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Cantor Morton Shames, an internationally recognized singer who led prayers at Temple Beth-El, has died at 87. Page A5

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TODAY'S MUST-READS

LONGMEADOW Sinkhole swallows car

The water flooding Llewellyn Street looked too shallow to be a hazard when Billy Meara drove down the street on his way to meet family for coffee at Starbucks.

But about halfway down the side street, which connects South Park Avenue and Converse Street, the front driver's side tire sank into the street. He tried to throw the car into reverse to no avail, and the 2010 Mercury Grand Marquis began slowly sinking into a widening hole.

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SPRINGFIELD Albano credited with playing role in Dunbar deal

The pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church said yesterday that his church has reached an agreement with the mortgage holder of Dunbar Community Center that saves Dunbar from a threatened foreclosure in August.

The announcement appears to have caught Dunbar leaders and the city by surprise.

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FOXBOROUGH Garoppolo in spotlight

Jimmy Garoppolo faced more than a dozen cameras and a wall of media members after his first public training camp practice of the season for the New England Patriots.

The crowd around him went four or five reporters deep at points, with arms and microphones waving, trying to catch a bit of audio from his five-minute interview.

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WEATHER

Heavy rain and a thunderstorm.

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Hillary's big moment

Clinton accepts Democratic nomination with 'humility'



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton gives her thumbs-up as she appears on stage during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Thursday. (CAROLYN KASTER / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

By JULIE PACE AND ROBERT FURLOW Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, steered for a volatile world by decades in politics that have left some Americans skeptical of her character.

"I will be a president for Democrats, Republicans, independents, for the struggling, the striving and the successful. For those who vote for me and those who don't," Clinton said as she accepted the Democratic nomination, becoming the first woman to lead a major U.S.

political party.

She drew a sharp contrast with her general election rival Donald Trump, calling the Republican supremely unqualified for the White House.

"Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," she said. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons," she said.

Clinton took the stage to roaring applause from flag-waving delegates. But her real audience was the millions of voters who may welcome her experience but question her character.

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She acknowledged those concerns briefly, saying "I get it that some people just don't know what to make of me." But her primary focus was persuading anxious Americans to stick with a Democrat for a third term and put aside their frustration with those who have been entrenched in the political system.

Clinton's four-day convention began with efforts to shore up

liberals who backed Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary and it ended with an outstretched hand to Republicans and independents unnerved by Trump. A parade of military leaders, law enforcement officials and Republicans took the stage ahead of Clinton to endorse her in the general election contest with Trump.

"This is the moment, this is the opportunity for our future," said retired Marine Gen. John R. Allen, a former commander in Afghanistan. "We must seize this moment to elect Hillary Clinton as president of the United States."

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SPRINGFIELD

Feds raid 2 golf courses, 2 homes

IRS combs Veterans and Franconia plus residences of golf pro in East Longmeadow and Cape Cod

By STEPHANIE BARRY sbarry@repub.com

Plenty of golfers remained on the links at the city's two municipally run courses while teams of federal agents streamed in and out of the pro shops at Veterans Memorial and Franconia yesterday morning.

Additional groups of IRS agents executed search warrants at golf pro Kevin M. Kennedy's homes on Sherwood Lane in East Longmeadow and at 7 Ferry St. in West Dennis.

IRS Special Agent Greg Howe confirmed investigators were at the sites in connection with an ongoing criminal investigation, but would not provide further details.

Kennedy was hired by the city in 2006 to manage the two golf courses. The city contracts with Kennedy's company, Kennedy Golf Management (KGM), to run the courses and their respective pro shops while the city maintains the grounds.

The Republican has a request pending



An agent with the Internal Revenue Service leaves the pro shop at the Veterans Memorial Golf Course in Springfield on Thursday morning. Federal agents raided the pro shops at Veterans and Franconia golf courses, as well as the homes in East Longmeadow and West Dennis owned by pro Kevin Kennedy Jr.

(DAVE ROBACK / THE REPUBLICAN)

with the city Law Department for the current contract with KGM and any related bidding documents. However, in general, those familiar with the arrangement have said there is a revenue-sharing agreement between the company and the city that divvies up greens fees, cart rentals, pro shop proceeds and the like.

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SPRINGFIELD

Picknelly fueled Baker's veto of east-west rail proposal

Peter Pan owner said service would hurt his business

By DAN GLAUN dglau@masslive.com

Massachusetts State Sen. Eric Lesser's push to study expanded east-west rail service is facing pushback from Peter Picknelly, the Springfield business leader whose Peter Pan bus company is currently the main provider of mass transit from Springfield to Boston.

Lesser's (D-Longmeadow) proposal to launch a feasibility study of building higher speed rail across the state won approval from the legislature during budget votes in May and June. But on July 8, Republican Gov. Charlie Baker used his veto powers to amend the measure, changing it from a formal study to a working group that would study bus improvements and other transit options as well.

Two days before Gov. Baker's veto, Picknelly, a major Springfield employer, philanthropist and state-wide political donor, sent an email to Baker and legislators urging Baker to reject

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