around the nation converge on Washington for a march on the day after Donald Trump's inauguration, they will arrive driven by a multitude of motivations.

Gay rights, gun control, immigrant rights, equal pay, reproductive freedom, racial justice, worker rights, climate change, support for vaccinations: They all make the list of progressive causes that are attracting people to the Women's March on Washington and its sister marches across the country and the world this coming Saturday.

"We are not going to give the next president that much focus," says Linda Sarsour, a national march organizer and executive director of the Arab American Association of New York. "What we want from him is to see us in focus."

But while Trump's name may not literally appear in the march's "mission and vision" statement, the common denominator uniting the marchers ap-

pears to be a loathing for the president-elect and dismay that so much of the country voted for him.

"This march feels like a chance to be part of something that isn't pity, isn't powerlessness," says Leslie Rutkowski, an American living in Norway who plans to fly back for the march. "I hope it is unifying. I hope it flies in the face of Trump's platform of hate and divisiveness."

Adds Kelsey Wadman, a new mom in California who's helping to organize a parallel march in San Diego: "It's not just about Donald Trump the person. It's about what he evoked out of the country."

The march in Washington is set to start with a program near the Capitol and then move toward the White House. It probably will be the largest of a number of inauguration-related protests.

Christopher Geldart, the District of Columbia's homeland security director, said he expected the march to draw more than the 200,000 people organizers are planning for, based on bus registrations and train bookings.

World diplomats tell Israel: Middle East needs peace

By Angela Charlton and Matthew Lee
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PARIS — Sending a forceful message to Israel's prime minister and the incoming Trump administration, dozens of countries called Sunday on Israel and the Palestinians to revive work toward long-elusive peace — including an independent Palestinian state.

The closing declaration at a Mideast peace conference in Paris urged both sides to "officially restate their commitment to the two-state solution" and disassociate from voices that reject this. It also warned them against taking one-sided actions that could hurt talks, an apparent reference to Israeli settlement building.

While the Palestinians welcomed Sunday's declaration, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the conference "rigged" and cooked up behind Israel's back to force it to accept conditions against national interests.

The French organizers argued the conference was necessary to keep hopes alive for a two-state solution between Israel and



PHOTO | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pro-Israel demonstrators gather in front of Israel embassy in Paris, France, Sunday.

the Palestinians — the solution favored by the international community for the past two decades.

Many members of Netanyahu's coalition want to abandon the two-state solution and expand settlements, and some have even called for annexing parts of the West Bank. Trump's campaign platform made no mention of Palestinian independence.

In a nod to Israel, the final declaration of Sunday's conference included criticism of incitement and

"terror," a reference to Palestinian attacks. And some of the pro-Palestinian language in an earlier draft was removed after diplomats huddled in Paris.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who has been increasingly critical of Netanyahu, represented the U.S. at the talks and defended the effort.

He rejected Israeli criticism of the conference, saying the concept of a two-state solution to the conflict is "threatened" and must be reinforced if it is ever to

happen. The communique, he said, endorses that without imposing a resolution.

"Given where things are going and what is happening, that is particularly important," he said.

He also warned that it's too early to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to contested Jerusalem, as proposed by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump. "This is not the right time," he said. "We think it's ill-advised."

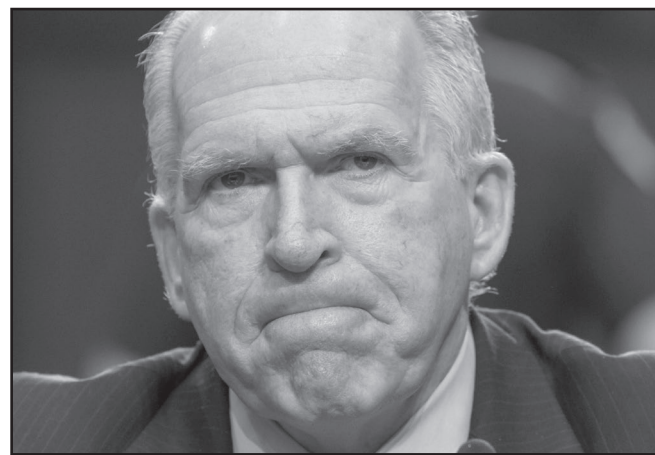
Outgoing CIA director rips into Trump on Russia threat

By Steve Peoples and Laurie Kellman
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NEW YORK — The outgoing CIA director charged on Sunday that Donald Trump lacks a full understanding of the threat Moscow poses to the United States, delivering a public lecture to the president-elect that further highlighted the bitter state of Trump's relations with American intelligence agencies.

John Brennan's pointed message on national television came just five days before Trump becomes the nation's 45th president amid lingering questions about Russia's role in the 2016 election even as the focus shifts to the challenges of governing.

"Now that he's going to have an opportunity to do something for our national security as opposed to talking and tweeting, he's going to have tremendous responsibility to make sure that U.S. and national security interests are protected," Brennan said on "Fox News



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CIA Director John Brennan testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Intelligence Committee in 2016.

Sunday," warning that the president-elect's impulsivity could be dangerous.

"Spontaneity is not something that protects national security interests," Brennan declared.

Trump, who has unleashed a series of aggressive tweets against the U.S. intelligence community and his political rivals in recent weeks, did not respond to Brennan's criticism.

But later Sunday, he retweeted a journalist's remark that the intelligence community owes Trump an apology for briefing him on a document that contains unverified financial and personal information that could be damaging to the president-elect.

"Media should apologize also" for reporting on the document and the briefing, Trump wrote. The

Associated Press has not been able to verify the contents of the document.

The president-elect remained behind closed doors in his Manhattan high rise Sunday. His team worked to answer questions about his plans at home and abroad once he's sworn into office on Friday.

Among Trump's immediate challenges: the United States' complicated relationship with Russia, crafting an affordable health care alternative that doesn't strip coverage from millions of Americans, and growing questions about the legitimacy of his presidency.

Civil rights legend Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is among several Democrats in Congress who vowed to skip Trump's inauguration, charging that Russian interference in the 2016 election delegitimizes his presidency.

"There will be many more members who join us in this decision," Rep. Jared Huffman, D-Calif., wrote Saturday on his Facebook page.

Military's shift away from oil embraces green technologies

By Julie Watson and Gregory Bull
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TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — At a sprawling desert base, a Marine recharged his radio's batteries simply by walking, while nearby fellow troops examined a rocket artillery system and a drone — both powered by the sun.

Navy and Marine Corps brass, accompanied by green energy executives, showcased the energy-harnessing knee braces and other innovations at a renewable energy demonstration at Twentynine Palms Marine Corps base, one of many such events that have taken place at military bases across the country as part of the Defense Department's unprecedented shift away from fossil fuels under the Obama administration. The Pentagon has invested millions over the past decade into everything from hybrid electric ships to wind turbines.

While a growing number of military leaders have declared global warming a national security threat, the strategy clashes with President-elect Donald Trump's vow to end policies



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Marines stand near an artillery piece that links to solar panels during an exhibition of green energy technology in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

that "undermine" fossil fuel producers. Trump has a chosen a Cabinet with climate change skeptics, though his pick for defense secretary, retired Marine Gen. James Mattis, has advocated green technology to curtail risky fuel-supply runs for troops in conflict zones.

It's not known if Mattis would support buying alternative fuels for ships and aircraft, among the military's biggest petroleum users. He didn't respond to requests seeking comment.

Republican lawmakers have lashed out at many of the green initiatives for

the Defense Department — one of the world's largest energy consumers — especially the Navy's Great Green Fleet that deployed ships run partly on biofuel amid falling oil prices.

Military leaders say alternative energy makes warriors more agile and effective on today's battlefields.

At the recent demonstrations, a Marine wore knee braces with tiny generators that transformed the energy he produced from walking to recharge batteries. The technology allows troops to generate their own power for as long

as three days. The event also featured a M777 howitzer and a drone that use solar power.

"To do something other than continue these programs would be a mistake," said Joe Bryan, the Navy's deputy assistant secretary for energy. "My expectation is that will be recognized no matter where people are on the political spectrum."

Rising sea levels threaten Navy bases worldwide, and it would be "short-sighted" for the military not to address climate change, Bryan said.

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LYNN

Arrests

Macauthur Belin-Jr., 49, of 9 Milton St., was arrested and charged with violation of an harassment prevention order at 12:02 p.m. Sunday.

Alan Iraheta, 23, of 60 Rock Ave., was arrested and charged with interfering with a police officer, assault and battery on a police officer and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon at 12:38 a.m. Saturday.

Lurina Rivera, 31, of 32 Range Ave., was arrested on warrant charges of use of a motor vehicle without authority, larceny from a building and larceny of a motor vehicle at 10:35 a.m. Friday.

Matthew Sao, 24, of 121 High Rock St., was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm without a firearm identification card, carrying a loaded firearm weapon, firearm violation with one prior violent crime, receiving stolen property, failure to stop/yield, violation of the city knife ordinance and drug possession with intent to distribute at 12:10 a.m. Sunday.

Accidents

A report of a motor vehicle accident at 7:41 a.m. Friday at Market and State streets; at 8:08 a.m. Friday at Eastern Av-

enue and Stanwood Street; at 10:07 a.m. Friday at 527 Western Ave.; at 12:21 p.m. Friday at 100 Johnson St.; at 3:45 p.m. Friday at 1127 Western Ave.; at 4:18 p.m. Friday on Western Avenue; at 4:48 p.m. Friday at 674 Western Ave.; at 5:05 p.m. Friday at Broadway and Euclid Avenue; at 11:57 p.m. Friday at 35 Washington St.; at 10:51 a.m. Saturday at Spencer Street and Western Avenue; at 10:51 a.m. Saturday at 841 Western Ave.; at 1:43 a.m. Sunday at 50 Lynnway; at 7:40 a.m. Sunday at 112 Exchange St.

A report of a motor vehicle accident with personal injury at 3:12 p.m. Friday at 1103 Western Ave.; at 9:56 p.m. Friday at Chestnut Street and Western Avenue; at 11:42 a.m. Sunday at Nahant Rotary at 1 Lynnway.

A report of a motor vehicle hit and run accident at 3:29 p.m. Friday at 107 Victory Road; at 6:25 p.m. Saturday at 190 Lewis St.; at 6:57 p.m. Saturday on Collins Street.

Assaults

A report of an assault and battery at 4:57 p.m. Friday on Sewall Street.

A report of an assault at 5:25 p.m. Saturday on New Park Street.

A report of an assault and battery with a dangerous weapon at 5:14 a.m. Sunday on Central Square.

Breaking and Entering

A report of a motor vehicle breaking and entering at 5:53 a.m. Friday at 110 Park St.

A report of a breaking and entering at 11:57 a.m. Friday at 12 Rogers Ave.; at 6:08 p.m. Friday at 10 Minot St.

Complaints

A report of a disturbance at 3:59 p.m. Friday at 3 Mountain Ave.; at 6:44 p.m. Friday at 309 Boston St.; at 7:21 p.m. Friday on Pleasant Street; at 10:47 p.m. Friday at 12 Fortesque Terrace; at 11:34 p.m. Friday at Kiley Playground at 61 Burrill Ave.; at 11:39 p.m. Friday at 19 Rockaway St.; at 12:28 a.m. Saturday at 125 Mariana St.; at 1:20 a.m. Saturday at 3 Carleton Terrace; at 1:58 a.m. Saturday at Goldfish Pond on Lafayette Park; at 1:24 p.m. Saturday at McDonalds at 60 Boston St.; at 3:04 p.m. Saturday at 173A Union St.; at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at 7 Brookline Ave.; at 5:05 p.m. Saturday at 26 Mall St.; at 7:09 p.m. Saturday at 170 S Common St.; at 7:24 p.m. Saturday at 44 Estes St.; at 8:27 p.m. Saturday at Chestnut Street and Lafayette Park; at 11:46 p.m. Saturday at Essex Avenue and Essex Street; at 9:57 a.m. Sunday at Santander Bank at 39 Exchange St.; at 11:23 a.m. Sunday at 26 Washington St.

A report of a gunshot at 8:13 p.m. Friday at 390 Chestnut St.; at 11:17 p.m. Friday at 18 Hamilton Ave.; at 9:47 a.m. Saturday at 60 Rock Ave.; at 4:25 p.m. Saturday at 293 Summer St.; at 5:40 p.m. Saturday at Mande's Pizza at 65 Goodridge St.; at 5:54 p.m. Saturday at Salem ER at 300 Washington St.; at 6:34 p.m. Saturday at 38 Hanover St.; at 11:27 p.m. Saturday at Beacon Hill and Lawton avenues.

Overdose

A report of an overdose at 9:01 a.m. Friday on Circle Avenue; at 1:52 p.m. Saturday on Lewis Street; at 3:37 p.m. Saturday on Fortesque Terrace;

at 7:07 a.m. Sunday on Tracy Avenue.

Theft

A report of a robbery at 10:02 a.m. Friday at 17 Beede Ave.; at 3:12 a.m. Sunday on Central Square.

A report of a larceny at 11:50 a.m. Friday at 26 Bailey St.; at 12:35 p.m. Friday at 427 Lynnway; at 3:28 p.m. Friday at 28 Childs St.; at 9:19 p.m. Saturday at 38 Burrill Ave.; at 12:39 a.m. Sunday at 38 W Neptune St.

