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Yoeli Lebron, left, and Madison Herbert of Southwick dip ice cream in sprinkles at the Moo-Licious Farm ice cream stand at the Big E on Sept. 23. More photos on page _. (MICHAEL BALLWAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Moo-Licious Farm owner Joseph Deedy serves a "Smash a Pie," a slice of pie blended with softserve ice cream, to Daphne Roberts and Marisa Remley of Groton, Conn., at the Eastern States Exposition last Thursday night. The Southwick restaurant and ice cream stand, a longtime vendor at the Big E, recently opened a second location at the West Springfield fairground. Moo-Licious is now on the southern side of the coliseum, across from the midway rides, along with its traditional home on the eastern side of the Better Living Center, across from the giant slide. (MICHAEL **BALLWAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)**

Heka marijuana dispensary readies for Oct. 1 opening

By AMY PORTER Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — Marijuana prescription patients and recreational users will get their "Gift from the Gods" this Friday.

Heka Inc. will host a grand opening for its Egyptian-themed marijuana dispensary on Oct. 1. The shop at 98 Sgt. T.M. Dion Way, Westfield, will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Jack Murphy, Heka's director of retail sales, said the dispensary will be fully stocked in every category at its The sign at the corner of opening, offering the best products from throughout Massachusetts. Murphy said Heka has tried to keep its sport a Grand Opening ribproducts as local as possible. "People want their products in our PORTER/THE WESTFIELD

dispensary," Murphy said. "They think it's definitely different, it has more case space to show off packaging, and 32 points-of-purchase cash

Meanwhile, 1,500 plants are currently growing in the cultivation portion of the facility. Mark A. Dupuis, president and CEO of Heka, said the company is five weeks into cultivation and will begin adding their own products for sale at the beginning of January, ramping up to 18,000 plants and 45 different strains at full production, when

they expect to sell 200 pounds a week and 10,000 pounds a year. He



bon this week. (AMY

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Babies saved, released after car kills mama turtle

By PETER CURRIER Staff Writer

SOUTHWICK — What started as a road-

kill rescue turned into a wildlife conservation effort for Southwick and one of the oldest animal species on the planet.

Animal Control Officer Liz Bennett received what she had thought was a standard road-kill call early this summer. A large snapping turtle had been run over by a car but was still alive. Bennett said part of the turtle's shell had been crushed, so she brought it to Tufts Wildlife Clinic in North

Several days later, Bennett called the clinic to follow up and see if the turtle may have survived. Unfortunately, she said, it had died from the damage done to its shell. There was some positive news, however: The turtle was a female, and had been carrying more than two dozen eggs. The Tufts clinic was able to save 29 of them.

The mother snapping turtle had likely been crossing the road to find a suitable location to lay the eggs early in the summer. Bennett said they can travel up to half a mile to find a nesting location.

Though the eggs did not reach their intended destination, there was still hope for them. The Tufts clinic put them in an incubator, where they sat for about three months, waiting to hatch. Bennett finally got word this month that all 29 baby turtles had hatched.

With a little hesitation, she went back to North Grafton to pick up the babies, and brought them back to a body of water near where their mother had been struck.



Twenty-nine baby snapping turtles were released at an undisclosed location in Southwick near where their mother had been run over by a car. (PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LIZ BENNETT)

Bennett said that she cannot reveal exactly where she released the turtles, out of fear that people may seek them out and endanger them. Even without humans trying to catch them, they already face long odds in the wild.

"Most of them will probably not survive because of predators," said Bennett.

At least some of the 29 babies likely will survive, though, and Bennett said she hopes to see them reach at least the same age as their mother, who she estimates was between 35 and 40 years old, and was approximately the size of a basketball

The effects of time and evolution often leave animal species looking far different than their ancient ancestors. For the snapping turtles Bennett released back into the wild, however, scientists believe they are largely unchanged from their forms millions of years ago.

"You have to respect that they survived this long," said Bennett.

Bennett thinks that she encountered the same mother turtle last year, when it stubbornly stayed under somebody's parked car, making the driver afraid to get near it.

"I knew it was her, because few make it to that age," said Bennett.

Turtles are a seemingly rare form of road-kill, as they only seem to cross over roadways at certain times of year when they are transporting their eggs. Bennett urges people to keep an eye out when driving near swamps, sandy areas, or water-

Kids can create their own storybook at art class

By AMY PORTER Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — ArtSpace will offer an opportunity for children and their families to write their own storybook on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m., and Friday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m.

The book "The Wild," which each child gets to take home, is fully illustrated by Westfield realtor and artist Denise Calvo Berndt and professionally printed, but has no words. Each child will create an individual story.

ArtSpace is an art studio at the Mill at Crane Pond on 77 Mill St. Suite 112, Westfield. Owner Crystal Miller and Art Director Laraine Percoski opened it about a year ago as a place to offer photography and art classes to adults and children, and to display artists and photographers on their walls. Miller discovered Calvo Berndt when she attended an art opening at the studio a few months ago, and shared some of her artwork. She immediately recognized Calvo Berndt's emerging talent.

"She was doing these beautiful watercolor illustrations at home and hanging them on the wall and doing some for friends," Miller said, adding that she had the idea of illustrating for children's books, but thought it would be more fun

to let the families write the stories. Calvo Berndt will be on hand at the class to offer some ideas and opinions, to encourage the creative process within

each family, and to autograph the books. She said she hopes to sell enough of the books to be able to donate some to the Shriners Hospital.

Families can register for which class they want to take at www.artspace4fun.

com. The class costs \$25, which includes taking home the book they have created. Or families may just order the book and have it shipped for \$30.

Calvo Berndt said she is "not a trained artist by any stretch," though she's been spending more time and attention on her artwork as interest has risen.

"I don't know what I'm doing, I really don't," she said.

