

Pats chase another AFC title

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The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. Two things, among many, have been consistent for the Patriots the past decade: Tom Brady at quarterback and New England in the AFC championship game. Brady will try to lead his team to its seventh straight conference title game Saturday when it hosts the Tennessee Titans in the divisional round. It has been a challenging week off the field for the Patriots following reports of turmoil involving Brady, coach Bill Belichick and team owner Robert Kraft. But Brady says he's never doubt-

ed his team's ability to compartmentalize potential distractions. "I think we have a job to do and we know what our job is and that's to go out and play football at a high level and play well," he said. "Nothing really should get in the way of that." Tennessee hasn't been to a conference championship game since the 2002 season, but has been invigorated coming off its first playoff win in 14 years. The Titans enter as 13-point underdog, but linebacker Derrick Morgan said it's a role they happily embrace. "Nobody respects us.



Nobody really expects a lot from us. That's fine," he said. "We haven't been a very successful team in the last 10 years. So it's easy for people to overlook us. So we've got to take care of business and start winning games like this to get the respect that we desire." To get it, they'll have to stop a quarterback that has been virtually unbeatable in this round of the post-season. Brady is 11-2 in 13 divisional-round games since 2002, passing for 3,700 yards and 28 touchdowns. He also has a 6-1 career record against the Titans with 13 touchdowns and just one interception.

Matt Ryan aims for happy homecoming in Philadelphia

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The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Quarterback Matt Ryan has another shot at a happy homecoming. A berth in the NFC championship game is at stake when Ryan leads the Atlanta Falcons (11-6) against the Philadelphia Eagles (13-3) in a divisional playoff Saturday. Ryan, who grew up rooting for the Eagles and went to Philadelphia's William Penn Charter School, is 1-3 at the Linc.

"I'm used to it now," Ryan said about returning home. "Playing as long as I have, I understand regardless of where we play you have to be at your best every week. The one nice part is there will be a lot of familiar faces, friendly faces after the game, which is always nice." Ryan had his worst game of his MVP season last year in Atlanta's 24-15 loss in Philly on Nov. 13, 2016. He was 18 of 33 for 267 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Jaguars get four defenders back to play Steelers

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. The Jacksonville Jaguars are about as healthy as they could have hoped heading into the divisional round of the AFC playoffs. Linebackers Telvin Smith (ankle) and Paul Posluszny (abdomen) practiced in full Friday. So did cornerbacks Jalen Ramsey (Achilles) and Aaron Colvin (illness). The Jaguars (11-6) have gotten healthy enough that they could have the same 22 starters

they had in early September when they play at Pittsburgh (13-3) on Sunday. Backup receiver/punt returner Jaydon Mickens (hamstring) and reserve linebacker Blair Brown (ankle) were the only players listed as questionable for the game. Both practiced on a limited basis Friday. Coach Doug Marrone credited his players for working to get back on the field, saying a guy "can either take that or not take that as far as getting himself ready."



Vikings undecided on whether to activate QB Bradford

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The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. Minnesota coach Mike Zimmer says he hasn't made a decision regarding the status of quarterback Sam Bradford, who has practiced the last two weeks in an attempt to be activated from the injured reserve list. Case Keenum will be the Vikings starting quarterback in Sunday's NFC Divisional Round playoff game against the New Orleans Saints. After practice on Friday, Zimmer refuted a

report that Bradford might be activated. A writer for the Boston Globe tweeted Friday the "Vikings plan to dress" Bradford, who hasn't been active since Week 5 against the Chicago Bears. "I don't know how the Boston Globe would know because I haven't made any decisions yet," Zimmer said. Bradford was placed on the IR on Nov. 8 after undergoing arthroscopic surgery to clean his left knee. He became eligible to practice before the Vikings' Week 17 game, but didn't until the following Tuesday. Since then, he's participated in five practices.



PUBLIC NOTICES

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....403.526.2828

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JANUARY 4 TO JANUARY 10, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
1060 ROSS STREET SE	(Lot 8, Block G, Plan 59454) DP14201. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).
HOME OCCUPATION	
41 SIERRA GREEN SW	(Lot 21, Block 35, Plan 1511751) DP14221. Customers to Attend Site. Consultant.
23 VALLEVIEW DRIVE SW	(Lot 27, Block 40, Plan 6280JK) DP14222. Office Use Only. Delivery Service.
531 ROSS GLEN DRIVE SE	(Lot 12, Block 20, Plan 7810695) DP14223. Office Use Only. Consultant.
6 ROSS HEIGHTS PLACE SE	(Lot 11, Block 15, Plan 7810535) DP14224. Office Use Only. General Contractor and Electrician.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within twenty-one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Now accepting applications to the **SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENTS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**. The program offers support for cultural events or projects filling a cultural need in the City, or for individuals, groups or organizations receiving recognition at international competitions, exhibitions, performances or events related to arts and culture. Next Application Deadline: **January 15, 2018**. Applications and Guidelines are available at www.medicinehat.ca/grants or at the Esplanade (401 First Street SE, Medicine Hat). For further information contact the Cultural Grant Administrator at 403.529.8316 or culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between **December 27, 2017 - January 31, 2018** by dropping it off at one of the following convenient drop off locations:
• 240 Kipling Street SE - Kipling Street Recycling Depot
• 172 Altawana Drive NE - Shamrock Recycling Depot
• 3292 Dunmore Rd SE - Southwest corner of the Medicine Hat Mall parking lot
Please **remove** all plastic bags, stands, tinsel and decorations. Download the MyWaste App, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu, or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

2018 DOWNTOWN PARKING PASSES

PARKING LOT	LOCATION	NUMBER OF STALLS PER LOT	MONTHLY & DAILY RATES (GST included)	ANNUAL RATE (GST included) Passes valid January 1 thru December 31
Chokecherry	Corner of 2 Street SE & 4 Avenue SE	52 surface stalls	\$50/month	\$544
Cottonwood	Corner of 1 Street SE & 5 Avenue SE	49 surface stalls		
Linden	Across from City Hall on 1 Street SE	25 surface stalls	Linden 2018 monthly passes, if available, will go on sale January 29 for \$50/month.	
Transit Terminal Parkade	Corner of 4 Street SE & 6 Avenue SE	23 stalls 2nd Level Covered w/Plug-ins	\$66/month	\$726
		42 stalls 2nd Level Covered No Plug-ins	\$55/month	\$605
		32 stalls 3rd Level Uncovered	\$50/month \$5/day \$1/hour	\$544

Purchase your pass from the Cashiers on the main floor of City Hall, 580 - 1 Street SE. Parking Lot information line 403.529.8318

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

- The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines:
- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
 - Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
 - For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
 - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
 - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing
 - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
 - Residents of mobile homes should check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and water meter.
 - Protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.
 - Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap.
 - Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out.
 - A thin stream of water (as thick as a pencil lead) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
 - If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve located next to the water meter in your home. You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.
- A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take all possible precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.
- For more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

DEFECTIVE STREETLIGHTS Resident Alert

If you reside in the City of Medicine Hat, Redcliff or Dunmore and you notice a streetlight that is not operating properly, please notify Electric Utility at:

www.medicinehat.ca/reportaproblem

Or, call **403.529.8262**. If after hours, please leave a message.

Please have the following information when submitting your report:

- streetlight number
- street address or nearest house number, office or store
- nature of problem (i.e. cycling between on and off, always off etc.)
- number of lights out (single light, multiple lights, sequence of lights)