A report of motor vehicle theft at 4:05 p.m. Friday at 11 Grosvenor Park.

Vandalism

A report of motor vehicle vandalism at 8:05 a.m. Friday at 7 Chase St.; at 12:19 p.m. Friday at 32 Cherry St.; at 5:21 p.m. Friday at 22 Newhall St.; at 9:26 a.m. Sunday at 655 Western Ave.

A report of vandalism at 1:01 p.m. Friday at 11 Margin St.

MARBLEHEAD

Complaints

A caller reported her boyfriend may have done some cocaine and subsequently had a seizure at 12:36 a.m. Sunday on Victoria Lane. She had been stopped for speeding and then told the officer the story.

A report of a barricaded roadway at 6:13 a.m. Sunday on Atlantic Avenue. A man reported he witnessed two youths in the roadway, who were putting large pieces of wood in the road to block traffic. When he went to remove the wood a second time, the two kids ran off.

Overdose

A report of an overdose at 6:33 p.m. Friday on Pleasant Street. A caller reported his friend overdosed in the motor vehicle. One person was taken to Salem Hospital.

PEABODY

Arrests

Edwin Martinez Burke, 25, of 16 Hardy St., Apt. 1, Salem, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction of justice at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Timothy M. Burke, 28, of 95 Middle St., W Newbury, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Brandon Devin, 19, of 48 Blakely St., Lynn, was arrested and charged with nighttime motor vehicle breaking and entering for a felony and larceny at 2 a.m. Saturday.

Accidents

A report of a motor vehicle accident at 3:58 p.m. Friday on Summit Street. A car into a ditch was reported; at 2:38 p.m. Saturday at South Peabody Liquor Mart at 87 Lynnfield St. A vehicle striking a building was reported; at 3:27 p.m. Saturday at 2 Spring Pond Road and 272 Lynn St.; at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at Trader Joe's at 300 Andover St.; at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at Trader Joe's at 300 Andover St.; at 7:14 p.m. Saturday at McDonalds at 133 Main St. Jader Barbosa, 58, of 354 Cabot St., Beverly, was summoned for unlicensed operation.

A report of a motor vehicle hit and run accident at 12:49 p.m.

Sunday at Bagel World Bakery & Deli at 10 Sylvan St.

Assaults

A report of an assault and battery with a dangerous weapon at 7:30 p.m. Friday on Thorn-dike Street. A caller reported her boyfriend made threats to cause bodily injury to her and stated he had a firearm in the area of her house. The caller stated he said he would have a shoot out with police if stopped.

Breaking and Entering

A report of a motor vehicle breaking and entering at 2 a.m. Saturday at John Larson's Service at 289 Lynn St. Brandon Devin, 19, of Lynn, was arrested.

Complaints

A report of a disturbance at 12:21 a.m. Saturday at 34 Keys Drive; at 6:12 a.m. Saturday at 18 Swampscott Ave.; at 7:09 p.m. Saturday at O'Fado at 72 Walnut St.

Overdose

A report of an overdose at 11:37 p.m. Friday on Elmwood Circle. The man was taken to Union Hospital; at 1:41 a.m. Sunday on Hampshire Road.

Theft

A report of a larceny at 2:42 p.m. Saturday at 17 Dublin Road.

Vandalism

A report of vandalism at 11:16 a.m. Saturday at 52 Russell St. A resident reported orange from a paintball on his car; at 9:15 a.m. Sunday at Peabody Mobile Park at 252 Newbury St. A rock through the windshield was reported.

Half-dozen weekend shootings in Lynn

SHOOTINGS

From A1

County District Attorney's office.

But Lynn native Lorraine Blowers DePietro, who was caught in some crossfire, said police told her there have been six to seven shootings in that timeframe and many of them are retaliation from Betancourt's shooting.

DePietro, 51, lives in Georgia, but is visiting her sister, Kristin Blowers Melendez, and other family members in Lynn. She arrived Friday night and is planning to leave Monday. She said she was driving her brother-in-law's gold SUV by Goodridge Street on Saturday just after 5:30 p.m., when a bullet went through her driver's side window and lodged itself in the leather seat she was sitting in, narrowly missing her body.

DePietro said she was out running an errand for her mother, Tally Blowers, and was on the phone with her husband, when she noticed a car that started to take a left hand turn, before the driver apparently changed his or her mind. At that point, she remembers hearing a weird, thud sound, and thought someone threw a bag or a water balloon at her car.

When she turned her head, DePietro said she saw the bullet hole, and thinking she had been shot, called 911. She said she had a burning sensation underneath her armpit and on her back from where the bullet whizzed by, but thought she had been hit. Within minutes, Lynn Police arrived,



ITEM PHOTO | GAYLA CAWLEY

Lorraine Blowers DePietro sits in her car and shows where the car was hit by crossfire during a shooting on Saturday.

helped her out of her vehicle, and checked her back, but didn't find any blood or signs of entry. Her coat protected her from worse injuries, but she was left with a burn mark and a bruising welt.

"All that was between me and the bullet was my leather seat cover and my flannel coat," DePietro said.

Looking back, DePietro said her shooting could have easily been fatal. If she had her seat reclined, rather than situated straight, the bullet could have gone through her neck or into her body. If she was driving a car, rather than an SUV, the bullet could have gone through her head, because she would have been lower to the ground, she added.

"I do also realize how very lucky I am and how blessed," she said. "(The bullet) just missed by millimeters. I felt the heat and the burning sensation."

After her car was hit, DePietro said she heard three more gunshots, and at least one person was taken to Salem Hospital from the car in front of her that had started to take a left hand turn. Police told her nine shell casings were found on the ground.

"My first thought was wow, I'm pretty oblivious," she said. "I didn't even know a gunfight was going on in front of me. I'm too trusting of the area."

Melendez, 42, said one police officer told her that a lot of the gunfire over the weekend was because

of the fatal shooting on Chestnut Street. It was all retaliatory, she said.

"It was scary," Melendez said of her sister's incident. "You don't ever think it would happen so close to anyone to you know ... Things happen for a reason and this happened for some reason."

Employees at nearby Mande's Pizza on Goodridge Street, described hearing several gunshots. Cortney Cook said she thought the shots were fireworks until she heard the police coming down the street. Christian Sanchez, another employee, said he heard as many as 12 gunshots, but didn't see anyone get hit.

Scanner reports also indicated police responded to a shooting shortly afterward on Hanover Street. According to the Lynn Police incident log, eight gunshot reports were received from throughout the city between 8:13 p.m. Friday and 11:27 p.m. Saturday, beginning with the Chestnut Street shooting.

For DePietro, she thinks she had some help from a higher power. She and her family run a nonprofit, Hayley's Hope Foundation, which started after another one of her sister's only child died from suicide. The foundation tries to prevent suicides from occurring.

Melendez said when she looked at DePietro's burn mark, it looked like angel wings. They think Hayley played a role in preventing further injury.

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The Washington Redskins logo is seen on the field before an NFL football game in Landover, Md.

Justices to hear free speech clash over offensive trademarks

By Sam Hananel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Slants aren't exactly a household name when it comes to music, but the Asian-American rock band has certainly made its mark in the legal world.

The Oregon-based group has spent years locked in a First Amendment battle with the government, which refuses to register a trademark for the band's name because it's considered offensive to Asians.

That fight will play out Wednesday in the nation's highest court as the justices consider whether a law barring disparaging trademarks violates the band's free-speech rights.

The case has drawn attention because it could affect the Washington Redskins in a similar fight to keep the football team's lucrative trademark protection. The government canceled the team's trademarks last year after finding they are disparaging to Native Americans.

For Slants founder Simon Tam, the name was chosen not to offend, but to take on stereotypes about Asian culture. He says the band is reclaiming a term once used as an insult and transforming it into a statement of cultural pride.

"Words aren't equipped with venomous impact on their own," he said in an interview. "They have to be tied to motive and rooted in context."

But the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office didn't see it that way. It refused to register the name in 2011, saying a trademark can be disparaging even if it's meant to be used in a positive light.

A divided federal appeals court handed the band a victory four years later, ruling that the law prohibiting offensive trademarks is unconstitutional.

"Whatever our personal feelings about the mark at issue here, or other disparaging marks, the First Amendment forbids government regulators to deny registration because they find the speech likely to offend others," Judge Kimberly Moore said for the majority.

The Obama administration has urged the Supreme Court to overturn that ruling. In legal briefs, the Justice Department argues that the law does not restrict speech, but declines to associate the federal government with "racial epithets, religious insults and profanity as trademarks."

If the decision is upheld, the government warns it will be forced "to register, publish and transmit to foreign countries marks containing crude references to women based on parts of their anatomy; the most repellent racial slurs and white supremacist slogans; and demeaning illustrations of the prophet Mohammed and other religious figures."

Man stabbed during party at university chancellor's home

STOUGHTON, Mass. (AP) — A man was stabbed during an early morning house party at the home of a Massachusetts university chancellor while he was out of town, police said.

The stabbing happened early Sunday morning at the Stoughton home of University of Massachusetts Boston chancellor J. Keith Motley.

The 20-year-old uniden-

tified victim was taken to a Boston hospital. His condition was not immediately available.

"I have learned about an incident that occurred at my residence last night and am very concerned about it as well as the health of the young man who was injured," Motley said in a statement. "I was traveling and not home at the time, but I

am returning as quickly as possible so that I can fully understand what happened and respond accordingly. I will have more to say at that time," he said.

Police have not revealed the circumstances surrounding the stabbing or said whether they have any suspects. On Sunday, they urged anyone who attended the house party

or has information about what happened to contact investigators.

Motley is the eighth chancellor of UMass Boston, a public research university in the city. He was appointed chancellor in 2007, and is a father to three children, according to his biography on the university's website.

Lynnfield High School has its goals steeped in Ivy (League)

IVY LEAGUE
From A1

In the past 20 years, Northeastern University has seen a 200 percent increase in applicants. Their current acceptance rate is 20 percent.

"The applicant pool of students applying to college is bigger and more diverse; they're not just competing against classmates, but against students from all around the country and the world," Moody said.

The Guidance Department wants to help LHS students build a transcript that will allow them to compete with Ivy League applicants by addressing three issues: strength of schedule and general equivalency; standardized test scores and extracurricular activities.

Moresco said "SAT scores and college acceptance rates will increase if stress is placed on reading starting at a young age, if kids are engaged in one or two activities they're really passionate about, and if they're taking (advanced) classes in high school."

But members of the School Committee are concerned about the impact that the college application process has on students.

"It feels like we're focusing on the wrong priority as far as Ivy League schools, because that's not necessarily what's best for every student," said Committee Co-Chairwoman Dorothy Presser. "I don't want students to have the idea that they aren't successful if they don't get into their top school."

School Superintendent Jane Tremblay tried to clarify the priorities that the School District intends for students.

"It's not all about the top tier school, it's about what makes each student individually successful, whether they're at the top of their class or not," Tremblay said. "We want students to have all the options they need for their personal success."

In 2016, 90 percent of college-bound LHS graduates reported that they were attending one of their top two school choices. Additionally, 98 percent in 2016 said they felt their choice of post high school options were appropriate and correct for them given their experiences in high school.

LHS students from this year's graduating class

have been accepted to a number of colleges, including Northeastern, University of North Carolina Wilmington, University of Michigan, Worcester State University, and Emerson College.

While college strategies in the Lynnfield School District appear to be paying off, not all students have the same dreams for their future.

"Children change what they're passionate about, or they find a passion, but don't know how to narrow in on it," Tremblay said. "The School Committee's gift to our students is providing them with as many options as possible to explore their interests, regardless of their choices in furthering their education."

Concerns about boiler heat up in Swampscott

BOILER
From A1

Plumbing & Heating, is for \$410,999.

Work is scheduled to begin shortly after Jan. 23, when school officials are holding a meeting with the Hadley School community, to ensure parents that the disruptions will be minimal and educational activity will be separate from project work. Substantial completion is targeted for April 7. Work will include installing three steam boilers for the project. The boilers and some of the related equipment in the basement will be replaced, according to Katz.

Katz said students and staff will be not interacting with contractors completing the work. Work will begin at 5 a.m., and the noisy work will be done before students get to school around 8 a.m. He anticipates the most disruptive portion will be demolition work. Access will also be limited to the

side of the building where the contractor is entering the basement.

"If we thought we could delay this to the summertime, we would," Katz said. "But the architect who did the study said the heating system could fail at any time. We want to avoid a situation where the school could get shut down and we would have to reschedule school days."

Katz said most of the funding was approved for the project at Town Meeting in 2015. The original appropriation approved for the project was \$450,000, but that also went toward roof repair work at Hadley School, which was completed last year. He said the finance committee recently approved allocating an additional \$80,000 for the boiler replacement project, as the original funding was insufficient.

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Is Boston Street in Lynn the unhealthiest street in America?

FAST FOOD
From A1

Alas said after getting a workout in and lifting weights, he's hungry and sometimes craves the nearby McDonald's. He said it's probably common that others also go to the close-by fast food places after leaving the gym. The food is addicting, he said. His friend, 14-year-old Raymond Perron, agreed.

"Fast food is nasty, but you kind of just have to eat it," Perron said.

Putting many popular fast food places on the same street, including McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and Taco Bell, provides for some local competition.

"It's a battlefield," said 58-year-old Lynn resident David Swanson.

