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Councilors call for end to receivership

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HOLYOKE – Gov.-elect Maura Healey has not even taken office yet and there are already calls for action from City Council.

This week, two councilors have filed an order seeking for Healey to lift the receivership on the Holyoke Public Schools.

Ward 5 Councilor Linda Vacon and At-Large Councilor Kevin Jourdain filed an order that was introduced at Tuesday's meeting demanding Healey return control of the schools to the School Committee and a local superintendent. The mayor chairs the committee.

"We believe local control can produce improved results, and with new leadership in the governor's office. We request consideration for the issuance of an order to return local control by July 1," the order states.

Many councilors are in support of the order and Jourdain believes the large turnover among educators is a big reason why the experiment has failed.

Partly due to the pandemic, test scores have not significantly improved since receivership was imposed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The city also did not consent to the receivership like some other districts in the state.

Councilors are optimistic Healey will consider lifting the receivership. During a campaign stop in Holyoke earlier this year, she said she favored a plan and timeline to end the receivership.

During Tuesday's meeting, Councilor Joseph McGiverin said receivership had "failed."

While Healey does not have the unilateral power to end the receivership, she can recommend it to the education commissioner.

The schools have been in receivership since 2015. The majority of the last seven years were under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Zrike, who led the school district as its leader with no oversight at all from the city.

The School Committee has still been elected every two years, but the committee, which continued to meet regularly, had no real power and votes taken by the body had no actual weight behind it.

Following Zrike's tenure, the district was briefly led by Alberto Vazquez Matos, who

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An excited child holds a holiday gift, enjoying a Christmas morning made possible with the Salvation Army's help. Submitted photos

Salvation Army: a lifesaver for many families during the holidays

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The Salvation Army not only helps families have a safe, healthy, and easier holiday season, but is an organization that is there year-round for anyone and everyone who is struggling.

"Everybody knows about us, but I don't think they know what we do," says Social Ministries Manager for the Springfield office, Danielle LaTaille.

"We are a great resource for basic and emergency needs in the community, a one stop shop for individuals and families in need. We have a food pantry on site, we provide clothing and furniture vouchers to those who need it, case management and counseling," says LaTaille.

The army does whatever it can to help, "If we don't have what someone needs

in house, we work with the community to find the help they need, whether through an organization or something like a therapist," LaTaille said.

LaTaille adds that the

army also offers the Good Neighbor Energy Fund program, which gives folks a one time payment towards gas,

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A volunteer for the Salvation Army. The organization always needs volunteers and donors, no matter how little or much someone is able to help.



Salvation Army volunteers get ready to load up family's cars with holiday presents as part of their Christmas giving initiatives



One of the many faces of the volunteers who ring bells for donations to the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, which goes to help fund the food pantry, the Bridging the Gap program, and the emergency services program - all locally based.

Planning for 150th anniversary underway

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – The Office of Planning and Community Development is looking to make 2023 a big year.

OPED Director Aaron Vega said the city has big plans to celebrate the city's 150th anniversary.

According to Vega, the city's celebration next year will include numerous efforts to boost economic development and bring more tourism to the "Paper City."

The city has already started many of those initiatives with the exploreholyoake.com website, which now is regularly updated with events. It will also point residents in direction of opportunities to take part in cultural events and special nights at restaurants and museums.

According to Vega, on April 6, 1873, the city of Holyoke was incorporated as a municipality, and the planning has already started to celebrate the Paper City's upcoming sesquicentennial in 2023.

Vega issued a press release last week and said some of the events being planned include a kickoff in January, a dedication ceremony in April, preparation of a time capsule, and a grand gala ball in the fall.

Volunteers are definitely needed to help.

Individuals who would like to help with planning these and other events should visit www.exploreholyoake.com/150 and complete the online volunteer form.

Businesses and organizations interested in supporting these milestone celebrations should visit the website for additional information.

If you are already planning public events for 2023, and would like to be a part of the 150th Celebration's advertising and promotion, the website can also be used for that.

"As Holyoke works for a progressive and prosperous future, we never lose sight of our extraordinary past," Mayor Joshua Garcia said.

"The celebration of our sesquicentennial is yet another opportunity to come together as a city to affirm the contributions of the many cultures, individuals, and industries that have made Holyoke uncom-

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HCC to debut healthy cooking series for 2023

HOLYOKE – Anyone resolved to eat healthier in the new year should consider enrolling in two new cooking series running next month at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute.

“Healthy Cooking for Heart Health,” a three-session series, begins Jan. 10 and runs from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays.

“Healthy Cooking for Diabetes,” also a three-session series, begins Jan. 12 and runs from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays.

All classes for both series are taught by Marissa Chiapperino, a registered dietician and instructor in HCC’s Culinary Arts program.

“Certain foods can lower your risk of heart disease and diabetes or help to manage it,” Chiapperino said. “Making healthy adjustments to your daily meal plan does not have to be hard or boring. Oftentimes, adding in sources of healthy fats, whole grains, and high fiber fruits and vegetables can boost flavor and decrease the risk of chronic disease.”

Each session costs \$80 and includes cooking lessons and lectures focused on different themes.

Healthy Cooking for Heart Health: Jan. 10 (breakfast and carbohydrates); Jan. 17 (lunch and fats); Jan. 24 (dinner and proteins).

Healthy Cooking for Diabetes: Jan. 12 (meal prep / “Counting Those Cabs”); Jan. 19 (snacks/ “The Power of Protein”); Jan. 26 (diabetes friendly breakfast / “Fat is Fabulous”)

“Helping people in all types of settings understand accurate and evidence-based nutrition and how to individualize it best for them is key to long-term success and managing chronic disease,” Chiapperino said.

