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## New contract for DPW funded

Mayor appoints  
new DPW Director

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – The City Council has funded a new contract with the Holyoke Public Works Supervisors Local 424, one of the collective bargaining units within the department.

The new contract is a three-year pact and includes multiple raises over that period of time.

Public works supervisors will see an immediate increase in pay of \$1 per hour. The raise is retroactive to July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The contract has a \$1 per hour raise on July 1, 2023, and a 2% increase for July 1, 2024.

Other smaller things changed into the contract include the addition of Juneteenth as a paid holiday for the supervisors.

To fund the first year of the contract, the Council approved a transfer of \$12,529 for the raises in fiscal 2022. The funding effectively binds the city to the rest of the contract, and Mayor Joshua Garcia will build the funding for years two and three into his future budgets.

Finance Committee Chairman Councilor Joseph McGiverin said his committee took up the matter a recent meeting.

“We don’t vote on contracts, but we do improve the funding,” McGiverin said. He said there were some surpluses that helped to fund the first year

of the contract. “The committee feels this group is well-deserving of this raise. It’s a longtime coming.”

Councilor Kevin Jourdain agree, saying the supervisors union has not been receiving the cost-of-living adjustments they have needed in recent years.

“I am strongly in support of this,” he said. “The DPW is a silent hero doing great work in this city and the DPW has been woefully underpaid. It’s good to see these type of increases. These people do incredible work for our city.”

Councilor Peter Tallman said the DPW has been doing a lot of work in the city that many people do not realize.

“Hopefully, as the years go on, and the funding becomes available and we can fill these positions,” Tallman said.

Recently, the DPW has had a number of open positions, and the city council had discussed the poor wages as a reason the jobs had not been filled.

The City Council was in unanimous agreement with the funding of the contract.

In a related item, Garcia informed the council that a new DPW director has been appointed.

Garcia named Carl Rossi, of Clifton, NJ as the new department head. Garcia said Rossi will be moving from New Jersey and will begin work for the city as soon as he has secured living arrangements in the city.

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## HIBERNIANS GIVE OUT 2023 AWARDS



The Hibernians of Hampden/Hampshire Counties recently announced the recipients of their Highest Irish Cultural Awards for 2023 on Feb. 5 at JP’s Restaurant in Holyoke. They are: Ladies President Paula Paoli, Christian Charity Award Winner Brenda Lamagdeleine, Mary Kate O’Connor Ms. LAOH, and Jay Whelihan Mr. AOH. The LAOH an AOH Woman and Man of the Year is given to that person who truly lives by the Hibernian Motto of Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity. Presented at Irish Night at Log Cabin Feb. 25 Holyoke. The Christian Charity Award is given to that person who improves the lives of the people of Hampden/Hampshire Counties.

## Energy rates rising for the winter

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HOLYOKE – Pursuant to an order from the City Council, Holyoke Gas & Electric, the utility company for the city, gave an update on the state of electric and gas rates.

Rates are going to be increasing, but not at the rate that most of the region, which utilize Eversource as its electrical and natural gas source, are enduring.

“While HG&E will continue to have some of the lowest rates in the region,” HG&E General Manager James Lavelle said. “Inflation and the rising costs of the everyday expenses are having a significant impact on our custom-

ers, and we are here to help. We encourage customers to manage energy use and payment by taking advantage of HG&E’s innovative energy efficiency and conservation programs, fuel assistance information, discounts, payment plans, and rebates. This information will be distributed to customers with their utility statements.”

Lavelle said the energy sector has been experiencing significant increases in costs due to escalating global demand for natural gas and shortages in domestic supply, as well as the impact of supply chain disruptions.

Lavelle had recently been in front of the council discussing plans to apply for another natural gas storage tank to

increase the city’s capacity for natural gas reserves.

He said natural gas bills could increase by about 32% compared to last winter. He said the increase could translate on average to about \$80 per month more for a typical customer that uses an average of 186 ccf per month.

Electric bills are expected to increase approximately 10 percent over last year, or about \$7 per month. That increase is much smaller than the larger increases proposed by Eversource.

Lavelle also reported HG&E is ready for the winter and has secured the necessary supply needed to serve customers in the city.

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## DASHING THROUGH THE DOUGH



A gingerbread house made to look like Wistariahurst Museum created by artist/chef Meaghann O’Neil was on display at an open house held last weekend. Please see more photos on page 6. Photo by Kara Walsh-Vey

## Committee to hear concerns on rising rent, poor conditions

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – The Public Safety Committee will be holding a meeting on Monday, Dec. 12 to allow citizens in the city to air concerns about the increasing costs of rental units in the city.

A petition was filed on Oct. 18 from multiple citizens seeking a meeting with the City Council subcommittee.

The meeting will discuss the current conditions of many rental units and the rents that are increasing due to rising costs of energy as well as inflation.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. and prior to a special city council meeting that will set the property tax factor.

Residents experiencing issues with rental properties are encouraged to attend and address members of the committee about the issue. The committee is chaired by Councilor Israel Rivera and includes Councilors Kocayne Givner and Todd McGee.

At the Dec. 6 Regular City Council meeting, John Rivera, a renter of a unit on Cabot St., asked councilors to attend the meeting.

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# ARPA funds to be used for ferry improvements

HOLYOKE – The Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC), Holyoke Rows and the City of Holyoke have partnered to administer an improvement project at the Jones Ferry River Access Point in Holyoke. This project is primarily funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and awarded to respond to a significant increase in use at Jones Ferry resulting from the COVID pandemic. The broader project at Jones Ferry includes many infrastructure improvements at the existing river access point at Jones Ferry in Holyoke, MA – all geared towards enhancing and instilling a sense of belonging and ensuring safe access for the entire Holyoke community at this public river access point. Among these project components is the installation of bilingual facility signage to both respond to an increase in the volume of facility users and to engage a broader sector of the Holyoke community to create a welcoming, equitably accessible opportunity for passive recreation on the Connecticut River.

CRC is proud and honored to announce that we have selected Economist – Urban Artist Alvilda Sophia Anaya-Alegria from the pool of local artist applicants as the local artist to enhance our ongoing project at the Jones Ferry River Access Point. Economist – Urban Artist Anaya – Alegria’s original work will be featured on a series of educational sign panels to be installed at the site in 2023, and was created and inspired by Anaya – Alegria’s deep connection to the Connecticut River here and the waters of her homelands in Puerto Rico.

