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Burglar convicted, jailed

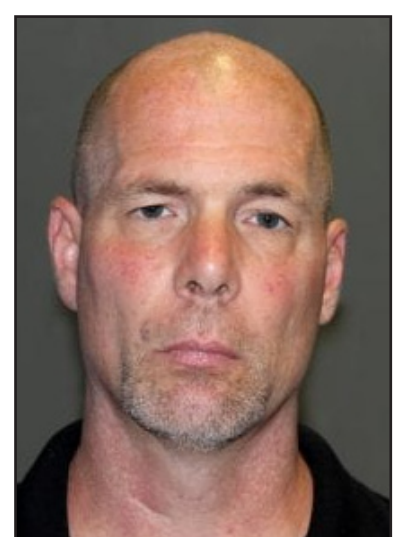
By CARL E. HARTDEGEN
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – A Green Avenue resident with a history with city police has been sent to jail for a year after pleading guilty to his most recent infraction, a nighttime burglary of a neighbor's home while the residents were sleeping.

Michael R. Hiltbrand, 47, of 5 Green Ave., Westfield, pleaded guilty in Westfield District Court Wednesday to charges of larceny from a building and breaking and entering a building in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony. Judge William O'Grady sentenced Hiltbrand to a year in the house of correction for the larceny charge and placed him on probation for two years for the breaking and entering charge.

The charges stemmed from an July 17 incident when city police responded to a Green Avenue address because a resident reported that two windows of his home had been broken overnight and a television and crockpot had been stolen.

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MICHAEL R. HILTBRAND



World Series Opener

The Westfield Babe Ruth team practices under an early evening sun before their game with Fargo ND. See additional photos and stories in today's Sports Section. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

Firefighter replacement strategy approved

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Fire Commission this week approved Fire Chief Patrick Egloff's plan to replace open firefighter positions.

By the end of August there will be three vacant positions, and because Egloff requires all new firefighters to also be paramedics, the available pool of applicants is slim. In fact, Egloff said there are no civil service candidates who are currently both a firefighter and paramedic. He said there are three basic firefighter/EMT candidates, one of which is currently in paramedic school.

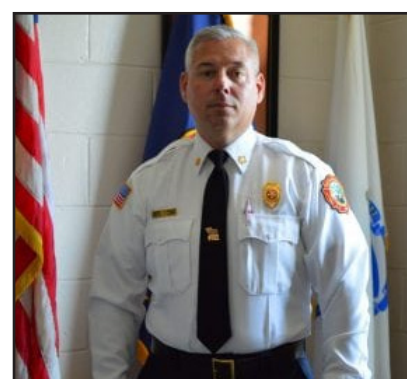
"My recommendation is we call for a Westfield basic EMT list and when we hire, prior to them signing, they will agree to become a paramedic within 28 months of being hired," said Egloff.

It takes approximately 28 months to obtain paramedic certification.

Fire Commission Chair Albert J. Masciadrelli said this recommendation was cleared through the proper departments.

"There's an agreement worked out with the law department and the union," he said. "When they come

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PATRICK EGLOFF
Westfield Fire Chief

Mullen: Mayoral run was 'late decision'

By AMY PORTER
Associated Press

WESTFIELD – Andrew Mullen, 33, of Shaker Road, was the last of four candidates to pull papers for a run as mayor of a Westfield, which he returned on Tuesday.

"It was a bit of a late decision," Mullen said this week. "I thought it was a good idea to get some fresh ideas into Westfield." He said this will be his first campaign running for anything.

Mullen, who graduated from Westfield High School in 2004 after attending elementary school in Holyoke and Chicopee, moved back to the city three years ago. He describes himself as a single father, whose son, Aiden will be turning seven the day before the Sept. 24 preliminary election, and



Mayoral candidate Andrew Mullen with his son, Aiden. (Photo submitted)

will be attending first grade at Munger Hill Elementary School.

He said his son is part of the reason he wanted to get involved, to try to use creative thinking to get more programs for the schools. Water is also a hot button issue for him. He wants to make sure that it's the best that Westfield can get.

Mullen said he was involved in different community organizations in high school, including as a volunteer with special education projects, and while he was a student at Holyoke Community College.

"I've worked in a lot of different places," Mullen said, adding that he's managed restaurants, worked in hotels, at Dunkin Donuts and at Big Y. "I know the

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Mike Tierney stands in front of his yaks at his East Mountain Road farm. (Photo by Danielle Eaton)

Tierney's yaks are unique, 'unusual'

By DANIELLE EATON
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – Mike Tierney's yaks were the talk of the town in West Springfield recently after they were spotted at Bear Hole Reservoir.

The three large, furry animals with long horns had escaped while Tierney was out of town, and were spotted by someone that morning after the yaks were said to have charged at a dog and their owner. Warnings went out from police, the mayor, and animal control about the sighting, cautioning anyone in the area to be careful.

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Deadline nears for Miss Westfield Fair Pageant

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD — Kim Starsiak "loves" being a part of the Miss Westfield Fair Pageant.

"I've been involved with the pageant since I was 4," said Starsiak, noting that was more than 40 years ago.

Starsiak, who owns and is the artistic director for the All-Stars Dance Center on Root Road, has been serving as pageant director for three years.

"I enjoy this role because it gives everybody an opportunity to really be a positive part of the community," she said.

The pageant will take place Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. during the Westfield Fair on Russellville Road. The deadline to complete a registration form is Aug. 15.

Starsiak noted the pageant encompasses formal wear, sportswear, talent and photogenic categories.

"They start at age 3 months, male or female, and we even have Mrs. Pioneer Valley for 30 years and up," said Starsiak, adding, "Anyone who loves their community should give it a try."



Meghan Lacas, who was crowned Miss Westfield 2018, is seen with her mother, Tracy Lacas, at the Westfield Fair. Tracy Lacas had competed in the Mrs. Pioneer Valley competition. (Submitted photo)

Meghan Lacas, who was crowned Miss Westfield 2018, has made community service a top priority in her life. She is the daughter of Tracy and Robert Lacas. Currently, she is finishing U.S. Army National Guard basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. After basic training, she plans to major in criminal justice at Westfield State University and participate in the ROTC program.

"Meghan has always been involved in community service," said Tracy Lacas, adding her daughter graduated as a sergeant from the Westfield Police Youth Cadets Program.

Lacas noted she had "suggested" the pageant to Meghan since she was also a competitive dancer.

"Meghan can do the glitz and glamour and be serious," said Lacas. "I think it's important to open the doors and show our kids different experiences to try. Being involved in the community is beneficial for everyone."

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Happy 105th Birthday!

Special birthday wishes to our Fisher Family Matriarch; Anna Fisher Jasmin! On Thurs., Aug. 1, 2019 Anna celebrated her 105th birthday and enjoyed her birthday week with visits from family members, friends, telephone calls and cards with well wishes. Born in 1914 in the Mt Tom area, the family moved to Westfield for many years and in later years moved to Wilbraham. She now resides at Heritage Hall in Agawam and is grateful for kind and compassionate staff. She enjoys playing bingo, watching the birds in the courtyard and chatting with friends. Anna is proud to say she does not take one medication and wears a smile every day!

22 STORM NEWS TEAM LOCAL FORECAST

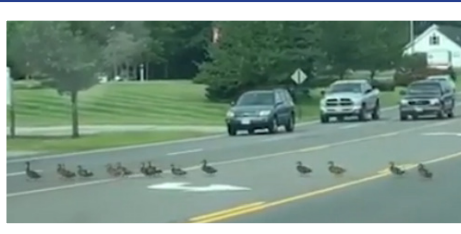
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59-60	77-79	77-79

Today, sunny, with a high near 83. Tonight, mostly clear, with a low around 59. West wind 3 to 7 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Saturday Night, mostly clear, with a low around 55. Sunday, sunny, with a high near 79. Northwest wind 5 to 8 mph. Sunday Night, mostly clear, with a low around 59. Monday, mostly sunny, with a high of 84. Monday Night, partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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ODDS & ENDS



All hands on duck! Drivers stop for dozens of ducks

BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP) — Dozens of ducklings have made a bid to create the world's cutest traffic jam in a Maine city. Even "Make Way for Ducklings" author Robert McCloskey couldn't have envisioned a scene like the one in Biddeford on Wednesday morning. Biddeford resident Karen Ramunno captured the scene on video as a mother duck guided 45 ducklings across a five-lane road. The mother duck shepherded the babies across in two waves, one of 22 and another of 23. WCSH-TV reports the impromptu duckling parade brought traffic to a standstill in both directions. All made it across safely. The adult duck was not likely the parent to all the young. One possible explanation for the abnormally large brood is that some bird species will group fledglings together to make it easier to care for them.

LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS
MASSACHUSETTS
Lucky For Life
 25-28-34-45-46, Lucky Ball: 18
MassCash 05-06-18-34-35
Mega Millions
 Estimated jackpot: \$60 million
Numbers Evening
 9-6-0-9
Numbers Midday
 3-9-9-8
Powerball
 Estimated jackpot: \$128 million



CONNECTICUT
Cash 5
 03-08-15-29-35
Lucky For Life
 25-28-34-45-46, Lucky Ball: 18
Lucky Links Day
 03-04-08-10-12-15-18-20
Lucky Links Night
 01-02-03-04-13-15-17-19
Play3 Day 8-9-4
Play3 Night 9-0-0
Play4 Day 7-6-7-3
Play4 Night 7-1-7-0

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS FRIDAY, AUG. 9, THE 221ST DAY OF 2019. THERE ARE 144 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On August 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress code-named Bockscar dropped a nuclear device ("Fat Man") over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

ON THIS DATE:
 In 1854, Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," which described Thoreau's experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts, was first published.

In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of Britain following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

In 1910, the U.S. Patent Office granted Alva J. Fisher of the Hurley Machine Co. a patent for an electrically powered washing machine.

In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1944, 258 African-American sailors based at Port Chicago, California, refused to load a munitions ship following a cargo vessel explosion that killed 320 men, many of them black. (Fifty of the sailors were convicted of mutiny, fined and imprisoned.)

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974, Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the nation's 38th chief executive as President Richard Nixon's resignation took effect.

In 1982, a federal judge in Washington ordered John W.

Hinckley Jr., who'd been acquitted of shooting President Ronald Reagan and three others by reason of insanity, committed to a mental hospital.

In 1985, a federal judge in Norfolk, Virginia, found retired Navy officer Arthur J. Walker guilty of seven counts of spying for the Soviet Union. (Walker, who was sentenced to life, died in prison in 2014 at the age of 79.)

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan nominated Lauro Cavazos (kah-VAH'-zohs) to be secretary of education; Cavazos became the first Hispanic to serve in the Cabinet.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, died in Forest Knolls, California, of a heart attack at age 53.

In 2004, Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, addressing a court for the first time, asked victims of the blast for forgiveness as a judge sentenced him to 161 consecutive life sentences.

TEN YEARS AGO:
 President Barack Obama flew to Guadalajara, Mexico, for a two-day speed summit with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Iraqi authorities arrested British contractor Danny Fitzsimons in the shooting deaths of two co-workers in Baghdad's protected Green Zone. (Fitzsimons was convicted by an Iraqi court in 2011 and sentenced to 20 years in prison.)

FIVE YEARS AGO:
 Michael Brown Jr., an unarmed 18-year-old black man, was shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri; Brown's death led to sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities,

spawning a national "Black Lives Matter" movement.

ONE YEAR AGO:
 Vice President Mike Pence announced plans for a new, separate U.S. Space Force as a sixth military service by 2020. The parents of first lady Melania Trump were sworn in as U.S. citizens; they had been living in the country as permanent residents. Player demonstrations again took place at several early NFL preseason games, with two Philadelphia Eagles players raising their fists during the national anthem. Evacuation orders expanded to 20,000 as a wildfire that had been intentionally set moved perilously close to homes in Southern California.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:
 Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Cousy is 91. Actress Cynthia Harris is 85. Tennis Hall of Famer Rod Laver is 81. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 77. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 77. Actor Sam Elliott is 75. Singer Barbara Mason is 72. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player John Cappelletti is 67. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Doug Williams is 64. Actress Melanie Griffith is 62. Actress Amanda Bearse is 61. Rapper Kurtis Blow is 60. Hockey Hall of Famer Brett Hull is 55. TV host Hoda Kotb (HOH'-duh KAHT'-bee) is 55. Actor Pat Petersen is 53. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders is 52. Actress Gillian Anderson is 51. Actor Eric Bana is 51. Producer-director McG (aka Joseph McGinty Nichol) is 51. NHL player-turned-coach Rod Brind'Amour is 49. TV anchor Chris Cuomo is 49. Actor Thomas Lennon is 49. Rock musician Arion Salazar is 49. Rapper Mack 10 is 48. Actress Nikki Schieler Ziering is 48. Latin rock singer Juanes is 47. Actress Liz Vassey is 47. Actor Kevin McKidd is 46. Actress Rhona Mitra is 44. Actor Texas Battle is 43. Actress Jessica Capshaw is 43. Actress Ashley Johnson is 36. Actress Anna Kendrick is 34.