She has paintings hanging in different places, like in her friend Donna Shibley's store at Pilgrim Candle. Last Christmas, she was invited into the Carillon Tower at Stanley Park, and made a Christmas card from her painting of the stained glass window there. She also recently painted a bookmark of Fiona the hippo at the Cincinnati Zoo, who she's following,

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Children can write their own story in "The Wild," illustrated

by Denise Calvo Berndt. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



Frozen fair

Natalie Lussier of Wesfield makes a "Moo-Nut," a warm doughnut filled with ice cream and covered in sundae toppings, last week at one of two Moo-Licious Farm stands at the Eastern States Exposition. The Big E runs daily through Oct. 3 on the Eastern States Exposition fairground on Memorial Yoeli Lebron of Southwick shows off the ice cream and cookie Avenue in West Springfield. (MICHAEL BALLWAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



sandwich available at Moo-Licious at the Big E. (MICHAEL **BALLWAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)**



Madison Herbert of Southwick holds up a "Holy Cow," doughnut holes filled with ice cream, inside one of Moo-Licious Farm's two vendor stands at the Big E. (MICHAEL **BALLWAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)**

Police Logs

Major crime and incident report Monday, Sept. 20, 2021

5:12 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation, Southampton Road, a caller from a Southampton Road convenience store reports that two individuals are possibly doing drugs in the parking lot, the responding officer reports that Eric Andrew Anderson, 37, of no fixed address, was placed under arrest for three active warrants, the officer reports that Patricia M. Williams, 56, of 21 Adams St.,

Easthampton, was placed under arrest for possession of heroin.

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6:06 p.m.: accident, Feeding Hills Road, dispatch reports that a vehicle struck a fire hydrant and water began leaking out, dispatch reports that the Water Department and the Department of Public Works were advised and the fire hydrant was fixed, the responding officer reports a tow truck removed the vehicle from the scene.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Mon., Sept. 27, 2021 is the 270th day of the year. 95 days remain until the end of the year.

ON THIS DAY

1066 – William the Conqueror and his army set sail from the mouth of the Somme river, beginning the Norman conquest of England.

1331 – The Battle of Płowce is fought, between the Kingdom of Poland and the Teutonic Order. The Poles are defeated but their leaders escape capture.

1422 – After the brief Gollub War, the Teutonic Knights sign the Treaty of Melno with Poland and Lithuania.

1529 – The Siege of Vienna begins when Suleiman I attacks the

1540 – The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) receives its charter from Pope Paul III.

1590 – The death of Pope Urban VII, 13 days after being chosen as the Pope, ends the shortest papal reign in history.

1605 – The armies of Sweden are defeated by the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Bat-

tle of Kircholm. **1669** – The Venetians surrender the fortress of Candia to the Ottomans, thus ending the 21-yearlong Siege of Candia.

1777 – American Revolution: Lancaster, Pennsylvania becomes the capital of the United States for one day after Congress evacuates Philadelphia.

1791 – The National Assembly votes to award full citizenship to Jews in France.

phered the Rosetta Stone. **1825** – The world's first public

railway to use steam locomotives, the Stockton and Darlington Railway, is ceremonially opened.

1854 – The steamship SS Arctic sinks with 300 people on board.

1875 – The merchant sailing ship Ellen Southard is wrecked in a storm at Liverpool.

1903 – The Wreck of the Old 97, an American rail disaster that became the subject of a popular

1908 – Production of the Model T automobile begins at the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit.

1916 – Iyasu V is proclaimed deposed as ruler of Ethiopia in a palace coup in favor of his aunt Zewditu.

1922 – King Constantine I of Greece abdicates his throne in favor of his eldest son, George II. **1928** – The Republic of China is recognized by the United States. **1930** – Bobby Jones wins the (pre-Masters) Grand Slam of golf. **1938** – The ocean liner Queen

Elizabeth is launched in Glasgow. **1940** – World War II: The Tripartite Pact is signed in Berlin by Germany, Japan and Italy.

1941 – The Greek National Liberation Front is established with Georgios Siantos as acting lead-**1941** – The SS Patrick Henry is

launched, becoming the first of

more than 2,700 Liberty ships. States Marines barely escape after being surrounded by Japa-

nese forces. **1944** – The Kassel Mission results in the largest loss by a USAAF group on any mission in World War II.

1949 – Zeng Liansong's design is chosen as the flag of the People's Republic of China.

1956 – USAF Captain Milburn G. Apt becomes the first person to exceed Mach 3. Shortly thereafter, the Bell X-2 goes out of control and Captain Apt is killed.

1959 – Typhoon Vera kills nearly 5,000 people in Japan.

1962 – The Yemen Arab Republic is established.

1962 – Rachel Carson's book Silent Spring is published, inspiring an environmental movement and the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

1964 – The British TSR-2 aircraft XR219 makes its maiden flight. 1975 - The last use of capital punishment in Spain sparks

worldwide protests. 1977 – Japan Airlines Flight 715 crashes on approach to Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Sub-

ang, Malaysia, killing 34 of the 79 people on board. **1988** – The National League for Democracy is formed by Aung

dictatorship in Myanmar. 1993 – The Sukhumi massacre

San Suu Kyi and others to fight

takes place in Abkhazia.

Emirate of Afghanistan is estab-

1996 – Confusion on a tanker ship results in the Julie N. oil spill in Portland, Maine.

1998 – The Google internet search engine retroactively claims this date as its birthday.

2001 – In Switzerland, a gunman shoots 18 citizens, killing 14 and then himself.

2003 – The SMART-1 satellite is launched.

2007 – NASA launches the Dawn probe to the asteroid belt.

2008 – CNSA astronaut Zhai Zhigang becomes the first Chinese person to perform a spacewalk. **2012** – In Minneapolis, a gunman shoots seven citizens, killing five

and then himself. **2014** – The eruption of Mount Ontake in Japan occurs.

