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Baby Hope, Sariah Hope Morrison, is back with her family in Andover after receiving a liver transplant less than three weeks earlier at Boston Children's Hospital.

School's chief wins \$220K contract

The School Committee unanimously agrees to 4-year deal with Berman

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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After a lengthy public forum to discuss the qualifications of interim Superintendent Sheldon Berman, the Andover School Committee voted unanimously last week to offer him a permanent position with the district.

Voting 5-0 in front of a crowd of about 40 people in the School Committee chambers on the second floor of the Punchard Center, board members said they think Berman is the man for the job.



Sheldon Berman

"As I worked with him the past four months, I have raised various issues with him," said School Committee member Ted Teichert, elected last March. "I attended the high school a couple days before school started and I was appalled at the conditions - lack of cleanliness. I looked out the window on a sunny day and it looked cloudy because of the windows. I brought my concerns to Dr. Berman and he addressed that issue head on. I got a memo, the doors were painted, and things were cleaned up. I was very pleased to hear that."

His colleague, Joel Blumstein, agreed. "Dr. Berman is the right person for the job,"

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Adopted baby from China regaining health against all odds

By TERRY DATE
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For the life of her, 20-month-old Sariah Hope Morrison is taking it all in. She sits here in the living room of her family's Haverhill Street condo, a nasogastric feeding tube in her nose. Her left hand grips the latest veggie stick, her right hand contemplates a puzzle piece.

It's Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, two days since Hope — everyone uses her middle name — returned home with her mom, Cindy Morrison, from Boston Children's Hospital. Less than three weeks since she received a liver transplant. A little more than a year ago, five Morrisons and two family friends first saw her, a sunken-eyed, jaundiced baby in a room with 30

other babies at a Chinese orphanage. How the baby survived end-stage liver failure, cleared international adoption obstacles and landed in a family's arms 8,000 miles away, falls somewhere between transcendent and the 'M' word. "There is no explanation other than a miracle," said Morrison, 45, a single mom and a pediatric

occupational therapist. **Liver damage** Just 18 days earlier doctors' eyes widened when they compared the hard, darkened and puffed, bile-choked liver they had removed from Hope with the pink flat donor liver they were about to place inside her. "They were so blown

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Andover PD cracks 'egging' cases

Police say group of boys may be responsible for 15 incidents

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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After receiving more than 15 reports of 'eggings' between Nov. 1 and early December, Andover police say that those responsible for the acts of vandalism have been identified and will lay no more eggs.

"We received some information about which juveniles were involved," said Executive Officer Charles Heselstine of the Andover Police Department. "As a result of that, we contacted their parents who have since brought the two juvenile males into the station. They have cooperated with police and have admitted

their involvement in the incidents."

The same house on Norwich Place was egged six times between Nov. 1 and Nov. 22. Similarly, the only house targeted on Andover Country Club Lane was egged four times between Nov. 7 and Nov. 14. On Nov. 20, a Suffolk Circle home was egged but residents reported only one occurrence.

Between Nov. 20 and early December, the vandals were quiet. But on Friday, Dec. 4, the group resurfaced and upped the ante from throwing eggs to damaging mailboxes.

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Chism case revives debate on parole for teen killers

Family of Colleen Ritzer opposed to possible early release

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
CNHI State Reporter

BOSTON - The conviction of Phillip Chism for the brutal rape and murder of his high school math teacher has rekindled a debate over parole for teen killers, and renewed calls for lawmakers to toughen prison sentences.

Chism was found guilty of first-degree murder by an Essex County jury on Wednesday in the 2013 slaying of Danvers High School algebra teacher Colleen Ritzer. Prosecutors say Chism followed Ritzer, 24, of Andover, into a school bathroom, strangled her, stabbed her at least 16 times with a box cutter, raped her, and then dumped her body in the woods near the school.

Chism, now 16, was tried as an adult but will still be



Phillip Chism, right, sits with attorney Denise Regan, left, during a hearing in Essex County Superior Court in Salem earlier this year. Chism was 14 at the time of his crime, making him eligible for parole in 15 years, when he would be about 30.

eligible for parole in 13 to 23 years, depending upon the sentence he receives in January. Chism, who was 14 at the time of the crime, has already

spent nearly two years in jail while awaiting trial.

As a juvenile, he cannot receive a sentence of life without parole, following

■ Andover participates in Colleen Ritzer memorial hockey game. Page 9

recent decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

Both ruled that teen killers should be given a chance at parole.

Adults convicted of first-degree murder in Massachusetts automatically receive sentences of life without parole.

"The reality that families like mine and the Ritzers might have to face parole hearings is devastating," said Sean Aylward, brother of Beth Brodie, a 16-year-old Pentucket Regional High School cheerleader who was beaten to death in 1992.

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Vietnam veteran had unique Christmas - 50 years ago

Carols boomed down from speakers mounted on the side of a chopper

By TERRY DATE
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Even then, Christmas Eve 1966, Arthur Moriarity knew he'd remember the 10 minutes of music for as long as he had a memory.

Now 75, Moriarity, a long-time Andover resident who grew up in Methuen, remembers.

He was 26, married, and drafted into the US Army. He wanted to serve, wanted Vietnam.

"I watched all the John

Wayne movies," said Moriarity, a Central Catholic graduate, Class of '58.

His eighth day in Vietnam, Christmas Eve 1966, he was in the Central Highlands, rolling green country near the enemy.

Moriarity was at a fire base, a small Army encampment, in an open Jeep getting drenched by a cold hard rain during monsoon season.

His sergeant told him and his friend Jimmy, a Texas teen, to bury themselves in an

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U.S. Army veteran Arthur Moriarity talks about the gunfire closing in around his position while serving in combat during the Vietnam War.

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Doctors are closely monitoring her body to make sure it accepts the liver but her prognosis is favorable. One year, post liver transplant surgery, all the babies from Children's have survived

HOPE

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away with how sick that liver was, how she was living and gaining weight with it," Morrison said. Hope gained six pounds from June to November, going from 11 pounds to 17 pounds.

She didn't sleep for more than an hour and a half at a time. She would wake up and eat as her body recovered from starvation engendered by her sick liver, where bile ducts didn't work properly causing bile to build up — a condition called biliary atresia.

After a 10-hour surgery, Hope had a new liver. Her skin color went from orange green to a more healthy looking lighter tint.

Also she has started talking and eating solid foods including Cheerios and vegetable sticks.

Doctors are closely monitoring her body to make sure it accepts the liver but her prognosis is favorable. One year, post liver transplant surgery, all the babies from Children's have survived, Morrison said.

Before the transplant. Dr. Maureen Jonas, the clinical director of Hepatology at Boston Children's, said Hope would have a 90 percent, five-year survival rate if she was in good shape when she received a transplant.

After that, the hope only grows, right into adulthood and matrimony.

"Dr. Kim said: 'We fully expect to be invited to the day she walks down the aisle,'" Morrison said.

Family effort

Meanwhile, back in the Andover living room, Hope, nestled at a round play table, is the sun queen, the center of this universe.

A Christmas tree sits at the far end of the living room and the letters W-E-L-C-O-M-E H-O-M-E M-O-M and H-O-P-E hang from on high at the other end.



TERRY DATE/ Staff photo

Baby Hope, Sariah Hope Morrison, is back with her family in Andover after receiving a liver transplant less than 3 weeks earlier at Boston Children's Hospital.

The smell of cookies drift from the kitchen where daughter Katelyn, 14, is baking.

Nearby hover Hope's three other sisters and two close family friends, Nate and Ellen Lowe.

Morrison adopted Katelyn from China 13 years ago. In subsequent years, Morrison returned, adopting three other daughters. Today, Lianna is 11, Mia, 9, and Hannah, 5.

They all come from the same part of China, Guangxi, a green, hilly and poor state in the south bordering Vietnam and along the China Sea.

It was on a family trip, November 2014, when Morrison was volunteering at the orphanage, that the visitors' eyes fixed on the little girl with the Chinese name Yuan Fei — meaning princess of the garden.

Grim diagnosis

Chinese nannies said Yuan Fei, an orphan, was ineligible for a transplant, and besides, it was too late,



TERRY DATE/ Staff photo

Baby Hope is all smiles as she is back from the hospital surrounded by toys and family members after receiving a liver transplant.

her condition was too dire and she would die soon.

On the flight home the family wondered what could be done for the baby. Maybe they could get her hospice care in the United States, secure a medical visa.

Children's Hospital doctors told her a medical visa was highly unlikely. Morrison's best chance was to find a family to adopt the baby, but the orphanage director said no.

Morrison's oldest daughter, Katelyn, had an idea one day while they were

riding in their car. Maybe, the orphanage would relent and allow adoption if Morrison adopted the baby.

The director said yes. Against odds, at each stop — securing visas, finding an adoption agency willing to make arrangements, getting approval to fly with a very sick baby — the family got the needed approvals and paperwork.

"It was probably the fastest adoption process ever on record," Morrison said.

Other hurdles remained. The flight staff on the Asian air carrier did not

want the baby on the flight, for fear she would die en route. When Morrison produced a letter saying this was a possibility but that the airline would not be held liable, the airline relented.

Coming home

Mom and baby arrived home May 21. The 14-month-old weighed 11 pounds, less than half what a normal baby would weigh at that age. And a disproportionate amount of her weight came from a rock

hard, enlarged liver.

From that day on the family's focus, strengthened by friends' support, was getting Hope healthy enough to make her eligible for a liver transplant. By July 19 she was on the liver transplant list.

The first chance for a transplant was scrapped because she had a cold. Then, Nov. 24, the call came that the hospital had a liver for Hope. It was a part of an adult liver. It had been cut in half and was going to give life to two people in need of new livers.

Hope showed spunk almost immediately, swatting at the nurses who were inserting needles and otherwise prodding her body. The nurses loved Hope's attitude, it showed she was a fighter.

Morrison says Hope is plugged into the world and does not want to miss a thing.

"She loves life, she loves people, she loves to be out in the world — to be out in the world," Morrison said.

Cindy Morrison has gotten Hope the care she has needed through health insurance and the online fundraising website GoFundMe.

Friends have been there at each step.

The Andover Kids Club staff made dinner for the family and delivered it to them every night over 17 days while Hope and Cindy were at Children's Hospital.

People cleaned the condo and set up the tree. Close friends from the Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston, Nate and Ellen Lowe, slept at the condo with the family during those 17 days, and drove the children to school.

Touchdown!

Hope is a strong and adamant child, Morrison says, adding that she is very attentive.

The family was prepared for the New England Patriots game to be played that Sunday night and Hope was quick to make the touchdown sign.

Hope's arms shot up and she smiled.

Everyone yelled, "Touchdown!"

The family and Hope have scored a major victory in rescuing the little girl from a certain death in China.

The favorable circumstances reinforce faith in believers and even make those with doubts wonder.

"I have a friend who is an atheist and she says, 'It makes me think maybe there is a God,'" Morrison said.

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At 8:27 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 4, a Chongris Circle resident called police to report that

her house had just been egged. Two hours later, in a change from previous reports, a school bus driver called police at 10:30 p.m., to report that the bus had just been egged while traveling on Dascomb Road by the overpass.

Three minutes later, at 10:33 p.m., a resident on Granli Drive reported that her home had just been hit with eggs. At 12:14 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 5, an Atlantic

Drive resident reported that earlier that evening, her home had been egged. She also reported that five minutes before calling police, she saw three people running through her property.

About half a mile away on Somerset Drive, a patrolling officer reported that five mailboxes had been vandalized between 12:42 and 12:45 a.m. At 12:46 a.m., the same officer reported a vandalized mailbox on Suffolk Circle, the

same street where an egging was reported in November.

"At this time, we have in excess of at least 15 occurrences that are still being investigated," Heseltine said. He also added that police believe two other juvenile males were involved with the acts of vandalism, but that the investigation is ongoing.

