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Parents question schools' commitment to zero waste

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An award-winning, highly successful, parent-led mission to reduce food waste in Andover schools has been ignored or implemented poorly since being taken over by the school district, say the original organizers of the program.

When Carina Schusterman started petitioning the town and schools to develop a program to reduce food waste throughout Andover schools four years ago, her hope was that the district would someday take over and

enforce the program throughout all 10 district schools.

After a three-year fight, the inaugural Zero Waste Program was started at Sanborn, completely operated and overseen by parent volunteers.

Schusterman and other Sanborn Elementary parent volunteers helped the school rescue and donate unused, unopened, packaged foods, drinks, and fruit every day for about a year. Each week, she and other parents would bring bins full of food to local families in need or local organizations that would have

otherwise been thrown away.

In May 2016, Schusterman and other parents received Energy & Environmental Secretary Matthew Beaton's Award for Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education for their efforts in getting the program started. Senator Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, presented them with a citation from the senate acknowledging and praising their involvement in the Zero Waste program.

Later that month, the team received the Outstanding School-led Project in Climate Action from Green Schools,

a Massachusetts-based, national non-profit organization that provides educational environmental programs and resources to students and schools.

In September 2016, Schusterman's tireless efforts paid off and the district announced it would take the reins of the successful Zero Waste Program. Schusterman and other parents implemented at Sanborn Elementary School.

In the four short months since then, however, Schusterman said the program has fallen far short of expectations

and in some cases not implemented at all.

Where is the food going?

Schusterman and fellow Sanborn parent and Zero Waste founder Claire Stocker said they were invited to a meeting in August 2016 with a food services representative, Deputy Director of Municipal Services Marc Fournier, and custodians from several schools.

It was during that meeting Schusterman said she was informed that the district's Director of Food Services Gail Koutroubas would be taking

over the Zero Waste Program, and would be responsible for overseeing all recycling and donations.

"The program wasn't sustainable in the long-term because parents can't continue to keep something like this going forever," Schusterman said. "So we were glad for them to take it over, but now we're just curious about where all of the food is going."

When Schusterman, Stocker, and fellow Sanborn parent Selen Aktar were overseeing the Zero Waste

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

TOP STORIES OF 2016



File photo

In a historic vote at a Town Meeting last May, a plan to move the public works facility from downtown to a location off Campanelli Drive was approved.

3 big stories: Math, Town Yard, L'Italien

STAFF REPORT

Math problem at the schools

The problem with math classes actually started in late 2015, when parents were informed that in order for their children to take advanced calculus their senior year of high school, they would have to send their children to summer school at a cost of \$600.

Further, parents complained that because of curriculum changes, Algebra 1 was no longer being taught at the middle school level, putting students behind even before they got to high school.

About 200 parents showed up at a forum Jan. 21, during which school administrators rolled out several plans that would solve the problem. Parents walked away mostly unhappy, both with the format of the meeting and the information they

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PAUL BILODEAU/Staff file photo

The water level at Haggetts Pond, which is the main reservoir for Andover, dropped during the summer due to the extended drought.

Chism sentence devastates Ritzer family

Family files suit against Danvers, others, seeking answers about the murder

STAFF REPORT

The case of the murder of Danvers High School teacher Colleen Ritzer came to a gut-wrenching close in February when Philip Chism was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison. Ritzer, an Andover native, was in her second year of teaching at the high school when Chism, then 14, raped, robbed and murdered her on Oct. 22, 2013.

On the first degree murder conviction, Salem Superior Court Judge David Lowy sentenced Chism to life in prison with the possibility of parole in 25 years. He received 40-year concurrent sentences on rape and robbery charges. The trio of sentences handed down means Chism must serve at least 40 years in prison, and he received 857 days' credit for time he's already served.

Judge David Lowy was forced to allow for that possibility due to a state Supreme Judicial Court ruling, two months after

Ritzer's murder, that juveniles convicted of first-degree murder must be granted a meaningful chance at parole.

The Ritzers denounced the sentence as "unacceptable," calling the SJC's decision a "betrayal to all victims and their families."