Yaks

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A few hours later the yaks were corralled, contained, and taken back to Tierney's farm in Westfield. The next morning, the West Springfield Animal Control shared a photo of the hairy mammals in their new, secure pens, but people and news outlets from Connecticut to Boston were still "yakking" about the unusual sighting.

Tierney, of Maple Brook Alpaca Farm, has a background in livestock. Before the yaks, he owned and showed a herd of about 300 alpacas. "The alpacas, when we got them, were very rare in this part of the country," he said. "We bought those in '93 and were the first ones in the state, and one of the first ones in New England to have alpacas."

However, Tierney said "By 2007 it pretty much ran its course. The market wasn't as strong, and the supply and the demand kept growing." So he sold all but 10 alpacas, but wasn't done with unique animals just yet.

Tierney told Reminder Publishing he was first introduced yaks, which are native to Tibet and parts of Asia, while at a livestock show in Denver, CO, about three years ago. The domesticated animal has many agricultural uses including for milk and meat. Additionally, the animal's hair or "fiber" can be used to make rugs, clothes, ropes, and even blankets.

The usefulness of their hair wasn't the only reason Tierney was drawn to the animals, though. He said a variety of reasons led him to bring the yaks to Westfield, including their ability to defend themselves against predators, the fact that they aren't a high maintenance animal, and if he did decide to raise them for meat there would be a lot of product to sell.

However, the main reason he liked the idea of having yaks was largely due to their uniqueness. "They're very unusual to have on the East Coast," he said. "What I do enjoy on the farm is to have something that no one else has."

After the livestock show, Tierney got in touch with Mark and Suzanne Drumm, who own Bentwood Alpacas and Yaks in Tully, NY and breed yaks. Soon, Tierny's yaks, Kicker, Dahli, and a small unnamed baby, were in a trailer and on their way to Westfield.

While most yaks just eat hay or graze on grass, Tierney's yaks also enjoy grain. This, he said, is because he thinks they look better when they're fed grain and it makes him feel better. The true benefit of the grain, however, showed that July morning when workers were trying to capture the yaks after they'd gotten loose.

"When I feed them I tap on the bucket and I call them in, so they relate that message to food," Tierney explained. "So I thought if they ever got loose I'd have a way of calling them in, and obviously it worked because they got loose and we brought them in that way."

He also told Reminder Publishing that the yaks are truly



Mike Tierney's grandson, Ray, stands with his yaks at his farm in Westfield. (Photo by Danielle Eaton)

gentle creatures, despite the reports of them charging at someone. "The person had a large dog with them, and they allowed the dog to go up and be close, if not touch noses with the yak. A dog to the yak is a predator, so all the yak was doing was defending itself and chasing off the predator," he said.

Tierney and his family have grown to care for and enjoy taking care of the yaks. His grandson, Ray, climbed in and out of the yak pen, petting the animals, and giving them food and water. However, Tierney said as much as he loves the animal, he's not sure he'll expand the herd any further in the future.

"I want to really just see if I'm up for the challenge, everything about the care is much, much different. You need better fences, you need chutes, you need ways of handling them, ways of treating them, and ways of giving them vaccinations and trimming their feet," he explained. "I'm not sure I really want to do that. This is my second season with them, and I'm leaning towards this is enough."

One unexpected benefit of the great Western Massachusetts yak escape, however, was that it brought people together that he hadn't heard from in years or didn't even know. "People volunteered to come over and help me with the fences, catch the animals, and it just brought a lot of old friends and people I didn't even know together to help out," he said.

Tierney said while "anything is possible," it is unlikely the yaks will escape again as they've been moved to a smaller, more secure enclosure. However, Tierney is a trustee with the Big E and is in talks to have the animals at the fair so that people from all over New England can see the animals every-one spent weeks yakking about.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

WESTFIELD

- Council on Aging at 1 p.m.
- License Commission at 6 p.m.
- City Council Sub Committee Zoning, Planning and Development at 6:30 p.m.
- Park & Rec Meeting is cancelled

SOUTHWICK:

- Board of Assessors Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

BLANDFORD:

- Conservation Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.
- Selectboard Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Zoning Board Meeting at 7 p.m.

TOLLAND:

- Board of Selectmen at 5 p.m.

CHESTER:

- Conservation Commission Meeting at 5 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 p.m.
- Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

TOLLAND:

- Council on Aging at 9 a.m.
- Conservation Commission at 3 p.m.

CHESTER:

- Municipal Light Department Meeting at 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

BLANDFORD:

- Fire Department Meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

WESTFIELD:

- City Council at 7 p.m.

BLANDFORD:

- Library Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CHESTER:

- Municipal Light Department Meeting at 6 p.m.

Miss Westfield

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Lacas also walked the talk and entered the Mrs. Pioneer Valley category. While she didn't win, Lacas said, "I was way out of my comfort zone but was excited to do something with my daughter."

Lacas said Meghan is a "very humble person" and is most proud when she is giving back to her community, which included representing the city as Miss Westfield during the past year.

"She cherishes the moments being involved as Miss Westfield," said Lacas.

Nicole Della Ripa, now 12, shared a similar sentiment. She was crowned Miss Pioneer Valley 2018 and is the daughter of Elaine and Angelo Della Ripa.

"I was a little nervous at first when I heard about the pageant," said Della Ripa, who is a competitive dancer. She will be attending Westfield Middle School in the fall.

Della Ripa said she was "really excited" when her name was announced as the winner. "It's a really big honor," said Della Ripa. "As Miss Pioneer Valley I've marched in the Big E Parade, the Veterans' Day Parade, and attended festivals in the city including Westfield Food Fest and the PumpkinFest."

Della Ripa added that because of this role, it has opened her eyes to become more involved in new opportunities.

"I would encourage others to enter the pageant," said Della Ripa, adding, "It's a really fun thing to do."

Starsiak concurred.

"It's a chance to win a cash scholarship, have the honor of being crowned a queen or king in your community, and give back to



Nicole Della Ripa, who was crowned Miss Pioneer Valley 2018 at the Westfield Fair, encourages young people to participate in the annual pageant. (Submitted photo)



Kim Starsiak serves as director of the Miss Westfield Fair Pageant. (Submitted photo)

your community," said Starsiak. "It truly takes a village to make great people and I love, love, love giving back."

Starsiak also encouraged adults to enter the Mrs. Pioneer Valley category.

"Adults should consider being a part because it helps get them out of their comfort zone and show them that with a little perseverance, anything is possible," said Starsiak.

For more details about the pageant and to receive a registration form, contact Starsiak at (413) 572-1122. Messages can also be sent to Starsiak via the Westfield Fair Pageant Facebook page.

Senator Humason announces Westfield Office Hours

WESTFIELD - State Sen. Donald F. Humason Jr. (R-Second Hampden and Hampshire) and staff will be hosting hours **Aug. 12** from 11 a.m. – noon at the Westfield Council on Aging, 45 Noble St.

All are welcome to come, visit, and share their thoughts or concerns on state matters with Senator Humason and his staff.

In addition to office hours throughout the district, Senator Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at the Senator's district office, located at 64 Noble Street in Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead is recommended. Humason's district office staff can be reached at (413) 568-1366.

Staff in his Boston office can be reached at (617) 722-1415 for legislative matters. Senator Humason's email address is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov Senator Humason represents the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District, which consists of the cities of: Agawam, Easthampton, Holyoke, Westfield, and parts of the city of Chicopee; and the towns of Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick and Tolland.

Local Legislators Hold Office Hours at the Westfield Senior Center

WESTFIELD — Representative John Velis and/or his Legislative Aide, Emily Swanson holds office hours at the Westfield Senior Center every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. City Council President Ralph Figy is generally at the Senior Center on the third Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. Please take advantage of these opportunities to meet with your local Westfield legislators and ask questions, voice your opinion, or just put a face with a name. The Westfield Senior Center is located at 45 Noble Street.

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On budgets and elections

By G. MICHAEL DOBBS
Managing Editor

Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law this week the new state budget for FY20 that includes a lot more money for education.

This is very good news for the number of communities in the Commonwealth that have struggled with fulfilling the educational needs of students while coping with various mandates imposed upon them, often unfunded.



G. MICHAEL DOBBS

From the press release issued by the governor's office: "The budget builds on the Administration's previous investments to implement the Foundation Budget Review Commission's recommendations, and includes significant new funding for school districts to meet the cost of educating low-income students, English language learners, and students with special needs, as well as to address the rising cost of health care."

"In addition to \$5.2 billion in Chapter 70 aid – an increase of \$268 million over Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19 – the budget includes \$115 million for charter school reimbursements for local school districts, a significant \$25 million increase to support an updated formula to reimburse districts for charter school tuition increases, including an increase in the facilities stipend for charter schools."

This is great for one year, but it's the reform in how educational funding is determined that still needs to be completed.

Members of the Legislature to whom I've spoken have all said they are committed to get a Foundation Budget legislation passed that will more fairly fund schools. I'm sure Baker is also sincerely committed to finding a solution, especially since one was not found during the last session.

We need reform. We need a formula that provides a level of funding that is fair to smaller communities as well as larger ones.

With a new school year looming in a few weeks, it's more of an issue than ever.

Many school districts actively try to adjust their curriculum to meet the changing needs of the job market and to better prepare students for the world of work. This acknowledgement of demands for the economy was not a consideration when I went to grade and high school back when dinosaurs ruled the Earth.

I'm heartened when I see how school officials are meeting with area employers and speaking about what they need – and what students need – to achieve success.

Making sure schools have the money they need is essential. Let's keep this progress moving forward.

I love a good narrative

Hey, I love a good mayoral election season and it's shaping nicely in both Chicopee and Westfield.

Elections can carry great deal of drama and, frankly, I enjoy them when the mere inclusion of candidates creates a narrative.

Look at Chicopee, for instance, voters will have to chose in the primary election between a small business person, a City Council veteran who has risen to be the president of that body, a beloved high school administrator and now a former mayor whom some people view as fairly polarizing.

No one in Chicopee should be complaining about not having a diverse selection of candidates for mayor.

In Westfield with the departure of Mayor Brian Sullivan there is also an interesting contest. Police Capt. Michael McCabe is going to face state Sen. Don Humason and residents Kristen L. Mello and Andrew Mullen.

As a political junkie I'm looking forward to contributing to the coverage in our newspapers of these important races.



Too many candidates: Some Iowans tired of massive 2020 field

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE, HUNTER WOODALL AND MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — Jake Poorman is exhausted. He's been trying to get every Democratic presidential candidate to sign a baseball, a souvenir of the wildest Democratic primary he's seen in his 60 years as an Iowan. He's gathered so many signatures — 16 — he had to get another ball.

That, coupled with the constant controversies out of Washington, has him a bit burnt out on politics.

"It's a lot of work," he bemoaned. "There's starting to be a bit of fatigue."

Iowans treasure the national attention that shines on them every four years when presidential candidates descend on the state, whose caucuses mark the beginning of an election year. But as virtually every Democratic contender swings through Iowa this weekend to participate in the famed state fair, even some die-hard Democratic activists are getting restless.

They're worried the historically massive field isn't shrinking fast enough and the debate stages — plural — are too crowded.

The concern isn't limited to Iowa. Recent interviews with dozens of Democrats in other early-voting states registered a fresh anxiety among the most diligent deciders: If Democrats don't start to figure things out soon, they could give President Donald Trump the upper hand.

"I think that watching the infighting could have Trump win again," said Duane Campbell, a 29-year-old custodian in Las Vegas. "That's what he wants. He wants us to infight."

Beth Doney, a 62-year-old retired librarian in Las Vegas, said she too is worried the hits Democrats are taking at each other could leave the president better-positioned to win re-election.