Swanson was eating at Burger King, the longtime nemesis of McDonald's.

"I like their food, which

is why I eat here," he said. "I don't like McDonald's."

Prices are good, he added, citing a common reason why people eat fast food. According to a 2014 "Ask Your Target Market," survey, 67 percent of people asked said they eat fast food because it's convenient, 32 percent said they eat it because it's cheap, while 31 percent said they just like eating fast food.

Pedro Cuevas, 72, of Lynn, was also eating at Burger King, but said Wendy's is his favorite fast food spot on the street. He likes the flavor and price there. If he had a strong enough craving, he could have simply walked from Burger King into the next lot to get to Wendy's.

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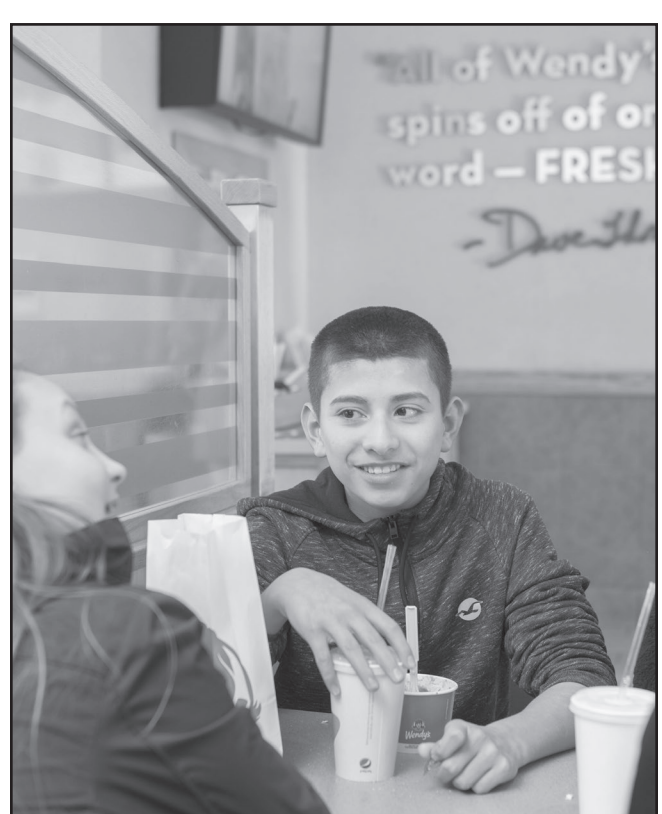


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Carlos Alas of Lynn enjoys time with friends at Wendy's on Boston Street.

Lynn students in the middle of statewide leadership program

PROJECT 351
From A1

Ksena Gaskin, 13, a student at Breed, hopes her participation, along with her peers', will bring pride to each of their schools, and their home city, Lynn.

"I am excited and honored to be asked to do this," she said. "It's a big opportunity to put Lynn on the map in such a positive way and I can't wait to meet the governor."

And Pickering's participant, Anna Phelan, 14, a lifelong Lynnner, is grateful to have been selected as an ambassador.

"I am proud to represent my school because it is a filled with great students and great teachers and I think this is a big chance to tell everyone about it," she said.

Project 351 is a youth-centered service organization initiated by then-Governor Deval Patrick in 2011. The nonprofit is devoted to nurturing and celebrating eighth

graders from across the Commonwealth through yearlong service projects.

The program includes student ambassadors from each of the 351 cities and towns throughout the state, and invites them to participate in local, volunteer-driven activities to develop and enhance leadership skills while also helping others.

All three of the student leaders were expecting Saturday to be an exciting day, which was scheduled to include a group luncheon and closing ceremony. The day's activities were designed to help transform the group of strangers into a team united by the desire to serve others.

"I can't wait to begin. We are going to do some positive things that will really make a difference for others. I know my friends and teachers will want to hear all about it. I bet some of them will also want to find ways that they can help others, too," said Phelan.

Peabody officials question the Oak Street apartment development

OAK STREET
From A1

The heads of city departments presented concerns related to public safety, area flooding, financial feasibility and project design at a construction review meeting in December.

Bernson said police and fire departments expressed worries regarding traffic and accessibility to the property in the event of an emergency.

She said the Recreation, Parks and Forestry Department has also spoken out against the project on the grounds that there are no playgrounds or green

spaces nearby for potential tenants to use.

She said the Elks Lodge on the site has a purchase and sale agreement with developer Larkin Real Estate, Inc.

"We're certainly going to propose a project no different than other projects the city has seen in terms of review," said John Smolak, an attorney representing the development. "The site was identified by the city itself for affordable housing. It's curious how the city feels it's not an acceptable place now."

Smolak said the developers will follow all imposed guidelines and that the ap-

proval of the Conservation Commission is necessary for it to move forward.

Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt Jr. acknowledged the inclusion of the site in the city's 2013 Housing Production Plan in a Dec. 21 letter addressed to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency.

"We understand that at first glance, this site appears to be an ideal location for a housing development...The proposed scale and density included in our plan is significantly less than what has been proposed by the developer," said Bettencourt in the letter.

School Committee mem-

ber Tom Rossignoll said the board added their names to the development opposition out of concern that the housing could have a negative effect on the already overcrowded Welch Elementary School.

As part of the 40B process for affordable housing, Bernson said the project will be reviewed by the state before it can move forward.

The comments made by various departments and abutters have been submitted to MassHousing, said Bernson, and the city should know by end of month whether the development has been approved by the state.

Airport shooting shows nexus between mentally ill and police

By Kelli Kennedy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Just weeks before a gunman opened fire at Fort Lauderdale's airport, authorities said he walked into an FBI office in Alaska, telling agents the government was controlling his mind and that he was having terroristic thoughts. It's a daily occurrence for law enforcement agencies and authorities say the difficulty is in assessing whether people are reporting a credible threat, whether or whether they need medical help. "A lot of resources, time and effort are all put into

dealing with mentally challenged people and trying to sort through that type of information to find out what's valid," said Pat O'Carroll, former supervisor with the Secret Service and executive director of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association. Relatives of the alleged airport gunman, Esteban Santiago, said his behavior had grown increasingly erratic in the year before the shooting. While in Iraq, his family said, he witnessed a bomb explode near two friends.

Santiago's brother Bryan said at one point his brother requested psychological help but barely received

any, and it's not clear to what extent he was ever diagnosed or treated, if ever, for mental illness. After the incident at the FBI office, Santiago was held for four days for an evaluation and released.

Law enforcement says each hotline tip and visit is documented, but there is usually no record of whether someone appears to be mentally ill because authorities don't have the expertise to make that determination and don't want to stigmatize people.

"There are times of lucidity and you can't just reject everything the person says. Even if they have a frequent track record of

calling up, they are going to be given the same amount of attention ... so it is even more time consuming," O'Carroll said.

In November, agents questioned an agitated and disjointed-sounding Santiago and called police, who took him for a mental health evaluation. Authorities said he clearly indicated at the time that he was not intent on hurting anyone, and that authorities had no legal right to detain him. Weeks later, he perpetrated one of the deadliest airport attacks in U.S. history, killing five people and wounding six, authorities said.



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Anna Phelan of Pickering Middle School is one of three middle school students from Lynn who are part of Project 351.

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ZEPPELIN FLOATS IN LYNN



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Get the Led Out performs at Lynn Auditorium on Friday.

By Leah Dearborn
ITEM STAFF

LYNN — Led Zeppelin cover band Get the Led Out filled the Lynn Auditorium with fans of the English rock band's iconic hits.

"Right now, the year is 1970, the album 'Zeppelin III,'" announced lead singer Paul Sinclair.

The Friday night performance started with "Immigrant Song" before moving into "Good Times Bad Times."

On softer notes, Sinclair's vocals maintained their own unique sound that became nearly indistinguishable from the voice of Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant during louder, more aggressive tracks.

Standout moments in the performance included GTLO's rendition of "Babe I'm Gonna Leave You" and "Ramble On," which highlighted Sinclair's vocal skills.

The band switched to an acoustic set after "Nobody's Fault But Mine," a song originally by blues singer Blind Willy Johnson, covered by Led Zeppelin themselves.

The tone of the show shifted to a more subdued atmosphere during the acoustic set, with the members of GTLO taking a seat to focus on some of the more technically complex songs in the Led Zeppelin repertoire, such as "Going to California."

Singer Diana DeSantis also hit the stage during

the acoustic set to back up a memorable version of "The Battle of Evermore." Lead guitarist Paul Hammond channeled Jimmy Page with his mastery of a wide range of stringed instruments, such as a double-necked guitar and a mandolin.

The show concluded with a performance of one of Led Zeppelin's most well-known and beloved songs, "Whole Lotta Love."

GTLO is composed of six members as opposed to the four that made up the original Led Zeppelin.

On their website, the band said GTLO isn't an

impersonator act; while they play the songs in Led Zeppelin's repertoire, looking and sounding exactly like the rock stars isn't the group's main focus.

They describe themselves on the website as "a group of musicians who were fans first, striving to do justice to one of the greatest bands in rock history."

The original Led Zeppelin was banned from playing in Boston after fans rioted while trying to buy tickets at Boston Garden, according to a Newsday article from 1975.



Paul Sinclair, lead vocalist of Get the Led Out, with guitarist Paul Hammond.

Cutest captain: Sea lion caught in fishing gear hops on boat



PHOTO | ASSOCIATED PRESS

A sea lion hitches a ride on a US Coast Guard boat crew off the coast of Newport Beach, Calif.

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Officials say a juvenile sea lion was so happy to be rescued after getting hooked by fishing gear off Southern California, it jumped into a Coast Guard boat.

The Coast Guard says a Los Angeles-area crew on patrol pulled the sea lion free Saturday near Newport Harbor.

Officials say after a little persuasion, the sea lion hopped aboard the boat and posed for photos.

The animal was handed off to a crew from the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, which brought the sea lion to its rescue facility. It will be rehabilitated and released.

Painting Horizons for Homeless Children



PHOTOS | PAULA MULLER

Dozens turned out for "Paint Night" at April's Restaurant in Lynn. The event was a fundraiser put on by Brian Castellanos to raise money for Horizons for Homeless Children.



Melissa Silverina and Alex Watler.



Rashad Sims.



Laurie Boulay and Brian Castellanos.

WEATHER

SUN, MOON, TIDES

Sunrise today 7:07 a.m.
Sunset today 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:07 a.m.
High tide today 1:59 p.m.
Low tide today 8:11 p.m.
High tide tomorrow 2:48 p.m.



National weather AccuWeather.com
Forecast for Monday, January 16, 2017
Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.

Pressure High Low
Shower Rain Tstorms Flurries Snow Ice
Cold Warm Stationary

TODAY'S FORECAST

Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 42. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.
Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Low 29. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.



TODAY
M'Sunny | High 42, Low 29

MARINE FORECAST

SW winds 5 to 10 kt. Gusts up to 20 kt in the afternoon. Waves around 2 ft.
Tonight: W winds 5 to 10 kt. Gusts up to 20 kt in the evening. Waves around 2 ft.



TUESDAY
PM Showers | High 40, Low 35



WEDNESDAY
Light Rain | High 41, Low 34

LOTTERY

MASS. EVENING:

Sunday 8603
Saturday 4400
Friday 6671
Yesterday's payoff:

EXACT ORDER
All 4 \$6,250
First or last 3 \$875
Any 2 \$75
Any 1 \$7

ANY ORDER
All 4 \$260
First 3 \$146
Last 3 \$146

MASS. MID-DAY:

Sunday 6746
Saturday 5687
Friday 9843
Yesterday's payoff:

EXACT ORDER
All 4 \$5,811
First or last 3 \$814
Any 2 \$70
Any 1 \$7

ANY ORDER
All 4 \$484
First 3 \$136
Last 3 \$136

Mass Cash: 4-9-21-22-27
Sat. Megabucks: 2-10-13-31-38-49
Sat. Powerball: 23-55-59-64-69 (13)

STEVE KRAUSE



PHOTO | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dion Lewis ran back a kickoff 98 yards during Saturday night's NFL playoff game against the Houston Texans.

Be happy Pats won the game!



FOXBOROUGH — Perhaps it's a measure of how spoiled we've all become around here.

The Patriots put up 34 points against the league's best defense, win the game by 18, and win their way to their sixth straight AFC championship.

And we come away complaining it wasn't good enough instead of being thankful they won the game. Some of us still remember the stumblebum Patriots of old vividly.

"If we don't improve in these situations the next time we play," said coach Bill Belichick, "it'll probably be the last time we play."

Truth be told, for a rout, Saturday night's 34-16 win over the Houston Texans in the AFC Divisional Round game wasn't much of a rout. Anyone looking at the final score without having seen the game wouldn't appreciate the angst that went into watching it, and, perhaps, playing it.

The Patriots turned the ball over three times, Tom Brady looked mighty uncomfortable back there for much of the night, and former Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennell, who now has the same job with Houston, put together a pretty good game plan.

Brady had it just about right afterward.

"It was a mixture of how they played against us," he said, "and the way we played, and of our turnovers."

Now, the Patriots get ready to play the Pittsburgh Steelers, and if they make the same mistakes against them, as opposed to a team with an incompetent offense like Houston, Belichick is right. It'll be time to clean out the lockers and reserve their tee times

KRAUSE, B2

By Gordon Vincent
FOR THE ITEM

LYNN — It's rare to see a team with six skaters against a team with only three.