Chiapperino holds a bachelor of science degree in dietetics from the State University of New York at Oneonta and a masters of public health from the University of Massachusetts

Amherst. She specialized in medical nutrition therapy for critical care and oncology at Westchester Medical Center in New York and was the first bariatric dietician at Holyoke Medical Center, where she helped build their nutrition program.

For the past two years she has been president of the Western Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

To register for classes, please go to: hcc.edu/healthy-cooking

For more information, please contact Lanre Ajayi, HCC’s executive director of Education & Corporate Learning, at lajayi@hcc.edu.



American Eagle Financial Credit Union recently donated \$2,500 to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Submitted photo

Food Bank receives donation

American Eagle Financial Credit Union announced \$7,500 in donations to local food and housing assistance organizations within the Credit Union’s service area. The Foodbank of Western Massachusetts, Connecticut Foodshare and Hands on Hartford will each receive a \$2,500 donation from American Eagle to advance their mission and fund their supportive services for people in need.

“American Eagle is very thankful for every organization making a difference in our communities and touching

the lives of those in need this holiday season,” said Howard Brady, President & CEO of American Eagle Financial Credit Union.

“These three organizations—Connecticut Foodshare, Hands on Hartford and The Foodbank of Western Massachusetts—perform tremendous work by putting caring into action and providing needed support and resources to our service area throughout the year. We give thanks for their partnership and for all they do.”



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An Important Update for Our Communities

The local 24/7 response system for behavioral health crisis is changing on January 3rd.

Starting January 3rd, if you need urgent access to behavioral health services in the following communities, please call **1-833-CHD-TALK**.

Belchertown, Chicopee, Granby, Holyoke, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware

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Willow Faith Williams

May 1, 2022

Parents: Rebekah Ford & Vincent Williams, Dedham
Grandparents: Claramae & Dennis Lee, Holyoke
 Christine Ford, Webster

Juliette Rebekah Jagnarine

July 5, 2022

Siblings: Justin Jagnarine
Parents: Jason & Sarah Jagnarine, South Hadley
Grandparents: Paul & Sally Samlall, South Hadley

James Mock

August 5, 2022

Parents: Chelsea Cassidy-Mock & Ben Mock, Ware
Siblings: Natalie
Grandparents: Barbara & Don Mock, Ware
 Catherine Cassidy, Westfield, Mike Cassidy
Great Grandparents: Joanne Mock
 Jim & Janice Cassidy, Betty & Clint Corbin

City to observe Kwanzaa

HOLYOKE – Kwanzaa, an annual celebration of African-American culture, will be observed in the city from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

Mayor Joshua A. Garcia will host a gathering in City Hall at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, to acknowledge the occasion. The mayor also will issue a proclamation designating Kwanzaa Week. Ayanna Crawford and Dr. Amilicar Shabazz, among others, will present a program that will include a history of Kwanzaa and the lighting of the Kinara. The public is invited.

Colleen application deadline is Dec. 28

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. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The 2023 Grand Colleen Pageant will take place on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 at Holyoke High School, 300 Beech St. 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.

Eligibility requirements are: Female - Single (never have been married or have had a child), not younger than 17 by March 17 and a senior in high school; no more than 24 (for 2023 only, to return to 22 in 2023) by March 17, resident of Holyoke or South Hadley, must claim Irish ancestry, and must complete a resume. Contestant orientation is scheduled for Jan. 1, 2023 at 1 p.m. at The Delaney House. For questions or concerns please call Kathy Dulchinos, Colleen Coordinator at

413-592-4945.

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 or at with cash/check at the door.

For any questions, please email 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.

COVID-19 testing at Holyoke Community College to end Dec. 31

HOLYOKE – Curative will end its COVID-19 testing program at Holyoke Community College on Dec. 31.

HCC has been a host site for COVID-19 testing since the summer of 2020, soon after the pandemic began, initially through the state’s Stop the Spread testing program. The healthcare company Curative has been offering free COVID-19 tests at HCC since April 2022 in partnership with the college and the Holyoke Board of Health.

“HCC was more than happy to provide our facilities over the last two and half years so people in the community could get tested,” said Narayan Sampath, HCC vice president of Administration and Finance. “As a community college, it is our responsibility to be there for the residents of neighboring cities and towns in any way we can. We owe a lot to our facilities and campus safety departments, who worked closely with Curative and the Holyoke Board of Health to make it happen.”

HCC was informed about the program’s closure in an email last month from Marlon Marte, Curative’s New



Curative is ending its COVID-19 testing site at Holyoke Community College at the end of the month.

Submitted photo

England manager.

“When we responded to the pandemic back in 2020, we knew we had an opportunity to serve communities and people across the U.S. with access to easy and affordable COVID-19 testing,”

Marte said. “Through on-the-ground partnerships such as ours, we made testing more accessible and helped mitigate the biggest public health crisis in our country in more than a century. We should all be proud of what we’ve been

able to achieve in helping the country navigate through these difficult and challenging years. Now, as demand for our method of testing decreases significantly with the prevalence of other options, it’s clear our job is done and we are entering a post-pandemic era. With that in mind, effective Jan. 1, 2023, Curative will conclude our COVID-19 testing services.”

Until then, Curative will continue to offer testing at HCC in parking lot R, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We thank you again for your steadfast partnership as we navigated the uncharted waters of COVID together,” Marte said. “Communities are safer and healthier because of your commitment.”

Curative uses self-collected, shallow nasal PCR tests. Results are generally available in 1-2 days. Testing is free. Slots can be reserved at cur.tv/hcc. Appointments are preferred.

Testing hours may change due to inclement weather or holidays.