Alvilda Sophia Anaya-Alegria – economist, professor, fine art and urban artist, nonfiction historical writer – was born in Guayama, Puerto Rico and is a current resident of Springfield, MA. Anaya—Alegria obtained a Master’s of Science in Economic Development from Southern University of New Hampshire and has completed doctorate courses in the Economics and Fine Arts departments at University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is a poet and writer, scholar in political economy, fine art painter in watercolor, urban muralist and installation artist. Anaya-Alegria has taught Economics and Finances, and Statistics at Springfield College; Theater and Studio Art in Painting and Architecture at Cambridge College; English at UMass Amherst and Woman and Economic Development at Tufts University. Her poetry has been published in Puerto Rico, *Antología Poética Musas en Arresto Cuartelario*, and several newspapers in North and Latin—America. She is a member of Straw Dogs Writers Guild in Northampton, MA. In conjunction with her *Sólo Art Exhibition* Anaya – Alegria is the current *Writer-in-Residence* at the Arrow Gallery and Bear Press in Easthampton, MA. Her work for this project brings history, economics, and grassroots community organizing expressed through public art.

Anaya – Alegria’s artwork was juried by the Connecticut River Conservancy for this project in response to a call for local artists. Her work is currently on exhibition in both the US and Puerto Rico. In May 2022 she was juried by Edwin Velázquez Collazo,

CEO and Curator of Casa Silvana and Mellon Foundation Grantee Recipient, to represent the Afrodescendent Puerto Rican Diaspora community at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, “exposición trenzando identidades, Puerto Rico Afro 2023–2024.” In her quest to incorporate EcoUrban Planning and Development, Alvilda has collaborated with El Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña, Puerto Rico; and architects to design and paint urban murals in Guayama and the Diaspora, North America. In July 2022, Alvilda collaborated with Michelle Falcón Fontáñez, a multimedia storyteller, on their latest cultural mural “El Litoral”, painting “La Ceiba de Guayama” for the mural. This mural is a partnership between the Springfield Museums and the City of Springfield Economic Development departments. In Holyoke, MA she took her museographic research and design in Romanesque Art, Economics and Architecture work to build an Installation solely focused on the History of Guayama, Puerto Rico, her birth place. This installation was supported in collaboration with the Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña (ICP) and Holyoke Museum Wisteriahurst in 2016.

Anaya-Alegria’s work is widely recognized and she has been the recipient of numerous international Fine Arts awards and grants. Most recently, a Mellon Foundation Arts juried exhibit award; The Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA; Three Fellowship Awards from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in Public Art; a juried show at the Fine Arts Center at UMass Amherst

in Public Art; Five grants from the Springfield Cultural Council (latest one 2022); A grant by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (2022) to study at Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA); Two Easthampton City Arts grants, and another two (2022) by the Northampton and Chicopee Cultural Council’s in Massachusetts. Anaya-Alegria received, her first ever, two writing scholarships (2017) from Nerissa Niels to learn literary writing at ‘writing it up in the garden’, to work at her craft as a memoirist. Her current writing projects include a memoir “Bread and Roses Strike”, a non-fiction historical narrative centered in Lawrence, MA detailing the triumph of Latine women saving the economic infrastructure of this ‘immigrant city’ in the 1908s and 1990s, a lyrical poetry book, and a children’s book telling the story of a 5-year old boy forced to uproot his life in Puerto Rico and leave his life behind to move to North America.

The international renown for Economist – Urban Artist Alvilda Sophia Anaya – Alegria’s work and her expansive portfolio and expertise have enriched this project in profound and unimaginable ways. Her art will be paired with educational information on the history, ecology, cultural expressions, and environmental monitoring of the Jones Ferry site in Holyoke. CRC is honored by her participation and eager to share this work with the Holyoke community. Please stay connected with CRC for more updates on this exciting project and the launch of this art installation at Jones Ferry in 2023.

## HCC welcomes Jane Johnson Vottero as director of marketing

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is pleased to welcome Jane Johnson Vottero of Wilbraham as its new director of marketing and strategic communications.

Vottero joins HCC after 21 years at Springfield College, where she has worked as manager of editorial services, publications director, director of executive communications, and, most recently, editorial director. Her work includes award-winning publications, executive speech writing, supervision of creative and volunteer teams, advertising campaigns, newspa-

per reporting, freelance correspondence, development writing, web writing, video production, and strategic communications for businesses, nonprofits, and political and social issue campaigns.

“We’re very excited to welcome Jane to HCC,” said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of the college’s division of Institutional Advancement. “She brings a breadth of experience in marketing and communications, a passion for all that we do at HCC, and a commitment to our students and our mission that I believe will advance our work.”

At HCC, Vottero will oversee the operations of marketing, media relations, social media, graphic design, website management, publications, and other internal and external communications.

“I am delighted to serve at an institution that has such strong leadership and is committed to removing all barriers that stand between students and their education,” she said.

Vottero holds a bachelor’s degree in English literature from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a master’s degree in psychol-

ogy from Springfield College. She has worked as a writer, editor, and publicist in western Massachusetts, including at Baystate Health Systems, the Western Massachusetts Business Journal (now Business West), the Westfield Evening News, and Barron’s Business and Financial Weekly. She is a past president of the Junior League of Greater Springfield, the founding president of CISV Greater Springfield, and a graduate of the Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts Leadership Institute for Political and Public Impact.



Past colleens joined for a photo opportunity on a St. Patrick’s Day float at the parade.

File photo

## Applications open for 2023 Grand Colleen Pageant

HOLYOKE – The application for the 2023 Grand Colleen Pageant by the St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke is now open. Eligibility, requirement, and the application can all be found on the Committee’s website, [www.holyokestpatricksparade.com](http://www.holyokestpatricksparade.com). Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The 2023 Grand Colleen Pageant will take place on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2023 at Holyoke High School, 300 Beech Street Holyoke, MA 01040. Five contestants will be selected to make-up the Grand Colleen’s Court. The Grand Colleen will be then selected from the five finalists at the Grand Colleen Ball on Feb. 18, 2023.

Tickets for the Pageant are \$15 per person, \$10 for seniors and children under 12 are free, tickets are available for sale online at [grandcolleenpageant.eventbrite.com](http://grandcolleenpageant.eventbrite.com) or at with cash/check at the door.

For any questions please email [holyokecolleenpageant@gmail.com](mailto:holyokecolleenpageant@gmail.com).

The 70th Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023, and the 46th St. Patrick’s Road Race will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.holyokestpatricksparade.com](http://www.holyokestpatricksparade.com).

## UCC announces Christmas events

HOLYOKE – This holiday season, the United Congregational Church of Holyoke is inviting everyone in the greater Holyoke area and beyond to their special Christmas events on Dec. 24 and 25.

On Christmas Eve, the church will be holding their annual Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. in the historic Skinner Chapel. This will be followed by a Sunday Worship service on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

Both services will be held at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke, corner Appleton (Rte. 141) and Maple Streets in Holyoke. All are welcome to join in the celebration, which will include messages of hope and songs of the season.