It's rarer still when the shorthanded team is able to survive.

Behind a hat trick from Sarah Ryan, the St. Mary's girls hockey team defeated Matignon, 4-3, in a matinee on Saturday at Connery Rink. The game ended with two St. Mary's players in the penalty box. Matignon also pulled its goaltender for the final 50 seconds, looking for the tying goal that never came.

"It's not often you see 6-on-3," St. Mary's coach Frank Pagliuca said, "We don't usually take a lot of penalties, but we did some undisciplined things, especially at the end of the game."

Adara Nazarian also had a goal and an assist for the Spartans (6-2), while Codi Butt, Mady Hentosh, Marina DiBiasio and Kate Gray had one assist each.

ST. MARY'S, B2

A FRANTIC FINISH

Severely short-handed, St. Mary's girls hockey survives



PHOTO | BOB ROCHE

St. Mary's girls hockey captain Sarah Ryan skates the puck out of her end chased by Matignon's Carolyn Mahoney.



PHOTO | BOB ROCHE

Peabody forward Catherine Manning goes in for a layup past Fenwick's Olivia DiPietro.

Lady Crusaders make it a party

By Anne Marie Tobin
FOR THE ITEM

PEABODY — It may not have been pretty at times, but not even a dozen or so missed layups and free throws could dampen the celebratory feeling at the Bishop Fenwick gymnasium yesterday afternoon. The Crusaders' girls basketball team (7-3) unfurled their 2016 state championship game prior to its game against cross-city rival Peabody (4-4), then simply outran the Tanners en route to a 67-52 win.

The members of that team

along with former Fenwick greats Cheryl Murtaugh ('77), Kerri Burke ('03) and Amy Pelletier ('11) were honored in a pre-game ceremony in which they were presented with special plaques of recognition cleverly fashioned from the original 1959 bleachers that had been replaced over the summer.

"I felt bad that we didn't play our best on this day with so many alums back, but winning on the day we hung the banner was good," Fenwick coach Adam DeBaggis said. "We missed a lot

FENWICK, B2



PHOTO | BOB ROCHE

Fenwick's Ryan Veuilla takes a big step past Peabody's Chris Canela.

Peabody hangs on, beats Fenwick boys

By Joyce Erekson
FOR THE ITEM

PEABODY — Not all rivalry matchups live up to the billing, but Sunday afternoon's clash between the Peabody High and Bishop Fenwick High boys basketball teams certainly did.

The Tanners escaped the cozy confines of the Fenwick gym with a 66-63 win, but it was a battle from start to finish. The lead bounced back and forth all game with Fenwick (4-6) going up by as many as 11 in the first quarter, only to see the Tanners roar back to cut the deficit to

three by the half. By the end of the third quarter, it was an all-out war at 53-53.

The Tanners didn't take the lead back for good until the fourth quarter when, with 3:43 remaining, Chris Canela hit a three and came right back down the court for two more to give his team 62-58 lead. The final few minutes saw Fenwick pull to within two at 62-60 before Junior Estrella buried a three to give Peabody a 65-60 lead with 1:28 remaining

Fenwick's Nik Pignone, who

PEABODY, B2

Masconomet goalie too tough for Peabody girls

By Scot Cooper
FOR THE ITEM

PEABODY — For almost 50 minutes Saturday afternoon there wasn't much ink going on the score sheet in the Peabody girls hockey game against Masconomet.

However, the Chieftains never stopped putting the pressure on Peabody goalie Jenny Collins, and eventually they broke through for a 2-0 win.

Masco was dominant in the first period, keeping the puck in the Tanner end for long stretches of action, with Collins, a freshman, getting a pad, a glove, a stick

on every shot she saw, and she saw quite a few.

Mikayla Vincent did get one by Collins with about five minutes left in the first, but it clanged off the left post. Peabody also struck iron with time running out in the opening period, when Molly Smedira's shot struck the pipe to the left of Masco goalie Molly Elmore.

The second period was a carbon copy of the first, a lot of good chances by both teams but nothing in the net. The Tanners were much better in the second, carrying the play for long stretches. But they couldn't get one by Elmore.

With Masco desperate to end a 5-game winless streak, the Chieftains once again were aggressive on the attack from the opening puck drop in the third. Despite a couple of Maco power plays, Collins was still perfect for Peabody.

The Chieftains finally got a puck over the goal line on a broken play in front of the Peabody net. A Tanner clearing pass struck a leg and wound up on the stick of Masco's Abby Gendron along the goal line. Gendron took a stride towards the front of the net and dished the puck to the far post, where co-captain Kate Irons knocked it home with 12 minutes left in

the third.

The goal gave Masco a big lift, and with that shot of confidence, the Chieftains controlled the play for most of the period until another loose puck ended up in the Peabody goal.

Defenseman Lexi Rosenbaum took a shot from the right point that hit teammate Izzy Sarra to Collins' left. The puck landed right on Sarra's backhand and she swept the puck across the crease to Vincent who had an open net to look at.

Peabody brought Collins to the bench with a minute to go in the third, but

TANNERS, B2

It'll be Packers vs. Falcons

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Ryan and the high-scoring Falcons offense will have one more game in the Georgia Dome after all.

The Falcons will host the NFC championship game next Sunday against Green Bay. The Packers beat Dallas 34-31 in Sunday's divisional playoff game.

Ryan continued his hot streak of turnover-free passing in leading Atlanta to a 36-20 win over Seattle in Saturday's first divisional game.

The MVP candidate threw for 338 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions against the Seahawks. It was Ryan's fifth straight game without an interception, leading to a five-game winning streak for Atlanta. He has 14 touchdown passes in

that span.

Ryan and the NFL's top-scoring offense impressed cornerback Richard Sherman and the Seahawks.

"They do a lot of things well," Sherman said. "The quarterback gets the ball out, he doesn't turn the ball over, so that will do it."

Ryan was in top form in leading Atlanta to a 33-32 home win over Green Bay on Oct. 30. He completed 28 of 35 passes for 288 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions.

The Falcons (12-5) have leaned on Ryan and their balanced offense in their pursuit for the second Super Bowl appearance and first championship. Ryan kept the offense moving against Seattle even as

All-Pro Julio Jones aggravated a toe injury.

Jones spent much of the second half on the sideline, but still had a game-high six catches for 67 yards and a touchdown in his highly anticipated matchup with Sherman.

Jones' status will be closely watched this week. He missed two games this season with the sore toe. He still finished second in the NFL with 1,409 yards receiving on 83 catches, including six for touchdowns.

Coach Dan Quinn said Saturday that Jones' injury was "no concern at the moment" but acknowledged "it'll be sore."

Added Quinn: "I anticipate him being ready to rock next week."

Jones was not available for postgame interviews,

adding to speculation about the severity of the injury.

Ryan has a large list of targets behind Jones. He completed passes to eight receivers against the Seahawks.

Running backs Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman combined for seven catches for 102 yards, including a 14-yard scoring catch by Coleman.

"The ability for them to add another receiver to our offense has been critical for us. It really has," Quinn said.

Coleman had 11 carries for 57 yards. Freeman had 14 carries for 45 yards and a touchdown. Seattle coach Pete Carroll said Atlanta's run game wasn't overwhelming, but it was effective.

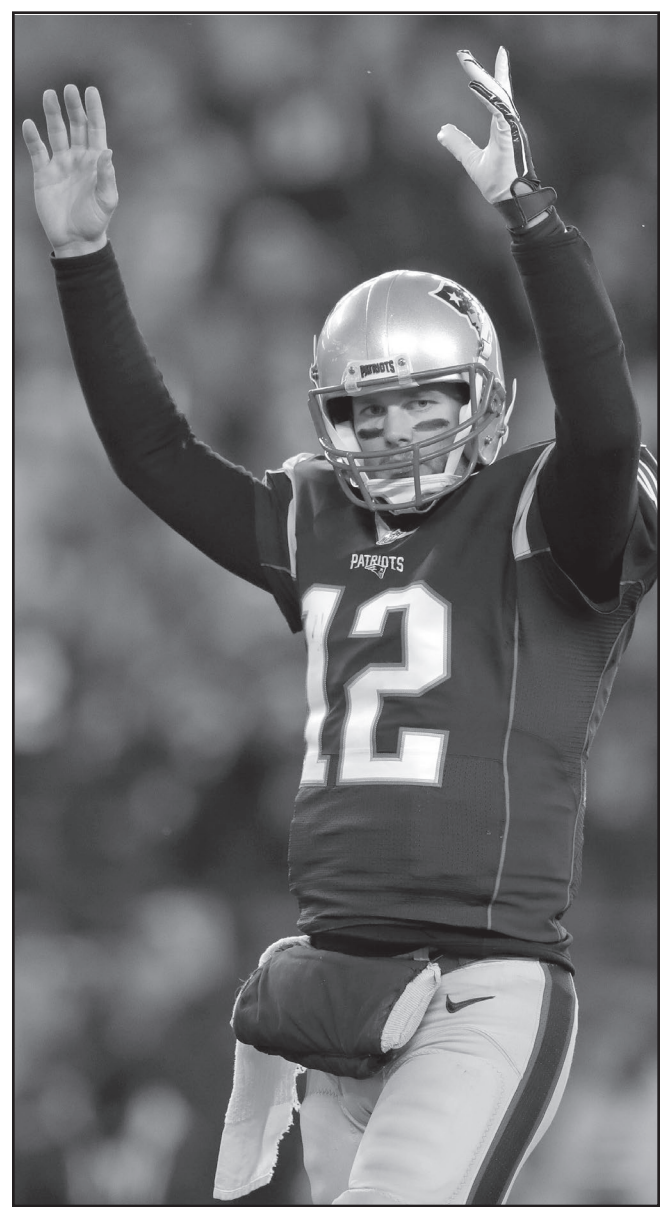


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Tom Brady signals "first down" during Saturday night's win over the Houston Texans.

Just be thankful Pats won the game

KRAUSE
From B1

the following day.

The good news is that while fans get themselves all hopped up over the carryover effect ("if they played this bad against a crummy team, imagine how bad they'll be against the Steelers"), there is no such thing. Each game is its own entity.

Just think back two years ago. The Patriots escaped the Baltimore Ravens barely with their lives. Meanwhile, the Indianapolis Colts went to Denver — a place the Patriots would prefer to avoid like the plague — and beat the Broncos.

So what happens? Indy came into Foxborough thinking it has a chance, judging from what had transpired the previous weekend. But the Patriots pounded the Colts all the way to the Massachusetts-Rhode Island border.

Nobody really remembers that sequence of events because other things, such as the PSI of footballs, took over the conversation. But that's about how it went.

It was interesting being at the game Saturday night and sensing the restlessness of the fans at Gillette. The one thing that stood out is the Patriots never trailed. The best the Texans could do was get to within a point, and that was only briefly in the second quarter.

What went through my mind during all this was that if the Patriots could just get to halftime without giving up the lead, and regroup in the

locker room, they'd be fine, and that by the end of the game the wretched stretch of football they played earlier in the game would be a bad memory.

And that's exactly what happened. The Patriots never figured it out to the point where they just rolled up and down the field, but you can't credit Houston for all of that. They were already down two receivers (Rob Gronkowski and Malcolm Mitchell) a third one got hurt during the game (Chris Hogan) and a fourth (Danny Amendola) was coming back after a month's hiatus because of his own injuries.

With all of that going against them, Michael Floyd, the guy who fell asleep at the traffic light, also proved to have alligator arms on a couple of balls over the middle, which led to at least one of those aforementioned interceptions.

The Patriots were also down in the backfield, as LeGarrette Blount missed most of last week's practices with some kind of flu bug and was clearly not at full strength to deal with Houston's stout run defense up the middle.

Thankfully, Dion Lewis showed up to play (three touchdowns; one rushing, one receiving, and an electrifying 98-yard kick return) and the defense gave up only 16 points, more than half of them aided and abetted by clumsy ball-handling on the part of the offense.

Solve even half these issues by next Sunday and the Patriots will still have to be given the edge.

Masconomet goalie stones Peabody girls hockey team

TANNERS
From B1

couldn't get one by Elmore, who said the locker room mood was upbeat after the team picked up its first win since Christmas.

"Everybody was pretty excited in the locker room after this win, we hadn't won one in a long time," Elmore said. "I just tried to stay focused when there wasn't a lot of action in my end and wait for us to score."

Masco coach Ryan Sugar said he told his team to just keep up the attack do what they were doing, with a little modification after the first two periods.

"I told them not to get frustrated, keep shooting keep attacking, but I told

them to attack the net, crash the net, which we weren't doing early on," Sugar said. "It's been a rough stretch (0-3-2) after opening the year 4-0, so it's good to get this win."

Peabody (3-5-1) coach Michelle Roach said her team played well for stretches Saturday afternoon, but couldn't get the puck in the net.

"We held them off, but we've been having trouble finding the back of the net all year," Roach said. "Jenny was excellent, she's been our rock all season along with our other goalie (Abby Buckley) as well, we have to find a way to score some goals."

Lady Crusaders make it a basketball party

FENWICK
From B1

of layups, and a lot of free throws that, had we made half of them, would have taken a lot of pressure off, but overall it was a good day."

Senior captain Sam Mancinelli and sophomore Jaxson Nadeau had double-doubles. Mancinelli scored a season-high 22 points with 10 rebounds, eight steals and three assists, while Nadeau finished with 14 points, 10 rebounds, seven steals and three assists.