Additional Massachusetts testing locations can be found at: mass.gov/covid.

Editorial

Control of schools should go back to city

The order filed by City Councilors Linda Vacon and Kevin Jourdain to requesting Gov.-elect Maura Healey return control of the public schools back to the city is a step in the right direction.

Just looking at students' tests scores, which continue to lag behind the rest of the state, and the large number of teachers resigning each year is enough evidence to suggest a change is needed.

There have been a whole host of challenges that needed to be addressed since the receivership was implemented, but, in our view, it was the loss of the collective voice from the stakeholders in the district that went missing from the process.

Holyoke residents lost their voice for the last seven school years, as did the City Council and School Committee, who are supposed to answer to city residents.

The most positive development in the school district during the last few years has been the naming of Anthony Soto as the receiver/superintendent.

While Soto serves at the pleasure of the state's education commissioner, he is still a born-and-bred Holyoker and is more inclined to listen to the wishes of the mayor, City Council, and School Committee.

But Soto also has to keep the people who appointed him in mind, and he technically has no oversight. He sets the budget, he establishes policy, and, essentially and theoretically, can do anything he wishes without any oversight from a school committee, including the mayor.

Fortunately for city residents, when Soto decided to "re-zone" the elementary and middle schools, he held dozens of public meetings to get input from residents.

Regardless, Jourdain and Councilor Joseph McGiverin point to low test scores and turnover statistics as evidence the receivership has failed.

They're not wrong. The state took over the schools because student achievement was poor. The state's receivership and former superintendent Stephen Zrike's "turnaround" plan should have yielded major results by now.

It has not.

While Soto is doing the best he can to make an impact, in our view, the receivership model simply is not working.

Hopefully, Healey will recognize that and will work with the education commissioner to come up with a plan to return the reins of the school district to Mayor Joshua Garcia and school committee.

Poetry Corner

Christmas Graceful Compassion

By Thomas J. Kennedy

*Christmas Time for some . . .
The best time of the year.
Memories more than loneliness
All become childlike generous
And flow in the spirit.*

*The better toward goodness,
We decorate, call our family and friends.
We smile more from our hearts
And give more than receive . . .
As love just keeps bubbling
More spontaneous in heartfelt love.*

*Genuine of Being best and let it shine through
Can't do enough even towards strangers.
Some overdo and understand pleasing others
Celebration of joy and kindness
And fill the warmth wherever unselfishly . . .*

*Merry Christmas
and wherever you sit at a table,
Always room for one more —
Have humility, thankfulness and gratitude.*

*Trust in God first and
happy birthday to baby Jesus,
And Merry Christmas to all.
I hope you like my present, Jesus,
And Santa's too!*



Guest Column

Garden Lady answers poinsettia questions



Natalie sent in this question about her love-hate relationship with a popular Christmas plant, the poinsettia: "Each year I purchase a bright red poinsettia. It seems no sooner do I get it home and its leaves start curling. I think it's thirsty, so I water it. Before long the leaves yellow and fall off and the whole thing is a goner. Can you give me some pointers on the poinsettia, so that maybe I can enjoy my investment for more than a few days?"

I have tackled this question before, and unfortunately the poinsettia is not the easiest to care for - I guess as far as plants go it would be considered high maintenance.

Start off by purchasing a poinsettia that has dark green foliage all the way to the soil line. Color should completely cover the bracts on the upper portion of the plant.

Avoid plants whose flowers (located in the center of the bracts) show pollen. If pollen is evident, the plant is old.

Be wary of those that are displayed in plastic or paper sleeves or even those that are elbow to elbow. Poinsettias need room to spread out, and the longer they are cramped, the more likely it is that their quality will be impacted.

Wilted plants are also best avoided, as this may indicate more than dry soil alone.

Poinsettias are cold sensitive.

Temperatures under fifty degrees for even a few minutes can damage the plant. Therefore, insert into a bag or protective sleeve for the ride home and do not leave in an unheated car for any length of time.

A friend recently went to a big chain store and was in shock to find the poinsettia display right near the door!

Once home, position the poinsettia in a location where it will receive indirect light for at least six hours a day. Avoid drafts, warm or cold, and place far enough away from windows to prevent the foliage from touching cold glass.

Chances are if you are comfortable inside, your poinsettia will be as well. Temperatures from 65-70 degrees during the day to around 55 at night will extend its life.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of poinsettia care is knowing when to water.

Check the plant often and if the soil is

dry, water until droplets leak through the drainage holes in the pot. Punch holes in decorative foil so that water won't accumulate there.

If you use a saucer dump the excess out after each watering so the plant won't reabsorb it and become waterlogged. Soil that remains soaking wet is likely to cause root rot.

A visual indication of this irreversible disease is curled, wilting foliage and bracts - probably this is what you are noticing.

By caring for your poinsettia in the manner described above you will be rewarded with a healthy plant for 6-8 weeks, even longer if you wish to enjoy it as a year-round houseplant.

Here is another poinsettia question.

This time it's from Marie, who is questioning the toxicity of the plant: "I remember reading a column of yours some years back that mentioned poinsettias are not truly poisonous. My friend keeps arguing that they are and that I should keep them away from my plant eating cat. Can you refresh my memory about this situation?"

Sure, I'd be happy to! You are not alone, many pet owners are leery of displaying the poinsettia for fear of accidental ingestion by their cat or dog.

Fear not, this plant is not the deadly poison it is rumored to be.

After extensive testing, it was determined that the consumption of poinsettia leaves typically causes only mild to moderate gastrointestinal tract irritation.

The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recommends that while it is still a good idea to keep the poinsettia out of the reach of your pet to avoid stomach upset, there is little need to exclude it from your holiday decorating for fear of fatal exposure.