"They will be summoned into juvenile court," Heseltine said. "They will be held responsible for their actions."

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he said. "That's also the opinion of those who work closely with him - my School Committee colleagues and others who have had a chance to interact with him, all come away very impressed. The skills he brings in so many areas - communications, data analysis, special education, long-term planning, curriculum and building relationships. These are critical skills, he brings all of that to the job."

Paula Colby Clements took on some in the community who criticized some of his past affiliations after digging into his background. She said that information was from bloggers and was "unsubstantiated."

She added that information brought out in the last couple of weeks is not new.

"I haven't heard anything new," she said. "I haven't seen anything that I haven't seen in the past five months. Everything that has been sent to us has been fully vetted."

She went on to say that attacks on Berman's character should be dismissed.

"None of this concerns me," she said. "Everything raised he has made full disclosure on. They are veiled assertions. Nothing new has come out."

She read into the record some of the comments she received from some of Berman's references. She said they called him a "visionary" who "empowers people." She added that his references called him "a quick study, a hard worker and a really nice guy."

The contract

Blumstein, who worked with Colby-Clements on the subcommittee negotiating the contract for Berman, outlined the major points of Berman's four-year contract. Blumstein said Berman's interim contract will stay in effect until June 30 and the new contract will start July 1 and go through June 30, 2020.

Berman will receive \$220,000 per year and will be eligible for annual merit increases and bonuses that would be considered by the school committee each year. Berman will receive a

\$22,000 annual contribution to an Andover-sponsored retirement plan as well as a \$500 monthly automobile allowance.

"I'm sure there will be scrutiny of the cost of the contract," said committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert. "I want to point out that Dr. Berman is taking less than he would have gotten because he is waiving his pension. We've increased the salary component in light of him deferring his pension."

Gilbert also said that because Berman will not have been employed by Andover for 10 or more years at the end of his contract, he will not be eligible to receive retiree health insurance, known as Other Post Employment Benefits, or OPEB, from the town.

"I know as a community, we're striving to look at all of our salaries that we pay, in terms of total compensation and not just in terms of salary," Gilbert said. "It's important to point out that the town avoids a very large piece of compensation because of the fact that Dr. Berman will not count in our OPEB liability. We're not actuaries, but it could easily be on the order of about \$100,000."

As interim superintendent, Berman received a \$206,000 base annual salary in addition to a \$60,000 pension from previous positions he held in Massachusetts public schools, particularly Hudson, Mass., where he was superintendent for 14 years. In taking the four-year contract with Andover, he will not take his pension for the duration.

Praise for Berman

It wasn't just members of the School Committee who supported Berman.

Prior to taking their vote, a number of members of the public spoke in support of keeping Berman in Andover for the long-term. Others were concerned about the committee's process in hiring the superintendent.

Andover Schools Director of Nurses Rita Casper spoke of the positive impact she said Berman has had in the short time he's been with the district.

"I've only known Shelley



GABRIELLA CRUZ/ Staff photo

Close to 40 parents, district staff and community members attended the School Committee's meeting for a vote on superintendent Sheldon Berman's contract extension.

for a short amount of time," Casper said. "I've experienced a very collaborative relationship with him and he has been involved at a very direct level. As an administrator in Andover, he has been very supportive of the programs I have personally brought to him and supportive of proposed programs around the district."

Gina Murray, president of the West Middle School Parent Advisory Committee and parent of three Andover students, said through her interactions with Berman thus far, she believes he is the leader that the district needs.

"I understand how others who have not had the chance to work with him closely can be confused with the process," Murray said. "But we need Dr. Berman to lead our schools. Our children not only need a leader like Dr. Berman, our children deserve one."

Sanborn Elementary School principal Patty Barrett said Berman's interactions with teachers, administrators and students have left her both impressed with his work so far, and hopeful that it will continue going forward.

"His communication skills are excellent and he is insightful," Barrett said. "He is immediately responsive to communication from teachers and always attentive and offers advice. Shelley visits at the schools and his presence has been felt in the community as well."

Criticism

Not everyone was there to praise him, however.

Jack Whelan, a local parent, requested the committee delay its vote and allow the community time to ask questions and present their concerns.

"I ask that you defer voting on this until you give it more time," Whelan said. "Before you come to a vote, you should let the residents come forward with enough time to back up their claims."

Krystal Solimine, whose son attends the high school, has spoken in front of the committee on numerous occasions regarding Berman's past superintendent positions and has asked that the committee be careful in its decision to hire Berman.

"I hope that you will take the concerns seriously," Solimine said. "I'm glad that the teachers and administrators are happy now, and I hope that they continue to be. But I'm just not so sure, because history has a funny way of repeating itself. The past two

places that he has been have not been happy."

John Zhuang, who has sons in first and third grades in Andover schools, presented a petition requesting that the committee slow down its voting process and consider other options before extending the interim position. Zhuang said he posted the petition online one day before the meeting and it had already garnered 142 parent signatures.

"We are not here against anybody - not the committee and not Dr. Berman," Zhuang said. "We are just asking for time to learn about Dr. Berman and how he would deal with the problems in Andover. We want time for the community to come together and agree with this decision."

Jeanne Teichert, a parent of three Andover students who is the wife of School Committee member Ted Teichert, said the board was ignoring the will of the people.

"You're completely leaving

out the community," said Jeanne Teichert, a parent of two Andover students. "That is not what we elected you to do."

Going forward

Berman said that he is committed to bettering the district and is excited about the opportunity to stay in a community he's already grown fond of.

"I didn't know when I came to Andover how much I would like it," Berman said. "I feel very honored and very humbled. This is quite the community."

The committee's decision to extend his contract was something Berman said he admired. He said that in the face of community opposition, the committee was making a bold decision.

"The courage of this committee and this district to say, 'Gee, this seems like a good match and maybe we need to change course,' is actually an incredibly courageous act for an organization," Berman said. "If I felt like the frustration level was too high, that the problems were unsolvable, that we were in a situation that I was unable to contribute, I would let you know that. For me, it is a privilege to work here and I am very honored and humbled by that."

School Committee member Susan McCready, said the town has been "given a gift here" in the form of Berman.

"We have stability and consistency and we've got to keep moving ahead," she said.

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Land owners deny access to pipeline company

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
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BOSTON — Harvey and Diane Elefson remember when bulldozers carved a path through the woods behind their Peabody home eight years ago to install a natural gas pipeline. The heavy equipment ripped out trees and trampled state-protected wetlands.

“They came in and destroyed everything that was living and green,” said Diane Elefson, who has lived on Glen Drive for more than 40 years. “It looked like a war zone. There was no warning and no way to stop them.”

Now their neighborhood faces the possibility of another pipeline more than double the size of the existing one. A Texas-based energy company wants to run a section of its 30-inch pipe through woods less than 100 feet from the Elefsons’ property and alongside the environmentally sensitive Ipswich River.

“We don’t want this pipeline, we don’t need it, and we certainly won’t let them onto our land to do it,” she said.

The \$5 billion, 421-mile project proposed by Kinder Morgan and its subsidiary, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, hinges on approval from the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission. But land owners like the Elefsons are telling Kinder Morgan and regulators that they won’t allow workers onto their land to conduct required

surveys and environmental reviews.

It’s a coordinated move by the pipeline’s opponents, foreshadowing possible legal challenges for the company as it seeks approval from regulators. To date, hundreds of land owners — including many in Andover — have denied access.

“It’s been a real headache for Kinder Morgan,” said Katy Eiseman, who heads the Massachusetts Pipeline Awareness Network, which opposes the project. “They’ve been forced to spend millions of dollars just to convince homeowners to grant access to their land.”

Eiseman said many land owners along the pipeline route are concerned that granting access for a survey will be a precursor to eminent domain proceedings, in which the company would ask the government to seize a piece of their property.

A Kinder Morgan spokesman said the company wants to work with homeowners but will take land owners to court, if necessary, to gain access to the property.

“We’re working with private landowners to reach amicable terms and sign right-of-way agreements,” said spokesman Richard Wheatley. “But, of course, if they don’t, we’ll have to pursue other means.”

Wheatley said the company only uses eminent domain as a “last resort” but needs the access to conduct required archaeological, wetland and wildlife

surveys, as well as soil testing for drilling and other pre-construction work.

In addition, some towns have denied Kinder Morgan access to public right-of-ways, including North Reading, which Wheatley said violate of federal and state law. The company plans to challenge those decisions, likely in court.

Kinder Morgan and its subsidiary want to pump gas from the Marcellus shale in Pennsylvania across Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. Its pipeline would connect with other proposed lines running through Haverhill, Methuen and Andover.

Smaller, lateral lines would take gas into the North Shore.

Opposition from private land owners poses a significant obstacle. Kinder Morgan’s filings with regulators show a majority of land owners in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire have not granted access to the company to conduct surveys.

In Massachusetts, 583 out of 945 land owners approached by the company have denied access, according to the filings. In New Hampshire, 527 of 889 land owners have denied the company access.

Dracut resident Heather Donald said she got a letter from Kinder Morgan a few months ago asking for permission to access her property for an environmental study and wildlife survey.

“They’re really not being upfront and honest with

land owners,” said Donald, who flatly rejected the request. “And that’s really concerning when you’re worried about the health and safety of your children.”

Paul and Susan Jones, who live near the proposed route through Pelham, New Hampshire, said they are concerned about the hazards of having a massive natural gas pipeline less than 50 feet from their property. They also signed a letter denying the company access to their land.

“We’re right in the incineration zone,” said Susan Jones, a former Methuen resident and registered nurse. “And most of the people around here are on septic tanks and drinking water wells, which could be contaminated.”

The rancor over the pipeline is part of a broader debate over energy policies. Project supporters say New England’s electricity market is strained, in part, by a lack of transmission lines to bring gas to power plants that are shifting away from coal. Lack of capacity has led to higher energy bills.

Attorney General Maura Healey released a report last month suggesting that the demand for gas is overstated. She called on Gov. Charlie Baker to pursue solar, hydropower, wind and other renewable energy sources.

Facing public opposition, Kinder Morgan has modified the pipeline’s route to follow more existing gas lines and other utility rights-of-way to minimize

the impact on land owners, parks, wetlands and protected lands. It also shrunk the diameter of the pipeline from 36 to 30 inches.

In Massachusetts, pipeline opponents are also looking to the state to block portions of the project under Article 97 of the state Constitution, which requires a vote by two-thirds of the Legislature to allow the use of environmentally protected state lands by a private company.

Several towns — including Andover, Methuen, Peabody and Lynnfield — have passed resolutions opposing the pipeline and calling on state and federal officials to ban gas pipelines in favor of solar, wind and other renewable energy.

In Peabody, the Elefsons said they see similarities between Kinder Morgan’s project and the Maritimes and Northeast gas pipeline, which runs from Methuen through Peabody and Salem before dropping into Massachusetts Bay. That pipeline came as close as 50 feet to homes, they said, but contributed nothing to the area’s power supply.

Much like the previous pipeline, they feel powerless to stop the Kinder Morgan project.

“Now we’re going to have to go through this all over again,” Diane Elefson said. “And we’ll get nothing out of it.”

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■ POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, DEC. 15

A staff member from Bar 9 Studio on Post Office Avenue called police at 10:51 a.m., to report that the business’s cash box was missing and that it was last seen around 6 p.m. the night before.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

At 10:28 a.m., security from a business on Minuteman Road reported that a laptop had been stolen.