Fenwick carried the momentum from the ceremony onto the court, forcing three straight Peabody

turnovers to grab a quick 5-0 lead. Peabody battled back to take a 13-12 lead after one quarter. The second quarter was back-and-forth until the final minute when Mancinelli and Nadeau hit back-to-back threes and Mancinelli had a putback off her own offensive rebound to complete an 8-0 run that quickly turned a three-point Tanner deficit into 11, 32-21, at the half.

Fenwick piled on to open the third quarter with a 7-0 run to put Peabody in a big hole, trailing 39-21.

"Stretching out that lead just before halftime was huge, and then we got a fast start in the third quarter as well, so all of a

sudden it went from a five point game to a really big lead," DeBaggis said.

Peabody senior captain Melissa Gray stopped the bleeding with 3-pointer. Unfortunately for the Tanners, the closest they would come the rest of the way was nine points (41-32) after a steal and pull up jumper by Gray, who finished with a double-double (20 points, 11 rebounds). Fellow senior captain Katie Wallace (9 points) put the Tanners on her back in the fourth quarter, scoring nine of her team's 16 points, but it wasn't enough. Senior captain Alyssa Alperen also scored nine, while Catherine Manning (7 rebounds)

scored seven, Nene Onwuogo (7 rebounds) scored six before fouling out. Hannah Pellizzaro chipped in one point.

Peabody coach Stan McKeen was happy with the Tanners' effort but felt they made it too easy for Fenwick,

"Our biggest problem was not getting back on defense, we gave them too many easy baskets and simply did not box out," he said. "When you miss shots, you have to get back on defense and we didn't. The put a lot of pressure on us the whole game, and I think fatigue played was a factor, especially at the end. That's what makes Fenwick a good team."

Peabody boys basketball team hangs on to defeat Fenwick

PEABODY
From B1

terrorized the Tanners (7-2) from the perimeter all afternoon, hit his fifth three of the day with a little over a minute remaining to tighten things up again at 65-63, but the Tanners somehow managed to hold the fort in wild final minute to come away with the win.

"Any time these two teams play you know it's going to be back and forth. This was a very well-played high school basketball game," Peabody coach Thad Broughton said.

"It's always a lot of fun. These guys grew up together. For us to come away with a victory is huge. They're a very good team," said Broughton.

The Tanners had three players in double figures. Estrella led the way with 17 points, followed by Canela with 16, Moisse Irizarry with 14 and Matt D'Amato with eight. Jake Irvine had five.

The Crusaders had huge performances from Pignone, who wrapped up the night with 17 points, and Klaus Llanaj, who also had 17 points. Jack Bowers (12 points), Ryan Veguilla (11 points) and Isaiah Cashwell-Doe, six points, also came up big.

Llanaj was force of nature in the first half. He scored 14 of his 17 points before the break with a pair of threes followed by two free throws in a span of about a minute and a half giving the Crusaders a 16-6 lead.

Fenwick led by nine at the end of the first quarter, but Peabody, or more specifically, Estrella, was just starting to heat up. Estrella score nine points in the second quarter, including a three with under two minutes remaining, that cut the Tanner deficit to two.

Canela, who had been fairly quiet all game, also started to find his groove. His three followed by a two with 29 seconds re-

maining, gave the Tanners a 34-31 lead at the half.

Fenwick's Pignone put on a show in the third quarter. He buried three threes on three straight trips down the court and the Crusaders back on top at 51-46.

And so it went, with both sides hitting big shots at key times to keep it a two to four-point game until the final buzzer.

"I thought we made a couple of key buckets at the end and a couple of key stops when we needed them," Broughton said.

"At the beginning of the game they (the Crusaders) were very hot.

"They just have so many weapons. They can hit the threes, which they did a lot of tonight, and they can get to the hoop. I thought it was anybody's game. We were very fortunate to come out with a win," Broughton said.

Fenwick coach Kevin Moran expected a tough game and he got one.

"I thought it was an exciting game from the Bishop Fenwick side," he said.

"That team was good. They're loaded with players," he said. "You saw Estrella there today, flying around. He's tough to defend," Moran said. "He makes it very difficult for you."

Moran had plenty to be happy about with his crew including the play of Pignone, who is only a sophomore.

"He's a great shooter. That kept us in the game," Moran said. "He's probably the best shooter in the program."

Moran said his two senior captains, Cashwell and Veguilla, played very well as did Bowers.

"He (Bowers) had the wonderful job of covering Estrella," Moran said, adding that he also came up with some big buckets.

Moran said rebounding has been a big issue this season and it was again against Peabody.

"They're such a big team," he said.



PHOTO | BOB ROCHE

Aylah Cioffi (15) leads a charge of St. Mary's forwards, Kate Gray (18) and Brittany McPherson (22), into the attacking zone Saturday.

Frantic finish works out for St. Mary's girls ice squad

ST. MARY'S
From B1

For Matignon (8-2), Carolyn Mahoney scored twice, while Courtney Hardy had a goal and an assist. Sophomore Ciara Wall, who amassed her 100th career point earlier this year, had a pair of assists. All three of Matignon's goals came on the power play.

"You usually don't win a lot of games when you give up three power play goals," Pagliuca said.

Nazarian scored the only goal of the first period, nine seconds into a power play. Hentosh's shot from the point was tipped by Butt on the way through to Matignon goalie Dana Smullen, who made the initial save, but Nazarian stuffed the rebound into the net.

The Spartans doubled their lead 3:50 in the second period. Gray fed the puck from behind the net to Ryan, whose backhand from the slot found its way past Smullen.

Matignon tied the game with a pair of goals 2:14 apart later in the second period. Hardy's shot from the point made its way through a screen in front of St. Mary's goalie Emily Stephenson, who never saw the puck go over her shoulder. Mahoney got her first goal after a shot by Hardy hit Stephenson's

mask and trickled down into the crease. Mahoney slammed the puck into the net just inside the left post.

Ryan scored her second goal with just four seconds left in the second period, when her shot from between the faceoff circles found the net off Smullen's glove.

"That was a huge goal," Pagliuca said. "Sarah had been playing very well for us. She's become one of our top scorers and she's proven to be a very good leader."

Ryan capped off her hat trick with a power play goal 1:52 into the third period. Again, she went high, snapping a shot from the point over Smullen's glove to give the Spartans a 4-2 lead.

Mahoney cut Matignon's deficit to one goal with her second goal of the game at 5:13 of the third period. From behind the net, Wall flipped a pass out front to Mahoney, who tucked a wrist shot inside the left post.

St. Mary's had to kill off four penalties in the final seven minutes of the game. Hardy had three shots on net for the Warriors including a bomb from the point in the final minute that Stephenson turned aside with her left pad to preserve the win for St. Mary's.

The Spartans play Central Catholic on Monday (2) at Connery Rink.

THE SCHEDULE

TODAY	Track
Boys Basketball	Gloucester vs. Winthrop (at Lynn Tech, 10)
Lynnfield at Ipswich (6:30)	
Saugus at Northeast (3:30)	
St. John's vs. Brighton (at Cathedral, 11:30)	
Boys Hockey	Wrestling
Beverly at Masconomet (2:25)	Josiah Quincy at St. John's (10)
Danvers at N. Andover (7)	Peabody at St. John's (9)
Essex Tech at Revere (5:10)	
Fenwick at Saugus (1)	TUESDAY
Ham-Wen at Swampscott (7:30)	Boys Basketball
Marblehead at Westfield (noon)	Everett at Classical (7)
Peabody at Lincoln-Sudbury (10)	Malden Cath. at Winthrop (6)
Somerville at Lynn (4)	Prospect Hill at KIPP (6:30)
St. John's at Woburn (11)	Xaverian at St. John's (7)
St. Mary's at Hingham (6)	Girls Basketball
Girls Basketball	Classical at Everett (7)
Ipswich at Lynnfield (6:30)	Malden at Salem
Saugus at Northeast (2)	Prospect Hill at KIPP (5)
Tech at St. Clement's (5:30)	Shawsheen at Tech (5:30)
Girls Hockey	Swimming
Central Cath. at St. Mary's (2)	Gloucester at Salem (7:15)
Marblehead at Wilmington (8)	Revere at Danvers (5:30)
Gymnastics	Track
Essex Tech at Gloucester (11)	Brocton at St. John's (5:30)
Salem at Medford (4:30)	Cathedral/Lowell Cath vs. St. Mary's (at R. Lewis, 4:30)
	Fenwick vs. Marian (at R. Lewis, 5:30)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Classical girls basketball clinics

Lynn Classical girls basketball is excited to offer five free Saturday basketball clinics to any Lynn girls in grades 4-8. The clinic schedule is as follows: January 21st (8:30 to 9:30 a.m.), January 28th (1:30 to 2:30 p.m.) and February 4th (8:30 to 9:30 a.m.). There is no obligation to attend all five clinics.

Lynn Classical girls basketball coaches Tom Sawyer,

Helen Ridley and Rob Smith and the current Lynn Classical girls basketball players will be conducting the clinics. The clinics will be held at the Lynn Classical High School gymnasium. The purpose of the clinics are to help players of any level improve their basketball skills (dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, rebounding) in a fun environment. To save a spot at the clinics please email or call Coach Helen Ridley at ridleytopflightbasketball@gmail.com or 781-775-0778.

TV/RADIO

TV
College Basketball: Marquette at Butler, FS1, 12 p.m.; Creighton at Xavier, FS1, 2 p.m.; UT Arlington at South Alabama, ESPN2, 3 p.m.; DePaul at St. John's, FS1, 4:30 p.m.; Seton Hall at Villanova, FS1, 6:30 p.m.; Boston University at Loyola Maryland, CBSSN, 7 p.m.; N.C. Central at Hampton, ESPNU, 7 p.m.; Syracuse at North Carolina, ESPN, 7 p.m.; Jackson St. at Texas Southern, ESPN, 9 p.m.; Kansas at Iowa State, ESPN, 9 p.m.; Providence at Georgetown, FS1, 9 p.m.

Women's College Basketball: Notre Dame at Tennessee, ESPN2, 7 p.m.; Wisconsin at Penn State, Big Ten Network, 7 p.m.

Pro Basketball: Atlanta at New York, NBA TV, 1 p.m.; New Orleans at Indiana, NBA TV, 4 p.m.; Charlotte at Boston, CSN, 7:30 p.m.; Cleveland at Golden State, TNT, 8 p.m.; Oklahoma City at LA Clippers, TNT, 10:30 p.m.,

Pro Hockey: NY Islanders at Boston, NESN, 1 p.m.; Washington at Pittsburgh, NBCSN, 7 p.m.

Motor Sports: Dakar Rally (tape), NBCSN, 12 a.m.

Tennis: Australian Open, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

RADIO

Pro Basketball: Charlotte at Boston, WBZ-FM (98.5), 7 p.m.

Pro Hockey: Islanders at Bruins, WBZ-FM (98.5), 1 p.m.

NFL

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7
 Houston 27, Oakland 14
 Seattle 26, Detroit 6
Sunday, Jan. 8
 Pittsburgh 30, Miami 12
 Green Bay 38, N.Y. Giants 13
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
 Atlanta 36, Seattle 20
 New England 34, Houston 16
Sunday, Jan. 15
 Green Bay 34, Dallas 31
 Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22
NFC
 Green Bay at Atlanta, 3:05 p.m.
AFC
 Pittsburgh-Kansas City winner at New England, 6:40 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Orlando, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Houston
 TBD, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Patriots 34, Texans 16

Houston	3	10	0	3	—	16
NE	14	3	7	10	—	34
First Quarter						
NE	Lewis 13 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 9:27.					
Hou	FG Novak 33, 1:15.					
NE	Lewis 98 kickoff return (Gostkowski kick), 1:00.					
Second Quarter						
Hou	FG Novak 27, 11:36.					
Hou	Fedorowicz 10 pass from Osweller (Novak kick), 10:49.					
NE	FG Gostkowski 19, :07.					
Third Quarter						
NE	White 19 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 9:09.					
Fourth Quarter						
Hou	FG Novak 46, 14:51.					
NE	Lewis 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 12:16.					
NE	FG Gostkowski 43, 6:37.					
A	— 66,829.					
	Hou	NE				
First downs	14	20				
Total Net Yards	285	377				
Rushes-yards	23-104	27-98				
Passing	181	279				

Punt Returns	2-34	4-26
Kickoff Returns	3-52	3-124
Int Ret.	2-13	3-58
Comp-Att-Int	23-40-3	18-38-2
Sacked-Yards	3-17	2-8
Punts	8-42.6	6-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-75	5-50
Possession	32:30	27:30
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING — Houston, Miller 19-73, Osweller 1-18, Grimes 2-11, Blue 1-2. New England, Lewis 13-41, Blount 8-31, Amendola 1-15, Edelman 1-12, Brady 4 (minus 1).		
PASSING — Houston, Osweller 23-40-3-198. New England, Brady 18-38-2-287.		
RECEIVING — Houston, Hopkins 6-65, Grimes 4-43, Miller 4-16, Fiedorowicz 3-36, Fuller 3-16, Hunt 2-15, Mumphy 1-7. New England, Edelman 8-137, Hogan 4-95, Lewis 2-23, White 1-19, Floyd 1-9, Bennett 1-4, Develin 1-0.		
MISSED FIELD GOALS — None.		