2019 – Over two million people participated in worldwide strikes to protest climate change across 2,400 locations worldwide.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

1954 – Larry Wall, American computer programmer and author

1957 – Peter Sellars, American actor, director, and screenwriter 1958 – Shaun Cassidy, Ameri-

can actor, singer, producer, and screenwriter

1959 – Beth Heiden, American

speed skater and cyclist 1822 - Jean-François Champol- 1942 - Last day of the Matanikau 1996 - The Battle of Kabul ends 1960 - Jean-Marc Barr, Germanlion announces that he has deci- action on Guadalcanal as United in a Taliban victory; an Islamic American actor, director, producer, and screenwriter

> 1963 – Marc Maron, American comedian, actor, and radio host

1964 - Tracy Camp, American computer scientist and academic **1964** – Stephan Jenkins, Ameri-

can singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer

1965 – Steve Kerr, American basketball player, coach and sportscaster

1965 – Alexis Stewart, American radio and television host

1966 – Stephanie Wilson, American engineer and astronaut

1972 - Sylvia Crawley, American basketball player and coach

1972 – Gwyneth Paltrow, American actress, blogger, and businesswoman

1972 - Craig L. Rice, American politician

1974 – Carrie Brownstein, American singer-songwriter, guitarist,

and actress **1976** – Matt Harding, American video game designer and dancer

1976 – Jason Phillips, American baseball player and coach

1978 – Brad Arnold, American rock singer-songwriter 1978 – Jon Rauch, American

baseball player 1979 – Jon Garland, American

baseball player 1980 – Ehron VonAllen, American

singer-songwriter and producer **1981** – Sophie Crumb, American author and illustrator



Jack Murphy, director of retail operations, and Mark A. Dupuis, director and president of Heka Inc., stand in front of interior doorway to the dispensary, under the slogan "A Gift from the Gods." (AMY PORTER/THE WESTFIELD



A clone room in Heka's cultivation area. These plants will be moved shortly to a larger grow room. (AMY PORTER/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

Heka

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said the dispensary occupies 6,300 square feet, and the whole facility is 42,000 square feet.

Dupuis said over the next two months, Heka will hire 25 or 30 more employees for the dispensary, and another 10 for cultivation, and will have a total of 75 to 100 employees at full capacity. To date, everyone they've hired has had two to five years of experience in the cannabis industry, he said, and have a solid background on products in Massachusetts.

Heka initially received a license to sell medical marijuana in 2015, before a 2016 referendum changed the state's laws to allow recreational marijuana sales. Dupuis then converted Heka from a nonprofit to a for-profit company, and changed his business plan to incorporate recreational marijuana products. Medical use remains an important focus for their business, however. Dupuis said he expects sales of medical marijuana to be 20 percent of the business, and the medical items will be offered at a lower cost than recreational products. A pre-order and curbside business is also planned for the site.

"Here at Heka, we look to offer an experience like no other to patients and customers alike. We aim to be not just your typical pot shop, but a dispensary that provides a full experience to every person who walks through our door," Murphy

said, adding Heka will accommodate customers who already know what they want, those looking for more guidance about products and proper dosing, and the full service experience for somebody who wants to trade information with a like-minded person. "Let our knowledgeable, friendly and caring team of dispensary agents guide you on a journey with cannabis towards better health and quality of life," Murphy said.

Dupuis said throughout their journey to opening Heka, they have already invested \$17 million in cash into the business. He said beginning with its grand opening on Friday, Heka expects to have 500 to 1,000 customers a day, and will arrange for a police detail every day on Southampton Road, beginning half an hour before opening to half an hour after closing.

Dupuis said Friday that he plans to put a Grand Opening ribbon on the sign at the corner of Southampton Road and Sgt. T.M. Dion Way in the next few days.

Heka will be the first medical marijuana dispensary and the second marijuana retailer in Westfield. Cannabis Connection, a recreational-use marijuana shop at 40 Westfield Industrial Park Way, opened last year.





September is Emergency Preparedness Month, a perfect time to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

Even though getting prepared may seem overwhelming, it's easy to do by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable steps. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has prepared a 30-day checklist. A family that completes one task per day, all month, will be prepared for anything by the end of September.

Each day this month, The Westfield News will share a preparedness task from MEMA. For the full list, visit www. mass.gov/info-details/30-days-30-ways-30-days-of-pre-

Monday, Sept. 27: This week when you're shopping, buy any extra medical items, supplies and a first aid kit, so that you have the things you may need to stay safe during an emergency. Learn more at bit.ly/MEMAEmergencyKit.

Local teens can sign up to 'outsmart' disposable bottles

SOUTHWICK — As part of Climate Week at local libraries, the Southwick Public Library will host "Teens Outsmarting Disposables for a Better World" this Tuesday after school.

Students in grades seven through 12 are invited to this inperson program where they will learn about single-use disposable products and alternatives that consumers can choose. The group will run an experiment making "edible water bottles" to replace plastic bottles.

Advance registration is required at tinyurl.com/SWKteens. The program will run 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 at the library, 95 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick.



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Masks back on, poker returning at MGM casino

By COLIN A. YOUNG State House News Service

BOSTON — Things have been going smoothly at the state's casinos and slots parlor as they adapt to local health and safety measures and continue to adjust their offerings to consumers, gambling regulators said Thursday.

The push-and-pull of the persistent pandemic and gamblers' desires to get back to a more normal casino atmosphere is on full display at MGM Springfield, where the casino recently began removing slot machines from its former poker room in preparation of the reintroduction of that game but also went back to requiring its guests to wear masks in keeping with a local mandate that began Sept. 13.

"MGM was prepared for the new order. Before the new order, you may recall, they had already reinstated mask mandates for employees. They were able to quickly update their signage, their social media and their other web-based messaging notifying guests of the requirement," Loretta Lillios, director of the Gaming Commission's Investigations and Enforcement Bureau, said. "There have been no significant issues with patron compliance."

Bruce Band, the assistant director of the IEB, said that MGM had begun to remove about 20 percent of the slot machines from its former poker room "in preparation of introducing poker.'

MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor both resumed mostly normal operations in late May without offering poker, which had been prohibited by the commission when regulators first allowed the casinos to reopen under health and safety restrictions last year.

After an outcry from poker players, MGM Springfield told the Gaming Commission last month that it plans to reintroduce poker by the end of this year, though at a reduced capacity. An MGM official said players can expect about 10 to 12 tables instead of the 28 that used to fill the casino's poker

Encore Boston Harbor has said it will make a decision about poker by the end of this year and has said that bringing the game back would likely mean the closure of some other table games at the Everett casino.

House will reopen with vax mandate; local reps. vote nay

By MATT MURPHY

State House News Service

BOSTON — The state House of Representatives voted Thursday to require all members and staff to be fully vaccinated if they want to work out of the State House, agreeing to strict new COVID-19 health protocols that will put it mostly in line with the Senate and Gov. Charlie Baker's policies on employee vaccination.

The measure is intended to be the first step toward reopening the State House to all legislators, staff and, eventually, lobbyists, advocates and the general public.