A caller from Iroquois Avenue called police at 9:16 p.m., to report that his and another vehicle were broken into while parked at Indian Ridge Country Club. Both vehicles’ windows were smashed. According to police, a laptop was stolen out of one vehicle and an iPad, cash and laptop were stolen out of the other.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

At 11:10 a.m., Alexis Y. Keene, 22, of 8 Lancelot Court, Apt. 3, Salem, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

A guest at the Residence Inn on Minuteman Road reported at 8:30 p.m. that Christmas presents had been stolen from his room sometime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

At 1:04 a.m., Elizabeth Anne Donovan, 39, of 311 Lowell St., Apt. 1303, was arrested on a warrant for a suspended license.

A caller reported to police at 7:15 a.m. that a hypodermic needle was found on the sidewalk on Lowell Street. The responding officer disposed of the needle.

At 1:59 p.m., a caller from Burt Road requested to file a theft report after five laptops were stolen.

A Beacon Street resident called police at 6:28 p.m., to report that his garage and breezeway were entered and there were items stolen sometime after 7 a.m.

Security officers at the IRS on Lowell Street called police at 8:24 p.m., to report that a driver at the building’s main gate was possible intoxicated. Andrew J. Wilson, 60, of 321 Lake Shore Dr., Duxbury, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

At 12:23 a.m., a caller requested an ambulance to respond to Marwood Drive for a 20-year-old male who was high on marijuana. The fire department transported the male to Holy Family Hospital to be checked out.

At 3:44 p.m., detectives arrested Joseph Bocchino, 24, of 5 Norris Court, Epping, N.H., on River Road and charged him with heroin possession and possession of ammunition without an FID card.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

A Walnut Avenue resident called police at 4:41 p.m., to report that jewelry had been stolen out of his home. The responding officer filed a theft report.

Microbead pollution triggers state backlash

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
 CNHI State Reporter

BOSTON — Those tiny, plastic granules used in personal-care and beauty products for more than a decade could be banned amid mounting evidence that they are polluting the nation’s waterways.

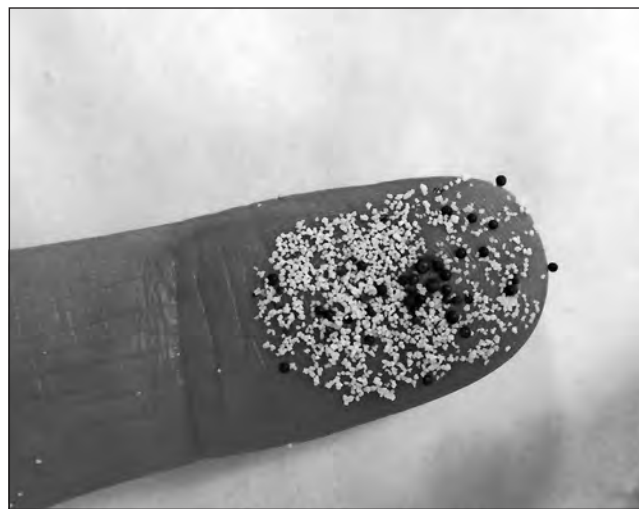
Microbeads, most often used as exfoliants, are added to a variety of products including facial scrubs, body wash, makeup and toothpaste. The particles are less than 1 millimeter in diameter and don’t dissolve in water.

Environmental groups say lakes, rivers and streams are getting clogged with the non-biodegradable plastic pieces that easily pass through wastewater treatment systems, endangering marine life and raising public health concerns.

A single tube of facial cleanser can contain upward of 300,000 microbeads, environmental groups say.

Massachusetts lawmakers are considering several proposals to phase out the manufacturing and sale of microbeads in over-the-counter drugs and personal care products in the state by 2020. Violators would face fines up to \$5,000.

“There’s absolutely no



In this photo from the Alliance for the Great Lakes web site, the true size of plastic microbeads can be seen in comparison to a person’s fingertip.

reason for these products to be used in personal care products,” said Sen. Kathleen O’Connor-Ives, D-Newburyport, one of the bill’s primary sponsors. “It has created a toxic health hazard that consumers will now have to deal with and that taxpayers will ultimately have to deal with when their drinking water gets contaminated.”

She pointed to natural alternatives to microbeads such as salt, ground walnut shells, corn kernels and apricot pits.

“The industry has plenty of reasonable alternatives,” O’Connor-Ives said.

Elizabeth Saunders, state director of the Massachusetts chapter of Clean Water Action, said microbeads can soak up toxins like sponges. If fish consume those chemicals, they can eventually pass onto other wildlife or humans.

“We’re talking about non-biodegradable bits of plastic being washed down our drains into the waterways,” she said.

State lawmakers are expected to take up the legislation when they return from holiday recess in January.

That’s if the federal government doesn’t beat them

to it.

Last week, the U.S. Senate approved a ban on the manufacture of products that contain microbeads as of July 1, 2017, with sales to be phased out over the next two years. The House of Representatives previously approved the bill, which has now been sent to President Barack Obama for consideration.

The law would take precedence over state laws to phase out microbeads due to similar concerns.

Illinois became the first state in the nation to ban the sale and manufacture of microbeads last year when a report revealed that the particles were polluting the Great Lakes. Five other states — California, New Jersey, Colorado, Maine, Wisconsin — have since passed or initiated similar laws.

Some major companies, such as Johnson and Johnson and Procter and Gamble, have pledged to use alternatives to plastic microbeads in their products. Some companies have stopped using the beads in their toothpastes.

“Out of an abundance of caution our member companies have voluntarily committed to discontinue formulating products with plastic microbeads in favor

of other viable alternatives,” said Lisa Powers, a spokeswoman for the Personal Care Products Council, a trade group representing the cosmetics industry.

Despite that, she said, the industry stands behind the safety and effectiveness of microbeads.

“These plastic beads have an excellent health and safety profile, do not present adverse effects such as allergic reactions, and are gentle on the skin, especially for consumers with sensitive skin conditions,” she said.

O’Connor-Ives said there is also a labeling issue that hasn’t been dealt with through federal and state legislation. Most products that contain microbeads list them as polyethylene and polypropylene, which is deceptive, she said.

“I think if most consumers knew they were brushing their teeth with toothpaste that had bits of plastic in it, they would probably be reluctant to buy those products,” she said. “Consumers should know what’s in the products they’re buying.”

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More money announced for Shawsheen River dam removal

STAFF REPORT

The state, backed by matching federal funds, has awarded the town and Atria Senior Living \$37,000 to help dismantle the Stevens Street dam as part of an ongoing effort to improve wildlife habitat along the Shawsheen River.

The money is part of a \$72,000 state grant announced recently by the administration of Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. It is matched by more than \$1.1 million in federal grants and is being doled out to Freetown and Pelham in addition to Andover for dam removal projects in those communities.

Of the \$37,000 grant, some \$12,000 will be given to Atria Senior Living and the rest, \$25,000, to the town.

It is part of the Shawsheen River Restoration Project involving the planned removal of two dams located in downtown Andover. The Balmoral Dam is owned by the town and the Marland Place Dam is owned by Atria Senior Living, a senior

center located adjacent to the dam.

These funds will match \$789,000 already given to the project by the Department of Interior’s Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief-Coastal Resilience Grant program via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

The Shawsheen River is a tributary of the Merrimack River, and removal of the dams will restore passage for resident and migratory fish and improve public safety, according to state officials. Both dams exacerbate flooding and are in various stages of disrepair.

“It is important to remove aging and unsafe dams that pose a risk to public health, public safety and key economic centers,” said Gov. Baker. “These state and federal funds will enable rivers to be restored to their natural state, reducing flooding risks and improving ecological conditions.”

Lt. Gov. Polito agreed.

“In addition to protecting the Commonwealth’s natural resources, ecological

restoration projects create green jobs in the engineering, construction and nursery industries and boost local economies,” she said. “I am proud we could work with our federal partners to help communities fund these important dam removal and restoration projects.”

Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton noted that “ecological restoration projects reduce flood impacts, increase property values, and assist in the recovery of commercially and recreationally important fisheries. The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to conserving the Commonwealth’s land and wildlife, as well as proactively taking steps to increase our resilience to the effects of climate change.”

State Senator Barbara L’Italien, D-Andover, noted that the grant will help reduce flooding.

“Flooding is and has been a serious problem and remains a major concern for residents and businesses



The Balmoral Dam is slated for removal as part of a river restoration project.

in certain locations along the Shawsheen River in Andover,” she said. “These important projects will go a long way toward improving public safety and alleviating

concerns of property owners along the Shawsheen. The positive impacts to local wildlife and the natural environment by removing these aging structures

are also huge pluses for the town and area. I am very grateful to the Baker-Polito Administration and the federal government for its support of this funding.”

Breakfast on the menu at High Plain school

\$4,000 nutrition grant helps elementary students start each day with full stomachs

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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A new subject will be on the agenda for students at High Plain Elementary in the coming months, and it has nothing to do with academics.

Fuel Up to Play 60, a national in-school nutrition and physical activity program, awarded High Plain Elementary with a \$4,000 grant during an assembly on Monday. The school will use the funding to implement a new initiative throughout the school, Breakfast in the Classroom.

"There are many reasons that students come to school without breakfast," said Principal Pam Lathrop during the assembly. "Mornings are rushed! We are committed to ensuring that all students are full and focused so they can get the most out of each school day. Good nutrition and academic achievement go hand-in-hand."

High Plain was one of hundreds of schools from around the country that applied for funding from the NFL-sponsored program.



Fourth- and fifth-grade students at High Plain Elementary School lead the rest of the school in a chant about healthy foods during a rally to celebrate the school a \$4,000 grant to provide healthy breakfasts for students.

The New England Dairy & Food Council also sponsors the Fuel Up to Play 60 program and invited two local dairy farmers to the event to talk to students about

why breakfast really is the most important meal of the day.

"It's inspiring to see that High Plain Elementary is making student wellness

a priority," said Warren Shaw, a dairy farmer from Shaw Farm in Dracut. "The future of our children, as well as the dairy community, are crucial and deserve



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

The students of High Plain Elementary School gather in the auditorium for a rally to celebrate the school receiving a \$4,000 grant from the Fuel Up to Play 60 program to provide healthy breakfasts for the students.

our support." Former New England Patriots tight end and Super Bowl XXXVI Champion Jermaine Wiggins told students that they can be anything they want to be -- even a professional football player -- but not without a healthy diet.

"I look at you guys today and I see myself as a kid," Wiggins said. "Eating a healthy school breakfast every day is going to help you perform better at school and it's going to help

you do better in sports." High Plain will use the grant funding to offer breakfast to all students in their classrooms, which administrators believe will play a role in improving test scores, promoting better social and academic behavior and decrease visits to the school nurse.

"Eating healthy is going to help you achieve your goals no matter what they are," Wiggins explained to students. "Success starts with school breakfast."

What's Happening at The Center at Punchard, Andover

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has lots of activities and programs on tap.

Here are some of the highlights:

New Year's Celebration: Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1:30 p.m. Ring in the New Year with food, fun and entertainment by Russ McQueen, musician and comedian extraordinaire; \$5.

Knit, Purl, Repeat! You Too Can Knit! Wednesdays through Feb. 10, 1 p.m. This class is designed for anyone who has never picked up a pair of knitting needles. Learn how to cast on, work knit and purl stitches, cast off and pattern reading at a basic level. Be

ready to knit a scarf in no time for the holidays. Bring yarn or select a skein from The Center. Experienced knitters are always welcome; free.

Water Workout at Edgewood: Tuesdays through Feb. 9, 9 a.m. Get an aerobic workout in a low-stress, low-impact environment. Transportation from The Center is suggested (\$2 donation) as parking is very limited. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. sharp and must be reserved by noon Monday by calling Carol; \$48.

Breath, Balance and Bodywork: Tuesdays through Feb. 9, 2 p.m. Improve oxygen to the body and find balance through the mind body connection, using props and

one's own body weight to increase bone density and strength; \$48.

Stretch, Release and Relax: Wednesdays through Feb. 10, 2 p.m. Improve flexibility, balance and stability with a series of simple exercises. Release tight spots and reduce pain in one's muscles through self-massage, deep breathing and progressive relaxation. Limited chair participants; \$48.