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Montreal	44	27	11	6	60	138	112			
Boston	46	23	18	5	51	117	113			
Ottawa	41	22	15	4	48	105	107			
Toronto	41	20	13	8	48	128	120			
Florida	45	20	17	8	48	106	122			
Tampa Bay	44	20	20	4	44	123	132			
Detroit	43	18	19	6	42	111	127			
Buffalo	42	16	17	9	41	97	119			
Metropolitan Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Columbus	42	29	9	4	62	141	95			
Washington	42	28	9	5	61	126	86			
Pittsburgh	42	26	11	5	57	145	124			
Rangers	44	28	15	1	57	152	116			
Phila	45	22	17	6	50	132	143			
Carolina	43	21	15	7	49	121	117			
NJ	44	17	18	9	43	99	128			
Islanders	41	16	17	8	40	116	128			
Sunday's Games										
Washington 5, Philadelphia 0										
Minnesota 3, Chicago 2										
New Jersey 2, Vancouver 1, OT										
St. Louis at Anaheim, 9 p.m.										
Monday's Games										
Dallas at Buffalo, 1 p.m.										
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 1 p.m.										
Montreal at Detroit, 3 p.m.										
Winnipeg at San Jose, 4 p.m.										
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.										
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.										
Arizona at Edmonton, 9 p.m.										

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Minnesota	41	27	9	5	59	135	90			
Chicago	45	27	13	5	59	124	113			
St. Louis	43	22	16	5	49	122	128			
Calgary	46	23	20	3	49	119	125			
LA	43	22	17	4	48	110	108			
Vancouver	44	20	19	5	45	110	128			
Arizona	42	13	23	6	32	90	134			
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.										
Pacific Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Anaheim	45	24	13	8	56	122	114			
Edmonton	45	23	15	7	53	128	121			
San Jose	43	25	16	2	52	112	100			
Calgary	46	23	20	3	49	119	125			
LA	43	22	17	4	48	110	108			
Vancouver	44	20	19	5	45	110	128			
Arizona	42	13	23	6	32	90	134			
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.										
Tuesday's Games										
Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.										
Carolina at Columbus, 7 p.m.										
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.										
New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.										
Ottawa at St. Louis, 8 p.m.										
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.										
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.										
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10 p.m.										
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.										
Wednesday's Games										
Arizona at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.										
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.										



ITEM FILE PHOTO

Mike Zampanti had four assists as St. Mary's defeated Franklin Saturday afternoon.

St. Mary's boys come out strong vs. Franklin

HOCKEY ROUNDUP

By Scot Cooper
 FOR THE ITEM

Nearly a year after being denied a state championship in a double-overtime loss at the TD Garden, St. Mary's got some measure of revenge Saturday.

The Spartans took it to Franklin in its own building Saturday night with a 7-3 win.

"The guys came out with a purpose, they played extremely hard from the get-go and we had good results," Spartan coach Mark Lee said.

Colin Reddy and Anthony Buono each had three points on two goals and an assist, and Mike Zampanti had four assists for the winners.

Swampscott 2, Ham-Wen 1

At Pingree, the Generals are back with their own program this year after combining with Salem since 2005. And while there was a definite edge in shots (45-7) in favor of the Big Blue, only two of them went in.

"We had a tough time getting one in the net," said Big Blue coach Gino Faia, "but we're certainly happy we got that second one."

Freshman Connor Donovan scored his first varsity goal and Louis Olivieri put one home in the third, clinching Swampscott's

seventh straight win. Latin Academy 4, Lynn 1

Steve Patrie's short-handed goal in the first period was it on offense Sunday for the Jets against Latin Academy at Northeastern University's Matthews Arena.

"We had a tough time controlling their first line," Jets coach Joe Conlon said. "We were kind of scrambling around playing catch-up for most of the game."

The Jets will try to rebound this afternoon at home against Somerville.

Revere 7, Somerville 3

At Cronin Rink, junior Mike Giordano scored three times, and junior teammate Mike Goroshko scored twice for the 4-3-0 Patriots.

"We were down 1-0, but we did a good job after that, shutting them down," Patriots coach Joe Ciccarello said. "It starts on defense with us and we did a good job defensively."

Danvers 6, Saugus 4

At Endicott College, two undefeated teams took to the ice Saturday, but only the Falcons remained so, taking a 6-4 win over the Sachems.

Saugus coach Jeff Natalucci said a slow start did his team in.

"Not a very good start for us, we didn't do very well in the first two periods," Natalucci said. "We

came back, but it was a little too late."

Brendan Ronan scored a couple for the Sachems, who slipped to 5-1-2. Ryan Groark and Mike Sarnacchiaro also scored for Saugus.

GIRLS HOCKEY Lynn/Winthrop 5, Marblehead 1

At Larsen Rink in Winthrop, Katie O'Shea had two goals and two assists to pace the Bulldogs. Ashley Miles also scored twice and had an assist, and Kelsie Griffiths had a single goal for the Bulldogs. Sydney Adamson set up Miles on both of her goals.

Sydney Cresta's goal had given Marblehead a 1-0 lead early on.

"We came right back after they scored and we played a good game," Bulldogs coach Anthony Martucci said.

The Bulldogs will be at home Wednesday night against Plymouth.

Auburn 3, Fenwick 3

The Crusaders got six points from their first line of Lexi McNeill, Amanda Blanchette and Meghan Carney, and a solid game in net from freshman keeper Kaylin Wesley, but were done in by a third period goal by Auburn.

"Disappointed with the result but certainly not the effort," Fenwick coach Doug Anderson said. "We had it 1-1 after one, and 2-2 after two, we just couldn't get one after that."

Big day for Big Blue at relays

SCHOOL ROUNDUP

By Steve Krause
 ITEM SPORTS EDITOR

The Swampscott girls had a big day Saturday at the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association relays.

The Big Blue won the Division 3 high jump championship with a combined 14-7.25, with Georgia Cilley doing a 4-6, Haley Bernhardt 4-8 and Michelle Connor 5.5

The shot put trio of Taylor McBurney, Masie Vasquez and Mackenzie Creighton finished third overall with a combined 92-6.

The foursome of Georgia Cilley, Kendall Rhodes, Ellie Wright and Meredith Zimmer came in six in the 50-meter shuttle hurdles with a 33.57.

In all the girls placed fifth in Division 4.

In Division 2, the Beverly girls had a good day, finishing fifth with 26 points. The Panthers won the 1600 spring with a 4:18.51, were sixth in the 4x50 Beverly (26.17), seventh in the 4x400 (4:23.51), eighth in the 4x800 (10:29.26), fourth in the distance (12:57.83) sixth in the shuttle hurdles (33.41) fourth in the high jump (13-10.50) and third

in the shot put (90-01.25).

In Division 3, it was a Gloucester day. For the girls, the Fishermen took fourth in the 1600 sprint (4:20.24), eighth in the shuttle hurdle (33.52), third in the high jump (14-02.50) while the boys took ninth in the 4x400 relay, eighth in the 1600 spring (3:48.02) and 10th in the long jump (52-07.50)

In Division 4, Marblehead girls were 10th in the 4x800 relay (10:32.63) and fifth in the shot put (14-07.25).

For the boys, Danvers was third in the 4x50 relay (23.11) while Marblehead was fifth (23.23). The Magicians were sixth in the 1600 sprints (3:43.42); Danvers 10th in the distance medley (11:51.80) and eighth in the shuttle hurdles (30.35); and Swampscott third in the shot put (115-11).

Roxbury CC Tiger Open At Reggie Lewis Center Saturday, Peabody's weight throw team dominated the field, taking the top four places in the 25-pound weight throw.

Patrick Pang qualified for nationals and set a PR of more than two feet with a throw of 56-06.50, while Conor Ramos placed second with a PR of 47-08.25. In his first time competing in the event, Dariel

Canela also set a PR (44-08.50) and finished third, while William DeMayo threw 44-07.5 and finished fourth. Carlos Vega (43-05), Randdye Ramos (35-08.5), Jake Sousa (29-08.75) and Gabe Carvalho (29-04.75) also competed.

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Also, Connor Chirstuk 200 IM (2:18.46) and 500 free (5:27.63); Catherine Chirstuk 200 free (2:06.15) and 100 back (1:04.25); Sophia Lumino 100 free (57.27) and 100 breast (1:12.50); Rowan Emerson 50 free (26.78) and Garrett Collins 100 fly (1:09.58).