"We are devastated and feel betrayed with Judge Lowy's inability to give three consecutive life sentences without the eligibility of parole to the individual that took Colleen's life in such a horrific manner," the family said in a statement issued after the verdict was handed down.

"We are disgusted and personally offended with the defense's repulsive recommendation that Colleen's killer be parole eligible within 15 years, therefore putting him back into society at age 29 to kill again. The defense's legal maneuvering is despicable and demonstrates utmost disrespect for our daughter and sister, Colleen's, life. Evil cannot be rehabilitated," the family said.

Family members read victim-impact statements prior to the sentencing.

"We raised our children to be good, kind and loving people. And in a matter of minutes, that evil took that away," Peggie Ritzer said in her impact statement to the court.

All four members of the Ritzer family sat at the front of the courtroom, on the witness stand next to the judge, as they give impact

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Colleen Ritzer

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Liz and Matthew Perry of Andover purchased the old Lantern Brunch and remodeled it. Perry's Plate is located in the Andover Village Square and serves breakfast and lunch all day.

By RICHARD SYNDER
Townsman Correspondent

The doors have been open just over a week and already the lunch hour is busy at the Andover Village's new restaurant.

Perry's Plate is strikingly modern. Fresh sandstone flooring, sleek matte black tables and chairs and a polished granite counter-top. But the patrons lingering over plates of chicken parmesan comparing the day's snowfall totals make it timeless, and rightly so. This is the second act for an Andover icon, where owner

Matthew Perry is carrying the torch for George Dukas' Lantern Brunch, which closed in May.

Perry's Plate has counted no fewer than 50 newly minted regulars in its first week of operation.

"People come in and they'll meet someone they haven't seen in three months or three years or 30 years and it starts up a conversation," Perry says. "That's something I think George and the Lantern was really exceptional at, and we didn't want to lose that. Our design reflected that."

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A GLIMPSE AT A YEAR GONE BY

STAFF REPORT

2016 was, in deed, a busy year. While Donald Trump hogged all the national headlines, locally it was a busy year as well. From train derailments, reshuffling in town hall and decisions being made about the future of Andover schools, there was a lot for readers to chew on.

Here are some of the highlights, and lowlights, of last year.

Jan. 7: Train derailment leads to questions about safety of trains and the cargo they carry.

Jan. 7: Andover CEO pulls gun on plow-truck driver during one of the few snowstorms of the winter.

Jan. 14: Selectmen ratify police contract, giving 3.25 percent raise over 3 years.

Jan. 28: Ice fishermen plucked from Field Pond in dramatic rescue.

Jan. 28: Drones banned from all public venues after crash at the 2015 Feaster Five race.

Jan. 28: New Town Manager Andrew Flanagan fires long-time Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo in January.

Feb. 4: Andover schools, including kindergarten, agree to stock Narcan, used to treat overdose victims.

Feb. 11: Pfizer undertakes \$200 million expansion at its Burt Road facility with help of a tax cut OK'd by town.

Feb. 11: Jen Meagher, English teacher at high school, wins lawsuit against the town, gets \$183K in legal fees, and \$100K settlement.

Feb. 18: Parking study finally comes out -- but parking is so messed up in town it will take 5 years to sort it all out.

March 3: First indication that new high school schedule would shelved for another year due to budget decisions.

March 10: UBurger finally opens in Andover Village Square, joining a new deli, an upscale liquor store, an expanded Dunkin' Donuts, a gelato shop, and a soon-to-be-built health food restaurant. Cafe Nero also opens up, just down the street.

March 10: High school dating survey, managed by the

University of New Hampshire, causes ruckus after parents not notified about graphic content of questions and students enticed to take test by being given cookies and muffins.

March 10: Town hires one drug counselor to help fight opiate epidemic rather than 2 as originally planned.

March: In the March local elections, Selectmen incumbents Alex Vespoli and Paul Salafia won over former School Committee member Annie Gilbert, who ran a tough campaign for selectmen. Gilbert vowed a recount after her close loss, then backpedaled and decided against it. On the School Committee side, newcomers Shannon Scully and Paul Murphy defeated challengers Bob Pokress and Bill Perkins.