The 131-28 vote came after about two hours of debate during which Democratic leaders in the House described the vaccine mandate as an essential step to protecting the health of legislators and the more than 450 employees who work in the

"As an employer we have a duty to our employees to maintain a workplace free of recognized hazards, including COVID-19," said state Rep. William Galvin, chair of the House Rules Committee.

State Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante, who is fighting pancreatic cancer, also made a personal plea, describing herself as "deeply disappointed" that her some of her colleagues would value "political showmanship" over her health.

But Republicans were almost unanimous in their opposition to the new rules, describing them has hastily put together and lacking in detail. State Rep. Sheila Harrington, of Groton, was the only House Republican to support the rules. Local Reps. Kelly Pease, R-Westfield, and Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, both voted against the rules.

House Minority Leader Brad Jones said the plan specifically lacked clear metrics for how the House would move through the four proposed phases of reopening, or the details of a new universal mask policy.

"How will we handle those who refuse to get vaccinated? How will it be enforced?" Jones asked.

StateRep. Michael Soter, a Bellingham Republican, said he was immunocompromised like Ferrante and understood her predicament, but he said "punishment over education" was the wrong approach. Instead of threatening to take away State House access, Soter suggested House leaders educate employees on the efficacy of the vaccine.

Many of the details, including the deadline to be vaccinated, must now be established by a new House Working Group on COVID-19, which was also created by the order adopted on Thursday. The working group is expected to mirror the makeup of the panel that developed the House reopening strategy, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kate Hogan said the expectation is that the deadline to show proof of vaccination will be Nov. 1.

Hogan, who will lead the new working group, also said masks will be required in all House-controlled spaces in the State House, including offices, and that accommodations will be available for anyone with a medical issue or sincerely held

religious belief preventing them from being vaccinated. The vote also declared a COVID-19 state of emergency in the House, triggering a set of rules that would allow any member, including those who don't want to get vaccinated or show proof of vaccination, to continue to vote and participate in

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Legislators offer suite of Soldiers' Home reforms

By CHRIS LISINSKI

State House News Service BOSTON — Massachusetts would

transform the oversight of its two staterun soldiers' homes, impose new certification requirements at the facilities and on its top leaders, and elevate the secretary of veterans' services to a Cabinetlevel position, under a sweeping reform bill lawmakers announced this week.

Drawing from the legislative investigation they led into last year's fatal COVID-19 outbreak at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, state Rep. Linda Dean Campbell and state Sen. Mike Rush will submit an omnibus bill aimed at creating new safeguards in a realm where mismanagement before and during the pandemic sparked

Their proposal lands 18 months after the highly infectious virus swept through the Holyoke facility, killing at least 76 veterans in one of the deadliest long-term care outbreaks in the country. It also arrives more than a year after Gov. Charlie Baker offered a package of similar reforms, which have failed to advance.

In an interview, Campbell said the committee's work found that broken chains of communication, faulty governance structures and individual failures combined to form "a perfect storm" at the

"There was no single cause of this tragedy. It resulted from multiple deficiencies of governing. So I think to address those, you have to approach this and present multiple changes," the Methuen Democrat said. "This has to be comprehensive change. We can't just fix the chain of command. We have to address all of these issues, because all of them contributed in one way or another."

The legislation would recast the governance structure at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home and the Chelsea Soldiers' Home, eliminating the boards of trustees that currently oversee each facility and creating new local stewardship bodies to provide community representation for the

It would also revoke a section of state law assigning the responsibility for appointing a superintendent to run the Holyoke home to its board and instead require the hiring process for leaders at both facilities to take place fully inside the state's executive branch.

Under the bill, the secretary of veterans affairs, the secretary of health and human services and the executive director of

veterans' homes and housing would recommend appointing or removing a superintendent and deputy superintendent, and the governor would have the final authority to execute the moves. The homes' superintendents would

need to be licensed nursing home admin-

istrators — a qualification that former Holyoke superintendent Bennett Walsh lacked — and state-operated veterans' homes would also need to employ a fulltime infection control and emergency preparedness specialist. Several investigations, including one by the legislative committee and another

that former U.S. Attorney Mark Pearlstein conducted at Gov. Charlie Baker's request, found that Walsh was not qualified or equipped for the position, yet remained in the post despite several red Walsh is now facing criminal charges

for his alleged role in exacerbating the tragedy. Former Veterans' Services Secretary Francisco Urena, who told lawmakers he felt "powerless" to address his concerns about Walsh, resigned in June 2020 one day before publication of the Pearlstein investigative report. Campbell said the special legislative

committee she and Rush chaired, which published its 186-page findings in May, demanded a much deeper and wider investigation than the Pearlstein Report

In a statement, Rush thanked the veterans, family members, workers and advocates who spoke to the committee.

"The testimony and conversations we heard were heartbreaking and difficult yet provided us with much needed information to develop this reform legislation," Rush, a West Roxbury Democrat, said. "It is our hope that through legislative action, and our continued commitment to our veterans, we can transform long-term care of our veterans with a system that they deserve.'

The legislation Campbell and Rush penned also aims at other issues that may have contributed to the crisis, such as slow hiring for oversight positions and communications issues.

Their bill would require the homes to post any vacant jobs and begin interviews within two months for leadership positions or a single month for positions critical to emergency operations. Each facility would need to employ an ombudsperson to handle complaints and would need to stand up an emergency hotline.

The Department of Public Health would be required to inspect both veterans' homes at least twice per year and publicly release inspection reports. The facilities would also need to maintain certification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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Also, instead of continuing to operate under the umbrella of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans' Services would stand as its own executive office and the secretary would rise to become a member of the governor's Cabinet if the legislation is approved. Additional oversight would also come from a new 12-member Massachusetts Veterans Homes Advisory Council.

Campbell said that change aims to address a "very muddled chain of command" surrounding the soldiers' homes that the investigation uncovered.

"Establishing accountability and responsibility and a very, very clear chain of command and communication was absolutely essential," she said. "If we are going to hold people responsible for their actions, then we need to make sure that they know who to contact in an emergency and a crisis, and also during the day-to-day operations of the home.'

The pair of lawmakers did not say when they expect their bill to emerge for a vote in either chamber, but the bill's support at this stage from committee cochairs in both branches could enhance its chances of passage.