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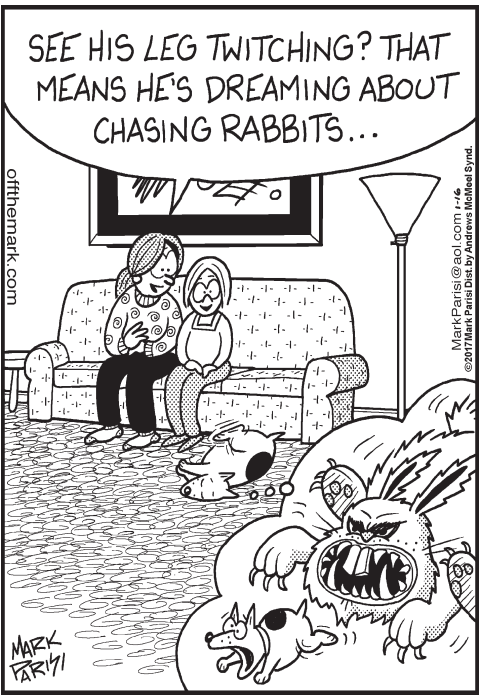
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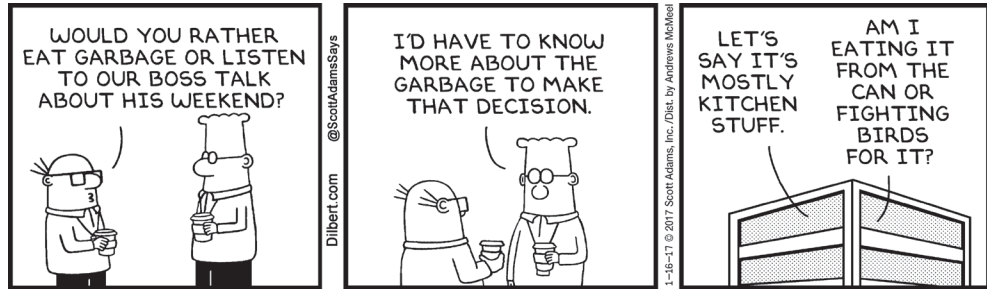
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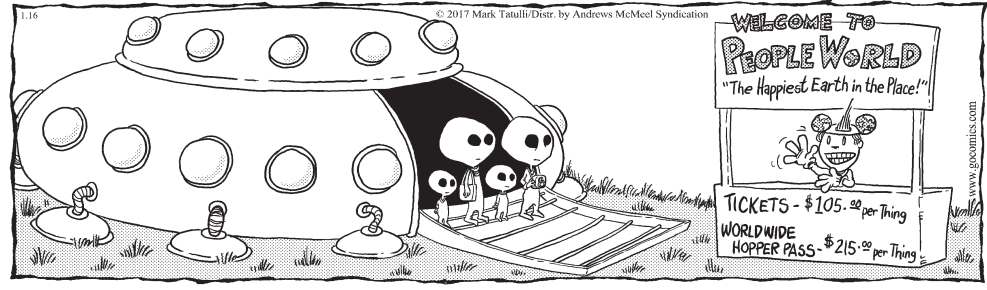
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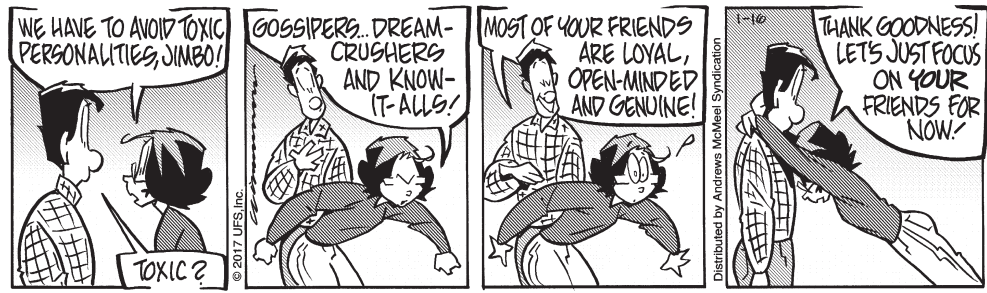
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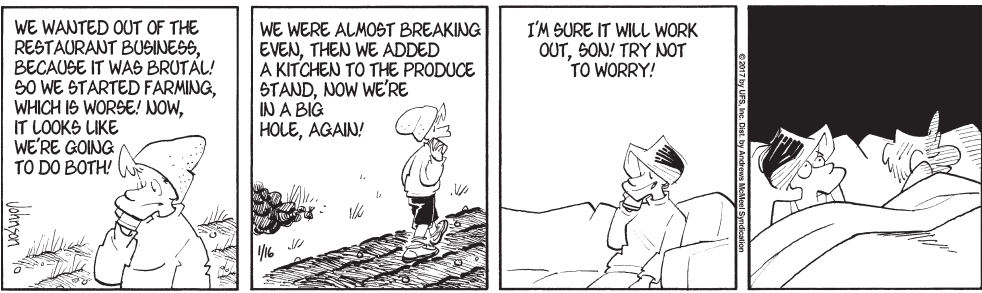
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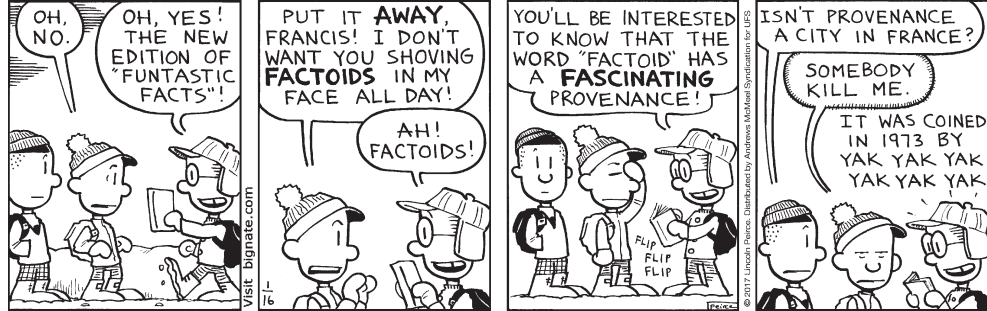
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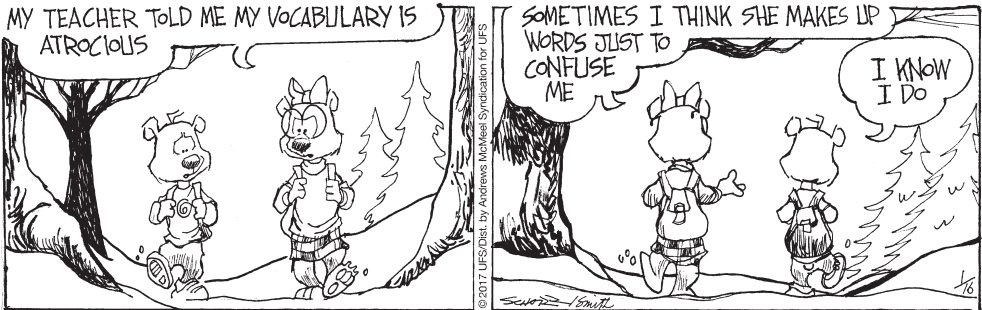
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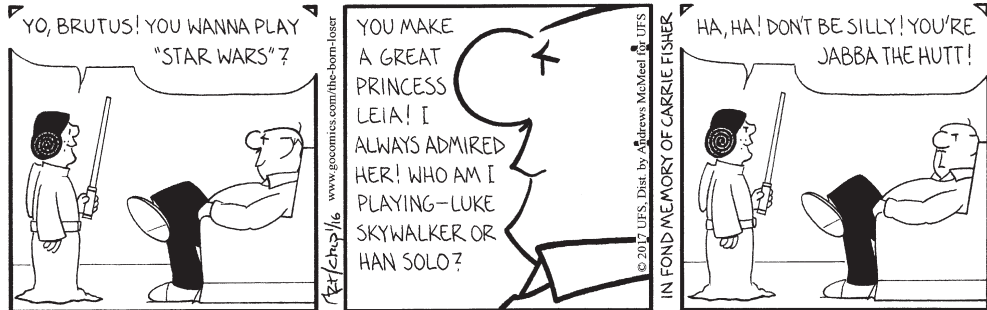
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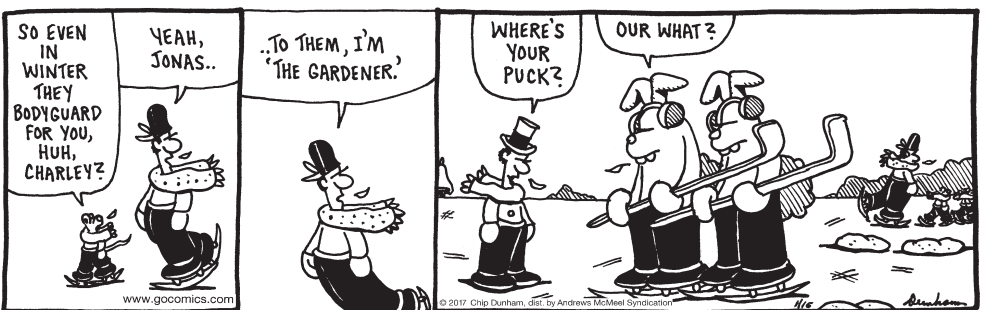
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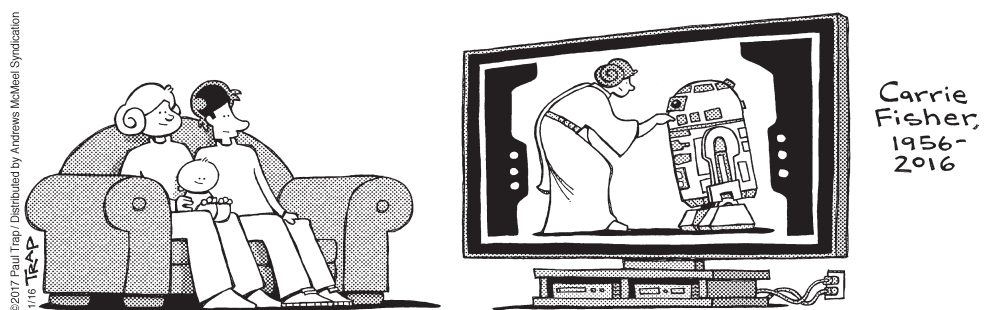
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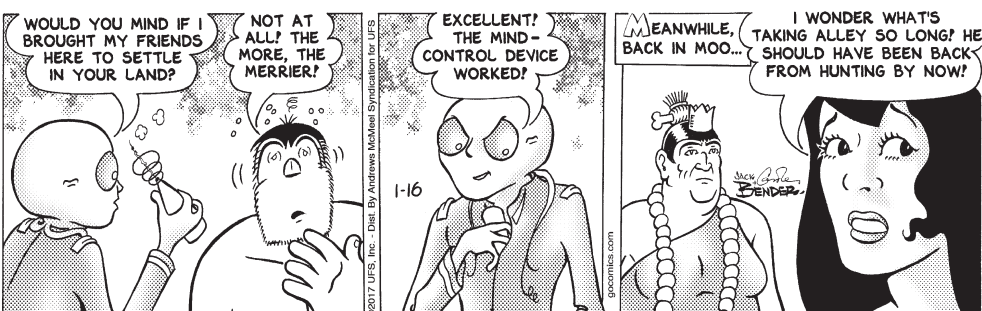
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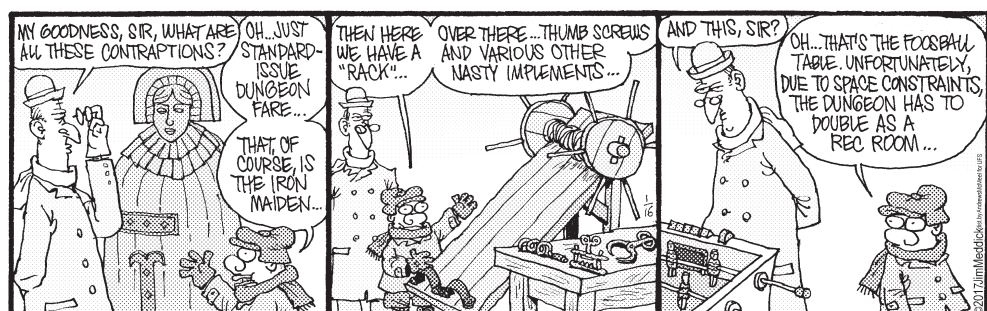
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by Bill Biggar and Tom Gauer

1/16/17

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THE TRIAL COURT
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Docket No. ES16C0402CA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Essex Probate and Family Court
45 Congress Street
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In the matter of: Grace Katharine Gamst
Of: Saugus, MA
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02/20/2017
Witness, Hon. Jennifer M.R. Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 9, 2017

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate

Item: January 16, 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Essex Probate and Family Court
45 Congress Street
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Docket No. ES15D0811DR

Anna R Clifford vs. Timothy L Clifford

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WITNESS, Hon. Jennifer M.R. Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 20, 2016

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate

Item: January 16, 2017

LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. ES16P1164EA
Essex Probate and Family Court
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Estate of:
Scott B. Lindquist
Date of Death: 02/25/2016
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requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
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Estate of: Katherine C Germain
Also known as: Katherine Cecelia Germain
Date of Death: 08/02/2013
To all interested persons:
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requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting, adjudicate a final settlement, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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People use a public wifi hotspot in Havana, Cuba on Jan. 6.

Cuba sees explosion in internet access as ties with US grow

By Andrea Rodriguez
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — Two days before Christmas, Luis Gonzalez received a little Chinese modem from Cuba's state-owned telecommunications company. The 55-year-old theater producer connected the device to his phone and his laptop computer, which instantly lit up with a service unimaginable in the Cuba of just a few years ago — relatively fast home internet.

"It's really easy to sit and find whatever you need," Gonzalez said as he sat in his living room updating his Facebook account, listening to Uruguayan radio online and checking an arriving tourist's landing time for a neighbor who rents rooms in their building in historic Old Havana. "Most Cubans aren't used to this convenience."

Home internet came to Cuba last month in a limited pilot program that's part of the most dramatic change in daily life here since the declaration of detente with the United States on Dec. 17, 2014.

While Cuba remains one of the world's least internet-connected societies, ordinary citizens' access to the internet has exploded over the last two years. Since the summer of 2015, the Cuban government has opened 240 public Wi-Fi spots in parks and on street corners across the country. Cubans were previously restricted to decrepit state internet clubs and hotels that charged \$6-\$8 for an hour of slow internet.

In a country with an average monthly salary of around \$25, the price of an hour online has dropped to \$1.50, still steep but

now well within the range of many Cubans with private income or financial help from relatives abroad.

The government estimates that 100,000 Cubans connect to the internet daily. A new feature of urban life in Cuba is the sight of people sitting at all hours on street corners or park benches, their faces illuminated by the screen of smartphones connected by applications such as Facebook Messenger to relatives in Miami, Ecuador or other outposts of the Cuban diaspora. Connections are made mostly through access cards sold by the state monopoly and often resold on street corners for higher prices.

The spread of connectivity has remotely reunited families separated for years, even decades. It's fueled the spread of Air-

bnb and other booking services that have funneled millions in business to private bed-and-breakfasts owners. And it's exposed Cubans to a faster flow of news and cultural developments from the outside world — supplementing the widespread availability of media spread on memory drivers.

Cuban ingenuity has spread internet far beyond those public places: thousands of people grab the public signals through commercially available repeaters, imported illegally into Cuba and often sold for about \$100 — double the original price. Mounted on rooftops, the repeaters grab the public signals and create a form of home internet increasingly available in private rentals for tourists and cafes and restaurants for Cubans and visitors alike.

Venue where a young Bob Dylan played reopens

By Chris Carola
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Bob Dylan would surely still recognize the low-ceilinged room in Caffe Lena where he played a couple of gigs almost 60 years ago.

But just about everything else about a venue that bills itself as the nation's oldest continuously operating coffeehouse has undergone some major upgrades as part of a \$2 million renovation project bankrolled in part by folk music performers themselves.

Dylan performed twice there early in his career, when the young singer born in Minnesota as Robert Zimmerman was just making his way onto New York City's folk scene. The same brown wooden shutters bracket the windows and the same exposed brick wall provides background for the corner where he sang and played acoustic guitar during weekend per-

formances in 1961 and '62. But the old plank floor worn smooth by countless tapping feet is gone, replaced by a new hardwood version. The narrow staircase leading to the second-floor venue also has been replaced, as has the small stage, sound system, kitchen and restrooms. Seating has been boosted from 85 to about 105, and wine and beer are being served for the first time in the venerable coffeehouse's history.

Yet when the newly installed lighting dims and the night's performer hits the first chord, Caffe Lena still has the intimate setting that generations of musicians and folk music fans have come to revere.

"It's a legendary place," said Jeff Place, archivist for Smithsonian Folkways, the nonprofit record label of the Smithsonian Institution. "For singer-songwriters, playing there is like playing Carnegie Hall for classical musicians."



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Bob Dylan, left, his girlfriend Suze Rotolo center and Lena Spencer gather around a table at her coffeehouse, Caffe Lena in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in 1962.

Dolce&Gabbana court millennials, Armani reinterprets the classics

By Colleen Barry
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN — If turmoil brings innovation and renovation, Italian menswear is in for a creative burst.

Fashion houses are continuing their reboot of Milan Fashion Week menswear offerings, with notables like Bottega Veneta and Gucci sitting out this round, preferring to combine menswear and womenswear previews next month. That is making room for a plethora of newcomers.

The data indicates that menswear is worth the re-think. Euromonitor market research forecasts that between now and 2020, growth in sales for men's attire and accessories globally will outpace that of women. Last year alone, Italian menswear produced 9 billion euros in revenue.

Here are some highlights Saturday of menswear previews for next fall and winter on the first day of Milan Fashion Week:

COURTING MILLENNIALS

Dolce&Gabbana have one-upped themselves, moving the young millennial crowd that has populated their front row in recent seasons onto the runway.