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all individuals, regardless of where they are on their journey. If you’d like to learn more about UCCH, please visit our website at [www.uccholyoke.org](http://www.uccholyoke.org), find us on Facebook or Instagram, or call our office at 413-532-1483 Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m., and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Girl Scouts receive grant to promote 'financial literacy'

The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts recently announced that it has received a \$10,000 grant from the TD Charitable Foundation in support of a program called On Your Own: Financial Literacy for Girls, a new release states.

According to the release, the grant, provided by the foundation for more than a decade, will provide a free badge program to all Girl Scouts designed to empower them to control their financial futures.

All participants complete age-appropriate activities to gain real-world money management skills. Girl Scouts develop leadership skills and self-esteem as they build a greater understanding of becoming responsible consumers, creating and living by a budget, building and managing credit, increasing their income, and saving and investing for whatever's next.

"We take to heart the important work of teaching financial literacy to girls," said Pattie Hallberg, CEO of Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts.

"Supporting this program for the 11th consecutive year, the TD Charitable Foundation has significantly impacted building financially savvy Girl Scouts."

On Your Own: Financial Literacy

for Girls is available to all members in grades K through 12.

### Want to know more?

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves nearly 5,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of over 3,000 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in Central and Western Massachusetts. The Girl Scout program allows girls to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together while building their personal leadership qualities. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience, and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities. Learn more and sign up at [gscwm.org](http://gscwm.org).

### About the TD Charitable Foundation

The TD Charitable Foundation is the giving arm of TD Bank, one of the 10 largest commercial banking organizations in the United States, the news release states. Since its inception in 2002, the Foundation has distributed over \$230 million through more than 21,330 grants through donations to local nonprofits from Maine to Florida. More information on the TD Charitable Foundation is available at [tdbank.com](http://tdbank.com).

## SMALL PLANET DANCERS TO PERFORM



On Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. at the Holyoke Public Library, the Small Planet Dancers will have a 90-minute program of Victorian dancing, sing-alongs, readings and seasonal music. Help us to celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas and the New Year, as we welcome you into our home to share in the festivities. For more information contact [info@SmallPlanetDancers.com](mailto:info@SmallPlanetDancers.com) or Josephine Sarnelli at (413) 746-9067. The event is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

*Submitted photo*

## STEM scholarships available at HCC for spring semester

HOLYOKE – Students enrolled in chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, physics, or other STEM fields at Holyoke Community College can apply now for a National Science Foundation scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year for tuition and fees.

Through HCC, the National Science Foundation Scholarship offers on average \$6,500 per year to qualified full-time students and prorated amounts for part-time students.

Both new and returning HCC students are encouraged to apply.

The application deadline for the Spring 2023 semester is Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Students will be notified by Jan. 7.

Students chosen for the NSF scholarship become members of HCC's STEM Scholars 2.0 Program, also known as SCoRE (STEM Cohorts for Research & Engagement).

"STEM means 'science, technology, engineering, and mathematics,' but STEM also includes biology, biotechnology, computer science, any kind of engineering, environmental science, even fields that are related to psychology, like neuroscience," said HCC math professor Ileana Vasu, coordinator of the HCC STEM Scholars program. "There's a whole variety of opportunities available in other fields as well that involve critical thinking and problem solving, such as data science, which is an exciting and growing field. More and more subjects are starting to be included under the



HCC professor Emily Rabinsky, center, checks in with students during a microbiology lab in the college's Center for Life Sciences. *Submitted photo*

STEM umbrella, so if you're not sure if what you want is STEM, please ask us."

STEM Scholars at HCC are expected to maintain their enrollment in a STEM program, be in good academic standing, complete an associate degree at HCC, and/or transfer to an accredited

STEM degree program at a four-year institution.

The scholarships are renewable every year students continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

Beside the financial awards, STEM Scholars become part of a learning com-

munity that includes mentoring, research, honors experiences, community service, and internships.

"That feeling of belonging is so important in terms of STEM success," said Vasu. "We're a really close family here at HCC and very proud of our STEM community mentors and students."

Eligibility guidelines for the National Science Foundation Scholarship in STEM can be viewed at [hcc.edu/stem-scholarship](http://hcc.edu/stem-scholarship)

For more information, please contact the program coordinator Ileana Vasu at [ivasu@hcc.edu](mailto:ivasu@hcc.edu) or 413-552-2438.

## Free COVID-19 vaccine clinic Dec. 12

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Library will hold a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Monday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The clinic is free of charge and available to anyone age five and older. There will be booster shots available for anyone who is eligible to receive one.

## Holyoke Community College's 11-day Wintersession term begins Dec. 29

HOLYOKE – Seats remain open for Wintersession classes at Holyoke Community College, offering new and returning students – as well as those from other colleges home for the holidays – the opportunity to earn a semester's worth of credits for one class in 11 days.

HCC's Wintersession term begins Thurs., Dec. 29, and ends Fri., Jan. 13.

Students can earn up to four transferable credits by taking Wintersession classes in a wide variety of subjects:

anthropology, communications, criminal justice, economics, education, environmental science, geography, law, management, mathematics, nutrition, social science, and sociology.

Most Wintersession classes are offered entirely online.

"We're starting our Wintersession classes five days earlier than previous years, which will allow both current HCC students and guest students from other colleges to earn a few quick credits

and get a jump-start on classes before the spring semester," said Mark Hudgik, HCC director of Admissions.

The registration deadline for Wintersession classes at HCC is Wed., Dec. 28.

Registration is also open at HCC for spring 2023 classes.

All semester classes (14 weeks) begin Tues., Jan. 17, with additional Flex Start dates on Feb. 6 (12-week classes) and March 20 (seven-week

classes). All spring semester classes conclude by May 11.

To enroll for a Wintersession class, please visit: [hcc.edu/wintersession](http://hcc.edu/wintersession)

To enroll for Spring 2023, go to: [hcc.edu/register](http://hcc.edu/register)

Please note: Students must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccinations before registering for on-campus classes. Those who plan to register only for online classes do not have to submit proof of vaccination.