As far as other holiday plants go, I'd also keep pets away from sprigs of mistletoe and holly, both are potentially toxic to pets if eaten in large quantities. Amaryllis bulbs are another concern, especially for dogs who could potentially chew on them while at play.

For more information about these or other potentially toxic plants or substances, contact the National Animal Poison Control Center hotline 24 hours a day at 1-888-426-4435.

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"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

Charles M. Schultz

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Recap and analysis of the week in state government: Job hunting in December

By Sam Doran
State House News Service

He swore that he wasn't interested in the presidency. Oh, different one. Months of speculation over Gov. Charlie Baker's next job came to a surprise end Thursday with the news that he had been sought out by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and agreed to start in March as its next president and CEO.

It had become something of a parlor game on Beacon Hill, trying to guess the gov's next move. Maybe a return to the health insurance field? Some type of federal post? Or something academic with his alma mater? It was hard to rule anything out, perhaps with the exception of MassGOP chairman. Still, this one caught folks off-guard, and Baker said it wasn't even a job he had looked for.

It's an opportunity to raise his profile in a different way. Mitt Romney saved the Olympics, and then used that as a springboard. But it's a gamble. If things don't go well, he'll wear it. His constituents will now come from 50 states, and we'd guess they're apt to be a bit more excitable than the good people of the commonwealth. Ever listen to sports radio? There are some strong feelings in this new arena.

"Boy, from the frying pan into the fire" -- that was Romney's reaction to Baker's move, as told to the Globe last Thursday. The former governor called the NCAA "kind of a dysfunctional organization" but said that 6'6" Baker is "a big person, physically and in terms of his capability, and I expect he'll wrestle

things to the ground."

Kind of familiar ground, though. The NCAA is similar to the "distributed decision-making models" he's led before, Baker said in a virtual press conference from his State House office.

"It's about being a convener and the collaborator of a very large organization that has a lot of points of view and seeking to find those places where people can come together, can agree, and can make a case generally to the public, to their student athletes, to their alumni and their fans about what the best way to ensure that we don't lose this jewel going forward," Baker said. (Can you tell he co-wrote a book called "Results"?)

(Indianapolis folks monitoring the media covering the video presser must have been asking themselves, what is a "State House News Service"? But one Boston scribe did get in a question ... Dan Shaughnessy asked Baker for his thoughts on the association's transfer portal.)

Don't ignore the fact that the outgoing governor, who has consistently averred that he isn't interested in high office, will be spending time at his new gig building contacts in our nation's capitol.

Baker aides said he doesn't plan to move to association headquarters in Indianapolis. He told reporters he will mix remote work with in-person relationship-building in places like Washington, D.C.

It's also a nice pay bump for the Swampscott Republican, who makes \$185,000 for his corner office work. Outgoing NCAA President Mark Emmert

made \$2.99 million in total compensation in 2020, according to USA Today.

The last three NCAA CEOs came from the schools -- two university presidents and an athletic director.

This week started with a flashy W for Baker and was punctuated by one of his messier losses.

Monday morning, he saw the Green Line Extension through to the end of the line, which is now located in Medford. Completion of the \$2.3 billion project fulfills a 16-year-old promise and brings to fruition an idea that dates back to the 1980s.

"I've just got one word: finally," U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren said at the new Medford/Tufts Station.

Over Baker's eight years in office, his proposals have often seemed carefully calculated, particularly when dealing with the Governor's Council which never rejected a single one of his judicial nominees. It was odd, then, that he would drop on councilors' desks the extremely controversial pardon proposals for Gerald and Cheryl Amirault with very little explanation and apparently a lack of direct lobbying.

The Amirault siblings have never ceased in their staunch denial of the child sex abuse charges on which they were convicted in the 1980s. But after a brutal six-hour hearing at the State House Tuesday, dredging up all kinds of graph-

ic details and emotional pleas, Baker determined he didn't have the votes and pulled back the petitions. Councilors criticized the governor for not providing documentation to back up his argument for the pardons, and some critiqued the Amiraults' lawyer for getting into a re-litigation of the original trial, which they said was not relevant in a pardon case.

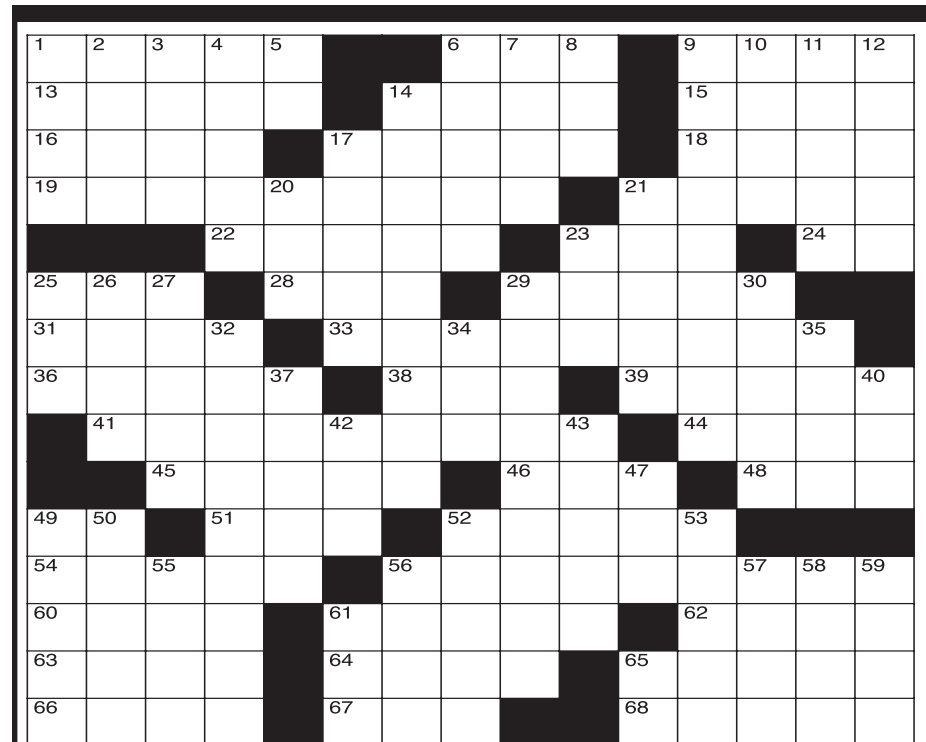
Another of his clemency recommendations found high favor with councilors, though, and the panel unanimously supported making convicted murderer Ramadan Shabazz eligible for parole after hearing about how the Vietnam veteran turned his life around behind bars.