"I'm just concerned that among Democrats, we're not yet able to rally around a smaller group of people and really focus on beating Trump, which I think is the number one issue of the election," Doney said.

A crowded primary field can be a good omen for a party, forcing candidates to endure bloody fights that can prepare them for the general election. In 2016, 17 Republicans battled for the Republican nomination before Trump took on Hillary Clinton, who faced just one serious Democratic challenger.

National polls suggest Democrats are enthusiastic about the array of candidates. But there are plenty of jitters, too.

In a June AP/NORC poll, 79% of Democratic voters said they were very interested in the 2020 election. But 59% also said they were anxious about it. Half of Democratic voters in that survey said they were frustrated with the campaign, while 31% said they were excited.

And the interviews capture the pit-of-stomach-worry for a party that is desperate to oust Trump: With so much at stake, is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Might this epic primary be a distraction from the main event?

In Iowa, Kim Sleezer, a 48-year-old middle school teacher, said that's her main concern.

"I feel like the longer we're watering things down, the less time we have to kind of get everything together and fight the bigger fight that we have against Trump," she said.

In New Hampshire, 77-year-old Claire Karibian worried that it would be tough to pick the best candidate given so many choices.

"I wish there was less," she said. "Because if there was less, they would be better financed and they would have a better handle on getting the best."

Stiffer requirements to qualify for the September debate could force some candidates out of the race in the coming weeks.

But those most at risk of being cut aren't rushing for the exits. Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and Montana Gov. Steve Bullock are so far resisting entreaties to abandon their low-polling White House bids to instead run for the Senate.

"For most Americans, the first time they thought about the Democratic primary was when we had a debate last month," former Maryland Rep. John Delaney, who is also polling near the bottom of the field, told reporters recently.

Lindsey Ellickson, a Democratic activist in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said she is worried that all of the focus on the presidential candidates diverts attention from critical down-ballot races. She said Democrats also need to focus on city council and statehouse seats, as well as the campaign to defeat Republican Sen. Joni Ernst.

"Having most of the campaign staff hired by 25 different candidates, and most of the attention going toward door-knocking for presidential candidates is not helpful at this time," Ellickson said.

Montgomery County, Iowa Democratic Party Chair Joey Norris said with at least 15 campaigns deploying staff to his rural county, "we're seeing that each campaign is tripping over each other in our small counties and our small towns."

He said voters being repeatedly called by campaigns might avoid their phones soon.

Matt Martin, a 41-year-old scientist from Iowa City, said he's hit that point already.

"I definitely think there is a little bit of a burnout from getting texts from people that are involved with the campaigns" inviting him to events, he said. "Right now, I'm just ignoring them."

His friend, Leigh Nida, a doctoral student in educational policy, was equally frustrated.

"It's interesting that you're getting texts about events — I'm just getting asked for money," she said. "I'm a graduate student. I don't have any money!"

Trump sounds conciliatory note to NRA on gun control

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says he's talking with the powerful National Rifle Association and others to make sure that their "very strong views" about the Second Amendment are represented and respected in discussions about gun control legislation.

He tweeted Friday that he's one of the biggest supporters of the right to bear arms, but that everyone must unite and find ways to respond to mass shootings in America.

Trump says leaders in the House and Senate are having "serious discussions" about background checks for buying guns.

Trump repeated his claim that guns should not be "placed in the hands of mentally ill or deranged people" and said common sense solutions can be implemented.



In a Feb. 1, 2017, file photo, National Rifle Association's (NRA) Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer Wayne LaPierre listens at right as President Donald Trump speaks in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. In the latest national furor over mass killings, the tremendous political power of the NRA is likely to stymie any major changes to gun laws. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

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John N. Gaughan

WESTFIELD — John Neil Gaughan died on August 6th at the age of 88. He was born in Holyoke where his family knew him as Johnny. Later he was Neil to his Holyoke High School and Army friends in Germany where he left special friends at the club. Once he was back from his time in the service he remained in the Air National Guard while he earned his MBA from American International College. John



began working as an accountant and for the next 40 years he enjoyed saving every piece of paper with a number on it!

John was married for 41 years to Shirley (Coffey) until her death in 1994. He had 6 children Norma Ott, David (Sheree), Kate Erwin, Ellen (Michael) Robieniczak, Daniel (Cindy) and Kevin. John leaves 12 grand children and 8 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Kate in 2000.

John spent his last 10 years at the Washington House where he was lucky to have kind friends in his life, including Nancy, who remained a part of his care after he became ill. John's family would like to acknowledge the compassionate and professional care he received at Genesis Westfield Center. In lieu of flowers the family would request that you preform an act of kindness in John's name. Firtion Adams will be handling arrangements. Services and burial are private.



STATE HOUSE NEWS



Sen. Michael Barrett of Lexington said his bill is "less about Trump and more about the principle" of presidential candidates disclosing their tax returns. (Photo: Sam Doran/SHNS/File 2018)

Tax Return Disclosure tied up in California courts

By KATIE LANNAN
State House News Service

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON (SHNS) — With legal challenges pending over a new California law requiring presidential candidates to disclose their tax

returns to appear on the ballot, the sponsor of a similar bill in Massachusetts said the Bay State should follow suit before waiting for the court cases to play out.

Sen. Michael Barrett, who filed a

presidential tax returns bill in January for the second consecutive session, said the Legislature often passes laws that could be subject to a challenge in court, and in those cases they act on the bill and then "let litigants sue."

Biz groups bracing against push for tax increases

By COLIN A. YOUNG
State House News Service

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON (SHNS) — Citing the state's recent economic performance, a tech sector business organization focused on state tax policy said the state's fiscal discipline is improving, but warned of long-term stability risks if the state pursues "over taxation."

The Massachusetts High Technology Council, one of the groups that successfully petitioned to remove the proposed 4 percent surtax on household income above \$1 million from last year's ballot, said it wants to understand the "forces behind unrelenting calls for new and increased taxes, even as Massachusetts revenue collections have risen steadily to historic levels."

The endeavor comes as lawmakers are working hard to get the income surtax question onto the 2022 ballot and as the House is gearing up for a debate over transportation financing, with tax hikes on the table.

Equal Pay rollout bumpy in Massachusetts Senate

By MATT MURPHY
State House News Service

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON (SHNS) — Three years ago this month, dozens of lawmakers crowded around Gov. Charlie Baker at the foot of the Grand Staircase in the State House to celebrate his signing of a new gender pay equity law.

The implementation on Beacon Hill, however, has been something less than triumphant, particularly in the state Senate where some staff have felt left out of the process of salary restructuring and believe inequities continue to exist.

The frustrations reached a boiling point last week when a former communications aide to Sen. Jamie Eldridge wrote a lengthy email to Senate Counsel Jennifer Miller, and copied all Senate staff, raising concerns about a lack of transparency in how Senate leaders went about reevaluating salaries.

Mullen

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world living from paycheck to paycheck," he said. Mullen called his opponents, mentioning in particular Sen. Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Police Capt. Michael McCabe, "all great people." He said he met Humason years ago, when he was just starting as a representative, and said he is "a great guy." Kristen Mello has also returned papers for mayor.

He said while he may not make a huge dent in any of his opponents' numbers, he wants to speak for the common folk. "I just want to focus more on doing as well as I can, and getting the ideas out there while I have a platform."

Mullen said he plans to find volunteers, go door to door, and find out what people's concerns are. "I'm not going to promise

I can fix that issue, but I will look into it," he said.

Already, while meeting people and getting signatures, he said he has met some passionate people who want to vote for him. One of the reasons, he said, is that he listens to people with different opinions, and he has the ability to see other perspectives. "If there are different ways or better ways, you should embrace that, not put it away. Even if I bring back the idea of compromise in politics," Mullen said.

"If I do well this time around, I may see a future running for the City Council, or as mayor again. I would love to get past the primary. I think I would do a fine job as mayor," Mullen said.

Burglar

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Westfield police detective Jason Williams reports police investigated and found that a trail of blood led from one of the windows' broken glass to the back door of 5 Green Ave. and the stolen crockpot was found under a wooden deck next door. Green Avenue, which begins almost directly across the street from the police station, is lined with connected residences which include the burgled home, the address where the crockpot was discovered and Hiltbrand's house. Hiltbrand, Williams reports, "became the main suspect."

Two days later, Williams reports, Hiltbrand confessed to the crime and said that he had sold the television for \$50 which he had used to buy crack cocaine.

When Hiltbrand was arraigned later that day, he was held without right to bail pending a violation of probation hearing Aug. 7. The charges appeared to violate the terms of probation which had been imposed in February, 2019, when Hiltbrand had pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Hiltbrand had previously been brought to court following a July, 2017, incident which resulted in a charge of assault and battery on a disabled person older than 60 years-of-age. In March, 2018, he was allowed to plead guilty to a charge of simple assault and battery in that case and he was placed on probation for six months.

At his violation of probation hearing Wednesday, he was found to have violated his probation and was sentenced to a nine month term in the house of correction to be served concurrently with the one year term imposed for the larceny charge.

In imposing the jail term, O'Grady recommended that his sentence be served at the Mill Street correctional facility which houses the sheriff department's Western Massachusetts Wellness and Recovery Center. The sheriff's website describes the facility as "a minimum security, community-based, residential treatment facility... designed to provide for the custody, care and treatment of substance users from Hampden, Franklin, Berkshire, Hampshire and Worcester counties.

Family of man killed in tree cutting sues contractor for \$5M

AMHERST (AP) — The family of a Massachusetts man who died in a tree cutting accident has filed a \$5 million wrongful death lawsuit against the property owner.

Thomas Moszynski, of Easthampton, died in December when a tree he was cutting down on private property in Amherst struck him in the head.

Attorneys for the 38-year-old Moszynski's father say Joseph Aimua should've hired an arborist because logging is known to be extremely dangerous.

Moszynski was working for an excavating company that took on the tree cutting in addition to other work at the property.

Aimua hasn't filed a response in court and didn't return messages Tuesday and Wednesday.

A motion seeking to restrict the transfer of Aimua's assets is scheduled for Friday.

Federal authorities fined Aimua nearly \$4,000 for not following proper tree removal procedures.

Trooper, driver injured in highway work zone crash

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts state police say a trooper has been injured after a vehicle slammed into his cruiser at a highway construction zone.

Authorities say the cruiser was hit from behind at 2:50 a.m. Friday on the southbound side of Interstate 93 in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood.

The unidentified trooper was in traffic stopped at the work zone. He suffered minor injuries but did not require hospital treatment.

Officials say the driver of the vehicle that struck the cruiser was taken to a hospital with injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening. Both cars were heavily damaged.

State police are investigating.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report Friday, Aug. 2, 2019

8:47 a.m.: accident, Thomas Street, a patrol officer reports a box truck struck a railroad overpass, the responding officer reports the truck was towed to the police impound yard;

12:33 p.m.: fire, North Elm Street, a caller reports a fire in a refuse bin, the responding firefighters report flames from the fire threatened to involve an adjacent roof before it was extinguished, one employee attempting to extinguish the fire was injured before firefighters arrive, see story in the Saturday, Aug. 3, edition of *The Westfield News*;

3:29 p.m.: larceny, East Main Street, a caller from an East Main Street liquor store reports a review of security video revealed a man stealing a bottle of whiskey, the responding officer reports the video will be examined to identify the suspect;

4:13 p.m.: fire, Shaker Road, a caller complains of smoke from a neighbor's fire, the responding firefighters report a resident was found with a smoky recreational fire, the resident was advised of the pertinent regulations and compiled with a request to extinguish the fire;

5:49 p.m.: soliciting, Union Avenue at North Elm Street, a patrol officer reports two persons with an out-of-state address are panhandling motorists, the mendicants were advised of the resources available to them and asked to move along;

7:19 p.m.: accident, Frederick Street, a caller reports she saw a vehicle backing out of a driveway strike a young child riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, the responding officer reports the child was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital without life threatening injuries.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court Friday, Aug. 2, 2019

Sean P. Zawistowski, 33, of 710 Belmont St., Springfield, was released on his personal recognizance pending an Oct. 9 hearing after he was arraigned on charges of larceny of property valued less than \$1,200 and receiving stolen property valued more than \$1,200 brought by State Police.

Joshua J. Palmer, 26, with a last know address of 99 Southwick Road, Westfield, was released on his personal recognizance pending an Oct. 9 hearing after he was arraigned on a charge of violation of an abuse prevention order brought by Westfield police.