Belly Dancing: Thursdays through Feb. 11, 6 p.m. Learn basic moves from fast and fiery to slow and smooth. Improve flexibility and increase self-confidence while working all muscles, dancing off calories, and having fun. Suitable for

women of all body types and fitness levels; \$54.

Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. Pressure points on hands and feet that correlate to Qi in the body. Participants must register by the day before to hold a spot; by advance appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals.

Mindfulness Meditation: Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

Our Daily Bread: Warm meals

served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50.

Support Groups: A Parkinson's disease group meets the second Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. A pain management group meets the second Monday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Current Events Discussion: The Townhouse hosts a coffee and conversation every weekday from 9 a.m. to noon. On Thursday is a special current events discussion. Join in this welcoming group to hash over the latest events of the day.

BoomerVenture Screening Room: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; free.

Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at www.myactivecenter.net.

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check The Center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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MORIARITY

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underground bunker and stay warm and dry.

The radiomen were to join the First Air Cavalry Division on the front lines soon. That's what they wanted.

Moriarity and Jimmy were the new guys, replacements, rookies. The war-hardened veterans ignored the newbies until they proved themselves.

It was early evening. Rain drummed the bunker. Joining the rain was a Huey chopper's blades, a choam-choam-choam sound.

After a few minutes they heard music from above.

"We go out, look up and say, 'What the ... is this,'" Moriarity says.

They looked around and 50 other soldiers had climbed out of their bunkers and were looking up, still as Christmas trees. The Huey was playing Christmas carols.

The 50 soldiers were in full combat gear.

"No one saying anything," Moriarity said.

The concert circled overhead.

It came from a psywar ship, with rows of speakers mounted on each side,

typically used to broadcast messages to the enemy or villagers.

Moriarity learned later that a pilot saw the Huey wasn't being used and figured he'd deliver a piece of home on Christmas Eve. An American soldier-like thing to do, a bit of freelancing and ingenuity. The concert ended with a powerful song.

"Then they played 'Silent Night' and a lot of the guys started to cry," Moriarity said.

It was a sad moment. A strange moment. One that delivered the troops home while they stood in a foreign land at war.

Moriarity and his friend, the new guys, didn't cry. They hadn't been there long enough. But even so, Moriarity had an inkling that these soldiers were a reflection of what he would become in a year.

"You get there as an uncooked egg, you become a boiled egg," he said.

Going back to his bunker he knew he would remember this night.

His friend Jimmy wouldn't remember the evening for long.

He was shipped out and killed in action less than 48 hours later.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

U.S. Army veteran Arthur Moriarity talks about Christmas Eve in Vietnam in 1966 when a helicopter hovered over his foxhole playing Christmas carols.

CHISM

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Aylward said he and family members of other victims want lawmakers to revisit the issue and act to keep teen killers behind bars.

Last year, following the SJC ruling, the Ritzers released a statement condemning the decision.

"Lost in the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court is justice for the victims and those that mourn such devastating losses," the family said in a statement issued to

the press. "The Court's decision extends greater rights to those youths convicted of horrible crimes than victims and their families.

"Allowing an individual convicted of such a heinous crime a parole hearing after serving only 15 years of a life sentence is unconscionable. ... there will never be 'parole' for our family's life sentence without Colleen."

In 2014, Sens. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, and Barry Finegold, D-Andover, filed a proposal backed by more than a dozen other lawmakers that would require a juvenile

convicted of first-degree murder to serve at least 35 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole. Their law applied retroactively to convicted murderers.

The bill was changed before it was approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Deval Patrick.

Under the new sentencing guidelines, juveniles convicted of first-degree murder are eligible for parole after serving 20 to 30 years in prison, depending upon the circumstances.

Because the Legislature changed the law after Chism

murdered Ritzer, he will be sentenced under the guidelines outlined by the state's high court, which make him parole-eligible after serving 15 to 25 years.

"I think we have an obligation to revisit this issue, to make sure that public safety is protected," Tarr said Thursday. "Clearly this legislation put us in a better position than we would have been with the high court's decision, but there's still a lot more work to be done."

Rep. Ted Speliotis, D-Danvers, who co-sponsored the bill setting a 35-year minimum sentence for teen killers, said the Chism case has brought the issue back to the forefront. He wants the Legislature take it up again.

"It really hits you in the gut when you think this person could be eligible for parole in his early 30s," Speliotis said. "We simply can't allow people like this, who have taken a life so cruelly and so callously, to go back into society."

Rep. Brad Hill, R-Ipswich, another sponsor of the original bill, agrees that the sentencing guidelines for teen killers are too lenient.

"It's absolutely something we should be taking a look at again," he said. "We need to do whatever we can to make sure that someone who commits a crime like this is put behind bars for as long as is constitutionally allowed."

Aylward said advocates are pushing to change the state Constitution to require mandatory life sentences for teen killers. The change would need approval in two consecutive sessions of the Legislature before being put to voters in a statewide referendum -- a process that could take three years or more.

"There are a number of legislators who have said they are willing to get on board with this, but it's been hard to get the ball rolling," he said. "Nobody wants to commit to the task because it's going to take two sessions to get it done."

In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down mandatory life sentences for juveniles convicted of first-degree murder as a violation of the Constitution's protection against "cruel and unusual punishment." The state Supreme Judicial Court followed with a similar ruling in December 2013.

The state's high court -- ruling in the case of Gregory Diatchenko, who was 17 when he stabbed a man as he sat in a car in Boston's Kenmore Square in 1981 -- held that sentences of life without parole fail to account for a young defendant's likelihood

of rehabilitation.

Prior to those rulings, Massachusetts boasted some of the country's toughest laws for juveniles convicted of first-degree murder.

A 1996 law mandated that juveniles 14 years and older charged with murder be tried as adults. Those found guilty faced life in prison - the mandatory sentence for first-degree murder.

Chism will be held at a juvenile detention center in Worcester until he's 18, then will be moved to a state prison. He could be up for parole as early as his 29th birthday, if a judge determines that he should be eligible after serving 15 years.

The teen was also found guilty of felony aggravated rape and armed robbery, for which he faces sentences of up to life in prison, with the possibility of parole. The judge could order Chism to serve his sentences consecutively or concurrently, which will affect his parole eligibility.

Tarr said his legislation also required the state to develop an evaluation for juveniles convicted of first-degree murder, to determine if they should be eligible for parole.

"If we're going to give juvenile offenders an exemption based on immaturity or that they lacked the mental capacity when the committed crime, they should have to prove that," he said. "It shouldn't be just presumed."

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Opinion

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Editor's note: The following editorial, among the most famous ever written, appeared in The New York Sun in 1897 and remains appropriate for this holiday season 118 years later.

Is there a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor! I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth: Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon.

115 West Ninety-Fifth Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal life with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

It's pretty much impossible to fathom flying reindeer led by an elderly, heavyset man who is able to afford millions and millions of gifts each year, let alone deliver them all on his own. Assuming this annual flight is more fact than fiction, how do you think Santa Claus delivers presents to all the kids around the world?

■ Realistically, there's just too much work for one man to do. It makes more sense that he has elves traveling with him. The elves do the legwork while Santa plans the route and makes sure the reindeer are hydrated.

■ Santa's sleigh holds all of the answers. There are mechanical arms that drop presents into every house and collect cookies and milk when they are retracted back into the sleigh.

■ Santa parks his sleigh at the end of each street like your average postman. Being the practical man that he is, he simply goes through each front door and delivers presents under each tree. He collects cookies from each house he visits and saves them to share with the reindeer during their midnight snack break.

■ I have no idea. I barely got my shopping and wrapping done before Christmas Eve, so whatever his secret is - I need it!

■ Santa Claus and his reindeer were cloned in the '60s. There are now thousands of identical Santas working on Christmas Eve across the world to get the job done.



Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gift-giving and the way items are advertised have certainly changed in the last one hundred years. Perusing copies of the Andover Townsman says as much about life in the 1915s as it does about efforts to bring customers into the stores.

Pharmacies in 1915 sold a variety of items, similar to today's CVS ... although ads for items at CVS probably wouldn't declare "she will chortle over this for Christmas." Highlighting a \$1 box of candy, the Lowe's Drug Store ad in December continued, "the RIGHT seal and the RIGHT colors on this package will give her a little thrill. And the RIGHT card and the good candy inside will complete the hit."

The dry goods store of Buchan & Frances at 12 Main St. offered carpet sweepers for 10 cents to \$9, blackboards, shaving stands, sleds and wheelbarrows. A chair could run as high as \$25.00 — a clear indulgence in those days!

W.I. Morse, another

downtown business, placed an ad showing Santa surrounded by tools at his workbench. We read, "Here's Santa Clause with a Christmas Greeting and a little plain talk about practical (sic) gifts that you can select from our Hardware and Cutlery, for father and the boys. There is almost nothing that will be more convenient and useful, or give them greater pleasure than a set of Tools from our Hardware. We have a nice line to Toys, Flexible Flyer Sleds, Rocking Horses and all sizes of Girls' and Boys' skates."

Although the United States had not yet joined the fighting of World War I, the Andover Bookstore had in its list of subjects "War Books." Buyers could browse Over There by Arnold Bennett, My Year of the Great War by Palmer, and J'Accuse "by a German." Even the advertised children's games included "Across the Continent," "War in the Air," "Great War" and "War Games" — together with "Tiddley Winks" and Checkers.

Local photographer L.D. Sherman suggested giving the gift of photography: "the simple gift that lends the touch of friendship without the embarrassment of an obligation."

Gift certificates were offered in 1915 — the same as today — by such downtown



This old picture of Main Street from the archives of the Historical Society shows how downtown has changed over the years, with different kinds of shops coming and going.

businesses as The Family Shoe Store. Selling "everything that is useful," other choices included "comfies," slippers and hosiery in holiday boxes. I'm dating myself, but I remember by mom getting square boxes of "nylons" (Devices to hold up those nylons were sold in other stores!)

The Peoples Ice Company at 57 Park St. reminded folks to stock up on ice, declaring "Santa knows that good, pure ice is essential to keep food from spoiling. Have us fill your ice box so that your edibles will be kept fresh... besides, it will come in handy to cool the wine that goes with the dinner."

And what could be more practical than starting to save for next year's holiday? The Andover Savings Bank

advertised their business by getting people to think: "Savings banks, like churches and schools, are institutions for the betterment of the people. Each, in its own way, contributes toward good citizenship." The bank suggested that "a savings bank account containing a small deposit, makes a gift of not only intrinsic value, but one which may inculcate habits of thrift on the part of the recipient lasting through his life."

Whatever the year — 1915 or 2015 — one element remains the same: the desire on the part of each gift-giver to hear: "It's just what I wanted!" May the holidays make all your dreams come true, whether you are traveling far or whether you hunker down in that special town known as Andover!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Retirement board issues

Editor, Townsman:

My first experience dealing with the Town of Andover's production of its 6/30/15 financials alarms me. I spent my career as a CPA in the private sector, auditing companies to ensure the integrity of the financial reporting process. When I raised serious accounting concerns, management did the right thing by timely correcting their mistakes. Now retired, I have been serving on the Andover Retirement Board (ARB) these past 15 months. Preparing reliable financial information for Andover's citizens is a key responsibility of management and, with regards to the unfunded pension liability recorded on the town's balance sheet, management has let its citizens down.

Over the past month, I expressed concerns to town management that the unfunded pension liability being recorded on Andover's financial statements as of June 30, 2015 materially misstates Andover's financial position. New accounting rules require Andover for the first time to record the town's unfunded pension liabilities on the June 30, 2015 balance sheet. These unfunded pension liabilities become the single largest liability on the balance sheet and will nearly wipe out Andover's net worth. Recording the correct amount is critical, given the size of the liability and the impact to Andover's net worth. Andover is recording a \$107 million unfunded pension liability on the books, a number, I believe, is understated by at least \$25 million.