Poetry Corner

## The Wisdomic Indians

By Thomas J. Kennedy

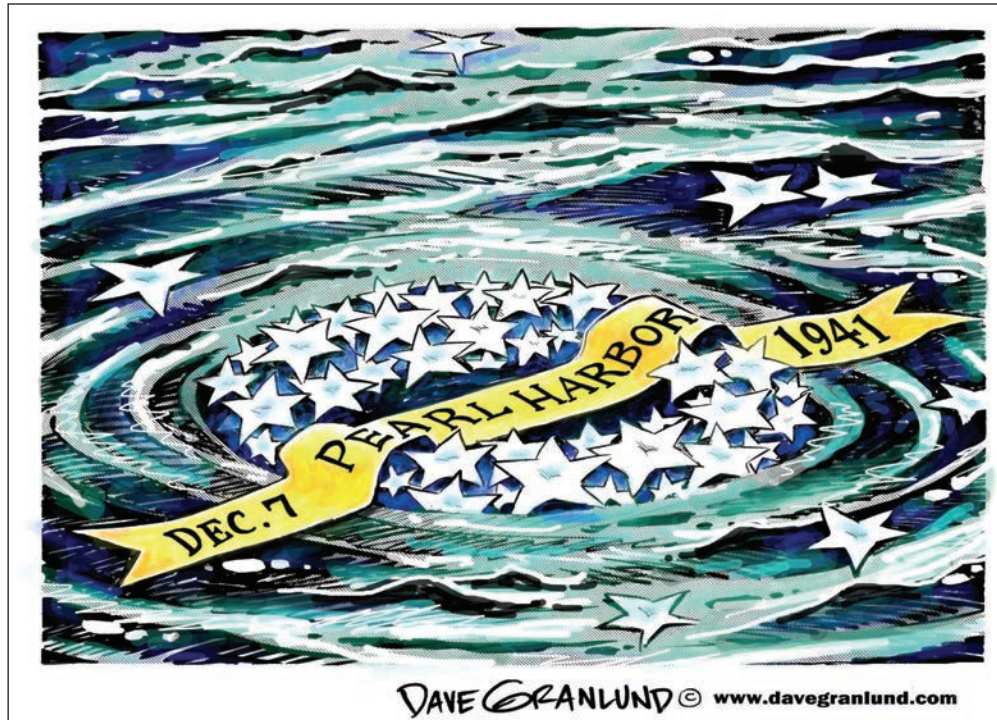
*The Wisdomic Indians  
Told us a long time ago  
Everything...a circle  
So go slow...*

*They understood the circle of life  
Knowledge and understanding combined  
As the elders shared and passed down.  
Culture crest...The only best  
How to hunt...How to fish  
But most important...Wisdom's Dish.*

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Guest Column

## After the election comes the reality



Right now, all across the country, politicians who just got elected to Congress or their state legislature for the first time are reveling in their victories. It's an intoxicating time -- and I can tell you, when you win an election it feels like the world's at your fingertips. People are calling and texting and emailing, you're in great demand, and nothing seems impossible.

But as exciting as it is, I'm also reminded after every election of a letter John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, back in 1774, when the Continental Congress was meeting in Philadelphia. "The business of the Congress is tedious beyond expression," he wrote. "This assembly is like no other that ever existed. Every man in it is a great man, an orator, a critic, a statesman; and therefore, every man, upon every question, must show his oratory, his criticism and his political abilities."

Allowing for the passage of time and a changed Congress, Adams still captured something essential: for all the rewards of

serving in office, the job carries with it a lot of frustrations. The challenge for any newly elected official is to learn to accept them.

For one thing, progress in any legislative body -- from Congress to a town council -- comes slowly; it's a matter of inches over months or years, not miles over days. Debates drag on and political posturing is annoying and endless. (If Adams thought it was bad in the 1770s, he couldn't possibly imagine what the age of TV cameras and social media has wrought.) Sometimes it feels as if a given initiative spends more time getting sidetracked than resolved.

Moreover, as anyone who has served in elected office can tell you, the hours can be brutal. Days begin early, finish late, and it almost never feels as if there are enough hours to get everything done.

This is especially true for those quiet legislators who do get the actual hard work done, which can be tedious: It demands mastering the subject at hand, negotiating with colleagues and interest groups, and then going over legislation as carefully as possible, often line by line and word by word.

Moreover, if you're interested in substantive policy-making, then the legislative process, with its endless duplication of votes and constant inconsequential resolutions that were drafted to please some minor constituency, can drive you to distraction.

For all these reasons, other parts of a legislator's life can take a back seat: family events, baptisms, ballgames, even vacations. It's hard to plan ahead when every day can bring a new crisis or development that requires attention, and I well remember times in Congress when some late-breaking event required staying in session past the start of the summer recess and having no choice but to shake my head as we gave up some lakeside cabin we'd reserved.

And then, of course, there are a legislator's colleagues.

It's not unusual to watch aghast as one or another postures for the cameras or grabs credit for work that -- almost always -- required a collective effort.

On the whole, it often feels as though the maneuvering for political advantage in Congress and many legislatures has grown more aggressive than it used to be, both in terms of hardball partisan tactics and members' own elbow-throwing efforts to garner attention. That doesn't bring out the best in people, and it can make it tougher to make meaningful progress on addressing national and state challenges.

By now, I'd guess you're wondering why on earth anyone would want the job. The answer, of course, is simple: Because if you

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## Floral kits a big hit with gardeners



Remember a couple columns ago when I was in the mood to purge some plants? Well one plant I should have talked about is the amaryllis. Right now I have three in various stages of dormancy.

One I rescued from the teacher's kitchen and another from my mother's compost pile. Oops.

I have analyzed whether or not I should keep all of them many times and have come up with all kinds of excuses as to why I should: 1. They are relatively small and therefore don't take up much window space. 2. They go dormant for a few months each year and can be taken to some dark corner and not to be bothered with at all during that time.

But the best one yet: 3. When they bloom, even if it is for only one week, they are one of the most beautiful flowers you'll ever see, and coming at a time of year that everyone could use a little floral majesty.

So, if you have a gardener on your shopping list this Christmas, indulge in that impulse purchase and get them a boxed kit of amaryllis or maybe one of paperwhites.

Read on to learn all about it! Amaryllis kits usually cost between ten and twenty dollars. I have found that the more elaborate the enclosed container is, the more expensive the kit will be.

The pot should be durable enough to hold up a top-heavy plant, and big enough to allow 1-2" between it and the bulb, that's it. It should be a standard size, not tapered in any way, to allow for ample root growth.

The soil that comes with your kit will likely work just fine. It should be high in organic matter but still drain well.

To plant, fill the container with moistened potting soil about one-half to two-thirds of the way, place the bulb on top and fill in with the remaining soil. It should be buried about half way, with its upper portion and neck sitting above the rim.

If the soil was sufficiently moistened, you need not water again until sprouting occurs.

At this stage it is critical not to over water, as soggy soil will rot the bulb. Temperatures around sixty degrees during this period are ideal.

Once growth has started fertilizer can be provided but the bulb should bloom well

without it.

Once the buds have emerged it may be necessary to provide the stalk with a stake for some support so that it won't snap or bend.

To keep the flowers looking their best for the longest amount of time, it is recommended to pinch off the anthers inside the flower before they begin losing pollen.

Moving the pot to a cool location in the house will also help. There is no need to discard the amaryllis after it has flowered.

With care, it can thrive as a houseplant, delighting us with blooms year after year!

When the flowers have withered cut off the stalk about two inches above the bulb.

Growth will be prolific during the next few months. Care should be given to provide the bulb with full sunlight, ample water and fertilizer.