Brian A. Annette, 31, of 134 Union St., Apt. 79, Westfield, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a subsequent offense, and was sentenced to a ten day term in the house of correction, suspended, with probation for three months. He was assessed \$50 and found to be not responsible for a motor vehicle lights violation.

Michael J. Birdsall, 31, of 108 Elizabeth Ave., Westfield, was placed on pretrial probation of one month after he was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member brought by Westfield police.

Replacement Strategy

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here, they will know right up front that this has to be done." Egloff said Mayor Brian P. Sullivan and the union "put pen to paper — it's a done deal."

"Moving forward, everyone hired as a basic will have to become a paramedic on their own dime," Egloff said.

Egloff noted that at any time before the 28 months an employee has to stop classes for any reason, that person can resign without prejudice and reapply once they obtain their certification.

Masciadrelli and fellow commissioners C. Lee Bennet and Jeffrey Siegel thanked Egloff and all involved for coming up with a solution to the paramedic shortage.

"I commend the mayor, the chief and union," Masciadrelli said. "The dynamics of this department has changed drastically, and we are emergency services now."

Egloff said most of the department calls are for medical services.

HOMEDESIGN

The ‘good enough’ home may be just perfect

By **BARBARA MARQUAND**
Associated Press

Constructed from aspirational Instagram feeds and reality TV, the dream home floats in the imagination like a castle in the sky but dissolves in the rain of hard numbers.

Chasing the dream can lure buyers to overextend themselves financially. Or the high prices can lead first-time homebuyers to delay a home purchase — and the opportunity to start building home equity.

For many homebuyers, buying a “good enough” home can be a sounder strategy, particularly for those most eager to become homeowners.

“I’d rather see people buy a good enough home versus buying a dream home and being cash-strapped over the next 20 years,” says Alyssa Lum, certified financial planner and founder of Luminare Financial Planning in Herndon, Virginia.

Here’s the beauty of a good enough home.

IT HAS THE ESSENTIALS

A good enough home may not have artisan tile or stainless steel appliances, but it has the essentials.

Look for a home that’s well-maintained, has “good bones” and is in a good location, says Kelly Roth, a real estate agent with Pearson Smith Realty in Ashburn, Virginia. A well-maintained home in a good location will likely increase in value and probably won’t be a money pit.

Buyers tend to home in on cosmetic upgrades, Roth says, but she advises focusing on basics, like windows, the roof, and the heating and air conditioning system. Then you’re less likely to face surprise repairs just to make the house functional.

If you can’t have it all — and most people can’t — list the features you want, and decide where you’re willing to compromise.

Amber Miller, a certified financial planner with The Planning Center in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, bought her first home two years ago. It has features she wanted, such as hardwood floors and a separate dining area, but isn’t flawless.

One of the bathrooms has outdated salmon-pink tile. “I thought, well, it’s not beautiful but it’s clean and functional,” she says. “This isn’t going to be the house I’m in forever, but it’s good enough for now, and I love it.”

IT FITS YOUR LIFESTYLE

Roth tells of a couple who fell in love with a home that looked like a dream. But the commute to work — 90 minutes each way — became a nightmare.

“They bought it in August and sold it in March,” Roth says.

“Good” is personal. A big yard could be a must for a family with a dog, but a pain if you hate yardwork.

And a good home matches your timeline. It should meet your needs for the years you plan to live there, which probably isn’t forever if it’s a first home, Roth says.



In this Jan. 4, 2019, file photo a sign hangs outside a house for sale in Pittsburgh’s Lawrenceville neighborhood. Constructed from aspirational Instagram feeds and reality TV, the dream home floats in the imagination like a castle in the sky but dissolves in the rain of hard numbers. Chasing the dream can lure buyers to overextend themselves financially. Or the high prices can lead first-time homebuyers to delay a home purchase — and the opportunity to start building home equity. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic, File)

IT DOESN’T SQUEEZE YOUR BUDGET

A good enough home has a reasonable price for your budget. Lum recommends keeping your debt-to-income ratio under 30%. That’s the percentage of gross monthly income that goes toward debt payments, including the mortgage.

Lenders will qualify buyers with considerably higher ratios. But that may not leave much for other expenses, says Trey Reed, a loan officer with MVB Mortgage near Washington, D.C.

“Maxing out (debt-to-income) is something I see people do, but not something I recommend,” Reed says.

A good enough home leaves you with enough money for other priorities, such as saving for retirement and emergencies, and for all the costs of ownership besides the mortgage. That includes home insurance, property taxes, utilities and maintenance.

Fifty-five percent of homeowners — 68% of those ages 21 to 34 — had regrets about their preparation for the home-

buying process, according to Bank of the West’s 2018 Millennial Study. The top regret for all age groups: costly maintenance.

Miller says to budget about 1% to 3% of the home’s value annually for maintenance.

IT CAN BE TRANSFORMED

Over time, you can add dreamy features.

When shopping for a home this year in Leesburg, Virginia, Jenny and Mike Virbickis found a beautifully upgraded house priced \$75,000 more than they planned to spend. They kept looking and found a home that fit their budget.

“I’d rather have a house my family can grow into and we can fix up to make it our own rather than something we can’t afford,” Jenny says.

Their home has space for their toddler to play, is structurally sound and is in the neighborhood they wanted. Eventually, they’ll make home improvements. But for now, it’s perfect. After a block party in their cul-de-sac recently, Jenny says, “I came home and said, ‘This is where we were meant to be.’”

‘Plant influencers’ offer decor tips for fall houseplants

By **TRACEE M. HERBAUGH**
Associated Press

Houseplants are a quick and easy way to dress your home in autumnal color.

Anthuriums can add hues of pink, red or white. The philodendron’s cascading, heart-shaped green leaves bring a touch of the outdoors inside. And of course, the poinsettia’s red and green foliage is a popular choice for holiday décor.

It’s no secret — houseplants are back in style.

“They are naturally chaotic and provide great contrast to the structure of a room and its furnishings,” says Sarah Cole, a Boston-area interior designer. “They bring life, literally, to a room.”

But with so many houseplant varieties, how’s a neophyte to choose? If you are new to the crazy, cool world of houseplants, don’t fear: Instagram is here to help. On the photo-sharing social media platform, houseplants and their owners have carved a niche under hashtags like #plantsofinstagram and #plant-community.

Like their counterparts from the world of pop culture, “plant influencers” garner loyal followings in the hundreds of thousands. Their

photos depict beautifully grown, tended and displayed houseplants — on shelves, with cats or filling an entire room. They promise to help you find the most popular, beautiful and in-demand houseplants.

Some plant influencers’ suggestions for fall:

Ana Carlson @sillappeal
Followers: About 8,900

The Los Angeles-based owner of Sill Appeal, an online store for plant décor, says houseplants brighten a home in the throes of winter darkness.

“Plants that bloom in the fall are always a good choice for shorter days,” Carlson says, mentioning holiday cacti and African violets as good choices.

“These old-fashioned plants are making a comeback,” she said. “African violets are beautiful, and they can bloom year-round with proper light and care.”

Another popular fall plant, according to Carlson, is the variegated croton.

“The croton’s leaves are colorful, but they need a lot of light to keep their vibrant colors and not drop leaves,” she said. “Without special care and conditions, it can be hard to keep it healthy in most people’s homes.”

One easygoing plant that’s becoming more popular in the U.S. is the ZZ Raven. Its new growth is green like the regular ZZ variety, also known as Zanzibar gem, but the raven turns black as it matures. “Black plants can be really cool for Halloween,” Carlson said.

Eliza Blank @thesill
Followers: 564,000

People pay more attention to their homes as summer turns to fall, says Blank, owner of the New York City-based houseplant boutique The Sill.

“In preparation to hunker down for the winter ahead, people buy more houseplants,” she said. “We see deeper color foliage and patterned foliage trending, along with the darker hues of planters.”

Her fall picks include: the philodendron, rubber trees and the visually interesting alocasia.

Nick Pileggi @Phillyfoliage
Followers: 36,200

Variegated plant varieties are both interesting to look at and wildly popular, says Pileggi,

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In this 2019 photo provided by The Sill shows Eliza Blank from The Sill holding a Rattlesnake Calathea outside the shop in San Francisco, Calif. Blank is the founder and CEO of the popular gardening store and a plant influencer on Instagram. (Kelly Boitano/The Sill via AP)



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Westfield Farmers’ Market

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Farmers’ Market is held, rain or shine, from 12:00 - 6:00 pm on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court Street, Westfield, every Thursday until October 10. There are over 30 vendors and a \$5 SNAP match offered weekly sponsored by an anonymous donor; HIP, WIC, and FMNP vouchers are accepted by some vendors; live music sponsored by the Westfield Cultural Council, special events, free parking, ADA accessible re-strooms, cooling room, playground, and more. For more information visit the Market web site: westfieldfarmersmarket.net or contact the Westfield Farmers’ Market at 413 562-5461 x 101, or email farmersmarketwestfield@gmail.com.

ASK A DESIGNER: Choosing the right rug for the room

By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**
Associated Press

A warm, cozy rug can make a room look and feel more appealing on even the chilliest fall night. And the right rug can be a source of comfort year-round.

“They’re also great in the summer, if you think about it, because your shoes are off, you’re in your shorts, the house is air conditioned,” says designer Michelle Gerson, founder of Michelle Gerson Interiors, based in New York. “You love to put your toes in a big cozy rug.”

How do you choose the perfect rug for your space?

The latest options include everything from century-old Moroccan rugs to trendy, open-weave “sweater rugs” available at the click of a button.

Here, three interior designers — Gerson; Texas-based Ashley Moore; and Lauren Buxbaum Gordon, design director of Nate Berkus Associates — offer advice on choosing rugs and using them strategically to add color, texture and warmth to a room.

NEUTRAL, BOLD OR BOTH?

Gordon and Moore both advise clients to consider rugs as beautiful, neutral backdrops for the rest of a room.

“Instead of being bold on pattern and color,” Gordon says, she prefers to get creative with the look and texture of the material. She might choose a flat-weave jute rug in a neutral color, or “mohair, woven-knit rugs that look like sweaters,” depending on the room and the client.

Really lush materials like alpaca can make a dramatic statement without bold color or pattern.

Moore’s approach is similar: “I tend to have it as a neutral palette, because it tends to be one of the most expensive pieces in the house,” she says. If a client is seeking pops of bold color or pattern, she brings that in through items like pillows and accessories that can easily be changed if the homeowner wants something new.

“It’s easier to change a pillow,” Moore says, “than it is to change a 12-by-14 rug.”

If you’re craving a bit of color in the rug, flat-woven kilims that are mainly neutral but have some color can be a good compromise, especially if they are vintage and the hues have softly faded.

LAYERING

Layering rugs can give you both looks in one: a larger, neutral base with something striking, like a thin Moroccan rug with a colorful, intricate pattern, laid on top.

Moroccan rugs “look good anywhere,” Gerson says. “You can put one in a fancy Parisian apartment and it makes it look cool. Or you can put it in your kid’s dorm room and it makes it look cool.”

Moore uses one as a runner on her kitchen floor to add a burst of color. She also says they can be great if you’ve bought a home with wall-to-wall carpeting that you don’t love but aren’t ready to actually pull up.

“My carpet in the bedroom is actually really dark, so I have a bright rug on it now,” she says. Beyond adding color, the smaller rug helps “define the space,” she says.

If you’re layering, make sure the rugs are the right size, Gerson says. “Type into Pinterest ‘layered rugs,’” she says, and search for pictures you love. Note the sizes of the rugs and their placement, so you can create the right balance in your own space.

SOFTNESS AND DURABILITY

Many people are particular about what their feet touch first thing in the morning, Gordon says. So a thick rug of mohair or soft, fluffy wool can be a great choice.

But in houses with young children or pets, an open-weave rug may soon look worn.

Many wool or mohair rugs also shed, especially less expensive ones. That may be a worthwhile tradeoff: If you’re buying a rug for a child’s room and know you’ll be redecorating in just a few years, Gordon says, you might be



This undated photo shows a master bedroom designed by Lauren Buxbaum Gordon. The natural fiber rug adds warmth and softness around the bed, while a smaller throw rug adds a touch of bold pattern. (Heather Talbert/Nate Berkus Associates/Lauren Buxbaum Gordon via AP)



This 2019 photo shows a kitchen designed by interior designer Ashely Moore. In this kitchen Moore used a vintage Moroccan rug which adds warmth and color, and its appealingly worn look blends beautifully with the reclaimed wood floor. (Grace Laird Photography/Moore House Interiors via AP)

“fine with knowing that it may shed.” But while “no one wants to pay the price tag for a five-figure custom rug,” she says, sometimes that is the wiser long-term investment.