Andover is using a draft actuarial measurement report addressed to the ARB. This report calculates the unfunded pension liability to be used for the financials. Review and approval of this report by ARB has

been delayed because of open questions and concerns I raised regarding the rates and assumptions used by the actuary. The Town Accountant was fully aware of this; she sits on the ARB and yet she proceeded to give this draft report to Andover's auditors to finalize the financials. She also failed to correct the Audit Partner when he told Andover's Audit Committee that ARB approved the measurement report with the rates and assumptions recommended by the actuary. Andover is recording the largest liability on the balance sheet, using a report not properly approved, reviewed and with serious open questions and concerns.

The 7.75 percent discount rate used by the actuary in valuing the unfunded pension liabilities in the draft report is unrealistic and masks the serious financial problems Andover is facing. This discount rate is based on long term rates of return (LTERR) forecast for the retirement plan investments. A higher discount rate lowers the apparent unfunded pension liabilities. I provided town management

support for a lower discount rate. ARB's use of unrealistic LTERR/discount rates for the past 15 years has helped ARB and Andover to justify lower contributions to the retirement plan, avoiding layoffs and cuts to benefits and services. Unfortunately, the consequence is Andover's unfunded pension liabilities increased from \$17 million (80 percent funded) in 2000 to the \$107 million (50 percent funded) being proposed, an increase of over 600 percent. Andover is now one of the worst funded pension plans in the State (ranked 82 out of 104 plans).

Over this 15 year period, Andover's pension investment returns yielded approximately 4 percent while the LTERR/discount rate used in actuarial reports was approximately 8 percent. Such a large discrepancy should have prompted Andover to re-evaluate the rates and methods used by the actuary. Andover was required to support the assumptions and rates used in the actuary's measurement report with its own appropriate, reliable, and verifiable information. It is not sufficient to rely solely on assumptions provided by the actuary. There should have been a well-documented process and detailed controls in place to report the largest liability on the financial statements. None of this was done as Town Finance Management chose to rely on the actuary's assumptions/rates without performing their own due diligence.

The change in accounting rules was Andover's opportunity to finally restate the unfunded pension liability properly and make more transparent how badly the pension plan has been managed. Yet I was told there wasn't enough time now to do what I'm asking. Andover had over two years to prepare for this new accounting rule. Martin Luther king said: "It's always the right time to

do the right thing". Andover citizens should be outraged with how the recording of the unfunded pension liability was handled and demand town management explain their actions.

THOMAS P. HARTWELL
 3 Hemlock Road
 Andover

Berman 'qualified, respected'

Editor, Townsman:

There has been some concern regarding the qualifications of our superintendent, Dr. Berman.

As a resident, I want to provide the community with my personal experience working with Dr. Berman.

In 2005, I had the opportunity to work with him when he was the superintendent in Hudson Public Schools.

Dr. Berman played a key role in supporting the integration of instruction for Gifted and Academically Advanced students in public schools in Massachusetts.

Under his leadership, Gillian Overholser and I developed and managed a state-wide policy summit on this initiative. The summit was funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education and sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

It brought together superintendents and other leaders to share information and develop action steps for advancing Gifted and Academically Advanced education.

Having the opportunity to work on this project gave me the opportunity to observe his deep concern for the quality of the educational experience for all students.

I also noticed the sincere respect that other superintendents had for him. I believe that we have a dedicated and well-qualified superintendent in Andover.

RICHARD TROTTA
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TownsBeat

SKATING UP FOR COLLEEN

Danvers vs. Andover girls hockey game played in honor of former resident

By TERRY DATE
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Pink hockey stick blades clacked the ice last Thursday night at a game played in memory of Andover native Colleen Ritzer.

The crowd above huddled close in the stands, among them, sitting shoulder to shoulder with friends, were Colleen's parents, Peggie and Tom Ritzer.

The game between Andover High School, their first of the season, and the combined team of Danvers, Beverly and Ipswich high schools, was less about competition and more about memory and honor.

It raised funds for the Colleen Ritzer Memorial Scholarship, supporting students who want to teach.

Event organizer Karen Olson remembers talking to Colleen Ritzer, a huge hockey fan, in these very stands at Phillips Academy's Gurry Rink only weeks before the 24-year-old's life was taken in October 2013 by a student at Danvers High School.

The math teacher, at the 2013 preseason Andover High game to see her sister Laura Ritzer play, spoke with unbridled enthusiasm about being a teacher at Danvers High School.

"The joy she had was just crazy," Olson said. "I said to her, 'How did you get so lucky to find what you love to do.'"

Olson and fellow Andover High School Girls Hockey Team Booster Club members Sarah Morissette and Linda Ritchie sold pink T-shirts, pink bracelets and accepted contributions for the scholarship fund at a table in the rink viewing area.

Pink was Colleen Ritzer's favorite color.

Ceremonies included a brief statement over the public address system stating the game's dedication to Colleen Ritzer and her memorial scholarship fund, as well as a moment of silence.

Andover High School sophomore Emily Abbott sang the national anthem with the Ritzers in mind.

"I am thinking of her family and wishing them the best," she said shortly before she sang.

The opposing players who faced off in the game's opening puck drop at center ice said before the action started that they were thinking of more than the game.

"This game is about Colleen and her family," said Andover senior Caroline Curtin. "Being there for them and letting them know Andover hockey has their back."

The center for the combined Danvers team, McKinley Kurpa, an Ipswich High student, said she was playing on behalf of all the Danvers kids on the team.

"It is sad to lose a teacher, I will be thinking of them," she said.

Coaches of the opposing team said their players knew that the game was a powerful event.

The Andover seniors had played with Ritzer's sister, Laura, now a college student.

The night before the game, Andover coach Kevin Drew told his players to spend time in reflection and to think of the Ritzer family at Thursday's event.

"People think it's over but it's never over," he said.

Only two days earlier, 16-year-old Philip Chism was found guilty of first-degree murder, rape and robbery.

The combined Danvers squad's coach, Brian Seabury, said the loss of their teacher was and remains troubling for many Danvers players.

He hoped Thursday's game would offer a positive outlet for them.

"We're happy to be here and be playing in her honor," he said.

The score after one period was 2-0, the Danvers squad leading.

Danvers parents and students stood and sat in the crowd, many of them sporting pink.

Parent Steve Gesualdi said the game transcended scores or competition.

"Very powerful, oh yeah, I mean for the kids especially, the Danvers kids," he said. "This is one of the biggest things they think about ... they can remember her."



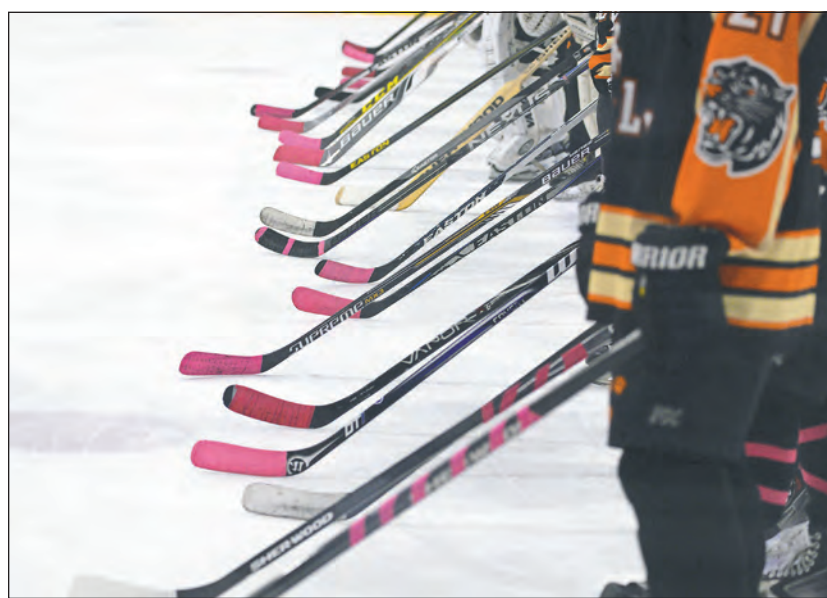
RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

The tribute game between the combined team of Danvers, Beverly and Ipswich high schools, and Andover High, their first of the season, was less about competition and more about memory and honor.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Memories of Colleen Ritzer were everywhere during Thursday's hockey game at Andover.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Pink hockey stick blades clacked the ice Thursday night at a game played in memory of slain Danvers High math teacher Colleen Ritzer.



ROSE RAYMOND PHOTO

A Beverly player and an Andover player, right, battle for the puck in Andover last night. They were playing in a game to honor slain Danvers High teacher Colleen Ritzer, an Andover native.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

The color pink was prominently featured around the tribute hockey game. It was Ritzer's favorite color.



RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photo

The hockey game also served as a fund-raiser for the Ritzer Scholarship, which gives money to students studying education.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Members of the Andover girl's hockey team wore "CR" stickers on their helmets and pink ribbons in their hair to remember the Andover native who was killed two years ago at Danvers High School.

Students at Professional Center perform 'Stone Soup'

STAFF REPORT

Students at the Developmental Day School performed an original play based on the well-known children's story Stone Soup for family, friends, and distinguished guests last Friday, Dec. 18.

The multimedia production featured students, teachers, therapists and nurses from both developmental classrooms. The children used assistive technology to perform and had a hand in creating all of the props for the production.

The Developmental Day School, a Chapter 766 private school, is a therapeutic day school

that serves students ages 3 to 10. Linda Sliwoski, the school's Program Director/Education Coordinator, was thrilled to welcome staff, families and guests to the school to showcase the students' work.

"We strive to provide our non-traditional learners with as typical a school experience as possible," she said. "In addition to varied learning opportunities, students are also encouraged to express their unique personalities, engage in social activities with their peers."

"The annual holiday show or winter concert is rite of passage at

most typical elementary schools. These students may not be typical learners in a typical school setting, but we strive to make their days and experiences as typical as possible."

For parents, the effort is not lost on them. These families may have never imagined that they'd have the opportunity to see their child perform in a school play or participate in a holiday sing-along but the staff here makes that possible.

The private event took place on Friday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at The Professional Center for Child Development, 32 Osgood



Students and staff at the Professional Center for Child Development put on the play "Stone Soup" for parents and guests last Friday.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

TUESDAYS, JAN. 1 AND 26

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS, Tuesdays, Jan. 1, 1 to 2 p.m.; Jan. 26, 7 to 8 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains, and explore behind the scenes in the Blanchard House and Andover Historical Society. Tour the attics, closets, nooks and crannies and hear stories about rarely seen collections items. The stories will change with every tour, so there will always be something new to learn. Register online for a free tour at www.andoverhistorical.org/behind-the-scenes, call 978-475-2236 or email info@andoverhistorical.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

MERRIMACK VALLEY ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL PROGRAM, noon to 1 p.m., Massachusetts School of Law, Room 218, 500 Federal St., Andover. Mary Ellen McIver of HUB International Personal Insurance will present "Property Casualty Pitfalls and Problems"; registration is not required to attend this brown bag lunch event.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

FACULTY PIANO RECITAL WITH STEPHEN PORTER, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Presented by the Phillips Academy Music Department; Porter will perform works by Schubert, Chopin, and Beethoven; free and open to the public; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

MONDAY, JAN. 11

MERRIMACK VALLEY ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL PROGRAM, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Palmers Restaurant and Tavern, 18 Elm St., Andover. Scott Sorensen,

CFA of Vigilant Capital Management, will present "Market Update and Yearly Economic Forecast"; the public is welcome to attend; free for MVEPC members; registration requested; email msullivan@andoverlaw.com.