In the fall, foliage will begin to yellow. Allow the soil to dry completely as the bulb enters its dormant period.

After a few months of dormancy watering can resume and with good fortune, blooms should reappear in 6-8 weeks.

I laugh when I think of the box kits of paperwhites.

This would be a good gift option for a gardener that really doesn't need any more long-term investments plant-wise.

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OF NOTE

*"Despite  
the forecast,  
live like  
it's spring,"*

Lilly  
Pulitzer

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# Recap and analysis of the week in state government by State House News Service

By Colin A. Young

What do you think Maura Healey and Prince William talked about when they sat courtside for the Boston Celtics game Wednesday night?

"So you're next in line for the throne -- er, corner office -- too, right?" the prince and next-in-line to the British royal crown could have asked the governor-elect.

"Sure am, and I even know exactly when I'll ascend to the top job. Are you free Thursday, Jan. 5 at noon?" Healey might have responded.

If you are just emerging from the rock you've been living under for a week or so, William and his wife Kate, the prince and princess of Wales, spent the latter half of last week in and around Boston. The centerpiece of their visit was last Friday's Earthshot Prize ceremony, an international environmental award.

Speaking to a rain-soaked crowd outside Boston City Hall, William said Boston was an "obvious choice" to host this year's climate award because of the region's universities, research institutes, and innovative start-up culture. It may have also been a comfortable choice for the royals to come to the Bay State since, as one top Baker administration official put it in September, "(T)his winter, Massachusetts is more like Europe than we are from other states."

Just like Europeans across the pond, residents of Massachusetts are bracing for budget-busting electric bills and sky-

high heating costs this winter.

Part of the issue for Massachusetts is the state's relative overreliance on natural gas and liquid natural gas, commodities that are sold on the global market and sensitive to things like the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine.

And a report released this week made clear that meeting the carbon emissions reduction commitments the state has made is going to require a "dramatic and rapid transition, well beyond anything experienced in the sector to date."

Seventy-five percent of the furnaces and other heating equipment sold in Massachusetts run on fossil fuels while the remaining 25 percent utilize electricity. By the end of this decade, those numbers will need to flip and electric heating equipment needs to account for nearly 95 percent of sales by 2035, the state's Commission on Clean Heat concluded. Property owners will face tough, and costly choices.

"(A)chieving this reduction will require an additional 500,000 residential homes and roughly 300 million square feet of commercial buildings to utilize energy-efficient electric heating by 2030. In the residential sector, this is estimated to require an average of 20,000-25,000 (electric heat pump) installations a year ahead of 2025, ramping up to 80,000 a year in the latter half of the decade, and over 100,000 per year thereafter. More than 200,000 existing residences will need to undergo building shell upgrades from 2020-2030, scaling up to an additional 1.3 million residences from

2030-2050," the commission wrote in its report.

But the commission could not reach a firm decision around whether the state should prescribe a timeline for phasing out new fossil fuel heating equipment. They decided instead to direct the executive branch to study the idea and its potential effects on the economy some more.

William might be king by the time Massachusetts sees a lot of its climate and environmental policies start to make a noticeable difference. Of the four offshore wind projects that the state is banking on, only one is expected to actually generate power before 2028. Plans to get hydroelectric power from Canada have been stymied at almost every turn, and the state is woefully behind when it comes to the number of cleaner electric vehicles on its roads.

Some residents of another former British colony, Connecticut, can expect a \$10 credit on their Eversource bills from January through April thanks to a program made possible in part by the state's commitment to the future of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station outside of New London. The last nuclear plant in Massachusetts, Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, went out of service in 2019, and now a fight over how plant owner Holtec International will get rid of radioactive waste water there is escalating.

Holtec has floated the idea of getting rid of any water left over from plant operations by treating it and then pump-

ing it into Cape Cod Bay, but that caught immediate opposition from lawmakers and environmentalists. This week, the company said that no decision about the disposal of the roughly 1 million gallons of water has been settled upon and that the water is expected to remain in use through at least the first three months of 2023.

But it also said it is going to seek the necessary permits or amendments to keep the dump-it-into-the-bay option on the table.

Prince William was not the only person in Massachusetts this week who recently moved up a little closer to the seat of power. U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark of Revere locked up a new role as the whip for U.S. House Democrats on Wednesday, elevating her to the number-two role in her caucus amid a generational shakeup of the party's leaders.

But as Clark moves up on the Democrats' leadership ladder, the party is sliding back into the minority in the U.S. House of Representatives -- sort of a one step forward, two steps back deal for Clark. Other Bay State Dems who have enjoyed powerful or lofty perches under Speaker Nancy Pelosi, like Rules Committee Chairman Jim McGovern of Worcester or House Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal of Springfield, will have to reacclimate themselves to being ranking minority members now.

LOOSE ENDS: The state pension fund, which handles the retirement

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believe in representative government and in helping to make your community or state or nation better, there's no better place to be than in the thick of things.

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that, even if it's just in a small way, you played a role in improving the lives of your fellow citizens.

*Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a professor of practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years*

## GARDEN, from page 4

Paperwhite Narcissus are unlike other "daffodils." They don't need to go through a period of cold in order to bloom.

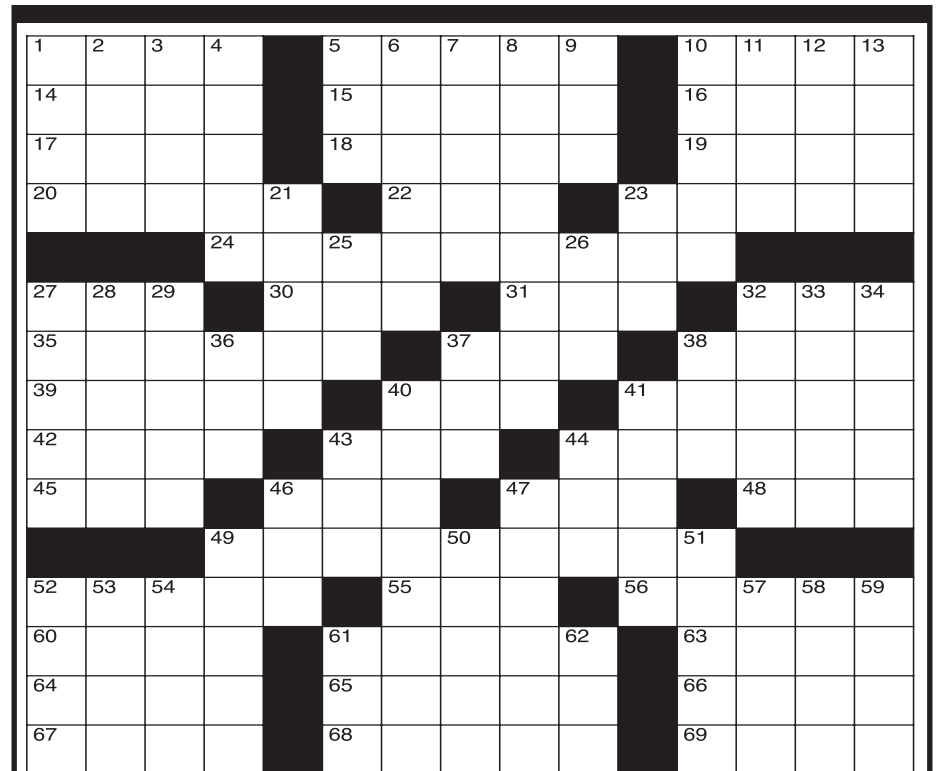
In fact, all these bulbs do need is some water and an anchor for their roots (rocks or soil in a pot) and in 4-6 weeks flowers you'll be delighted with flowers galore!