Not sure about the durability of a rug you find online? Read the comments, Moore says, to see what other shoppers have experienced.

And consider going vintage: If a rug has already survived a long time and still looks good, Moore says, it will probably weather the wear you will give it too.

Natural fibers like wool and silk are surprisingly easy to clean, these designers say. Just make sure you clean them the right way. Fight the urge to wipe a stain (which can rub it in further), and instead grab your vacuum cleaner hose to lift the stain up, Gerson says.

And protect rugs before stains happen: These designers suggest having rugs (and upholstery, too) professionally sealed. Many companies offer the service because, Gerson notes, “everybody spills.”

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This 2017 photo shows a master bedroom designed by interior designer Ashely Moore. Moore layered a patterned rug over neutral wall-to-wall carpeting to add an extra layer of warmth and additional color to this master bedroom. (Grace Laird Photography/Moore House Interiors via AP)

Fall Houseplants

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the curator at Urban Jungle, an eclectic houseplant shop in Philadelphia.

The pink princess philodendron is probably the most coveted plant right now, he says. But the variegated monstera is close behind. One of these plants might cost up to \$200. Growers haven’t yet cultivated them for the mass market.

“If you say a plant is rare, people will pay anything for it,” Pileggi says.

The cissus discolor and a peperomia plant are among his fall picks.

Karin Scholte @botaniquegreen.home
Followers: Around 5,000

This year’s fall plant, Scholte says, is the ficus elastica. “The variegated ones bring light and color in a darker period,” she says.

She also recommended plants from the codiaeum family: “Their colors are so bright and are the same as the leaves from the trees outside,” she said. “And they give me a warm feeling like a blanket, especially when they’re bigger and hanging down from a shelf.”

Erin Harding and Morgan Doang @houseplantclub
Followers: 611,000

If you don’t have any plants, these plant influencers say fall is the perfect time to add some green to your home. Having a tropical plant inside during the darker days can help lift your spirits.

Harding and Doang think the African violet and begonia varieties will be hot this fall.

“African violets seem to be gaining popularity on Instagram, probably because of the wide variety of foliage and because they flower indoors,” Doang said.

As for begonias, Harding says, “there are thousands of species, making it fun to collect them all.”

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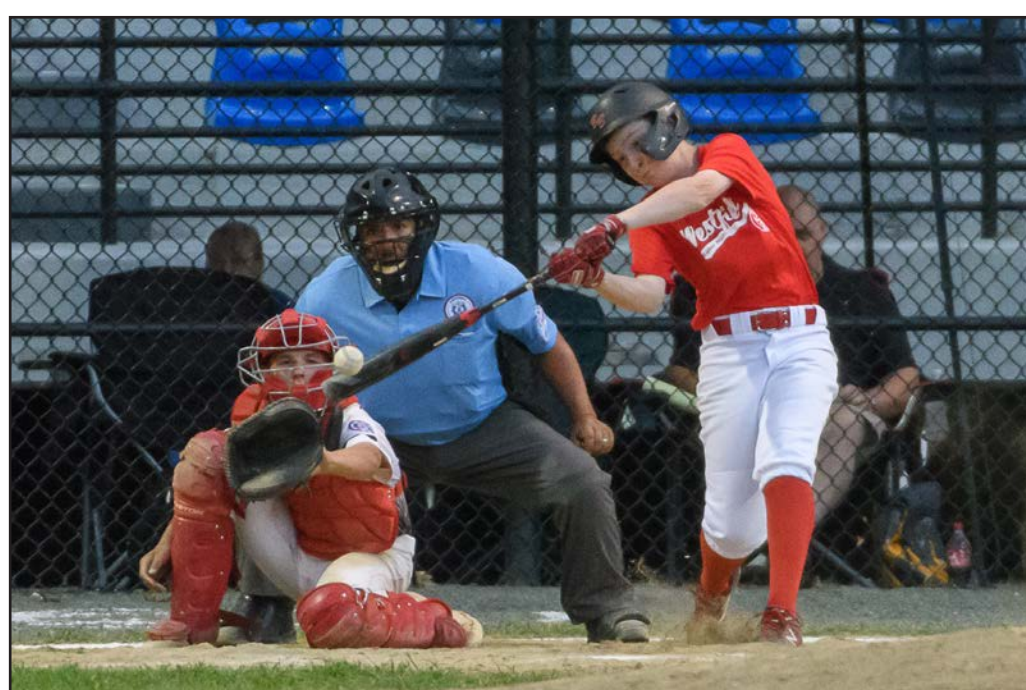
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SPORTS



Eli Petrone (34) gets the out at first base. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



Connor Niemiec (4) tries to get a piece of the ball. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

Fargo stops Westfield in Series' opener

By CHRIS PUTZ
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – Fargo seized the moment, riding the arm of Drew Rerick and coming up with a few timely hits to scrape past Westfield 6-2 a Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old World Series opener Thursday night at Bullens Field.

Rerick scattered five hits through 5 2/3 innings, striking out three batters and walking four.

“I’m proud of how hard we played,” Westfield Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old All-Stars manager Dick Lenfest said. “We had some guys on base; we didn’t get that big hit.”

The opposing pitchers cruised through the first two innings.

Fargo (ND) threatened to score in the game’s first inning when No. 2 batter Adam Leininger reached on a one-out hit-by-pitch, stole second base, and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Westfield starting pitcher Jacob Mello came right back though with consecutive strike outs of the No. 3 hitter, Jordan Leininger, and the clean-up batter, Jaxon Beiswenger, to end the inning.

“We really wanted to have Jacob pound the zone,” coach Lenfest said. “You can’t pitch behind these type of hitters. He went out and threw strike one, and really looked to attack.”

Drew Rerick started off on fire, retiring Westfield’s first six batters. Westfield got to Rerick a bit in the third though by displaying patience at the plate.

Paul Lawry broke up the perfect game with a walk. Rerick issued another free pass, this one to Zach Olsen. Riley Heeter plopped down a bunt single on the third base side on a high pitch to load the bases, breaking up the potential no-hitter. Dylan Gibson followed with a run-scoring walk. Nick Lenfest dropped a bloop single into shallow center field to give Westfield a 2-0 lead.

Fargo bounced back in the bottom half of the inning, taking advantage of some indecision by Westfield. Andrew Kankelfritz reached on a one-out error, stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Connor Holm’s hit a slow roller toward the first base bag that resulted in a run and no out as the fielder failed to make a snap decision. Holm stole second. Adam Leininger walked. Both runners advanced on a



double steal, and scored on Jordan Leininger’s flare base hit to right field.

Westfield nearly recaptured one of the runs — or more — in the fourth and fifth.

In the fourth, Connor Niemiec singled through the left side. Emmett Garfield doubled, putting runners at second and third. Rerick recovered though, forcing a fly out to third base and then a fly out to right field. Westfield attempted to score by tagging up at third base, but the right fielder gunned down the base runner to complete the inning-ending double play.

“(That was) a big double-play,” coach Lenfest said. “We hit the ball hard. If that’s a foot or two either way, we would be talking about something different.”

In the fifth, Heeter singled through the right side and moved into scoring position by advancing on a wild pitch and a fielder’s choice. A ground out left the base runner stranded though.

The game got slightly a bit more out of reach for Westfield in the fifth when errors, mental mistakes, and a RBI single from Landon Meier gave Fargo a 6-2 lead.

Lost in the inning was a nice stretch of pitches from reliever Niemiec, who came in to strike out the Nos. 3 and 4 batters before Fargo tacked on that final run.

“There’s a lot of pressure on these guys,” coach Lenfest said. “All these other teams have been through these tournament games — we have not. ... We’re the little engine that could. We’re not the biggest team, but these kids have the biggest heart.”

Adam Leininger received the Ron Tellefsen “Player of the Game” award for Fargo. Heeter was the recipient for Westfield.

Westfield will look to rebound when the Whip City’s 13-year-old All-Star squad returns to action against Meridian (Mississippi) Fri., Aug. 9 at Bullens Field at 7 p.m.

Janesville (Wisconsin)-Calgary, Alberta (Canada) kick starts the day’s four-game slate at 10 a.m., followed by Greenville (North Carolina)-Spokane (Washington) at 1 p.m., and Centre County (Pennsylvania)-Hawaii Kai (Hawaii) at 4.

See Babe Ruth World Series, Page 11



Westfield’s Jacob Mello (10) winds up for the pitch early in the Babe Ruth World Series game Thursday night against Fargo, ND. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



The Westfield Babe Ruth team practices under an early evening sun before their game with Fargo ND. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



Jim Hagan, president of Westfield Bank, throws the first pitch. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

ULTIMATE SPORTS CHALLENGE

Yankees’ series nets Michaud win

By CHRIS PUTZ
Staff Writer

The Red Sox-Yankees series recently wrapped up with the Bronx Bombers coming out victorious. With that, Kevin Michaud emerged the winner in our Ultimate Sports Challenge, surviving

a random drawing after correctly selecting NY with several others.

Michaud joins Alan Shia (who survived the PGA Tour’s Open Championship competition late last month), and others, who will vie for the final prize.

Only three events remain – NASCAR’s Southern 500 (Sept. 1), Red Sox-Yankees (Sept. 6-9) and NASCAR’s Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard (Sept. 8) – so get your entry forms filled out. Good luck! – CP



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 146.5 Tom Massimino – Tim Huber
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163 Bruce Kellogg – Richard Kellogg
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TEKOA MONDAY NIGHT GOLF LEAGUE

STANDING WEEK OF JULY 29

Team 5	21 1/2	Mike Parent-Joe Vaschak
Team 8	21	Jeff Haluch-Tim Dion
Team 3	21	Jim Kenny-Bob Thompson
Team 7	20 1/2	John McCormick-Jeff Martin
Team 2	18 1/2	Mickey Donnachie-Kirk Tewksbury
Team 1	17 1/2	Darren Galczynski- Jim Tinker
Team 10	17 1/2	Adam Dasilva-Cole Morrison
Team 4	17	Jeremy Beltrandi- Dave Prouty
Team 6	16 1/2	Tristan Kiendzior-Dominic Costanzi
Team 11	14 1/2	Steve Mascadrelli-Mike Moran Jr
Team 12	13 1/2	Scott Ramsdell-Josh Adams
Team 9	11 1/2	Chip Ashwell- Jim Sullivan
Team 14	10 1/2	Par
Team 13	10	Tom Denton-Randy Christensen

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Results from July 30, 2019

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5th Place Bill Lawry & Dave Gile 125.0 Points
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7th Place Gene Theroux & Jack Kennedy 119.5 Points
8th Place Jack Campaniello & Phil Lewis 118.5 Points
9th Place Rich Chistolini & Eric Wilder 117.5 Points
10th Place Jim French & Dave Liberty 115.5 Points
11th Place Harry Thompson & Mark Thompson 110.5 Points
12th Place Angelo Masciadrelli & Frank Kamlowski 109.0 Points

13th Place Pat McGinn & Dave Lees 108.0 Points
14th Place Stu Browning & Jeff Guglielmo 105.0 Points
15th Place Errol Nichols & John Kidrick 104.5 Points
16th Place Jack Blaschak & Bob McCarthy 104.0 Points
17th Place Mike Ripa & Ron Bonyeau 105.5 Points
18th Place Jim Johnson & Jim Besaw 99.5 Points
19th Place Bob Dudas & Skip Couture 98.5 Points
20th Place Jim Liptak & John Lucas 94.0 Points

Low Gross Bill Lawry @ 40
Low Net Jim Liptak @ 28

Closest to pin on 11th Dick Williams
Closest to pin on 16th Fred Rogers
Closest to pin on 18th Jack Poci

White Sox, Yankees to play at 'Field of Dreams' in 2020

By **LUKE MEREDITH**
Associated Press

Major League Baseball is going to build it — and the White Sox and Yankees are coming to Iowa.

The Chicago White Sox will play the New York Yankees next summer at the site in eastern Iowa where the movie "Field of Dreams" was filmed, MLB announced Thursday. The game is set for Aug. 13 in Dyersville, which is about 200 miles west of Chicago.