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR, noon to 3 p.m., Smith Center, Phillips Academy campus, Andover. Representatives from more than 100 summer programs for middle and high school students will be present to talk with interested students and their families; admission is free and there is no need to register; sponsored by the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy (PSPA); www.pspaandover.org.

SUNDAY, JAN. 31

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERTS, Bach's Magnificat in D, Vivaldi's Magnificat and Zelenka's Dixit Dominus, 3 p.m., North Andover High School auditorium; and Mozart's "Coronation" Mass and Schubert's "Mass No. 3 in B-Flat Major," Saturday, May 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 35 Essex St., Andover; both concerts will feature a professional orchestra and soloists; the non-audition chorus is open to the entire community, www.andoverchoralsociety.org.

FEBRUARY THROUGH FEB. 5

STEPHEN J. SILK EXHIBITION, Gelb Gallery, George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 5 Chapel Ave., Andover. Silk currently teaches visual arts to students in grades two to four in Lawrence; his studio is located in Lowell; all are welcome to view the artist's creative works; the gallery is open during school business

hours and is handicapped accessible; www.andover.edu.

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

MISTRAL CONCERT, "Of Love and Remembrance" Valentine Concert, 4 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover; tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$25 for seniors; program is subject to change; www.mistralmusic.org.

APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

MISTRAL CONCERT, "Sense and Sensibility," 5 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$25 for seniors; program is subject to change; www.mistralmusic.org.

ONGOING

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND, now welcoming singers ages 6 to 18; the informal auditions are quick and simple; prepared pieces are not required; www.treblechorusne.org; tcnanager@treblechorusne.org.

ANDOVER CHRONICLERS, The Andover Chroniclers visited Bread and Roses in Lawrence and will report on the good work this institution is doing to feed the needy. In the second segment we will talk about feeding your garden. Learn about composting using worms. This show and past shows can be viewed on the Andover Community Channels Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 9 a.m.; Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; Friday at 6:30 p.m.; Channel 8 - Comcast or Channel 47 - Verizon. The show is produced by the Andover Chroniclers, an all volunteer group. For more information, call the Center at Punchard at 978-623-8321. New members welcome. No prior experience needed. Email: seniorcenter@andoverma.gov, subject line: Skip Wilkins.

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PALMERS RESTAURANT, Live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; no cover charge; Saturday, Dec. 26, White Lightnin Band; Thursday, Jan. 2, Flair Band; Friday, Jan. 8, Hal Holiday and the No Tones; Saturday, Jan. 9, Shuffle Mode; Friday, Jan. 15, Perfect Crime; Saturday, Jan. 16, Section #42; Friday, Jan. 22, Savasha; Saturday, Jan. 23, Random Acts; Friday, Jan. 29, Jah Spirit Reggae; Saturday, Jan. 30, The Swamptones; 18 Elm St., Andover; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

SPECTRUM CHILDREN'S CHORUS, rehearses on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Andover North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, 244 Lowell St. The mission of the church's multicultural chorus is to reflect on the diversity of the world, widen students' perspectives, and instill cross cultural understandings and harmonization through music and dancing; all children are welcome; registration, auditioning and rehearsal dates are available at www.spectrumchildrenschorus.org, email spectrumchildrenschorus@gmail.com, 978-269-4198.

KARMA, Live band music, Thursday through Saturday; 209 North Main St. (Shawshen Plaza), Andover; 978-809-3075, www.KarmaAndover.com.

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, The new exhibitions were inspired by artists' friendships and collaborations: "Converging Lines: Eva Hesse and Sol LeWitt," "In Tandem: Inspirations and Collaborations," and "Words in Air: Jennifer Caine and Rachel Hellman in Collaboration"; free admission to gallery and all programs; located on the Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave., Andover; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

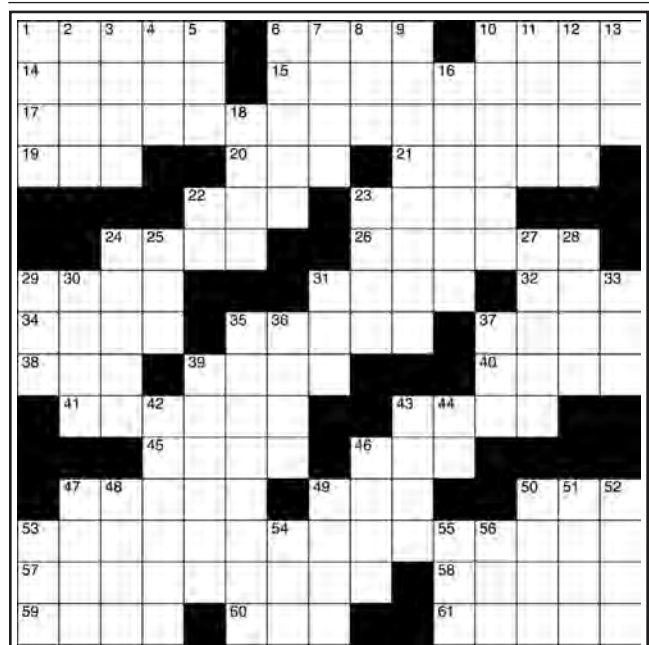
GELB GALLERY, located in George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover; open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; parking is available on Chapel Avenue and in the lot next to the Andover Inn; www.andover.edu.

ALPERS FINE ART, located at 96 Main St., Andover. "Terrain," a solo show by eastern Massachusetts artist Roy Perkinson, is currently on display; fall hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays; other times by appointment; 978-760-1829, www.alpersfineartonline.com.

THE NEW ENGLAND CLASSICAL SINGERS, holding auditions for all parts, South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. The 30 voice SATB choral group, based in Andover, performs three concerts during the season, in December, March and May; rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 7:15 to 9:45 p.m.; auditions consist of voice quality and placement, vocal range placement, sight reading ability, and aural recognition; a solo piece is not required; singers should have choral experience and sight reading ability; www.newenglandclassical.org.

ANDOVER DCS, 36 Bartlet St., offers a number of different programs for adults, youth and children; www.AndoverDCS.com, 978-623-8274.

SEN. BARBARA L'ITALIEN'S OFFICE HOURS, fourth Monday of each month, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St. Residents are also welcome to contact the senator's office at 617-722-1612; Sen. L'Italien represents Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and Dracut.



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- Support
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- PGA Tournament prize
- A way to leave unchanged
- Unchangeable computer memory
- Harangues
- 6th Hebrew letter
- Well informed
- Turfs
- In a way, obeyed
- Lawyers group
- Increases motor speed
- Political action committee
- Light pokes
- Struck down

CLUES DOWN

- Cry
- Wings
- Baseball play
- Flower petals
- Drive against
- Velikaya River city
- A single unit in a collection
- Stray
- Bring back
- Repented
- Receipt (abbr.)
- Expresses pleasure
- Not wet
- In a way, takes off
- Macaws genus
- "Fast Five" star's initials
- Sharpen a knife
- Oral polio vaccine developer
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- Fencing swords
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- Bustle
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- Central Philippine Island
- Japanese sash
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- Bluish green
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- Express pleasure
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- Passage with access only at one end
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- Repents
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- Exclamation of surprise
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- Bait
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Townspeople

Andover Town Market opening this week

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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To offer breakfast, lunch and take-out dinner using all-local food

It's been a long time coming, but it appears change is finally going to come to a once vacant lot of land at 429 South Main St.

Like the mythical phoenix rising from the proverbial ashes, the Andover Town Market is ready to make its mark on the town of Andover.

By the end of this week, the doors will have been flung open to an apparently hungry public, who have been passing by the site for 12 years, wondering what, if, when, many of them stopping in recently to ask if the joint is open.

It is. "We've had, realistically, 150 people in the last three or four days pull in because we look like we're open," said Rob McCarron, director of retail. "I think we've given more tours than Disney World in the last two or three weeks."

People are understandably anxious for the market's opening, as the sign in front of the building boasts that everything offered on the shelves and from the menu at will be "made fresh, made local."

Eighty percent of the cheeses for sale will come from New England, McCarron said. The coffee beans used to brew all of the drinks on its coffee menu are roasted in Salem, N.H. Customers will have a choice of 35 ice cream flavors, all of which come from Crescent Ridge Dairy in Sharon. Jessica's Brick Oven in North Andover will make all of the market's breads fresh daily.

The bakery items will be made from scratch, by in-house pastry chef Lee Napoli. Napoli has worked at or consulted for various top-rated restaurants in Boston, including Maison Robert, Metro, Bricco, The Buttery

and Sandrine's Bistro.

At the culinary helm is executive chef Mark Porcaro, who was the executive chef at Top of the Hub restaurant in Boston for 14 years.

"I'm excited about the different varieties of items I can offer compared to everyone else," Porcaro said. "Just the opportunity to work in Andover is exciting for me."

The highly anticipated opening of Andover Town Market will give residents somewhere to both shop and eat. McCarron said the accessible location will fill a void that has spanned just over 12 years.

"There's been a need for something like this on this side of Andover for over a decade," McCarron said. "We're still sourcing out things that we would like. I know one of the cheeses I really want to carry is



The Andover Market.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

from Wolf Meadow Farm in Amesbury. It's a handmade mozzarella where they are

literally picking up the milk cheese. That's the kind of product we want to offer later, they're making the people."

Ironstone's gala raises over \$200,000 Singer Tony Orlando makes special guest appearance

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Ironstone Farm's Spirit of Giving Gala not only recreated the "Party of the Century" as planned, but turned out to be the best party yet for the Andover nonprofit.

The November event netted Ironstone a much-needed record of more than \$212,000 to support Ironstone Farm's programs for children with special needs, combat veterans and others.

Better still for Ironstone Farm, the night's honoree, singer Tony Orlando, told the crowd he wants to return next year with his band and perform his Vegas show to benefit the nonprofit because he feels so close to its cause.

The Spirit of Giving event for Ironstone Farm is organized by Andover's Lauren Hajjar, owner of the event planning and concierge business Errands and Events by Lauren, and a committee of volunteers, led by co-chairwoman Nancy Greeley, also of Andover.

Orlando grew up singing to soothe a sister who had cerebral palsy. He visited Ironstone for the first time in 2010, and called that visit, "one of the most inspiring days of my life." He said at the gala that when he sees children riding horses at Ironstone as part of their therapy he thinks that any one of them could be his sister.

He received the Spirit of Giving Award at the gala for his decades of work on behalf of veterans, and on behalf of children with special needs, including 33 years teaming with Jerry Lewis on the



Everyone shared a good-natured laugh when NECN's Matt Noyes had a tuxedo malfunction and Andover master tailor Enzo Fossella (left) fixed it. With Fossella at work, honoree Tony Orlando stepped in to help Noyes keep the program humming along.

Labor Day telethon to overcome muscular dystrophy. The Spirit of Giving Award is a painting of a child on horseback at Ironstone Farm.

"That is my sister," said Orlando as he looked at the award. "I've been privileged to receive lots of wonderful gifts in my life because of the business I've been in. This is one of the great ones I've ever received in 54 years."

One of the main efforts of the night is to raise money for Ironstone Farm's Sponsor a Child Program that provides money for children whose families might otherwise not be able to continue their therapy. Nine-year-old Christian Yianopoulos addressed the crowd, serving as a spokesman for the riders at Ironstone. This was the first time a rider has spoken at the

13-year-old event.

"I can feel myself getting stronger. For example, it's easier for me to get up and down the stairs. I'm also able to balance better on my feet. My therapy at Ironstone is fun and allows me to get stronger," said Christian. "I hope any child who can benefit from Ironstone Farm, like me, will be able to take the horse therapy so that they can have fun and get better, too."