It wouldn't be a lame duck December without a lot of comings and goings.

Incoming governor Maura Healey finally got moving on appointments, tapping former Assistant Secretary for Budget Matt Gorzkowicz as her new secretary of administration and finance, and former Lynn Public Schools Superintendent Patrick Tutwiler as education secretary.

It makes sense that Gorzkowicz was the first Cabinet pick to be named -- he's part of the trio, with the Legislature's budget chiefs, who need to start talking about consensus revenue figures in the next month or so. Healey's bringing First

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Take weapons away from
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 9. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- 13. Actress Lathan
- 14. Baseball's strikeout king
- 15. British codebreaker Turing
- 16. One who lives by disreputable dealings
- 17. Tropical American plant
- 18. Opposite of right
- 19. Importance
- 21. Monetary units
- 22. Lawmen
- 23. Cool!
- 24. Affirmative answer
- 25. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 29. Muslim nobleman
- 31. About aviation
- 33. Scientific instrument

- 36. Protests strongly
- 38. Not polished
- 39. Grab
- 41. Alias
- 44. Large wrestler
- 45. Relative quantities
- 46. One who is big and awkward
- 48. Sunscreen rating
- 49. Atomic #90
- 51. Mock
- 52. Whales
- 54. Peoples
- 56. A state of being unclothed
- 60. Ottoman military commanders
- 61. Gatherer of fallen leaves
- 62. Norse personification of old age
- 63. Muslim mystic
- 64. German river
- 65. Measuring instrument
- 66. Have witnessed
- 67. Disallow
- 68. Proverb

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 2. The back side of the neck
- 3. A type of imine
- 4. Black bird
- 5. Partner to "Pa"
- 6. Puts together in time
- 7. Lucid
- 8. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 9. Demonstrates the truth of
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. Nishi language
- 12. Slang for fidgety
- 14. Southwestern farmers
- 17. Metric weight unit
- 20. Instant replay in soccer
- 21. Less polished
- 23. Popular pickup truck model
- 25. Slang for a cigarette
- 26. Large pile
- 27. Solid geometric figure
- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Male admirers
- 32. Balsam is one
- 34. Local area network
- 35. Canadian law enforcers
- 37. Koran chapters
- 40. Cooperstown, NY museum (abbr.)
- 42. Certificate (abbr.)
- 43. An official who carries a mace of office
- 47. Briefly in fashion
- 49. Volcanic ash
- 50. Dutch city
- 52. Made of wood
- 53. Legendary golfer
- 55. Restaurant
- 56. None
- 57. Spanish city
- 58. Stony waste matter
- 59. Father
- 61. Confederate soldier
- 65. The ancient Egyptian sun god

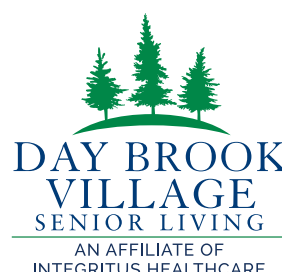


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Springfield Symphony Orchestra to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Symphony Orchestra (SSO) will celebrate the life and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the Symphony Hall stage at its next concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023. Music of African-American composers will be performed by the Orchestra, guest pianist, and highlighted by a spoken word presentation by Springfield's Poet Laureate, Magdalena Gómez.

Tickets are on sale, starting at \$15, on the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's website, www.springfieldsymphony.org/.

Kevin Scott, an African-American conductor, composer and native New Yorker, will lead the orchestra on Jan. 14. Born in the Bronx and raised in Harlem, Scott has led various orchestras, choruses and bands throughout the greater New York area and in Atlanta, Philadelphia and Varna, Bulgaria. His works have been performed by the orchestras of Atlanta, Detroit, Houston, Minneapolis and St. Louis, and soon, Springfield.

Concert attendees will hear works such as Lift Every Voice and Sing (J. Rosamond & J. Weldon Johnson, arr. Hale Smith); Rise to the Occasion (Quinn Mason); The Audacity of Hope (O. Cargile II); and Fannie's Homecoming, composed by the evening's conductor who has been inspired by the legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer, a



The life and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated through a concert by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 14. *Submitted photo*

leader in the Civil Rights movement. Music of Florence Price and William Grant Still will also be performed.

Two of the composers whose works will be performed—Quinn Mason and Ozie Cargile will be in the audience on January 14. Mason is a composer and conductor based in Dallas, Texas who currently serves as Artist in Residence of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and has been described as “a brilliant composer just barely in his 20s who seems to

make waves wherever he goes.” Cargile is a Los Angeles-based composer and pianist, originally from Detroit, whose music has been performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Boulder Symphony.