After that throw them out free of

guilt; they won't bloom again anyway.

Hmm...maybe I'll add some paper whites to my Christmas list!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 30 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*



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- 1. Chop up
- 5. Ones who utilize
- 10. Sings with closed lips
- 14. South American hummingbird
- 15. Serves as a coxswain
- 16. Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
- 17. Spur
- 18. Senile
- 19. Tanzanian people
- 20. Cruel
- 22. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 23. Yokels
- 24. London soccer team
- 27. Chinese chess piece
- 30. Supervises flying
- 31. 007's creator
- 32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 35. A spider makes one
- 37. Liquefied natural gas
- 38. Opaque gem
- 39. Brazilian palm
- 40. Periodical (slang)
- 41. You might step on one
- 42. Marvin and Horsley are two
- 43. Partner to cheese
- 44. Unpleasant smell
- 45. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 46. Fashion accessory
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Time zone
- 49. Songs to one's lover
- 52. German river
- 55. Go bad
- 56. Sword
- 60. Very eager
- 61. Leaf bug
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
- 65. Member of Jamaican religion
- 66. Large wading bird
- 67. Carries out
- 68. Eternal rest
- 69. It holds up your headwords
- 2. Small water buffalo
- 3. A mark left behind
- 4. Archaic form of have
- 5. Fiddler crabs
- 6. Popular Hyundai sedan
- 7. Deport
- 8. Making over
- 9. Midway between south and southeast
- 10. Arabic masculine name
- 11. Type of acid
- 12. Popular 1980s Cher film
- 13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
- 21. Chinese city
- 23. "Star Wars" character Solo
- 25. The bill in a restaurant
- 26. Old, ugly witch
- 27. Burn with a hot liquid
- 28. To claim or demand
- 29. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 32. Involuntary muscular contraction
- 33. Pea stems (British)
- 34. Double or multiple fold
- 36. No longer is
- 37. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
- 38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
- 40. Cloth or fabric
- 41. Flanks
- 43. Disfigure
- 44. Angry
- 46. Baltic coast peninsula
- 47. Large, flightless birds
- 49. Plants of the lily family
- 50. Medieval Norwegian language
- 51. Polio vaccine developer
- 52. Not soft
- 53. Exchange rate
- 54. Voice (Italian)
- 57. Baseball's Ruth
- 58. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Wife
- 62. Elaborate handshake

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A grand tree greeted visitors at the open house held last weekend at Wistariahurst Museum.



The gingerbread houses on display were made by students at YMCA Preschool.



Christmas carols accompanied by musicians lofted through the museum.



A train weaved through the gingerbread houses.

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## Boys prepare for opener

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School boys basketball team made both the sectional and state playoffs last year, and are hoping to repeat that performance. The Knights were scheduled to open up their regular season on the road on Dec. 8 against a tough opponent in Pope Francis.

### How to contact the Sports Editor

Want to submit a team photo, pass along a potential story idea, or just find out how to get a copy of that great photo of your young athlete? Please send all sports-related press releases and information to Sports Editor Greg Scibelli at: sports@turley.com or call, 1-413-283-8393.



Izaiah Millian gets a mid-range shot off.



Dylan Rohan practices his free throw.



Dominick Renaldi shoots during practice.



The boys basketball team works out on Tuesday afternoon.

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The Knights season opened up on Dec. 8 against Pope Francis.



Ashley Vazquez, who finished above 1,000 career points last year, readies for the regular season at practice.



Yasani Thompson gets ready to make a pass.



Amilyan Treadwel-Mercedes shoots in the middle of traffic.

## Knights get ready for Palmer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School girls basketball team had a great year last season and are now

gearing up for the 2022-2023 season, which was scheduled to open up last night at Palmer High School.

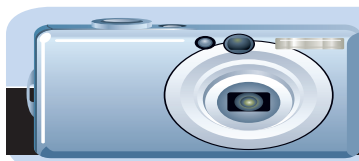


The girls work out on Tuesday.

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## Holyoke 2022-2023 winter varsity schedule

Boys Basketball				Girls Basketball				Swimming <i>(co-op with South Hadley)</i>			
Thursday, Dec. 8	Away	Pope Francis	7 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 8	Home	Palmer	7 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 9	Home	Renaissance	4 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12	Away	Commerce	7 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 13	Home	Westfield	7 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 12	Away	Sci-Tech	4 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15	Away	SICS	7 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 16	Home	Pittsfield	7 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 16	Away	Turners Falls	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19	Home	Paulo Freire	7 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 22	Home	Wahconah	7 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 22	Away	Ludlow	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Home	Chicopee	7 p.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 28	Away	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.	Friday, Jan. 6	Away	Monson	4 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 5	Away	Putnam	7 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 2	Away	Minnechaug	7 p.m.	Friday, Jan. 13	Home	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9	Home	Central	7 p.m.	Wednesday, Jan. 4	Away	Amherst	7 p.m.	Friday, Jan. 13	Home	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 12	Away	Sci-Tech	7 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 10	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 17	Home	SICS	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13	Away	West Springfield	5:30 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 12	Away	Northampton	7:30 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 19	Away	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18	Home	Amherst	7 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 17	Away	Central	7 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 24	Home	Sci-Tech	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20	Home	Northampton	7:30 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 19	Home	Longmeadow	7 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 30	Home	Turners Falls	4 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 23	Away	Longmeadow	7 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 23	Home	Taconic	7 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 3	Away	Renaissance	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	Home	Putnam	7 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 26	Home	West Springfield	7 p.m.				
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Away	Central	7 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 30	Home	Northampton	7 p.m.				
Friday, Feb. 3	Home	Sci-Tech	7 p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 2	Home	Central	7 p.m.				
Monday, Feb. 6	Home	Tantasqua	6 p.m.	Monday, Feb. 6	Away	Longmeadow	7 p.m.				
Wednesday, Feb. 8	Away	Northampton	7:30 p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 9	Away	Taconic	7 p.m.				
Wednesday, Feb. 15	Home	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 15	Away	Hampshire	7 p.m.				