A temporary 8,000-seat stadium will be built on the site to accommodate the first major league game played in Iowa.

"As a sport that is proud of its history linking generations, Major League Baseball is excited to bring a regular-season game to the site of 'Field of Dreams,'" Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "We look forward to celebrating the movie's enduring message of how baseball

brings people together at this special cornfield in Iowa."

A video tweeted by MLB shows Yankees star Aaron Judge asking Ray Kinsella, Kevin Costner's character in the 1989 movie, if he was in heaven. Costner replies with one of the movie's iconic lines — "No, it's Iowa" — and Judge nods before trotting back into the corn beyond the outfield.

A pathway is being built through a cornfield that will take fans to the stadium. It will overlook the site where Costner's character carved a ballpark out of a field after a mysterious voice told him, "If you build it, he will come."

The right field wall will be broken up by windows to show the cornstalks beyond the wall, and the ballpark's design will honor old Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox from 1910-1990.

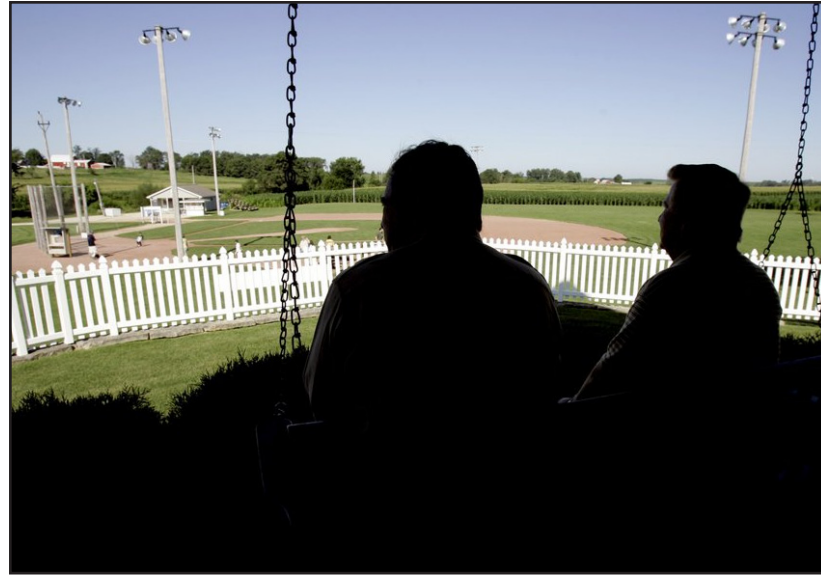
"Field of Dreams' is an iconic,

generational baseball story built upon a deep love of the game that transcends even the most impossible of circumstances. The filmmakers tell a beautiful story that resonates to this day," White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said.

The one-off game in Iowa is part of the sport's recent trend of hosting games outside of traditional ballparks and cities, such as the Little League Classic in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and a matchup between Detroit and Kansas City in Omaha in June ahead of the College World Series.

The Yankees also took part in a two-game series in London against the rival Red Sox earlier this season.

The White Sox will be the home team for the game, which will be played on a Thursday and air nationally on Fox. The clubs will then have Friday off before resuming their series in Chicago.



In this July 11, 2007, file photo, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, left, at the time a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, sits on the front porch of the house at the "Field of Dreams" movie site during a campaign stop in Dyersville, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall, File)



In this June 22, 1997 file photo, people portraying ghost players emerge from a cornfield as they reenact a scene from the movie "Field of Dreams" at the movie site in Dyersville, Iowa. The Chicago White Sox will play a game against the New York Yankees next August at the site in Iowa where the movie "Field of Dreams" was filmed. Major League Baseball announced Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, that the White Sox will play host to the Yankees in Dyersville, Iowa, on Aug. 13. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall, File)



Clouds and drizzle greet the Westfield team as they march onto the field for opening ceremonies. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

Babe Ruth World Series

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New England (Pittsfield, MA) 2, Mid Atlantic (Centre County, PA) 0

At the first game of the 2109 World Series, both teams put on a great show for many fans that were watching from the stands. The tournament started off beautiful, with blue skies and a nice breeze to welcome teams from all over North America to the Whip City. Evan Blake was dominant on the mound for Pittsfield, throwing 5 2/3 innings, striking out eight in the process and giving up only seven hits. Brayden Gutzmer finished off the game throwing 1 1/3 innings, striking out two and giving up no hits. Blake also had a booming triple to begin the offensive push. Antonio Scalise and Owen Salvatore also had doubles, with Salvatore bringing in the winning run. Braedyn Kormanic started off strong on the mound for Pennsylvania, pitching 4 1/3 innings of shutout baseball, and giving up only three hits while striking out two. He was followed up by Tyler Serb and Kahale Burns, who combined to only let up three hits while striking out three. Camron Watkins went 2-for-2 for Pennsylvania, with Kahale Burns adding to the offense by going 2-for-4. Both teams played great through the entire game, but in the end, Pittsfield came out with the win, 2-0. At the end of the game, one player from each team is selected as the Ron Tellefson "Player of the Game" based on skills and sportsmanship. For Pittsfield, the winner was Evan Blake and for Pennsylvania, Kahale Burns took home the pin. – *Game report courtesy of Annalise Eak*

Southwest (Meridian, MS) 3, Ohio Valley (Janesville, WI) 2

Game 2 of the World Series was a tight match-up defensively between both teams, with the score ending up 3-2 in favor of Meridian, MS over Janesville, WI. In the first inning, Meridian got their offensive start when Braedyn Busbea drew a walk, advanced on a wild pitch and stolen base, then stole home. Busbea led on the mound, allowing just six hits and two

runs over seven innings, mixing in six strikeouts in the process. Also, Peryn Bland went 3-for-3, Brett Busbea was 2-for-4, Jake Shelby was 2-for-3 with a RBI and run scored, and Jace Wiggins was 3-for-3. Cannon Graham went 2-for-3 for Meridian and was also the Ron Tellefson player of the game for Meridian. For Janesville, Denver Hughes went 2-for-3 to lead the way for the Ohio Valley offense, followed by Charlie Class, Aiden Schank and Nick Gregg who were each 1-for-2, with Class having the only RBI. Both teams played a very clean game, with zero errors being committed by either team, but in the end, Meridian came up with the win over Janesville.

Denver Hughes was named the Ron Tellefson "Player of the Game." – *Game report courtesy of Annalise Eak*

Southeast (Greenville, NC) 8, Pacific Southwest (Hawaii Kai) 2

The third game of the 2019 World Series started off close, before the Southeast Regional Champion, Greenville, NC, was able to pull away with a surprising 8-2 win over the Pacific Southwest Champion, Hawaii Kai, HI, who boast several players from the 2018 Little League championship squad. Hawaii had two booming doubles from Mana Lau Kong and Ala'i Williams to lead their offense, with Williams drove in one of the Hawaii runs. Nainoa de la Cruz also drove in a run for Hawaii. Caleb Kim pitched four solid innings on the mound for Hawaii, giving up seven hits and only walking one. For Greenville, Davis Hathaway led the way offensively, driving in two runs and walking twice. Alex Popovich, Andrew Wallen, and Colton DuRant all pitched in with an RBI as well to add to the Greenville offense. Collin West also contributed offensively, going 2-for-3 and scoring two runs. Andrew Wallen went for a strong five innings on the mound for Greenville, giving up four hits and striking out three. Collin West came in to finish out the last two innings of the game and gave up one hit, while striking out two. At the end of the game, one player from each team is selected as the Ron Tellefson

"Player of the Game" based on skills and sportsmanship. Davis Hathaway earned "Player of the Game" honors for Greenville; Caleb Kim was selected the winner for Hawaii Kai. – *Game report courtesy of Annalise Eak*



Westfield players honor the national anthem. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



Babe Ruth World Series opening ceremonies at Bullens Field. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Slowly Simmering Over Cooking Club

Dear Annie: I am part of a cooking club that meets the second Tuesday of each month. Each member buys food and we cook a recipe chosen by the host. There are 15 members. Each has to host once every 15 months. We are all females in our 50s or 60s.

There's a handful of members who always attend and a larger group that rarely (like never) attend. The ones that attend would like to get rid of the ones that never attend.

Annie, how do we diplomatically get rid of the nonattendees? We've tried asking in email and face to face if they want to be a part of the group and they always enthusiastically assure us that they do, but still they do not RSVP, or they RSVP with a yes and then don't come.

It's very annoying, and we are just ready to drop them. For what it's worth, these ladies do host when it's their turn. -- *Bakers' Dozen*

Dear Bakers' Dozen: The key ingredient here is communication: Communicate to these women the concrete ways in which their spotty attendance impacts the rest of the club. For example, maybe it makes it impossible for the month's hostess to anticipate how many stations to set up; or maybe it means those who do show up need to bring more ingredients, and costs go up. Write out an email explaining these factors. Then say something along the lines of, "For these reasons, we're asking if everyone can commit to coming to 10 meetings per year, and RSVP for each meeting a week in advance," adjusting those specifics to whatever is acceptable to your club.

There's a good chance some of these women had never thought through the inconvenience they'd caused and, now that they're aware, will make amend their behavior.

Dear Annie: My husband reads your column every day so I thought you could address this issue. He is retired but doesn't have much interest in any hobbies. We've had many discussions on things he can do, including volunteering. Nothing seems to motivate him. He has started drinking daily at the neighborhood bar with the other retired guys. It is interfering with any plans we've made. Talking about it only causes more arguments and problems. I'm spending more time with my gal pals, which also adds to the problem. This should be the best time of our lives, not the worst. Help! -- *Worried Wife*

Dear Worried: You can't control your husband, and the more you try, the more desperate you'll feel. I highly recommend checking out a support group such as Al-Anon (<http://al-anon.org>), Families Anonymous (<https://www.familiesanonymous.org>), or SMART Recovery Family & Friends (<https://www.smartrecovery.org/family>).

I know you might think, "It's not so bad that I need to join a support group," or that you'll wait to attend one of these meetings if your husband's drinking gets worse. But the fact is that there's never been a better time to go than now. Take a chance. All of the meetings are free. You have nothing to lose and peace of mind to gain.

Dear Annie: I have been an organ donor all of my life. But now that I am 88 years old, I wonder if any of my body parts are still of use. If so, what can be utilized, please? -- *88-Year-Old Organ Donor*

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

DOUBLING DOWN

Dear Readers: Here are two letters from readers about knife choices. -- *Heloise*

"I read your recent column about serrated-blade versus smooth-blade knives and have this to add:

"We travel a lot and stay in rental homes. Without fail, the knives barely cut anything. We now always throw our knife sharpener in the trunk. Please tell readers to buy a decent-quality electric knife sharpener and sharpen their knives frequently. They won't believe how much better knives work when they are sharp! Thanks." -- *Jules in The Villages, Fla.*

"After reading your column about serrated knives, I want to share this with you: A few years ago, I purchased a 10-inch double serrated knife. It is one of the best kitchen tools that I have. Using it to slice bread is a delight." -- *Nick in Little Rock, Ark.*

QUICKER STICKER

Dear Heloise: I have a compost heap in the backyard. Beyond the grass clippings and leaves, we also put in vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and fruit.

The problem with the fruit is that every apple, banana and orange has a plastic label on the outside. The plastic label will not break down in the compost heap.

What I would love to see is all of those plastic fruit labels replaced with biodegradable ones. These biodegradable labels would break down. -- *Gordon C., Corona, Calif.*

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.



TV Sports Listings

Friday, August 9
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
2:30 a.m. (Saturday) FS2 — Brisbane at Gold Coast
AUTO RACING
12:30 p.m. NBCSN — NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: practice, Brooklyn, Mich. 5 p.m. NBCSN — NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: qualifying, Brooklyn, Mich.
BASKETBALL
10 p.m. NBA TV — USA Men's National Team: Blue Team vs. White Team, Las Vegas.
CFL FOOTBALL
10 p.m. ESPN2 — Ottawa at Edmonton
GOLF
10:30 a.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour Golf: The Ladies Scottish Open, second round, Scotland. 2 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Golf: The Northern Trust, second round, Jersey City, N.J. 4 p.m. FS1 — U.S. Women's Amateur: From West Point, Miss. 6 p.m. GOLF — Korn Ferry Tour Golf: The Portland Open, second round, Portland, Ore.
GYMNASTICS
8 p.m. NBCSN — U.S. Championships: Day 2, women's events, Kansas City, Mo.
HORSE RACING
4:30 p.m. FS2 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, Calif.
JR. NBA BASKETBALL
1 p.m. FS1 — Global Championship: International boys quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla. 2:30 p.m. FS1 — Global Championship: U.S. girls quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla. 7 p.m. FS1 — Global Championship: U.S. girls quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla. 8:30 p.m. FS1 — Global Championship: U.S. boys quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla.
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
11 a.m. ESPN — Midwest Regional: Minnesota vs. Missouri, semifinal, Westfield, Ind. 1 p.m. ESPN — New England Regional: Rhode Island vs. Connecticut, semifinal, Bristol, Conn. 3 p.m.