NECN meteorologist Matt Noyes served as master of ceremonies and auctioneer, and Kiss 108's Rich DiMare and his players played music for the sold-out crowd. All the money raised will support Ironstone Farm's nonprofit programs. Ironstone Farm, on Route 133 in Andover, provides therapy for children

and adults with special needs, people diagnosed with cancer, combat veterans returning with stress, teens at risk, elders with memory issues and others. It is also in the middle of a campaign to renovate its buildings and expand its programs to help more people.

The annual gala for Ironstone Farm carries a different theme each year. This year, Ironstone recreated the spirit of the so-called Party of the Century, Truman Capote's exclusive 1966 Black and White Ball held at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. People wore either black or white gala attire, and many came with a black or white mask, just as guests did in 1966. Orlando told the Ironstone crowd that as a young singer he attended the original ball.



Freddie Duquet of Andover led writing sessions and mentored younger students at the recent UMass-Lowell Student Day of Poetry.

Andover student has key role in poetry event

STAFF WRITER

Some 600 middle and high school students from across the state attended the recent University of Massachusetts Lowell Student Day of Poetry. Acclaimed novelist and short story writer Andres Dubus III is a member of the faculty there.

Creative writing workshops, readings, spoken-word performances and an open mic program were featured. Four UMass-Lowell

students majoring in English, including Freddie Duquet of Andover, led some of the event's writing sessions and mentored younger students.

UMass-Lowell English Department assistant professors Margaret Dietz and Sandra Lim, both acclaimed poets, led other programs and helped organize the event, which was presented by the university in collaboration with Mass Poetry, an organization that promotes the art form.

TOWN BRIEFS

Andover Girls Softball League now accepting registrations

Registration is now open for the 2016 Andover Girls Softball League's spring season. Teams will be offered in the 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions. Register now for early bird discounts.

Andover Girls Softball is also accepting registrations for a pitching clinic with the Show Softball Academy's Courtney Pilcher, as well as preseason hitting and fielding clinics.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.andovergirlssoftball.org.

American Training accepting donations for annual coat drive

Help keep the community warm by donating coats and jackets to American Training's annual Coat Drive. Last year more than 100 coats were collected and thus, more than 100 community members were kept warm through the harsh winter. This year's goal is to collect even more coats and jackets. All donations will be distributed to those in need through this program and Anton's Coat Drive.

Donations can be made now through Feb. 1, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday

through Friday, at any of the three American Training locations: 6 Campanelli Drive, Andover; 150 Industrial Ave., Lowell; and 107 Audubon Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit americantraininginc.com/coatdrive2015.

Andover Chess Club

The club has a new meeting place. It now meets at St. Augustine's Center for Education and Ministry at 35 Essex St. in Andover. The club formerly met at Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street in Andover.

The Andover Chess Club meets on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

If you have questions, go to andoverchessclub@gmail.com or call club advisor Mike Henroid of Andover at 781-790-6461.

Andover Public School Preschool Screenings

The Special Education staff conducts screenings for 3- and 4-year-olds on the third Friday of every month. If there are concerns about your child's development, call Mary Kay at 978-623-8850 to schedule an appointment.

To submit an item for the Town Briefs, email townsm@andovertownsm.com.

All Those Years Ago

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100 Years Ago December 24, 1915

The sum of \$129.50, contributed by natives of Arbroath, Scotland, living in Andover, was sent through the post-office to the Provost of Arbroath, to be used in helping brighten the New Year season of the soldiers of that town now fighting in the trenches. The subscription was undertaken by Miss Bella Valentine of Brechin Terrace and Miss Ann McEwan of Frye Village.

One of the most sensational bowling matches ever held in Andover was staged on Wednesday evening in the Essex street alleys when Ross-Hardy of Andover defeated Harrison-Keagan of Lawrence in the first half of a 20 string match by 18 pins. The match caused a large gathering of enthusiastic fans to turn out, and excitement reigned throughout the evening on account of the closeness of the contest.

The T.A. Holt Company remembered the ninth anniversary of the death of T.A. Holt by furnishing the beautiful flowers to the decorations

of the Free Church last Sunday.

75 Years Ago December 26, 1940

Have you a canary in your home, one that sings? If you haven't you'll want to make double sure that you buy a ticket to the British Empire War Veterans' New Year's Eve Party which will be held at the Guild, Tuesday night. A canary will be there, not a soloist in Duke Alexander's orchestra, but a real bird sitting in a cage waiting to see who wins the door prize and carries him, cage and all, home.

A very enjoyable skating party was held Monday night at Rabbits pond and afterwards Miss Barbara Greenwood of Morton Street entertained the group at her home where refreshments were served.

Shut-ins of the Vale enjoyed a merry Christmas because of their visitors Christmas Eve. Members of the Methodist Church choir under the leadership of Carl Wilson entertained them with carol singing.

A slippery road and a tire-changing job combined to

produce an accident on North Main Street near the Wood estate Friday night.

50 Years Ago December 23, 1965

Two Andover families reported having received Christmas greetings from Pfc. Chester Butcher who is stationed with U.S. Marines in Vietnam. The Andover man responded to cards sent him in cooperation with "Operation Morale," a Townsman project to stimulate the flow of holiday mail to local men who are fighting overseas.

Town employees, except for those who are on tour-of-duty schedules, will begin their Christmas holiday at noon today. At 12 they will be guests of Manager Richard Bowen at a coffee hour to be held in his town hall offices, an annual custom established by the manager last year.

Bad news for tardy parkers is the new police department scooter which will be used in '66 to speed the officer who makes meter collections and protect him from the weather. Out for a trial run is Patrolman Roger Dufresne. The scooter will also come in handy for rush hour traffic control.

25 Years Ago December 27, 1990

Members of some Andover families spent Christmas either in the Persian Gulf, or preparing to go there as part of the military's Operation Desert Shield. Lance Cpl. Charles P. Babineau, a 1987 AHS graduate and the son of Charles and Anita Babineau, of 24 Brechin Terrace, spent Christmas on the Iwo Jima, an amphibious assault ship, somewhere near the port of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf.

About a dozen Harding Street residents told Selectmen last Monday night, December 17, that they oppose the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's plans to re-build the Harding Street bridge over the train tracks. "There are very serious problems with the plan," Richard Josselyn, of 21 Harding St., told the board.

The Department of Public Works may tear up a section of Andover Street this week to make partial repairs to a drainage culvert that has been the focus of a feud among Ballardvale residents. The DPW will attempt to clear a section of the culvert that has partially collapsed, causing the water of Clark's Brook to back up.

■ **WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY**

Memorial Hall Library has a lot of programs and activities in store.

Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Take the 16 in '16 Book Challenge
 The 2016 MHL Reading Challenge is on. Memorial Hall Library challenges the community to read 16 books in 2016. It's just like summer reading, but for the whole year, and there are chances to win every month. A prize will be awarded on the 16th of each month, with the final grand prize drawing in December. Readers can choose the books and formats (paper, electronic, or audio), and log their reading online. To register, visit www.mhl.org/16in16 or call 978-623-8401, ext. 32. Stop at the Reference Desk each time a book is logged and pick up a raffle ticket. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

The Andover Seed Library takes root

Patrons will soon be able to borrow books, movies, and seeds for their garden from Memorial Hall Library. The Andover Seed Library will open on Thursday, Jan. 21. Thanks to the generous donations of several seed companies, patrons will be able to pick up packets of vegetable, herb and flower seeds to plant in their gardens. By providing free seeds, the hope is to encourage gardeners to grow plants from seed,

save the seeds of plants that don't cross pollinate, and perhaps donate back to the Seed Library. MHL is offering a series of free lectures and workshops on the beauty of seeds, growing plants from seed, the importance of native and heirloom varieties, herb gardens, organic vegetable gardening, and seed saving. All programs are sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Visit www.mhl.org/green-thumb/andover-seed-library for more information.

Seeds: Up Close and Amazing

To kick off the Andover Seed Library, MHL will host Julie McIntosh Shapiro on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. Shapiro is a photographer and curatorial assistant at Harvard University, and worked on the Seed Herbarium Image Project at the Arnold Arboretum. She will share her extensive knowledge and groundbreaking work on the visual identification of seed through macrography, photography at extremely close range. This program is for everyone interested in the natural world, from gardeners, students, and scientists, to photographers. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

Meditation with Amy

Children's Room staff member, Amy Martin, will lead a class in several different types of meditation on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. Wear

comfortable clothing and get ready to relax. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Martin is a certified yoga teacher with several years of experience teaching people of all ages.

"Downton Abbey" Tea Party

Celebrate the release of the final season of "Downton Abbey" with tea and treats on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. in Memorial Hall. Dress in costume and enjoy some trivia. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

Decluttering for Good Health

Local resident and professional organizer, Nancy Patsios, will share tips on how to declutter one's home or office to enhance good health on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. Patsios is the owner of everyday ORGANIZING, www.everydayorganizing.net. Go to www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to register for this program.

Creating a Community Garden in Andover

Learn about and become part of the team that will launch the new community garden in Andover on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. The garden has been approved for Conservation Commission land opposite the leaf composting site on High Plain Road, and now it's time to get organized. Come to this informational session to learn more and sign up to help. Contact annknowles@andovertownsmen.com. Or call 978-623-8733.

alumni.mit.edu for more information. A collaboration of Memorial Hall Library, the Andover Seed Library, AHS ESIC interns, and the Andover Conservation Commission.

An evening with Andover author Patricia Bateson

Local resident, Patricia Bateson, will discuss her book, "Firewalk: Transcending The Fear, Awakening to Love," on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. Bateson will inspire with her story of how she faced a health challenge and discovered ways to move through and heal on every level possible. She will share her insights, wisdom, and what she has discovered to live a life of true health and wellness. She is a registered nurse, certified hypnotherapist, Reiki Master, and Tong Ren practitioner, and is certified in basic aromatherapy, Acustone treatment and Tui Na massage. Bateson loves to practice yoga, meditate, garden, and spend time with her family. She teaches a variety of mind/body/spirit classes and does private healing sessions locally. Visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to

register. Other events at Memorial Hall Library include:

The Friends' Winter Book Sale, will begin with a Preview Night on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$20 per person (free for current Friends' members). The sale will continue on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 31, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, patrons can fill a bag for \$5 to \$7; DVDs and CDs will be four for \$1; and all teachers are welcome after 3 p.m. to collect unsold books for their classrooms.

Creative Café, Monday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m. Grab craft supplies for a fun, monthly craft night. Meet other crafters, and work on your own projects. Open to adults who knit, crochet, scrapbook, color and create other portable crafts.

Conversational English, Mondays, Jan. 4, 11 and 25, from 10 a.m. to noon. For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members are welcome. Call Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

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Tech @ MHL: eBook How-To Sessions, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. in Friends Alcove
 2. Download free best-selling titles to read on one's computer, iPhone, Android, Kindle, or other compatible eBook reader. Bring the device, library card, and questions for a hands-on session with OverDrive. If using a Kindle, bring the Amazon login and password; if using an iPad, bring the Apple ID. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Email gdeyermond@mhl.org if planning to attend the morning session or cwyant@mhl.org for the evening session; registrants should indicate which device they will bring in the email.

Tech @ MHL: Buying and Selling on eBay, Thursday, Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. Learn the basics of buying, selling, and managing payments with PayPal in this introductory class. Staff librarian, Curtis Wyant, will walk attendees through the process. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

Looking for volunteers!

Townsmen to highlight hard-working, non-paid people of Andover

The Andover Townsman is looking for a few good men. And women. And even kids, for that matter.

Next month the newspaper is launching a new feature, "Volunteer of the Week."

The idea is to celebrate the many people who volunteer in town in any capacity to make Andover a better place to live.

It can be a member of a board or commission who takes up their own, personal time attending meetings that help govern the town.

Or it could be a senior citizen who helps out by reading at a local school.

It could be a student volunteering at a soup kitchen.

Or a parent pitching in at their child's school, Cub Scout troop, church or sports team.