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### Railers defeated at home

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (16-3-1-0, 33 pts) fell to the Newfoundland Growlers (14-5-1-0, 29pts) on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 3-2 in front of a crowd of 3,554 at the Mary Brown’s Center in St. John’s Newfoundland. The Railers wrap up their season-long seven-game road trip in Trois-Rivières, QC at the Colisée Vidéotron on Wednesday, December 7th against the Trois-Rivières Lions at 7:00 p.m.

Keenan Suthers (1-0-1) opened the scoring more than halfway through the game to put Newfoundland up 1-0 with 6:26 left in the second. Just 30 seconds later, Worcester’s Jack Quinlivan (1-0-1) capped off an up-ice rush with Reece Newkirk and Liam Coughlin to tie the game at 1-1 going into the third period. Todd Skirving (1-0-1) beat Tikkanen to get Newfoundland back in front midway through the third, while Liam Coughlin (1-1-2) tied things up just over a minute later. Brett Budgell (1-1-2) capped things off with a snipe from the far circle top shelf to beat Tikkanen and the Railers 3-2.

It was a scoreless first period, as both Henrik Tikkanen for Worcester and Luke Cavallin for Newfoundland stood tall making big saves on both ends of the ice. Newfoundland led in shots 9-4 through the first 20 minutes of play from St. John’s.

The first goal of the game didn’t occur until the 13:34 mark of the second period, when Newfoundland’s Keenan Suthers (2nd) beat Tikkanen to get the Growlers on the board ahead

of Worcester 1-0. The Railers then charged back up ice 30 seconds later with Reece Newkirk, Liam Coughlin and Jack Quinlivan (2nd) on the rush. Newkirk threw a shot from the left side that rang off the far post, right back to Quinlivan out in front who then slammed it home for the goal to tie the game 1-1 going into the third period. Worcester was outshot 19-7 in the second period, and 28-11 through two.

Midway through the third period, Newfoundland jumped back on the scoreboard. Todd Skirving (6th) would beat Tikkanen to make it 2-1 Growlers with 8:21 left in regulation. 1:21 later, Liam Coughlin (2nd) after having assisted on Quinlivan’s goal earlier in the game notched one himself to tie things back up. Jared Brandt flowed around a Growler defenseman and placed a perfect pass across the attacking end to the tape of Coughlin who then hammered a one-timer to beat Cavallin and tie the game 2-2. The Growlers came right back just 1:52 removed from Coughlin’s goal and regathered the lead. Brett Budgell (7th) curled from beneath the net and was left wide open along the left dot, as he then sniped a shot past the helmet of Tikkanen just inside the near post to give the game its final score of 3-2. Worcester put together a flurry of chances at the end of the game with Tikkanen pulled, but couldn’t break through Cavallin, as the Railers point streak came to an end at seven games. Worcester was outshot 19-8 in the third, and 47-19 in the game.

### Bruins hand T-Birds loss at home

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (7-10-0-4) could not find an insurance marker in the third, which proved costly in a 2-1 Providence Bruins (13-3-3-2) victory on Saturday night at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

The T-Birds came out with a purpose, forcing rookie Bruins goaltender Brandon Bussi to be busy in the opening five minutes with six saves in short order. The opening 20 minutes went without any tallies, but both Bussi and Springfield rookie backstop Vadim Zherenko were sturdy in turning away a dozen shots each.

The opening period also took on an old-time hockey feel, as, on two occasions, combatants from the two rivals dropped the mitts in spirited tussles. The two teams combined for 40 first-period penalty minutes.

Even though the T-Birds could not take advantage of 1:50 worth of power play time to start the second, Nikita Alexandrov still got Springfield the game’s first goal at 2:46 of the period. Alexandrov and Matthew Highmore crisscrossed their way inside the Providence zone, and Alexandrov took the drop pass in the right circle and beat Bussi over the shoulder to give the visitors the 1-0 edge. Highmore’s helper gave him at least one point in eight of his last nine games.

The Bruins were kept at bay for the most part in the middle period, but a late power play nearly got the game evened up in the closing minutes. After

Zherenko made an initial save, the puck was sitting free just outside the blue paint for Oskar Steen, who thought he had an open net, until Tyler Tucker slid across to block the shot and maintain the 1-0 lead for Springfield into the intermission. Zherenko stopped all 24 shots he faced in the game’s first 40 minutes.

Springfield had a golden opportunity to add onto their 1-0 lead when both Kai Wissmann and Nick Wolff were called for minor penalties at the 3:40 mark of the third period. In desperate need of a kill, Providence fended off the two-minute, two-man disadvantage, with Bussi making three superb saves on Alexandrov over the course of the two minutes.

Providence responded in kind with the tying goal from Vinni Lettieri just seven seconds into a power play, evening things up, 1-1, at 10:15 of the third.

With less than three minutes separating the division rivals from overtime, Lettieri was at the middle of the game-winning play, as he and Luke Toporowski freed up a loose puck behind the goal line, and Toporowski found Justin Brazeau at the edge of the crease. The big winger patiently outwaited Zherenko, deking to the backhand to tuck it home with 2:55 to play, giving Providence its first lead, 2-1.

Zherenko was saddled with a hard-luck defeat despite making 32 saves on 34 shots. Bussi finished with 25 saves on 26 Springfield shots.

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each December on the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus, where we strive to create a professional environment for fans and players alike. This year’s event will be held on Dec. 10 and 11 and will feature teams from throughout the region. A schedule is online at [www.pioneervalleytip-off.com](http://www.pioneervalleytip-off.com). All games will be held at the Mullins Center on the UMass-Amherst campus.

#### NEWS & FEATURES

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. HD22P2593PM  
In the matter of:  
Patricia A. Costello  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/  
Minor)**

**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER  
PROTECTIVE ORDER  
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,  
§5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Holyoke Medical Center of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Patricia A. Costello** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Lisa Judkins of Sutton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/29/2022.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 01, 2022  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
12/09/2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD22P2487EA  
Estate of:  
Daniel Francis Griffin  
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August 19, 2022**

**NOTICE OF  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on October 19, 2022

**Maureen A. ODriscoll of Holyoke, MA** intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve **without surety** on the bond **Maureen A. ODriscoll of Holyoke, MA**

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12/09/2022

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The Trial Court  
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Docket No. HD22P2591GD  
In the matter of:  
Patricia A Costello  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person**