ESPN — Northwest Regional: Idaho vs. Washington, semifinal, San Bernardino, Calif. 5 p.m. ESPN — Great Lakes Regional: loser of Kentucky/Michigan vs. Illinois, semifinal, Westfield, Ind. 7 p.m. ESPN — Mid-Atlantic Regional: New Jersey vs. loser of Washington, DC/New York, semifinal, Bristol, Conn. 9 p.m. ESPN — West Regional: loser of Northern Calif./Hawaii vs. Arizona, semifinal, San Bernardino, Calif. 9 p.m.
MLB BASEBALL
3 p.m. MLB — Oakland at Chicago White Sox 8 p.m. MLB — Cleveland at Minnesota OR Texas at Milwaukee
NFL FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m. NFL — Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh
PAN AMERICAN GAMES
10 a.m. ESPN — Day 18: From Peru 3 p.m. ESPN — Day 18: From Peru 7 p.m. ESPN — Day 18: From Peru
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:55 p.m. NBCSN — Premier League: Norwich City at Liverpool 10 p.m. FS1 — Liga MX: UNAM at Tijuana
TENNIS
12 p.m. ESPN2 — Rogers Cup: Men's Quarterfinals, Montreal 12:30 p.m. TENNIS — Rogers Cup: Men's/Women's Quarterfinals, Montreal/Toronto 6:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Rogers Cup: Men's Quarterfinals, Montreal
VOLLEYBALL (MEN'S)
10 p.m. NBCSN — FIVB: Belgium vs. U.S., Olympic qualifying, Netherlands (taped)
WNBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m. CBSSN — Connecticut at Minnesota 10:30 p.m. CBSSN — Chicago at Las Vegas

On The Tube

Q&A: New film academy president talks hostless show, museum

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The new president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has been on the job for less than a day, but already has more than enough on his plate.

Casting director David Rubin has ascended to the post as the head of the organization that puts on the Oscars after a turbulent year in which public backlash led to the "popular film Oscar" being discarded, the host backing out and the show abandoning plans to present a handful of awards during the commercial breaks. The opening of the Academy Museum has also been delayed again to an unspecified date in 2020, and the industry at large continues to grapple with the question of powerful streaming services and whether their films should be eligible for the industry's top film awards.

But Rubin is not deterred by the challenges and is optimistic about the year to come and the Oscars itself, which is being held earlier than usual on Feb. 9.

Rubin spoke to The Associated Press about his plans, this year's Oscar broadcast, the museum, and whether the question of Netflix's eligibility will come up again. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: Are show format changes and

awards category changes still on the table for this year?

RUBIN: That's all very much ahead of us, but I don't think we and our partnership with ABC are looking to make appreciable changes because we've had tremendous success with our broadcast and the last Oscar broadcast was a huge success.

AP: With the Emmys following suit, the academy seems to have started a trend with the host-free show. Do think the show will repeat that this year?

RUBIN: I would think that every possibility exists on the table and we'll do whatever is best for the broadcast and our partnership with ABC.

AP: Is the producer search under way? When do you hope to have that settled?

RUBIN: Putting the show together and all the elements of the show are our first priority and because we have announced an earlier broadcast date, it is a particularly urgent focus for us. So all of that is still to come.

AP: With your background as a casting director, do you think it's possible that the Oscars might add a casting award, or perhaps a stunt award? How are you hoping to support your fellow below the line craftspeople?

RUBIN: I like to think that my being elected from the casting directors branch will shine a light on the work

that casting directors do and of course I was thrilled to read the news that BAFTA has announced a category this morning for their 2020 awards, but, you know, that's the extent of my agenda. I think we'll just see what the year and the future will bring.

AP: Eligibility requirements have already been settled for this year, but do you anticipate that the Netflix and streaming question will come up for debate for next year?

RUBIN: I think it's timely to assemble the best and brightest of our film-making colleagues to have a conversation about what is a motion picture. The fruits of those conversations will help determine if any changes are required in eligibility.

AP: The museum is delayed again and just lost its director, how do you hope to get that back on track?

RUBIN: I don't see it as being off track. I think (academy museum director) Kerry Brougher did a magnificent job in getting us to this place and as the outside of the great Renzo Piano Building is nearing completion, we're turning our focus to the inside. I see this like the academy producing a film and just like the release of a film: We'll choose the right moment for our opening and announce it when the time is right and we'll be very ready to sell tickets.

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

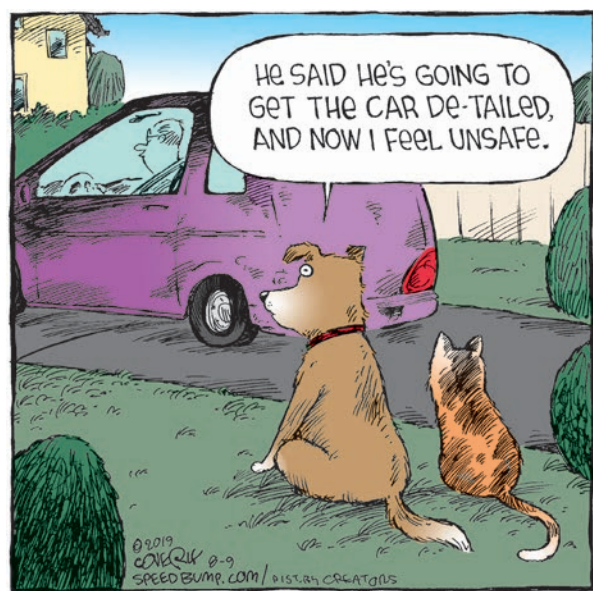
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In this Feb. 4, 2019, file photo, an Oscar statue appears at the 91st Academy Awards Nominees Luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif. Casting director David Rubin has been elected the new president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization that bestows the Oscars. (Photo by Danny Moloshok/Invision/AP, File)

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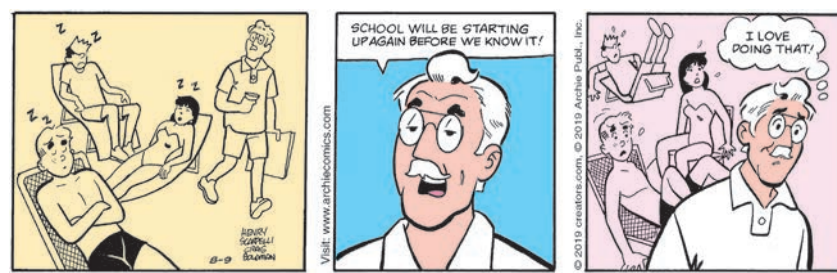
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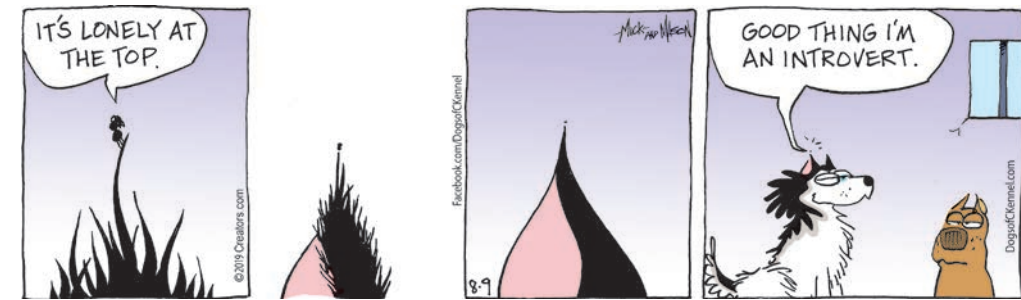
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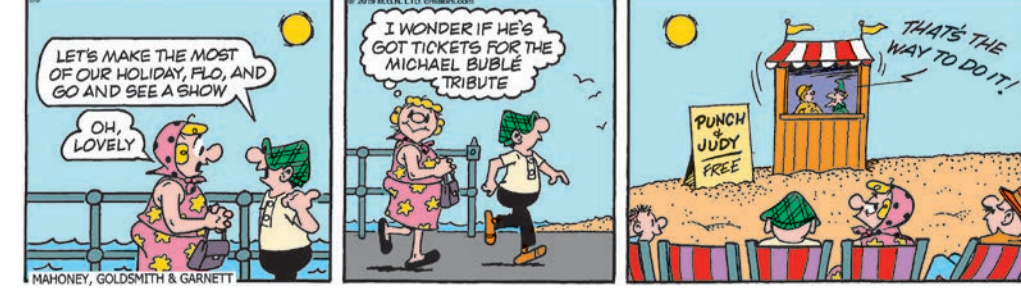
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 9, 2019:

This year, you express more optimism than you have in many years. Your creativity soars, delighting many. If single, you attract several people with ease. With as many choices as you have, make sure to choose the appropriate person for yourself. Date a lot. If attached, the two of you will feel more complete than you have in years. You seem to have dropped a barrier. You might opt for a new addition to the family. Be careful if you do not want to create that reality. **SAGITTARIUS** makes you smile.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You explode onto the social scene, perhaps earlier than you anticipated. You might find work challenging, as your attention seems to wander. Consider taking off early. You will be happy and so will others. Tonight: Try a new spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be unusually receptive to a key partner. One-on-one relating is highlighted. You know what you want and where you are heading. Lighten up and take your time. Tonight: Say "thank you" nicely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Defer to another person who you care a lot about. You might feel more connected to someone else than you are aware. Go with the flow, knowing full well what you want and expect. Tonight: Decide who and then you'll know what to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Focus on getting the job done. Your sense of humor comes through when dealing with a co-worker or a friend you often run into. Stay open to a new idea that could add more interest to your daily life. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You could feel unusually energized and have difficulty staying focused. Consider leaving work early. Your personality draws a loved one or a potential loved one closer. If you have a child, they want more parent time! Tonight: Hop on out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Opt to work from home if possible. You need some downtime just for yourself. You also might have a secret project that you are not discussing. You need time and space to dig in. Tonight: Invite a friend or two over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Return calls, then make your plans. You have a lot of choices, whether you choose to make them or not. Conversations seem to start up from nowhere, whether you're sharing or because of the twinkle in your eye. Tonight: Favorite spot with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Jump right into the moment. Clear out a problem that has been hanging over you. Be sure you have balanced your checkbook and have the available funds to be frivolous and indulge in a special purchase. Tonight: Treat a friend to TGIF.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You could not be happier to greet the weekend. You need and want a change of pace. Do not push yourself as hard to complete all of your work and get other matters under control. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Be aware that something might be going on with you or a close associate. It appears no one is sharing. You seem unusually optimistic, but decide to keep interactions on a one-on-one level, as you sense someone might be off-kilter. Tonight: Let your hair down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You keep getting calls and requests to join others, whether for business or your personal life. You need to put more energy into your emotional life. You will be happier, as will others. A friend makes an important request. If you can, follow through. Tonight: Say what you feel to a dear friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might need to take a strong stand with your career, an older person, and/or a boss. You have an excellent sense of timing. Use it to your benefit. The other party will think long and hard about what you say. Refuse to be clingy or needy. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

♠ AKJ3 ♥ KJ852 ♦ 7 ♣ AQ4

1. Your right-hand opponent opens One Diamond, and your left-hand opponent bids Three Diamonds, which is followed by two passes. What would you do now?

2. You deal and bid One Heart, and partner responds One Spade. What would you do now?

3. You deal and bid One Heart, and partner responds Two Clubs. When you rebid Two Spades, partner bids Three Diamonds. What would you do now?

4. Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with Three Diamonds, which you double. Your partner responds Three Notrump. What would you do now?