Scott will be joined on the Symphony Hall stage by Artina McCain, a pianist who, throughout her career, has been dedicated to promoting the works of Black and other underrepresented composers.

A first for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, there will be a spoken word presentation by Springfield's Poet Laureate, and a local cultural icon, Magdalena Gómez. She is a renowned and award-winning performance poet, playwright, performer, teaching artist and highly sought after keynote speaker and workshop facilitator. She is also co-founder and artistic director of Teatro V!da, building youth leadership through the arts with a special focus on the creation of youth generated multi-media performance works in collaboration with professional adult artists.

According to Paul Lambert, Interim Executive Director of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, “Gómez's contribution of the spoken word in honor of Dr. King will offer testimony to the power of words, in honor of the Civil Rights icon whose prose and language moved the nation with a profound call to the “urgency of now.”

A “Classical Conversation” with Kevin Scott will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 14 for all ticketholders, and there will be a Meet & Greet following the performance in the Mahogany Room. For more information about the SSO and to purchase tickets to upcoming concerts, visit www.springfieldsymphony.org.

GOVERNMENT, from page 5

Assistant Attorney General Kate Cook over from the MacCormack Building to serve as her chief of staff in January, and that prompted the question of who will serve as “acting AG” for the few weeks between Healey's inauguration and AG-elect Andrea Campbell's swearing-in. That interim role will now be filled by Elizabeth Dewar, who after six years as second state solicitor is now in line to jump into Cook's place as first assistant attorney general, Healey's office said.

The head of MassHealth, Amanda Cassel Kraft, is preparing to exit Jan. 2 after just over a year at the helm, while the head of MassDevelopment, a Baker ally, will be sticking around. The

board of the state's economic development finance agency extended former Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera's contract into mid-2026, almost to the end of Healey's term.

And 16 lawmakers bid goodbye to their colleagues this week, replete with humorous anecdotes and some barbs.

Former Senate President Harriette Chandler said farewell after nearly three decades in the Legislature. The second woman to serve as Senate president, she advised onlookers never to submit to calls to “wait your turn” -- “You'll never get it,” the Worcester Democrat said.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz reflected on past comments critical of leadership which she said had “cost” her “political safety, a committee chairmanship, my position in leadership, probably many

thousands of dollars in pension benefits.”

For Rep. Jake Oliveira, it wasn't just a farewell from the House, it was also the pandemic-era lawmaker's inaugural speech. But it might not be so long until his next inaugural. The Ludlow Democrat's headed down the hall to the Senate on Jan. 4 where speeches are a lot more common.

It was a festive atmosphere at the farewell sessions, but the Legislature's work is never done. Some last-minute bills are shuffling around, like one that would breathe some more life into the special commission that's taken approximately 241 years to redesign the 242-year-old state seal. We exaggerate... alright, it's only been two years, but still, it's more than two missed deadlines at this point.

The House admitted a new bill Thursday that would set a new Nov. 15, 2023 deadline for the seal commission. The bill's sponsored by Rep. Tony Cabral, a member of the commission, and was referred to a committee he co-chairs.

If that bill advances and the commission lives another day, wonder if they'll stick with the same co-chairs? Co-Chair Brian Weeden, leader of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe, was charged with stealing artifacts from the Plimoth Patuxet Museum, the Mashpee Enterprise reported Monday.

Weeden and an alleged accomplice are scheduled for arraignment Jan. 5 ... guess he won't be at the inauguration.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Baker sticks the landing at NCAA.

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Knights rebound from opening loss

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday evening, Holyoke High School girls basketball rebounded from an overtime loss to open the season with a dominant 62-25 win over Westfield. Ashley Vazquez had her first big game of the season with 25 points. Amilyan Treadwell-Mercedes had 24 points for the Knights. Holyoke is now 1-1 this season.



Kiara Perez looks to rush the hoop.



Shyanne Hall keeps a loose ball from going out of bounds.



Shyanne Hall fights for possession of the ball.



Ashley Vazquez sprints past midcourt.



Amilyan Treadwell-Mercedes watches her shot.

Staff photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Holyoke holds Knight-Hawk Classic

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School wrestling team held its Knight-Hawk Classic Tournament last Saturday. Taunton, which traveled out from Eastern Mass., won the tournament. Host Holyoke placed 13th with 41 points. Granby finished 16th with 29 points, and South Hadley, which revived its wrestling program this year finished last with just one point. Holyoke's top finisher was Juan Santiago, who placed third at 220 pounds.



Ezequiel Vazquez competes in a 138-pound match.

Staff photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Natanael Perez tries to get an advantage in his match at 152 pounds.



Jonathan Rivera competes at 160 pounds.



Jesus Morales starts a match at 195 pounds.

Knights split pair

HOLYOKE – Last week, Holyoke boys basketball split a pair of games, defeating Commerce last Monday 62-42 and SICS 79-58.

Last Thursday at SICS, while Holyoke had a strong finish, SICS had the strong start and the Bulldogs were able to keep the momentum throughout the game. Jeshua Bruno had 17 points for Holyoke while Dylan Rohan had eight points.

Holyoke was able to take an early lead against Commerce and rode it to their win of the season. The Knights are now 1-2 for the regular season.

Railers get sweep of Newfoundland

WORCESTER — There will be at least 22 more hockey games in the DCU Center — hopefully more including playoffs — but there might not be a better one than the Railers and Growlers played Sunday, Worcester winning by 4-1.

It was not a three-goal game, no matter the final score.

Worcester came back from a 1-0 deficit and had built a 3-1 lead with less than three minutes to play in the third period. However, Myles McGurty was called for interference at 17:36. Newfoundland pulled goalie Luke Cavallin and had two extra skaters but the Railers — thanks in large part to goaltender Henrik Tikkanen — held the lead until Brent Beaudoin hit an empty net with three seconds left.