"It is a complex piece, but leadership has made it clear in both the House and the Senate that it will be a priority," Campbell said.

Legislative leaders opted not to take up soldiers' home legislation Baker filed in June 2020, which included similar reforms such as requiring additional inspections and amending the selection process for the Holyoke superintendent.

Baker in May he said the legislative committee's report that inspired the legislation suggested "critical reforms."

"The good news, to the extent there is some on this issue, is the legislative report and the Pearlstein report and our legislation that we filed earlier in the year are all basically chasing the same reforms, and they're critical reforms," Baker said. "They're important reforms, and I'm anxious to work with the Legislature to get them done, and I fully expect those are things we'll be talking to them about in the weeks ahead."

Higher pay, new care options touted to end 'mental health crisis'

By KATIE LANNAN

State House News Service

BOSTON — Inpatient behavioral health facilities have been recently facing issues that David Matteodo, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems, said are unlike anything he's seen in his 30 years of experience.

"Everything from workforce to acuity to emergency department boarding, you name it," he told lawmakers on Sept. 14. Matteodo pitched the Health Care Financing Committee on

bills from state Sen. John Keenan and state Rep. Liz Malia that he said would require MassHealth, the state's massive health insurance program, to ensure all of its contracted third-party firms and managed care organizations "provide comparable access to behavioral health services and medications.'

"This is important because sometimes the different call them carveouts, the management firms for behavioral health — manage things differently, and they can be too stringent or they can be really denying a lot of services that we think are necessary, so we think MassHealth should closely scrutinize and make sure those services are what the public clients in MassHealth deserve," he said. Those two bills were among several pieces of legislation that

drew testimony from behavioral health practitioners and advocates looking for solutions to challenges facing their field, and patients seeking care. Dr. Patrick Aquino, chair of the psychiatry division at Lahey

Hospital and medical director of integrated services for Beth

Israel-Lahey Health, said Massachusetts is grappling with an

"acute shortage of psychiatrists" at the same time that the

for mental health treatment." He asked the committee to support a bill from its Senate chair, state Sen. Cindy Friedman, as a way to increase access to

COVID-19 pandemic has brought on "an ever-increasing need

Friedman's bill focuses on collaborative care, which Aquino

said is a model that integrates primary and behavioral health care by bringing other services to patients in their primary care provider's office.

He gave the example of a patient identified as having depression during a regular primary care visit. Instead of being referred to a separate office for behavioral health treatment and waiting weeks for an appointment, that patient could start treatment right there, Aquino said.

"As a practicing psychiatrist myself, I see individuals in my office, one-on-one, and I practice as a consulting psychiatrist to several primary care practices," he said. "In the same amount of time it takes me to evaluate and treat one person in my office, through case review with the embedded behavioral health clinician as part of collaborative care, I can provide specialty psychiatric input to advance the care of six to seven individuals in primary care.'

Association for Behavioral Healthcare President Lydia Conley and representatives from two of her group's members Diane Gould of Advocates and Karin Jeffers of Clinical & Support Options — testified in support of bills filed by Keenan and state Rep. James O'Day that would increase the rates MassHealth pays to licensed mental health clinics and community behavioral health centers.

Parent coaching program now reaches more families

By KATIE LANNAN

State House News Service

BOSTON — More young parents in Massachusetts are now eligible for a family support and coaching program aimed at reducing abuse and neglect by helping create stable and nurturing environments for children.

The home-based program, Healthy Families Massachusetts, is administered by the Children's Trust and matches young, first-time parents with trained professionals who visit the home to provide support during pregnancy and a child's first three years, teaching them about baby care, child development and parenting skills. They also promote attachment and counsel parents toward reaching personal goals, like getting a job or going back to school, according to the organization.

Previously, the program was available to new parents age 20 and younger. Language in this year's state budget bumped up the age limit, expanding eligibility to include first-time parents up to 23 years old. The Children's Trust credited Senate Ways and Means Chair Michael Rodrigues and Rep. Paul Donato as "instrumental in expanding access to Healthy Families Massachusetts."

The budget funds the program at \$16,438,152. The Children's Trust said Healthy Families is funded mostly with federal dollars, costing the state \$500 per family.

"The evidence is clear that in most cases, child abuse is preventable when we help families build resiliency so that they can weather stressful situations," Children's Trust executive director Suzin Bartley said. "We can't always prevent families from facing challenging times, but we can give them the tools to help them get through it so that all children can grow up in safe, nurturing homes.'

The organization cited a Tufts University study that found participating that involvement in Healthy Families Massachusetts "led to lowering parents' risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, reducing homelessness and dependence on cash assistance, and increasing parents' employment and educational attainment which helps the economic stability of the family."

House

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House business remotely.

State Rep. Michael Day, who contracted the COVID-19 virus early in the pandemic, criticized those who said legislators like Ferrante with underlying health risks should simply stay home. He compared those statements to Marie Antoinette saying, "Let them eat cake."

"If you believe your sense of individual freedom requires you to vote against this, that is your prerogative, but it tells your friends, our colleagues and our collective staff that you value their health less than your political talking point," Day said.

State Rep. Peter Durant, a Spencer Republican who made some of those comments last week, said the political attacks were not necessary, describing the House as a family that should be able to disagree.

Art Class

and posted it on Facebook, where she got more than 500

A long-time realtor in Westfield who now works for RealLiving, she said people who buy a house from her now also get a painting.

Whether they want it or not," she said.

The class came about when Miller asked her to bring some of her watercolors to the open house at ArtWorks. "She's funny, she's delight-

ful, she's encouraging," Calvo Berndt said about Miller. She said at the open house there were suggestions for classes. and she said how fun it would be to have the kids draw some pictures and write the story with their parents and grand-

Her next book will be about

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An inside page from "The Wild," illustrated by Denise Calvo Berndt. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

the sea. "I love the sea," she

Miller said ArtSpace is meant to be a place to take classes taught by local artists and photographers. It is also a place to rent hourly space to teach classes or tutor.

"We have a large photo wall area that photographers can rent by the hour, as well," she said.

She said classes only really began in June. "During winter, we were only able to do online instruction or curbside pickup — it was very hard. We really thought that when we signed the contract in August that COVID was going away.'