It could be a coach, a referee or, in something unique to Andover — an AVIS property caretaker.

If you'd like to nominate someone, send an email to Bill Kirk, editor of the Andover Townsman, at bkirk@andovertownsmen.com.

andovertownsmen.com. Or call 978-623-8733.

If you already have the information about the person, send that along with a photo. If not, let us know and we can conduct the interview and take a photo.

We basically need to know the following: Name, age, volunteer position, why they volunteer, how long they have volunteered, what they like about it and what they get out of it. So, let us know! We want to celebrate volunteers!



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Sports

WINTER WARRIORS

A look inside Andover winter sports teams

The winter season is officially underway, with Andover high teams eying big runs.

With returning superstar E.J. Perry IV and leaper Jonathan Rodriguez, the boys basketball team hopes for another run at a North title, like two seasons ago.

The Golden Warrior girls basketball team won the North championship last winter, and brings back their two most dangerous weapons in Super Team forward Alyssa Casey and 6-foot Jillian Webber.

Both boys and girls hockey are also talented and ready for big seasons.

BOYS BASKETBALL

2014-15 Season: 17-6, MVC Large champs, Division 1 North semis

Returning Starters (3): Jonathan Rodriguez, 6-3, Sr., forward; E.J. Perry IV, 6-2, Jr., guard; Ryan O'Connell, 6-2, Jr., forward

Returning Lettermen: D.J. Minor, 6-2, Sr., forward; Tim Kalantzakos, 6-0, Jr., guard; Devon Beasley, 6-0, Jr., guard; Brandon Witten, 6-1, Jr., guard; Perry Wynn, 5-10, Sr., guard; Max Beati, 6-8, Jr., center

Promising Newcomers: Angelo Carbone, 6-2, Sr., forward; Michael Briggs, 5-10, Sr., guard; James Nyamaya, 6-4, Jr., center; Dan Gemmell, 6-1, Jr., forward; Ryan Puglisi, 6-2, Jr., guard; Nick Dellato, 6-0, Soph., guard; Cedric Gillette, 5-11, Soph., guard; Evan Christopoulos, 6-0, Jr., guard; Tom Comparato, 6-0, Jr., guard

Captains: E.J. Perry IV, Ryan O'Connell

Candidates: 80

Returning Leaders: E.J. Perry 15.5 ppg., 34 3-pointers; Jonathan Rodriguez 10.9 ppg., 47 3-pointers

Returning Honorees: E.J. Perry IV, Eagle-Tribune All-Star; Ryan O'Connell, MVC All-Star; Jonathan Rodriguez, MVC All-Star
Fast Facts: Injuries to James Nyamaya, Max Beati and Dan Gemmell could slow Andover in the early going. ... Multi-sport types dominate this Andover roster, led by three-sport star, E.J. Perry IV. ... Ryan Puglisi is the son of Andover lax coach Wayne Puglisi.

Assistant Coaches: Carol Martini, Alan Hibino, Pat Murnane, Connor Arnold, Tristian Shannon

Coach David Fazio (27th year, 411-182): "E.J. is just amazing. He comes off the pounding he took in football and he hasn't missed a minute of practice. For the first time in a long time we have so many multi-faceted athletes. Football, baseball, lacrosse, we've got them all, and I think that will help us."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

2014-15 season: 22-3, lost D1 state semifinals

Returning starters (2): Alyssa Casey, 6-0, Jr., forward; Jillian Webber, 6-0, Jr., forward

Returning lettermen: Tori Roche, 5-6, Sr., guard; Meghan Stickney, 5-8, Sr., guard; Elizabeth Bernardin, 5-8, Sr., guard; Kayla Kobelski, 5-9, Sr., forward; Caroline McDonald, 5-9, Soph., forward

Newcomers: Brianna Goguen, 5-5, Sr., guard; Allison Gilkie, 5-9, Jr., forward; Madison Kefferstan, 5-6, Jr., guard; Siobhan Kindlan, 5-6, Jr., guard; Gia Bramanti, 5-9, Frosh., guard; Taylor Landry, 5-3, Frosh., guard

Captains: Tori Roche, Meghan Stickney

Candidates: 54

Returning scoring leaders: Alyssa Casey 17.4 (23 3's), Jillian Webber 9.7



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo.

Jonathan Rodriguez sticks a shot over a defender last winter. The high-flying Rodriguez is one reason to be excited for Andover High boys basketball this season.

Returning honorees: Alyssa Casey, E-T Super Team; Jillian Webber, All-MVC

Fast facts: Andover fell in the state semis at the Garden last winter to a Braintree team ranked No. 21 nationally. With Braintree rebuilding, Andover may have as good a chance as anyone to win a state title.

Assistants: Christine Kuchar, Amanda Saab, Kerri O'Dea
E.J. Perry (3rd year, 38-9): "We divide our season into four parts, we always want to win our first game, then the Christmas tournament, then we go to the league and we want to go one set further in states this year. So the girls have high expectations."

BOYS HOCKEY

2014-15 season: 11-5-6, lost D1 North semifinals

Returning lettermen: Thomas Devaney, Sr., forward; Steven Schuhwerk, Sr., forward; Andrew Soucy, Sr., defense; Andrew Santos, Sr., goalie; Matthew Croston, Jr., forward; Patrick Hughes, Jr., defense; Brendan Croston, Jr., forward; Michael Biddle, Jr., forward; Matthew Sharrjo, Jr., defense; Caeden Dillman, Soph., defense; Andrew King, Soph., forward; Matthew Belluche, Soph., defense

Promising newcomers: Nate Abbott, Sr., forward; Patrick McHardy, Sr., forward/defense; Zach Laramie, Jr., goalie, Nick Penta Jr., forward; Michael Reilly, Soph., forward; Jake Lachance, Soph., defense; Nate O'Neil, Jr., forward; Patrick Archambault, Frosh., forward

Captains: Andrew Santos, Andrew Soucy, Steven Schuhwerk, Thomas Devaney

Candidates in all grades: 57

Returning leaders: Steven Schuhwerk 11 goals, Matt Croston 3

Returning honorees: None
Assistant coaches: Britt Kostraba, Peter Loring, Steve Belmonte

Fast fact: Zach Laramie (St. John's), Michael Reilly (Belmont Hill) and Nate Abbott (Central) are all transfers. Laramie went 6-1 with a 1.71 goals-against as the No. 2 keeper for Super 8 champ St. John's. ... **Jake Lachance** is the son of Scott Lachance, who played 13 years in the NHL. Scott also assisted at Andover after he retired

Coach Chris Kuchar (2nd year, 11-5-6): "We're very excited for the season. We bring back a lot of the guys from last year's team."

GIRLS HOCKEY

2014-15 season: 12-7-2, lost Division 1 first round

Returning lettermen: Jillian Hughes, Sr., defense; Brenna Keefe, Sr., forward; Krystal Brighton, Sr., forward; Caroline Curtin, Sr., forward; Haley Driscoll, Sr., forward; Emma Plourde, Sr., forward; Abigail Huntress, Sr., forward; Kathryn Devaney, Jr., defense; Caroline Ingram, Jr., defense; Caitlin Trotter, Jr., defense; Michelle Durling, Jr., forward; Gabrielle Vaccaro, Soph., defense; Hannah Littlewood, Soph., forward; Kyra Morrisette, Soph., goalie

Newcomers: Emma Feeny, Jr., forward; Allison Wright, Soph., defense; Kathleen Adams, Frosh., defense; Callie Wiley, Frosh., forward; Emily Wagner, Frosh., forward; Shauna D'Urso, Frosh., goalie

Captains: Jillian Hughes, Krystal Brighton (A), Caroline Curtin (A)

Candidates: 42

Returning goal leaders: Hannah Littlewood 7

Local Sports Roundup



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Jillian Webber, here blocking a shot, is off to a red-hot start for the Andover girls hoops team this winter.

Webber red hot out of the gates

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jillian Webber erupted for 35 points to lead Andover past Methuen 62-40 last Tuesday. Freshman Taylor Landry added 16 points in her varsity debut for the winners.

Meaghan Stickney scored 16 points to help Andover top Dracut 56-42 on Friday. Jillian Webber scored a game-high 16 points and Tori Roche scored 10 for the winners.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rodriguez heats up

Jonathan Rodriguez netted 19 points as Andover topped Dracut 66-52 on Friday. E.J. Perry IV had 21 and Brandon Witten added 11 for the winners.

Fresh off football season, E.J. Perry IV scored 30 points as Andover rolled over Methuen 78-58 in its season-opener last Tuesday. Brandon Witten added 19 points and Jonathan Rodriguez had 16 for the winners.

SWIMMING

Arifovic takes four

Adi Arifovic won the 200 freestyle (1:53.03) and 100

breaststroke (51.50) and swam on two winning relays as Andover topped BC High 99-79 last Tuesday. Sean Bradshaw won the diving, Zach Beucler took the 500 freestyle and Eric Shi won the 200 IM.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

McDonald rolls

Kaitlyn McDonald won the bars, took second in the vault and won the all-around with a 34.2 as Andover downed Chelmsford 138-121 last Thursday. Amber Li won the beam, Audrey Tarbox took the floor exercise and Joe Aronov won the vault.

WRESTLING

Kiley fights for win

Kevin Kiley battled for a pin at 120 in 3:35 but Andover lost to Central Catholic 57-21 last Wednesday. Matt Stamas won a marathon pin in 5:00 and Pat Meagher pinned in 1:08 for the Warriors.

BOYS HOCKEY

Warriors fall

Andover fell to BC High 5-0 last Wednesday.



The North Shore Vipers girls hockey team is ranked seventh in the nation with a record of 19-7-1. Here, the team poses for the team photo. They are, front row, left to right: Lindsey Hult, Ava DiVincenzo (Andover), Felicia D'Alessandro, Ava Hills, Lily Shannon (Andover); Middle row, left to right: Brooke Yabroudy, Gwynn Lapp (Andover), Elizabeth Gilmartin (Andover), Hanna Medwar (Andover), Rachel Neyman, Claire Murphy (Andover); back row, left to right: Coach Chris Hills, Kate McCullom (Andover), Maura Fiorenza, Sadie Gearan, Kendall McCullom (Andover) and Jenna Stowell. Missing: Brooke Rogers.

North Shore Vipers open house coming up

STAFF REPORT

The North Shore Vipers girls hockey team is holding its 2016-17 season open house on Thursday, Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Breakaway Ice Center, 20 Carter St., Tewksbury. To register email Seth Goodrich at seth.d.goodrich@gmail.com. Contact Goodrich if you cannot make the above date and would like to arrange an alternate time.

For more information on the NSV program, see www.breakawayicecenter.com or Twitter - @NSVipers.

NSV players selected for the Massachusetts Hockey Festival Round 1 are McKinley Karpa, Madison Hentosh and Carolyn Curley.

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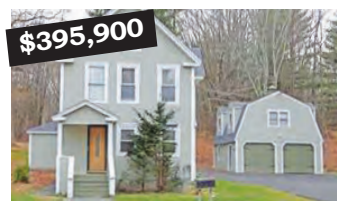
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A public hearing will be held at Conference Room A, 3rd floor, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7 PM. on the petition of Ryan L. Sullivan, 21 Topping Rd., Andover, MA for a special permit under Art. VIII, §3.3.5 &/or for variances from Art. VIII, §4.1.2 &/or §4.2.2 to remove an existing detached garage & construct a new detached garage in the front yard area, neither of which meet setback requirements.
Premises affected are located at 21 Topping Rd., Andover, MA in an SRA District and are shown on Assessor Map 51 as Lot 124. The application may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 8:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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AT - 12/24, 12/31/15

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Premises affected are located in the town right of way near 89-93 Main St., Andover, MA in an IA District and are shown on Assessor Map 55 as Lot 125. The application may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 8:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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