It was a “Who cares what the Patriots score is, don’t leave your seat” kind of match.

Coach Jordan Smotherman said the people on the benches had that same feeling.

“Certainly, we’re right in the moment,” he said, “so it’s not as apparent to us, but as coaches and players, we feel it too. You know when a game is being played well.”

Nolan Vesey, Anthony Repaci, Collin Adams and Beaudoin had the Railers goals while Nolan Walker scored for Newfoundland.

One of the reasons the outcome was in doubt until the final minutes was goaltending. Both Cavallin and Tikkanen were terrific, denying great chance after great chance. Tikkanen made 33 saves, Cavallin 30.

“It could easily have been a 6-5 game,” Smotherman said of the goalies. “Teeks has come up big for us continuously, making the big save when we need it, and we rely on him.”

The victory allowed the Railers to sweep the two-game series here and move into a tie for first place in the North Division with Newfoundland. Both teams have 37 points in 26 games.

The first period ended with the

score 0-0 for just the third time in Worcester’s 26 games. Newfoundland had an edge in shots on goal at 14-9 as the Railers did not have quite the same jump as early Saturday night. Tikkanen helped keep it scoreless with some good goaltending.

After going 0 for 14 in the first period, the Growlers scored on their first shot of the second period as Walker nicely finished a partial breakaway to put his team ahead at 1:06.

Newfoundland maintained that lead deep into the period but the quality of Worcester’s scoring chances improved as play went on. Repaci had a breakaway at 13:25 but couldn’t score. Then Vesey was sent in cleanly by Liam Coughlin at 14:32 and tied the game by beating Cavallin with a 20-foot wrist shot.

It was still 1-1 when Repaci scored at 2:17 of the third period. It was at a point where the game had a next-goal-wins feeling and snapped a little stretch where Repaci was getting chances but

not scoring, like in the second period breakaway.

“That’s the thing,” he said. “You’ve just got to stay positive. If you keep getting tons of chances, eventually something’s gonna go in. You just have to stay with it. If I hadn’t been getting chances, then I would have been concerned.”

The goal was Repaci’s 28th all-time for the Railers. He is tied for fourth on that list; next up with 30 is Smotherman.

The game winner was set up when Beaudoin won a faceoff and got the puck to Blake Christensen. Cavallin stopped that shot but Repaci, in close, popped the rebound home. Adams made it 3-1 on a power play at 16:38 as he created some space for himself at the bottom of the right circle and beat Cavallin to the far side.

The four goals brought the Railers season total to 102. They are, to date, the best offensive team in Worcester pro history. It took them 26 games to hit triple figures. No other team in any other league hit 100 in fewer than 30 games.

T-Birds offense stalled at Utica

UTICA, N.Y. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-12-1-4) could not overcome an explosive offensive night by the Utica Comets (10-9-3-1) in a 7-3 Utica victory on Saturday night at Adirondack Bank Center.

Utica jumped to the offense immediately against a T-Birds team that had only allowed 11 first-period goals all season coming into Saturday’s action. Defenseman Nikita Okhotiuk launched a point slapper that found its way over Joel Hofer on the blocker side, giving Utica the 1-0 edge at 2:23.

Like Friday night, the home side had a big shot edge, 14-8, through the opening 20 minutes. A familiar face added to the Comets’ lead when Nolan Stevens took a centering pass from Joe Gambardella and snapped a forehand home to make it 2-0 at 14:48.

Things appeared even bleaker for the T-Birds when Nolan Foote squeaked a short-side shot through Hofer from the left side just 1:23 into the second, making it a 3-0 lead for the Comets.

Down, but not out, the Thunderbirds power play changed the tide at 8:26. Brady Lyle made a remarkable play to keep in a clearing attempt at the left point. The blue-liner immediately threw the puck to the net, where Hugh McGing chopped a rebound through Nico Daws to make it 3-1.

The Comets’ penalty kill bounced back to keep the T-Birds two goals away, but a third Springfield power play brought another tally as Martin Frk fired a wrist shot from the point, creating a rebound off of Daws’ pad. Nikita Alexandrov was positioned perfectly in the right circle to beat Daws and bring the deficit to 3-2 at 13:46.

Stevens responded not-so-kindly just 32 seconds later, winning a board battle and eventually finding the puck on his stick to the left of Hofer, where he beat his former teammate for the second time, making it 4-2 at 14:18.

Not to be outdone, the T-Birds made their own luck to conclude a 19-shot barrage in the period. As he was being hit down to the ice, Drew Callin wildly snapped a shot toward the goal near the right corner that squeezed through Daws’ arm, restoring the one-goal game, 4-3, with just 1:45 left in the period.

Robbie Russo put the Thunderbirds’ comeback hopes on the backburner when he slapped a point shot home at the 7:44 mark of the third period, making it a 5-3 Utica lead. Michael Vukojevic followed with his first goal of the year at 12:10, and the Comets’ lead built to 6-3.

Sam Laberge added an empty-net marker to round out the scoring with just over four minutes remaining. Daws earned the victory despite allowing three goals on 32 shots.

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MIAA promoting ‘Get Boosted’ campaign

As high schools move indoors for the winter sports season, the MIAA is urging people to help student-athletes and their families stay up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccinations, including the updated boosters.

Helping our communities stay as protected as possible from COVID 19 will increase our young peoples’ chances of staying healthy and playing this winter. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has launched its Get Boosted campaign, which aims to increase vaccination rates across 20 Vaccine Equity Initiative municipalities and priority populations statewide, with a focus on boosters. This campaign will also include increased efforts in three rural clusters and 10 more municipalities.