**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Holyoke Medical Center of Holyoke, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Patricia A Costello** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Lisa Judkins** of Sutton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or

your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **12/30/2022.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 01, 2022  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
12/09/2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD17P2317GD  
In the interests of  
Ethan Okeke  
of Holyoke, MA  
Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Resignation  
or Petition for Removal of  
Guardianship of a Minor  
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INTERESTED PARTIES**  
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2. **Response to Petition:**  
You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:  
File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:**  
The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: December 5, 2022  
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The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD17P2314GD  
In the interests of  
Adrian Orellano  
of Holyoke, MA  
Minor**

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Under G.L.c. 159B  
Sec 6B as Amended  
by Senate 466 of 1989**

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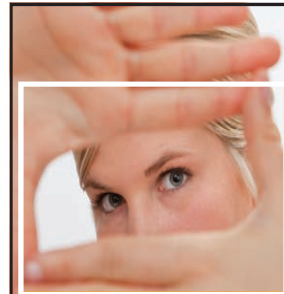
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**Obituary**

**William "Bill" J. Matteson**



1954-2022

CHICOPEE – William "Bill" J. Matteson, 68, of the Willimansett section of Chicopee, passed away suddenly on Monday, Nov. 28, 2022. He was born on July 27, 1954 to the late James and Ilene (Storey) Matteson.

Bill proudly served in the US Army. He worked in the Chicopee area for many years at Uniroyal, Jenrose Wines & Liquors Package Store and the Market Square.

Bill enjoyed his cars, playing pool and watching football. His Chevy Chase sense of humor will be remembered always.

Bill leaves his four siblings; Donna Benoit of W.



Spfld, David Matteson also of W. Spfld., Kathleen Beaudette of Feeding Hills and Kenneth Matteson of Somers, Conn., along with several nieces and nephews and many friends. He also leaves his longtime companion Maureen Herbert of Chicopee.

Family and Friends were invited to the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam for a 3 p.m. service with military honors on Dec. 7. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation in Bill's name to the charity of your choice.

**DEATH NOTICE**

**Matteson, William J.**  
Died November 28, 2022  
Funeral December 7, 2022

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**In The News**

**RECAP, from page 5**

funds of state employees, teachers and many municipal employees in Massachusetts, recently took a loss as a result of a "miniscule and non-material exposure" to the collapsed cryptocurrency exchange FTX. Officials at MassPRIM said the loss was small and not something that would affect the overall performance of the \$88.6 billion Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund.

... Gov. Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Healey got together last Tuesday to take stock of the opioid crisis and how the situation has changed during Baker's

eight years in office. In 2015, the year Baker took office, there were 1,747 opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts. In 2021, after fentanyl became widespread, there were 2,290 confirmed or suspected opioid deaths. ... With the state's new surtax on annual income above \$1 million set to take effect for 2023, unions and educators made clear this week that they expect Healey, the House and Senate to devote a good chunk of surtax revenues to public higher education.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "We know what happens at the State House -- most things go there to die," Boston City Councilor Julia Mejia said this week, referring to the home rule petition system

**ENERGY, from page 1**

Heading into the winter, Lavelle did express concern due to the supply chain issues. But he reported last week HG&E employs an energy procurement hedging strategy for both power and natural gas supply.

He did say pipeline constraints could limit delivery of natural gas during times of high demand, but the city is taking steps to address the issue.

"HG&E is proud to offer customers highly reliable service and has received national recognition for these efforts," Lavelle said.

He did say any outages or interruptions in natural gas delivery could be unexpected and out of the control of HG&E. The utility does have an outage map on its website and crews on standby to address issues.

**COMMITTEE, from page 1**

"I will hopefully see all of you there," John Rivera said. "Tenants are very much going through a crisis all through America and Holyoke is no different. Ward 1 is 90% tenants."

**DPW, from page 1**

His resume includes multiple positions in public works in Tenafly and Englewood, both New Jersey communities. He holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration in Finance and Management and a Civil Engineering degree.

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EDITOR**

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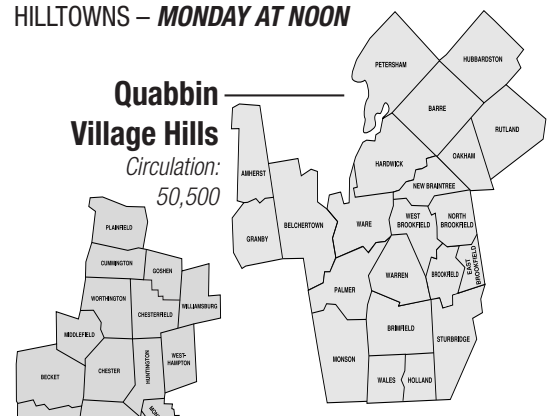
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The Pulse is a community calendar for Holyoke and neighboring communities. Free listings are available for non-commercial, non-political entertainment or educational events that are free to attend, or fundraisers that benefit a non-profit organization. Only events in Holyoke or one of its immediate bordering towns, or events that benefit an organization based in Holyoke, will be listed. Submitted items should be brief, with only time, date, location, activity explanation, and contact information, and may be edited for length and style. Items may be sent to [thesun@turley.com](mailto:thesun@turley.com), fax to 413-283-7107 or mail to The Holyoke Sun, c/o Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. The deadline for calendar listings is noon Monday for that Friday's newspaper.

### Friday, Dec. 9

At Gateway City arts, come for a night of music and entertainment beginning at 8 p.m. Greenclub – “Live by the sword, die by the sword.” For Western Mass rock icons, greenclub, the sword is a 59 Stratocaster cranked through a Marshall stack.

Lives of Crime – Lives of Crime delivers a unique blend of rock influenced song writing, delivered in a clean, straight-ahead package.

Mike Frank Band – Hartford County based live musician, Mike Frank, is making his debut as a singer/songwriter with his upcoming solo EP titled: Relativity, which is set to be released in early 2023.

Collisions – Presents a modern mix of sounds from the past and present.

### Wednesday, Dec. 14

The Irish Cultural Center presents Christmas caroling events with the Tavern Carolers throughout December. This is a festive opportunity to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends while listening to some of the area's best Christmas music. The events take place at the ICC's Irish House Restaurant and

Trinity Pub, at 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield. The performance dates are Wednesdays, Dec. 14 and 21 (music 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., doors open 4 p.m.); Fridays, Dec. 9 and 23 (music 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., doors open 4 p.m.); and Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18 (music 4 to 7 p.m., doors open 3 p.m.).

### Thursday, Dec. 15

The Young Professional Society of Greater Springfield (YPS) will bring joy to the holiday season with its SantaCon networking event, on Thursday, December 15 at various locations in Downtown Springfield including BarKaya, Jackalope Restaurant, Dewey's Lounge, and White Lion Brewing, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. PS' SantaCon will focus on building community through supporting and encouraging young professionals to become more involved in their local communities by spreading holiday cheer. The event encourages attendees to dress in Santa and holiday themed costumes, supporting camaraderie and connection this holiday season.

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