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

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- 4 Lawman Wyatt
- 8 Nanny's headache
- 12 Grazing land
- 13 Bring up
- 14 Roof overhang
- 15 Sea of the North Atlantic
- 17 Apple tablet
- 18 Melodious
- 19 Junior
- 21 Workout unit
- 22 Sea off Greece
- 26 Cut off
- 29 Auction action
- 30 Depot (Abbr.)
- 31 Yale students
- 32 Twitch
- 33 Whirl
- 34 Estuary
- 35 Shore concealer
- 36 Blitzen's boss

DOWN

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- 4 Pancall part
- 5 Man of morals?
- 6 Dorm
- 45 Latin love
- 48 Sea east of Italy
- 50 Fascinated by
- 51 Implement
- 52 Buckeyes' sch.
- 11 Actor
- 53 Booty
- 54 Staffer
- 55 Profit
- 23 "NFL Live"
- 24 Bickering
- 25 "Peter Pan" dog
- 26 Belgrade resident
- 27 Director
- 28 Test tube
- 29 Huge
- 32 Bach composition
- 33 Ballroom dance
- 35 Little lie
- 36 "Hard as nails," for one
- 38 Seer's deck
- 39 King of Judea
- 42 Thames town
- 43 Ascend
- 44 Bunny's tail
- 45 Be sick
- 46 on a phone
- 47 Oklahoma tribe
- 49 "Where begin?"

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-9

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE MOLLUSKS' SALOON, ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR COCKTAILS THEY OFFER IS A RUSTY SNAIL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals B

BORN TODAY

Singer Whitney Houston (1963), actor Sam Elliott (1944), Grand Duchess Alexandra Pavlovna of Russia (1783)

MLB EXPANDED STANDINGS



AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	76	39	.661	—	—	9-1	W-9	43-18	33-21
Tampa Bay	66	50	.569	10½	—	7-3	L-1	31-28	35-22
Boston	61	56	.521	16	5½	2-7	W-1	29-30	32-26
Toronto	47	71	.398	30½	20	6-4	L-1	20-35	27-36
Baltimore	38	76	.333	37½	27	3-7	L-3	17-41	21-35

Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	70	45	.609	—	—	6-4	L-3	35-24	35-21
Cleveland	69	46	.600	1	—	7-3	W-3	38-24	31-22
Chicago	51	62	.451	18	13½	5-5	W-1	27-28	24-34
Kansas City	41	75	.353	29½	25	1-8	L-1	23-35	18-40
Detroit	34	78	.304	34½	30	3-7	W-1	15-39	19-39

West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Houston	75	40	.652	—	—	9-1	W-6	43-15	32-25
Oakland	65	50	.565	10	½	7-3	L-1	37-23	28-27
Texas	58	56	.509	16½	7	5-5	L-2	35-22	23-34
Los Angeles	56	60	.483	19½	10	2-8	L-7	29-28	27-32
Seattle	48	68	.414	27½	18	5-5	W-1	27-33	21-35

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Atlanta	68	49	.581	—	—	6-4	L-1	32-25	36-24
Washington	61	53	.535	5½	—	6-4	W-3	31-25	30-28
New York	59	56	.513	8	½	9-1	W-6	32-20	27-36
Philadelphia	59	56	.513	8	½	4-6	L-3	34-26	25-30
Miami	43	71	.377	23½	16	2-8	W-1	23-35	20-36

Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	63	52	.548	—	—	7-3	W-2	41-19	22-33
Milwaukee	60	56	.517	3½	—	4-6	W-3	33-24	27-32
St. Louis	58	55	.513	4	½	2-8	L-5	31-23	27-32
Cincinnati	54	59	.478	8	4½	6-4	L-1	31-27	23-32
Pittsburgh	48	66	.421	14½	11	2-8	L-5	24-32	24-34

West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	77	40	.658	—	—	8-2	W-5	46-15	31-25
Arizona	58	57	.504	18	1½	5-5	W-2	27-28	31-29
San Francisco	57	59	.491	19½	3	3-7	W-1	26-31	31-28
San Diego	53	61	.465	22½	6	4-6	W-1	26-30	27-31
Colorado	52	63	.452	24	7½	3-7	L-3	29-27	23-36

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games
 Boston 4, Kansas City 4, 9½ innings, susp.
 Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 1
 Cleveland 2, Texas 0, 1st game
 Atlanta 11, Minnesota 7
 Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3
 Houston 14, Colorado 3
 Chicago Cubs 10, Oakland 1
 Cleveland 5, Texas 1, 2nd game
 Seattle 3, San Diego 2
 N.Y. Yankees 14, Baltimore 2

Thursday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 12, Toronto 6
 Boston 3, L.A. Angels 0
 Detroit 10, Kansas City 8
 Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5

Friday's Games
 Oakland (Fiers 10-3) at Chicago White Sox (Detwiler 1-2), 3:10 p.m.
 Houston (Miley 10-4) at Baltimore (Bundy 5-11), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Happ 9-6) at Toronto (Reid-Foley 1-2), 7:07 p.m.
 Kansas City (Keller 7-11) at Detroit (Jackson 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Barria 4-5) at Boston (Johnson 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Bieber 11-4) at Minnesota (Smeltzer 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Texas (Allard 0-0) at Milwaukee (Gonzalez 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at Seattle (Gonzales 12-9), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 3:07 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 Houston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Texas at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games
 N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 2
 Atlanta 11, Minnesota 7
 Houston 14, Colorado 3
 Chicago Cubs 10, Oakland 1
 L.A. Dodgers 2, St. Louis 1
 Washington 4, San Francisco 1
 Seattle 3, San Diego 2
 Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 3
 Arizona 6, Philadelphia 1

Thursday's Games
 Chicago Cubs 12, Cincinnati 5
 Miami 9, Atlanta 2
 San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 0
 San Diego 9, Colorado 3

Friday's Games
 Atlanta (Teheran 6-7) at Miami (Smith 7-5) 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Darvish 4-5) at Cincinnati (Bauer 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Strasburg 14-5) at N.Y. Mets (Stroman 6-11), 7:10 p.m.
 Texas (Allard 0-0) at Milwaukee (Gonzalez 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Archer 3-8) at St. Louis (Hudson 10-6), 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona (Ray 10-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 10-2), 10:10 p.m.
 Colorado (Freeland 3-9) at San Diego (Quantrill 4-3), 10:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Smyly 2-6) at San Francisco (Beede 3-6), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 6:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Texas at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 Colorado at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale delivers to the Los Angeles Angels during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, in Boston. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

Boston hosts Los Angeles following Sale's strong outing

By The Associated Press
 Los Angeles Angels (56-60, fourth in the AL West) vs. Boston Red Sox (61-56, third in the AL East)
Friday, 7 p.m. EDT
PITCHING PROBABLES: Angels: Jaime Barria (4-5, 6.36 ERA) Red Sox: Brian Johnson (1-1, 6.88 ERA)
LINE: Red Sox favored by 1 1/2 runs; over/under is 11 runs

Boston heads into the matchup fresh off a dominant performance by Chris Sale. Sale pitched eight innings, giving up The Red Sox are 29-30 in home games. Boston has a collective on-base percentage of .339, good for third in the American League. Xander Bogaerts leads the lineup with a mark of .388.

The Angels have gone 27-32 away from home. The Los Angeles offense has compiled a .253 batting average as a team this season, Mike Trout leads the team with a mark of .301. The Red Sox won the last meeting 3-0. Chris Sale earned his sixth victory and Sam Travis went 1-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs for Boston. Dillon Peters registered his first loss for Los Angeles.

TOP PERFORMERS: Rafael Devers leads the Red Sox with 85 RBIs and is batting .319. Andrew Benintendi is 17-for-41 with six doubles, three home runs and 13 RBIs over the last 10 games for Boston.

Trout leads the Angels with 89 RBIs and is batting .301. Matt Thaiss is 7-for-26 with a double, three home runs and eight RBIs over the last 10 games for Los Angeles.

LAST 10 GAMES: Red Sox: 2-8, .245 batting average, 6.21 ERA, outscored by 23 runs
 Angels: 2-8, .201 batting average, 5.68 ERA, outscored by 30 runs

Red Sox Injuries: Steven Wright: (toe), David Price: (wrist), Heath Hembree: (elbow), Dustin Pedroia: (knee), Steve Pearce: (back).

Angels Injuries: Noe Ramirez: (infection), Felix Pena: (knee), Keynan Middleton: (elbow), Andrew Heaney: (shoulder), Griffin Canning: (elbow), Luke Bard: (triceps), Andrelton Simmons: (foot), Tommy La Stella: (tibia), Zack Cozart: (shoulder).

Sale fans 13 in two-hitter, Sox top Angels

By GETHIN COOLBAUGH
Associated Press
 BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox ace Chris Sale and assistant pitching coach Brian Bannister logged long hours in the video room after Sale was lit up twice by the rival Yankees recently. With a few tweaks, the lanky left-hander was picture perfect Thursday night. Sale righted himself and struck out 13 over eight innings of two-hit ball to lift Boston over the Los Angeles Angels 3-0. He had allowed 14 runs over nine innings during his previous two starts, both against New York, but he bounced back with his 13th double-digit strikeout game this season.

"Just getting back to kind of what I was doing to make myself successful before all this," Sale (6-11) said. "We spent a lot of time this week looking at some things."

Sale's brilliance against the Angels merely lowered his season ERA to 4.41.

"This is August, so there's a lot of question marks for the right reasons, obviously," Cora said. "At least for today, he looked great."

A resurgence by Sale would be welcome news for a Boston club that needs to make up a sizable deficit in order to defend its World Series title.

The Red Sox had lost nine of 10 games, not including's Wednesday's contest against the Royals that was suspended in the 10th inning with the score tied at 4. Thursday's game ran without issue and was over in a tidy 2 hours, 16 minutes.

Boston pulled within 5 1/2 games of the second AL wild card with Tampa Bay and Oakland idle.

"We've got a lot of work to do ahead, so (we're) looking forward to tomorrow," said first baseman Sam Travis, who hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off starter Dillon Peters in the second inning.

Angels star Mike Trout went 1 for 4 with three strikeouts a day after his 28th birthday. Los Angeles, which fell 10 games out in the AL wild card, suffered its season-high seventh straight loss.

"This is a tough stretch for us right now," Trout said. Sandy Leon tacked on a solo homer in the fifth against Peters (2-1), who gave up three runs and five hits while striking out eight over six innings.

"I made a couple mistakes," Peters said. "You get beat out of the yard against this team."

"It's special. I appreciate it," Sale said. "Obviously, with how this entire season's unfolded personally, I wish it was something else."

SCORE THAT '9?

Angels right fielder Kole Calhoun made a spectacular diving catch near Pesky Pole on a ball hit by Xander Bogaerts for the first out of the fourth inning, drawing "oohs" and "aahs" from the Fenway Park crowd.

"I had front-row seats to that catch. It was pretty incredible," Trout said. "Honestly I didn't think he was going to get to it."

TROUT TURNS 28

Trout celebrated his birthday at home during the team's day off Wednesday. The eight-time All-Star is one of seven players to hit 278 home runs before turning 28, a list that includes Alex Rodriguez, Ken Griffey Jr. and teammate Albert Pujols.

"I think that's the most amazing part is he's only 28," Angels manager Brad Ausmus said. "With all the numbers that he has, the age is what sticks out."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: LHP Andrew Heaney (left shoulder inflammation) will be activated from the injured list to start Saturday's game in Boston. Heaney last pitched July 26 versus Houston. ... SS Andrelton Simmons (left ankle bone bruise and sprain) is receiving treatment in the Los Angeles area and has no timetable to return. ... RHP Griffin Canning (right elbow inflammation) threw on the field before the game. ... Los Angeles reclaimed LHP Adalberto Mejia, who pitched for the team earlier this season before being designated for assignment, off waivers Thursday and granted C Jose Briceno his unconditional release.

Red Sox: LHP David Price was placed on the 10-day injured list after receiving a shot of cortisone Wednesday to treat a cyst in his left wrist. "The hope is for him to come (back) sooner rather than later, but we don't have a timetable," manager Alex Cora said. RHP Hector Velázquez was recalled from Triple-A to fill Price's spot. ... 2B Dustin Pedroia (left knee irritation) spoke with the team via FaceTime during Wednesday night's rain delay after having joint preservation surgery Tuesday. "He seems like (he's) in good spirits," Cora said.

UP NEXT

Angels: RHP Jaime Barria (4-5, 6.36 ERA) has lost two straight starts and three of his last four.
 Red Sox: LHP Brian Johnson (1-1, 6.88) takes Price's spot in the rotation and will be making his third start this season.

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