Miller said their goal is to become a non-profit art stu-

Online training to share tips for free ebook library

WESTFIELD — Digital library experts will give an online presentation about Libby, the free ebook and audiobook app affiliated with the Westfield Athenaeum, next week.

Libby is a convenient way to discover and borrow digital titles anytime, from anywhere. The Get Started with Libby training session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, will show participants how to download and sign in to the app, browse for books, place holds, manage notifications and more.

For those who want to learn more tips and tricks from the experts at OverDrive, a Libby Deep Dive session will follow at 10:45 a.m.

To sign up, visit westath.libcal.com/event/8052441. For more information about the Athenaeum, visit www.westath. org or call 413-568-7833.

Jewelry, fashion sale to benefit cat shelter

WESTFIELD — Hundreds of gently used jewelry items and accessories such as pocketbooks and scarves are available for sale daily to benefit the Westfield Homeless Cat Project.

The fundraiser sale is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, inside Choice Health Food Store, 307 E. Main St., Westfield. Masks and social distancing are required.

Proceeds benefit the Westfield Homeless Cat Project, a no-kill nonprofit cat and kitten rescue shelter.



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SPORTS

Owls, Newcombe place second at Brett Williamson Invitational Tournament

WESTFIELD – Albertus Magnus College's Ryan Sember (Branford, Conn.) topped the field with a 2-over par 73 to take medalist honors at the Fourth Annual Brett Williamson Invitational men's golf tournament hosted by Westfield State University at Tekoa Country Club.

Eastern Connecticut State University grabbed the team title with a score of 311, five shots better than runner-up Westfield State University. Mitchell College was third at

The tournament is named in honor of Williamson, a 2011 Westfield State graduate and golfer who passed in 2017 after a long battle with cystic fibrosis.

Westfield State was led by senior J.J. Newcombe (Bellingham, Mass.), who placed second in the individual standings with a five-over par 76, tying Eastern Connecticut's Chris Davidson (New Milford, Conn.) and Mitchell's Jack Hayes.

The Owls' Michael Waldman (Billerica, Mass.) Chris Ervin (N. Chelmsford, Mass.) and Kyle DelSignore (Attleboro, Mass.) tied for 11th with a pair of 80s.



Westfield State's J.J. Newcombe putts on the ninth hole at Tekoa CC during the 2021 Brett Williamson Invitational. (STEVE MOUSSETTE PHOTO)

Brandon Smith (Feeding Hills, Mass.) finished t-16 with an 81.

The tournament was played

Country Club, amid calm, humid conditions and temperatures in the 70s. The course is an original 1923 at the 6,438-yard Tekoa Donald Ross design, which

retains five of the original Ross holes, and was redesigned and expanded by Geoffrey Cornish in 1961. Westfield State will next

play on Oct. 4-5 at the Massachusetts State Athletic Collegiate Conference men's golf championship at Berkshire Hills

Country Club in Pittsfield, Mass. The Owls are the defending champions in the event. - Courtesy of Westfield State University Sports

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TUESDAY GOLF LEAGUE

Final Standings for Season 2021 Results from September 21,2021

1st Place Dave Galczynski & Fred Rogers 258.0 Points 2nd Place Mark Thompson & Harry Thompson 241.0 Points **3rd Place** Bob Callahan & Mike Ripa 239.5 Points 4th Place Dave Lees & Pat McGinn 237.5 Points 4th Place John Dudas & Bob Brazee 237.5 Points 5th Place Jim French & Dave Liberty 232.5 Points **6th Place** Bill Lawry & Joe Clifford 229.5 Points 7th Place Angelo Masciadrelli

& Frank Kamlowski 228.0 Points 8th Place Eric Wilder & Rich Chistolini 227.5 Points 8th Place Ron Sena & Andy Fox 227.5 Points 9th Place Jim Johnson & Jim Besaw 226.0 Points 10th Place Mike Dupree & Jay Tkacz 224.0 Points 11th Place Jim Sokolowski & Bob Berniche 223.5 Points **12th Place** Jack Blascak & Gene Theroux 215.5 Points 13th Place Bob Dudas & Skip Couture 214.5 Points 14th Place Ray West & Bob Czarnecki 212.5 Points 15th Place John Kidrick & Erroll Nicholls 211.0 Points

16th Place John Lucas & Jim Liptak 210.5 Points 17th Place Ed West & Bob Grimaldi 207.0 Points 18th Place Jack Campaniello & Phil Lewis 203.0 Points 19th Place Jack Pocai & Bill Wallinovich 187.0 Points 20th Place Dave Rathay & Jeff Guglielmo 169.0 Points Low Gross Jim Johnson @ 41 Low Net Bob Dudas @29 Closest to pin on 11th Dave Rathay

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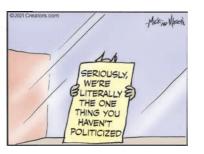




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YOUR HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or making important decisions today until 9:05 p.m. PDT. The Moon is in Gemini. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Sept.

You are energetic, alert and very alive. You

are also kindhearted and sincere. Because you are success-oriented, you work hard to achieve your goals. This year, you have a strong drive for freedom, which means you will embrace and be open to change. There will be times when you have to act quickly -trust your intuition and stay focused. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIÉS (March 21-April 19)

 $\star\star\star\star$ This is a lovely day to schmooze, especially with siblings, relatives and neighbors. You are curious about what's going on, and you want to share your ideas with someone. Short trips will please you. Stay light on your feet so you can jump in any direction. Tonight: Communicate with others! TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Money, cash flow and your financial situation are on your mind today. This is hardly surprising, because you're the financial wizard of the zodiac. You might have excellent moneymaking ideas. Make time to play, because this is the perfect day to socialize, especially with kids. Tonight: Break out the spreadsheet.

GEMÎNI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star\star\star\star\star$ Today the Moon is in your sign, which might make you more emotional. The good news is that it also slightly increases your good luck. This is a lovely day to enjoy the company of others. Do what pleases you. Kick back, relax and have a great day! Tonight: It's all about you.

CĂNCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ It's Monday, but you want to hide or work behind the scenes. You're not ready to meet the demands of the big world. You need some buffer time to get performance-ready. Find a hideaway place where you can chill and relax. Tonight: Quiet time. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** * * * You will enjoy conversations

with female companions, because today is friendly and people want to socialize. You might enjoy the company of a group or an organization. This is a good day to share your dreams for the future with someone to get their feedback. Tonight: Contact a friend. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Today, people notice you, and

they might discuss personal details about your private life. No worries because, basically, this is a fun-loving day, and with Venus in your House of Communications, you are smooth and charming with everyone. Tonight: You are admired!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Do something to shake things up a little, because you want adventure! However, the kind of stimulation you want today might be a great table at a wonderful restaurant or something that really pleases you. This is a lovely day to socialize. You've got energy to burn! Tonight: Explore!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** With Venus in your sign now, you are smooth and diplomatic, which is why you will enjoy relaxing with others today. Quite likely, you will prefer something lowkey. Contact with someone from your past might be hush-hush. Tonight: Who has a

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star\star\star\star$ This is a great way to begin your week. Because the Moon today is opposite your sign, it's best to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Hey, this is no biggie, it simply requires some friendly cooperation. You've got this. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) $\star\star\star\star$ You look fabulous in the eyes of bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs right now, because the Sun is at high noon in your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. You don't even have to do anything special -- it's smoke and mirrors. Relations with co-workers will

be friendly. Tonight: Tidy up AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star\star\star\star\star$ You are in play mode today, which is why you should do yourself a favor and make some time to relax. Take a long lunch. Enjoy the company of children, romantic partners or sports colleagues. Discuss travel plans? Tonight: Socialize!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star\star\star\star$ You might want to hide at home today because this is what will give you a warm feeling in your tummy. Some of you will have a cozy discussion with a female family member, maybe Mom. You will definitely enjoy cocooning at home. Tonight:

Have a family discussion BORN TODAY

Actress Gwyneth Paltrow (1972); actress Jenna Ortega (2002); actor Christopher Cousins (1960)

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RUBES Leigh Rubin

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Opening lead — ace of hearts.

There are times when a partnership's bidding methods are ideally
suited to a particular deal, enabling
them to get a far better result than
might otherwise be expected. A case
in point is this deal from the semifinal-round clash between two U.S. nal-round clash between two U.S. squads at the 1990 world team cham-

squads at the 1990 world team cham-pionship.

West was Ron Sukoneck, and East Russ Ekeblad. Sukoneck's open-ing two-heart bid showed five or more hearts and four clubs with 11 to 15 high-card points. After North's takeout double, Ekeblad jumped to four clubs, a "limit raise" in clubs

that also implied shortness in hearts.

South, seduced by his 6-5-1-1
distribution, ventured four spades.
This was passed around to Ekeblad,
who made a well-judged double
based primarily on his singleton heart
and his good diamond holding behind
dummy's expected diamond strength.
The defenders then extracted the
maximum penalty.

Sukoneck began by cashing the
A-K of hearts. Ekeblad discarded a
low club on the second heart to
encourage his partner to continue
hearts. West followed instructions,
and declarer ruffed the third heart
with dummy's ace. South then cashed
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and ruffed another heart with the spade king.

Declarer attempted to ruff another diamond with the seven, but Sukoneck overruffed with the eight and led a trump to East's queen. Ekeblad then returned the diamond king, leaving declarer with another heart and a club to lose for down three—minus 800.

The action— if it can be called

The action — if it can be called The action — if it can be called that — was much more subdued at the other table. West opened with one heart, North overcalled with two diamonds, and everyone passed. Declarer went down three for a loss of 300 points, but since his teammates were plus 800 at the other table, the net result was a gain of 500 points, or 11 IMPs, for his team.

Tomorrow: The arithmetical approach. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Too many tips?

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Let the Truth Out." I was the woman on the hurt partner end of an affair, and I disagree with your advice not to tell the wife about her husband's cheating. The cheater informing their spouse is something that rarely happens, which perpetuates the lie.

In the end, someone outside the marriage should inform the hurt partner. Hurt partners not knowing about infidelity stifles opportunities for the couple to seek support and does not afford opportunity for partners to move forward. My husband cheated on me 20 years ago. The affair

came to light recently, after 41 years of marriage. Only now, with the help of a counselor, are we dealing with the hurt, pain and destruction that this long-kept deception caused, and we are finally repairing issues in our

My husband's affair was with a person with whom he worked. Knowing that the school staff knew and gossiped about the two of them, and it was public knowledge within our community, is extraordinarily hurtful. The fact that no one told me allowed the affair to continue for 14 months. If I had known about the affair when it was going on, it might have ended earlier, and we could have dealt with issues in our marriage 20 years sooner.

Yes, it could have ended in divorce, but at least I wouldn't have been living in a marriage that was a sham for 20 years and could have been with someone deserving of my love. I contend that telling the hurt partner is hurtful but not cruel. In the end, someone informing the hurt partner allows opportunity for healing or for the marriage to be terminated. The real cruelty to the hurt partner is living a lie.

Finding out about an affair is devastating, but when the hurt partner is made aware of the deception, the couple has an opportunity to deal with issues in their marriage. No matter what choices are made regarding the marriage, the hurt partner is not living in an unfulfilling marriage fraught with deception. Knowing is a

gift. -- Wishing I Would Have Known

Dear Wishing I Would Have Known: Thank you for your letter, and I hope you and your husband find healing through the truth. If you love him, work on forgiving him, for your sake. Remember the old saying that acid can do more damage to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

Dear Annie: I was brought up to tip 18% to 20% at restaurants and bars. Exemplary service deserves a little more. We were told waiters and bartenders only earned a few dollars an hour and tips were their liveli-

Now it seems tip jars are everywhere, from bakeries to movie theaters to retail shops to cafes.

I don't understand why people who are doing their job and being paid \$10 to \$16 an hour expect tips.

Ironically, it seems that when I add a tip on a card (especially on takeout), the product is worse, not better. I regret tipping and know if a tip is deemed as insufficient, items will turn up missing or be small or burnt.

Besides cooking every meal, what is the solution here? Do you agree there are tip jars at far too many businesses? -- Frustrated in Friendswood, Texas

Dear Frustrated in Texas: Tipping for good service is a polite and kind gesture. I don't think there are too many tip jars everywhere, unless, of course, the jar says you must tip. It is simply your choice. Ask yourself why you have such a hard time being generous to people who are serving you a meal or making you a cup of coffee. It feels better to give than receive. Try to keep the smile you get from the person you tipped in your mind next time you are upset by a tip jar. Look at it as a smile jar instead.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

Rising prices

Today's Sound Off is about rising prices.