As part of the Get Boosted cam-

paign, Massachusetts residents who get vaccinated (first dose, second dose, or booster) at participating clinics will receive a \$75 gift card to area retailers, while supplies last. This offer runs through Dec. 31.

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Saturday, Dec. 24

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

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Saturday, Jan. 7

Holyoke St. Patrick's Grand Colleen Pageant will be held on Jan. 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Holyoke High School. See eligibility requirements and apply at holokestpatrickcommittee.com. Application deadline is Dec. 28. For questions, contact Kathy Dulchinos, Colleen Coordinator, at 413-592-4945. 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 or at with cash/check at the door.

SALVATION, from page 1

electric, or oil bills, something that can be a struggle during the holidays and through the winter.

"Call the office or come in, we have people stop by looking for one thing, and find several opportunities and programs they can use," LaTaille encourages.

LaTaille says those interested in any of the army's programs should visit their current website at <https://springfield.salvationarmy.org/>, call them at 413-733-1518, and are more than welcome to drop by the Springfield office at 170 Pearl Street.

And those people ringing bells in all kinds of weather with the red buckets starting the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve - that, says Major David Moore of the Springfield office, is called The Red Kettle Campaign.

"This funds the food pantry, the Bridging the Gap program, the emergency services program, and helps us reach

out to those in the community who are in need or struggling," Moore says.

Moore and LaTaille wish to thank the community for supporting the army, and urge people needing services to get in touch without hesitation.

The army is running a Love Beyond Christmas campaign, which helps families and individuals throughout the year, passing the spirit of giving along all year long.

"The donations we collect during the holiday season not only help us provide gifts to children who would otherwise go without, but they also help us provide food, shelter, and utility assistance to those who need it most every day of the year," their website says.

To donate to or volunteer with the organization at any point in the year, or to seek assistance from the army, visit www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn, or contact the Springfield office at 413-733-1518.

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RECEIVERSHIP, from page 1

came from Connecticut. But his tenure lasted just eight months and he left under mysterious circumstances.

Since early 2021, Anthony Soto has been in charge of the district. While he is considered a receiver, he is from Holyoke, thus establishing more of a working relationship with the city

and giving stakeholders a voice.

Under Soto, the schools have been working on a number of initiatives to improve education, including realigning buildings and grades, and holding a lot of meetings allowing parents to get involved in decisions. The city is also in the pipeline for a new school building, which would be for a new middle school.

ANNIVERSARY, from page 1

monly dynamic."

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The City Council has made a contribution to the planning process, approving \$70,000 in spending for marketing the anniversary events.

The website already has a num-

ber of events in the calendar. While there is not a date for the January, one of the early events that will celebrate the city is the annual St. Patrick's Day weekend on March 18 and 19. The 10K Road Race will be held on Saturday while the parade is scheduled for Sunday morning. There will be Rotary Club-sponsored concerts, the Celebrate Holyoke festival in August, and Holyoke Day at the Big E will also help celebrate the anniversary

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The Trial Court
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50 State Street
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Docket No. HD16P0217PM
In the matter of:
Walter William Cady
Of: Holyoke, MA
RESPONDENT
Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the third account(s) of Danyelle Cady of Chicopee, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/23/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

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 15, 2022
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
12/23/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street

Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD22P2075EA

Estate of:
Richard Cournoyer
Date of Death: 03/28/2022
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR SALE OF REAL
ESTATE BY A PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by John J Ferriter of Holyoke MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/24/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: December 14, 2022
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
12/23/2022

City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing
The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 5:15 pm in person at 20 Korean Veterans Plaza room 401 and via Zoom.com; ID: 84025323745; CALL IN: +1 646 558 8656 regarding a new application for a seasonal alcohol package store wine & malt license for JDE Corp DBA Flat's Supermarket located at 36 Ely Street. M.G.L. Ch. 138. Sec. 15

Applicant:
Evaristo Almonte
License Board:
Anthony L. Luciano,
Chairman
12/23, 12/30/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD22P1155EA

Estate of:
LESTER E FORRETTE
Date of Death: 08/16/2019
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR SALE OF REAL
ESTATE BY A PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/20/2023.

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

Date: December 12, 2022
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
12/23/2022

CITY OF HOLYOKE
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com; ID: 836 3939 8493; CALL IN 646 558 8656 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, a Site Plan Review Modification petition (Sec 10) submitted by Holyoke Landing, LLC to be located at 12-44-Holyoke Street (117-00-005).

Holyoke Landing is seeking approval for a time modification to an approved Site Plan Review (144).

A complete copy of the application and site plan may be viewed M-F, 9am-4pm
APPLICANT:
Holyoke Landing, LLC

PLANNING BOARD:
Mimi Panitch
12/23, 12/30/2022

City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing
The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 5:15 pm in person at 20 Korean Veterans Plaza room 401 and via Zoom.com; ID: 84025323745; CALL IN: +1 646 558 8656 regarding a new application for a Transfer of License for Red Robin International, Inc. located at 27 Holyoke Street. M.G.L. Ch. 138. Sec. 15

Applicant:
Red Robin International, Inc.
License Board:
Anthony L. Luciano,
Chairman
12/23, 12/30/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD22P2679EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
David J Rigali
Date of Death: 10/17/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christina Rigali of Holyoke, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Christina Rigali of Holyoke, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/11/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: December 14, 2022
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
12/23/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD22P2580EA

Estate of:
Dominga Rodriguez
Date of Death: 2-23-22
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Edwin Velazquez of Holyoke, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Edwin Velazquez of Holyoke, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without super-

vision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
12/23/2022

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