March 24: Opiate addiction issue makes front page as mother whose son died of overdose looks for guitar her son pawned to pay for his habit. Thanks to the story, the guitar was returned less than two weeks later.

March 31: Lantern Brunch announces its 40-year anniversary, then announces longtime owner George Dukas will be retiring. The restaurant is now owned by Matthew Perry, who has renamed it Perry's. It was expected to be open in 2017.

March 31: While Cormier Youth Center has been open for months, there is no formal opening or any information about scheduling on the center's web site. Selectman Bob Landry, members of the Finance Committee, raise questions about what is happening at the center. Director Bill Fahey vows a grand opening would happen by mid-May, but nothing happens until June.

April 14: Town, schools quarrel over \$500,000 budget cut; problems with rising pension and health insurance costs continue, as budget inches closer to May Town Meeting. Eventually a balanced budget is passed.

April 14: Jane Goodall, expert on primates, visits Phillips Academy.

Summer of 2016: New turf put on Lovely Field at AHS using cork and coconut rather than bits of rubber tires, which some say cause cancer.

Summer of 2016: A record-breaking drought drained reservoirs and led to brush fires. Andover, like many communities, implemented a voluntary watering ban.

April-May: Tennessee Gas, in face of huge opposition,

BEFORE



File photo

The St. Francis Seminary on River Road was a landmark for years and a tourist attraction in the winter when it was decorated with thousands of Christmas lights.

AFTER



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Heavy construction equipment turned the seminary into piles of rubble over the summer. The site will soon be home to a condominium complex.

withdraws plans for new pipeline across New Hampshire and Mass., including parts of Andover.

April 28: LaRosa's, popular lunch eatery, expands with new bar.

May: Tewksbury Street residents' hope for new sidewalks dashed by Town Meeting, which rejects \$632,000 plan.

May: Town Meeting OKs \$166 million town budget.

May: Town announces that 25 percent of the town's water has disappeared.

May: Royal Jewelers has \$2 million watch for sale.

May: Plan to use herbicides to kill invasive weeds in Field Pond challenged by neighbors, who begin pulling weeds by hand.

June: School Committee approves new policy allowing gender-neutrality at the high school prom; now there can be two kings, two queens, or one of each.

June: Ray Bourque, Bruins legend, arrested for DUI after coming from event at Andover Country Club. Admits to sufficient facts, losing license for 225 days.

June 30: School Committee votes to give Supt. Sheldon Berman an 'exemplary' rating.

July 7: School Committee votes against ballot questions that would increase the number of charter schools across the state.

July: Parents start to agitate for free kindergarten, saying cost in Andover, among highest in the state, should be eliminated or lowered.

July: Charles Heseltine retires from police force after 34 years.

July 21: Pokemon-Go becomes overnight success, with scores of game players combing downtown and The Park in Andover looking for virtual Pokemon figures.

July: Merrimack College announces plans to go ahead with construction of 3 new buildings on the Andover side of the campus despite ongoing opposition to the project by Andover Board of Selectmen.

July: Dry weather and drought lead to brush fires, water-use restrictions.

Aug. 4: In fight against opiates, police arrest three men and seize 3 kilos of heroin in hotel room.

August: School Superintendent files conflict of interest disclaimer attesting that his many affiliations with various educational non-profits won't influence his work as superintendent but questions continue to crop up anyway. School Committee disregards concerns.

Sept. 1: Phillips Academy announces results of investigation, finding five cases of sexual misconduct by teachers going back to 1970s and '80s.

Sept. 22: Andover Cares holds its second concert to raise awareness about opioid epidemic. Meanwhile, number of overdoses in town plummets.

September: Teachers union illegally posts anti-charter school signs on school walls during parent night.

Sept. 29: Town Accountant



File photo

This train derailed in Ballardvale in early January leading to questions about the safety of cargo going through residential areas.



File photo

An ice rescue on Field Pond in January could have been a body recovery if rescuers hadn't gotten there in time.



Courtesy photo

Last year could be called the year of the white squirrel in Andover as so many of the critters were seen around town.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Raul Lemus fixes a couple of burgers for orders in the kitchen of the Andover UBurger. The restaurant has proven popular with locals, especially students at Phillips Academy just up the street.