Pop star Austin Mahone, dapper in a tux with tapered legs, set the mood, dancing up and down the runway throughout the show, making the moves on the ladies, who included Sylvester Stallone's three daughters.

Dolce&Gabbana's show was titled "The New Princes" and it's clear that they are catering to a young, selfie-savvy generation bred on social media. In an ultimate branding move, the designing pair created a pair of faceQ app-like images of themselves on jackets and sweaters.

Alongside the brand's trademark tailored suits,



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Models wear a creation for the Versace men's Fall-Winter 2017-2018 collection, part of the Milan Fashion Week, unveiled on Saturday.

the new collection includes zany plush animal head hoods or backpacks, and Rasta knit hats or crowns over baseball caps, fun-loving Harajuku touches for a generation that prizes its juvenile side. Jeans and jackets were covered with appliques, with royal motifs alongside the brand's typical religious imagery, a display as breathless as the new generation of star power on the runway.

CROSS CULTURAL

The new Versace man is both a traveler who means business and a sportsman who knows how to relax.

His suits fit close to the body, paired with dark glasses and two-toned sneakers, topped with double-breasted overcoats, knitted blanket jackets or belted trenchcoats. After hours, he relaxes with hoodies under bomb-

er jackets, worn with the day's trousers or athletic pants. And on the weekend, he hits the outdoors in plaid shirts and shearling coats.

Models crisscrossed the runway beneath arched gates, suggesting a Middle Eastern market. The exotic vibe also was reflected in ethnic patterns that cut diagonally along jackets, or were put tile-like on bombers.

Versace's neoclassic Greek patterns were replaced this round with photographic prints of classical sculptures.

"This is a collection about the different tribes of Versace men," Do-

natella Versace wrote in show notes, "and the powerful positivity that can happen when men from different places, different cultures join together."



A model wears a creation for Dolce & Gabbana men's Fall-Winter 2017-2018 collection.



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Herbert Diess, chairman of the Volkswagen brand, poses with the I.D. Buzz all-electric concept van, at the North American International Auto Show, in Detroit.

Auto show concepts: Would you build them or forget them?

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DETROIT — Car companies don't just show current models at auto shows. They also unveil prototypes that could be built in the future. These so-called concept cars help them gauge the public's reaction to new designs or technology. They can also amp up excitement about a company's future.

These are some of the concept vehicles on display at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, which opens to the public Saturday. As show visitors check out these concepts they should ask themselves: Would I build it or bag it?

VOLKSWAGEN I.D. BUZZ

The latest incarnation of VW's groovy, 1960s minibus is the I.D. Buzz. VW says I.D. stands for "identity" and "iconic design." The "buzz" refers to the whirring sound of the electric drive system, which can take the minivan up to 270 miles on a charge. The I.D. Buzz seats up to eight and lets the driver's seat face the rear when the minivan is in self-driving mode. VW minibuses haven't been sold in the U.S. since the 1970s, but the company

has released several concepts over the years that take their styling cues from the beloved minibus. This one would fit neatly with VW's goal of selling 1 million electric vehicles annually by 2025.

INFINITI QX50

Infiniti hints at the future design of its midsize SUV with the QX50. Its flowing lines resemble other, newer members of the Infiniti family, like the smaller QX30. The concept has an advanced semi-autonomous driving system that can take over for the driver in some situations, like stop-and-go traffic. It also has a significantly more efficient engine. Infiniti is expected to build a model very close to the concept version that will go on sale next year.

LINCOLN NAVIGATOR

Automakers often load up concept vehicles with features that might not make it into production. Take the concept Lincoln Navigator. Giant gullwing doors in the rear and three steps that unfold to help occupants climb in aren't likely to be seen in dealer showroom. Still, the sleek, wagon-like shape gives a clue that the new Navigator will be a sharp departure from the current, truck-like one, which debuted in 1997.

HEALTH

Gadget mountain rising in Asia threatens health, environment

By Stephen Wright
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JAKARTA, Indonesia — The waste from discarded electronic gadgets and electrical appliances has reached severe levels in East Asia, posing a growing threat to health and the environment unless safe disposal becomes the norm.

China was the biggest culprit with its electronic waste more than doubling, according to a new study by the United Nations University. But nearly every country in the region had massive increases between 2010 and 2015, including those least equipped to deal with the growing mountain of discarded smartphones, computers, TVs, air conditioners and other goods.

On average, electronic waste in the 12 countries in the study had increased by nearly two thirds in the five years, totaling 12.3 million tons in 2015 alone.

Rising incomes in Asia, burgeoning populations of young adults, rapid obsolescence of products due to technological innovation and changes in fashion, on top of illegal global trade in waste, are among factors driving the increases.



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A worker arranges used electronic equipment at a repair shop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Friday.

“Consumers in Asia now replace their gadgets more frequently. In addition, many products are designed for low cost production, but not necessarily repair, refurbishment or easy recycling,” said the study. It urges governments to enact specific laws for management of electronic waste or rigorously enforce existing legislation.

Only South Korea, Taiwan and Japan have long established recycling systems based on laws introduced in the 1990s. Open

dumping of lead- and mercury-laden components, open burning of plastics to release encased copper and unsafe backyard operations to extract precious metals are the norm in most countries including Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia, which also lack laws governing the treatment of electronic and electrical waste.

The study said open burning and unsafe recycling is associated with a slew of health problems for workers and communi-

ties near recycling operations. They include infertility, childhood development problems, impaired lung function, liver and kidney damage, inheritable genetic damage and mental health problems.

Backyard recyclers are after gold, silver, palladium and copper, mainly from printed circuit boards, but the crude acid bath extraction process releases toxic fumes and is also inefficient, recovering only a portion of the valuable material.

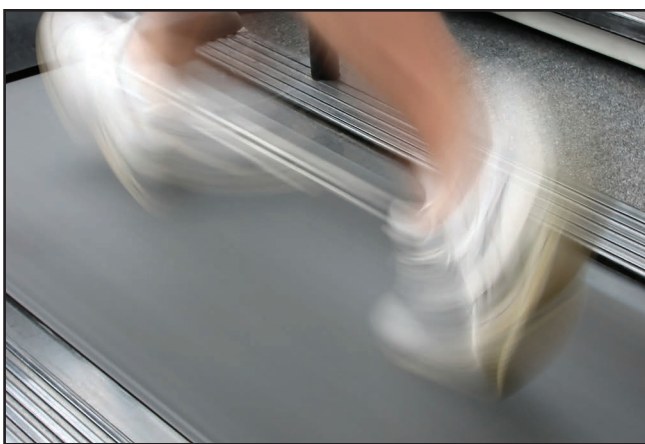


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What you eat could impact your workout. Follow these tips to maximize their effectiveness.

5 nutrition tips to maximize your workouts

(TNS) — Did you know when and what you eat can have an impact on your workout? Eating and exercise are connected.

According to Dr. John M. Murphy, Family Medicine, Mayo Clinic Health System, you can maximize the effectiveness of your workouts by using a few tips:

EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST

If you exercise in the morning, get up early enough to finish breakfast at least one hour before your workout. This will give you energy and raise your blood sugar. If you don't eat, you might feel sluggish or lightheaded when you exercise. Good breakfast options include whole-grain cereals or bread, bananas, and yogurt. A cup of coffee is OK, too. Emphasize carbohydrates for maximum energy.

SIZE MATTERS

You want to be careful not to overeat before exercise. Eat large meals at least three to four hours before exercising. Small meals should be eaten two to three hours before exer-

cising. You can have small snacks an hour before exercising. Eating too much can leave you sluggish, and eating too little may not give you the energy to stay strong during your workout.

SNACK WELL

Most people can eat small snacks right before and during exercise. It's important to do what feels best for you. Snacks shortly before exercising probably won't give you an energy boost, but they can help maintain blood sugar levels and prevent distracting hunger pains. Good snack options include energy bars, yogurt, low-fat granola bars and peanut butter sandwiches.

EAT AFTER YOU EXERCISE

Eating after you exercise will help your muscles recover. If possible, within two hours, you'll want to eat a meal that contains protein and carbohydrates. Good post-workout food choices include yogurt and fruit, peanut butter sandwiches, pasta with meatballs and chicken with brown rice.

IRS letters nudge the uninsured to get coverage

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WASHINGTON — If you haven't signed up for health insurance, you may soon be getting a not-too-subtle nudge from the taxman.

The IRS is sending personalized letters to millions of taxpayers who might be uninsured, reminding them that they could be on the hook for hundreds of dollars in fines under the federal health care law if they don't sign up soon through HealthCare.gov. It's an unusual role for a revenue-collection agency.

Fines are one of the most unpopular parts of the 2010 health overhaul, and there's a high likelihood they'll get repealed by Republicans, even if other parts of “Obamacare” survive. The administration is counting on IRS reminders to help sign up as many people as possible before open enrollment ends Jan. 31. That's soon after officials hand off President Barack Obama's signature program to a Trump administration committed to “repeal and replace.”

Letters bearing the IRS logo will be sent to an estimated 7.5 million people who either claimed an exemption from the law's requirement that most Americans carry health insurance, or who paid a penalty for being uninsured during the 2015 tax year. The coverage requirement was included in the law as a way to get

healthy people into the insurance pool, helping to keep premiums in check.

The penalty for this year could be \$2,085 or more, depending on family size and income, says one draft version of the IRS letter. Another draft takes a somewhat different approach, leaving a blank space for the IRS to provide an individualized estimate of what the particular uninsured taxpayer might owe.

The drafts were obtained by The Associated Press. Although the administration has made no secret of the IRS role in open enrollment this year, officials have not responded to requests for copies of the actual letters.

Republicans say the whole thing is a waste of money. The campaign will cost about \$4 million, say congressional aides.

“People receiving these letters have already made up their minds about Obamacare when they applied for an exemption or paid a penalty,” said House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas. “They don't want stock letters. They want better health care choices and lower costs.”

Supporters of the health care law say research has shown that many people who remain uninsured are still unaware that they can go to HealthCare.gov and qualify for government subsidies to help pay their premiums. Those subsidies were designed as tax credits, bringing the IRS into the picture.

By Barbara Rodriguez
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DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa's governor has proposed cutting funding for needy kids as part of his plan to defund Planned Parenthood, a rare step even as Republican-dominated states grapple with whether to sacrifice federal dollars in order to lessen the organization's influence.

According to budget projections reviewed by The Associated Press, Gov. Terry Branstad has recommended taking \$2.8 million previously given to child and family services so it can be redirected to create a roughly \$3.3 million program that distributes family planning money to organizations that do not perform abortions.

None of Iowa's family planning money is used to fund abortions, and the state's funding for Planned Parenthood goes to other



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Republican Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad delivers his annual condition of the state address before a joint session of the Iowa Legislature, at the Statehouse in Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday.

women's health services such as birth control counseling and health exams.

Iowa receives more than \$3 million in federal Medicaid funding that it must spend on family planning services, and some of that is tied to Planned Parenthood.

Branstad, who is expected to resign soon from his Iowa job to become Presi-

dent-elect Donald Trump's ambassador to China, told legislators in an address last week that he supports removing state funding for Planned Parenthood to redirect it to other groups. His office later confirmed to the AP that the governor backed the creation of a state-run program that would pass up millions of

federal Medicaid dollars for family planning services.

Branstad's office said it would pay for the state-run program by tapping into the Social Services Block Grant, a separate pot of federal money that provides aid to vulnerable children, adults and families.

Ben Hammes, a spokesman for Branstad, originally insisted that services provided by this roughly \$15 million fund would not be affected. He backtracked after reviewing documents provided by AP.

Amy McCoy, spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Human Services, said core services such as foster care wouldn't be affected by Branstad's proposed cut, which would take effect for the budget year beginning in July. But she confirmed the governor's plan would mean less funding for preventative programs that reduce the chance of children entering welfare and the juvenile justice system.

Minnesota creatives use art to connect with dementia patients

By Jenna Ross
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Something happened when Brant Kingman handed his mother a colored pencil.

In the three years since Polly Penney, 87, was diagnosed with dementia, she had lost much of her short-term memory and some of her language. So she would ask Kingman the same question again, then again. Out of “absolute out-of-my-mind frustration,” Kingman, an artist, decided to try drawing together.

Penney grew quiet. Her shoulders loosened. “It silenced her so we could sit together,” Kingman said. “And then every now and then, lucid thoughts would appear to her.”

Almost unintentionally, he tapped into a national trend: using art as therapy for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. There are now art workshops for Alzheimer's patients. Painting, poetry and pottery classes are tailored to dementia's tics. Giving Voice Chorus,



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Minneapolis artist Brant Kingman and his mother, Polly Penney, 87, have worked together on art such as this angel, made of found sticks and feathers.

a pair of Twin Cities choirs for people with dementia, has created a tool kit so other cities might start their own.

Neurological disorders that attack memory and verbal communication can spare creativity, some research shows. In special cases, Alzheimer's and frontotemporal demen-

tia can even kick artistic ability into overdrive, said Dr. Bruce Miller, a neurologist at the University of California, San Francisco. If the disease attacks circuits on one side of the brain, he said, it might spark an interest or ability in the other side.

“It's all about the geography,” said Miller, director

of the university's Memory and Aging Center. “It's where the disease hits that is a determinant of what is lost — but sometimes what is gained.”

Partly because it offers another way to communicate, art therapy is “going to become, more and more, a regular part of how we look after people,” he said.