Dear Heloise: Now that we are isolating ourselves due to COVID-19, many of us are buying things online and having them delivered to our homes. Of course, there is a delivery fee and a tip for the driver, which I don't mind paying. I think that's only fair. However, I've noticed how prices have risen sharply over the past 12 months. I don't mean just a few cents here and there, but rather by a dollar or more. This is very evident at my local grocery store. Last year my weekly bill for groceries was \$90. This year, it's closer to \$130 per week.

While driving today, I heard on the news that used cars are up 45% over last year this time, and real estate prices are through the roof. Even clothing has taken a major increase. This has caused me and several other people I know to cut back on what

It looks like just plain greed to take advantage of people during this time of national distress and illness. Christmas this year might be a disaster if the merchants keep this up. -- Shopper in Austin, Texas

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- -- Clip to-do list to the sun visor of your car.
- -- Hold coupons together while you shop.



GIFT-CARD SCAM

Dear Heloise: Scammers are at it again. The gift card scams go like this:

1. You get a call from tech support telling you something is wrong with your computer. They want payment in the form of gift cards.

2. Caller claims to be from the IRS or Social Security Administration and tells you that you need to pay back taxes or some kind of fine, but in gift

3. You meet someone from a dating service or perhaps on social media sites and they ask for money for an emergency, to buy a ticket to where

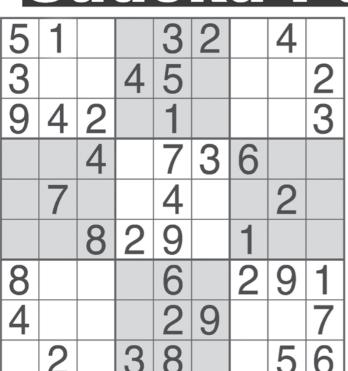
4. A caller claims you won a boat, car, sweepstakes or a trip, but you need to pay the taxes or

The above are just some examples of what these con artists use to get you to pay with gift cards. Don't do it. These are just scammers trying to steal your money. No matter what they tell you, they are lying. Don't let them pressure you into sending money or gift cards. -- Steven F., Los Angeles

VINEGAR DON'TS

Dear Readers: As much as I love using vinegar for many household cleaning projects, there are some areas that are not well suited for vinegar. The first is on grout. Over time it breaks down the grout. Don't use it on granite countertops. Over time it will eat away at the sealant and dull the countertop. It is now advised to not use it in your dishwasher because it can damage the plastic and rubber parts of your dishwasher over a period of time. -- Heloise

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LEGAL NOTICES

(September 27, October 4, 2021)

Tolland Board of Appeals Notice of Hearing

The Tolland Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the ${\bf TOLLAND}~{\bf TOWN}~{\bf HALL}$ on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:35 P.M. con-

A petition from Rene Brunet on property located at 73 Lands End Drive; Tolland, MA 01034 requesting a VARIANCE of FRONT and SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIRE-MENTS of the Zoning Bylaws of Tolland, MA to build a garage.

erty located at 15 Laurel Lane; Tolland, MA 01034 requesting a VARIANCE of SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS of the Zoning Bylaws of Tolland, MA to build a covered patio. E. Patrick Storey, Jr. Chairman

A petition from Jay and Paula Bertin on prop-

David A. Spidal - Member Jennifer Zerra - Member Michael Sullivan - Alternate Member

The Board will meet in person at the Town Hall following all proper Covid 19 restrictions.

(September 20, 27, 2021)

CITY OF WESTFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Westfield City Council and Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on October 4, 2021, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers, 59 Court St, Westfield, MA, to review an application submitted pursuant to M.G.L. c.121A by Servistar Realties, LLC, of One Boston Place-Suite 2600, Boston, MA, to construct 10 data center buildings totaling 2.74 million square feet on 155.49 acres at: 0 Ampad Rd. (Parcels 56R-96, 97, 98); 0 Egleston Rd (Parcels 56R-30, 47); 0 (Parcel 63R-3-2D) 10 & 15 Campanelli Dr.; 85, 81, 91, 97, 103, 115 & 191 Servistar Ind Wy.

A copy of the submitted application is available for inspection at the Planning Office, 59 Court St, Westfield, MA 01085, and online at: cityofwestfield.org/applications (Planning Board applications). Interested persons should appear at the designated place and time. Comment may also be submitted in advance, for receipt by 4PM on the hearing date, by mail to: Planning Office at above address, or by email to: j.vinskey@cityofwestfield.org

Per M.G.L. c.121A, §6C, any person aggrieved by the approval or disapproval of this project has 60 days within which to seek judi-

(September 20, 27, 2021)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held October 5, 2021 at 7:00PM by the Westfield Planning Board in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 59 Court St. Westfield, MA on the application of Servistar Realties, LLC for a Special Permit/Site Plan/Stormwater Permit to allow a data center facility (phased construction) per Zoning Ord. Sec. 6-10. 4-110. 3-130.3(4) & 3-140.3(2) (over 100K SF), 3-130.6 & 3-140.8 (over 60' height) 7-10.7 (shared parking). Locus is 0 Ampad Rd (Parcels 56R-96, 97, 98); 0 Egleston Rd. (Parcels 56R-30, 47); 0 (Parcel 63R-3-2D) 10 & 15 Campanelli Dr.; 85, 81, 91, 97, 103, 115 & 191 Servistar Ind. Wy., zoned Industrial A & Industrial Park; details can be found at:

cityofwestfield.org/applications

(September 20, 27, 2021)

Town of Granville, MA Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of

Appeals will hold a remote public hearing on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30pm to consider a Variance from the Granville Zoning Bylaws Section 3.8.3 by the applicant Town of Granville so as to allow construction of a garage or carport next to the Granville Police Department within twenty-five feet of the side yard property line at 707 Main Road, Granville, also know on Assessor's Map 26 as Parcel 41-0. As Town Hall is still closed due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the public hearing and meeting will be only held remotely in accordance with An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency by Governor Baker. Agenda and remote access information will be posted at Town Hall and on Town website: www.townofgranville.net Granville Zoning Board of Appeals

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