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resigns; unclear why.

Sept. 29: Pizza king and commercial developer Sal Lupoli announces grand vision of Dascomb Road corridor.

October: Brewery announces it is coming to old mill building near Shawheen River.

October: AVIS land preservation group announces plan to preserve 334 acres along Merrimack River behind old St. Francis Seminary off River Road.

October: Old St. Francis Seminary off River Road is demolished to make way for condominium project.

November: More street lights being turned on as town installs energy-efficient lighting.

November: Andover High School swim/dive team win 3rd straight championship, or 14th out of last 18 tries.

November: School district decides to scale back heart-monitoring program for physical education students in middle school over privacy concerns.

December: Parent of handicapped child goes before School Committee and Board of Selectmen seeking action on a longstanding

problem: There is no ramp that would enable her son to get access to the fields between High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School. Town agrees, finally, to do something about it -- putting a request for funding on the Town Meeting warrant for May 2017 to build a ramp.

December: Town debuts new web site.

Dec. 8: School Committee chairman Joel Blumstein and Selectman incumbent Mary O'Donoghue announce they will run for reelection.

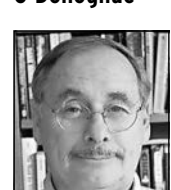
Newcomer Raymond Smith also takes out papers for selectman.

December: Mercantile, used clothing store, closes after 30 years.

November-December: White squirrels spotted all over town. People sending pictures to the Townsman. They are morph grey squirrels, not



Mary O'Donoghue



Joel Blumstein

albinos.

Dec. 14: Rosalyn Wood, scion of Andover's famed Wood family, dies at age 77. She is remembered as generous, straight-shooting and will be missed by many.

Dec. 15: West Elementary School picked for renovations, rebuilding, as town launches major rebuilding effort of aging schools.

Dec. 22: After decades of planning, Stevens Street dam finally breached. Will be fully removed later this year. Balmoral Dam is next. Should be gone within a week.

Dec. 22: School department announces it plans to charge \$540 for access to public documents, including agreements between administrators and the parents of special needs children going to out-of-district schools.

Dec. 22: Schools, town consider after-school programs at all elementary and middle schools, possibly putting pressure on SHED, YMCA, other after-school programs in town.

TOP STORIES

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were being told. But then budget season struck and a few things happened. First, the middle schools were able to reinstate Algebra 1 for qualified students. Second, because of a budget shortfall, a new schedule at the high school was not implemented, making it easier for freshmen and sophomores to take advanced math courses so that by their senior year, they could take advanced calculus. It remains to be seen, however, whether the high school schedule to be implemented in the 2017-18 school year will allow for advanced calculus for more advanced students.

Many parents, including some who are engineers, said Andover students should not be denied the right to take advanced math classes so that they can compete on the international market for placement in high-tech colleges and, ultimately, jobs.

Town yard puzzle

Like a giant jigsaw puzzle with lots of moving pieces, it seems the town this year may finally have itself a new public works yard. For years, trucks, sanders, snow plows, and street sweepers were kept in a series of dilapidated buildings in the center of town. That area, known as the "town yard," has been deemed insufficient to house a modern fleet of vehicles and offices for employees. For years, however, the cost has been deemed too high

to build a new "town yard" in another part of town, as estimates generally came in at around \$20 million to \$50 million.

The Board of Selectmen drew a money line in the sand, so to speak, saying a new town yard could cost no more than \$17 million. New Town Manager Andrew Flanagan took on the task and found a piece of land off Campanelli Drive. The town purchased it and is planning on building a new facility - for just over \$17 million.

But it will cost taxpayers and average of \$350 per household, as the town nearly taxed to the levy to finance the project. However, it will also open up prime property adjacent to the downtown train station for development, including retail, housing and

commercial. Any money the town gets from the sale of the 3-acre downtown site will be used to offset the cost of borrowing for the Campanelli Road site.

Battles with L'Italien

It seemed like state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, was in the news a lot in 2016, but not always for good things. First, she fought the town on funding for a new, high school media center and then she fought the town over its plan to hike health insurance premiums for town retirees.



State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover

The battle over the media center actually started in 2015, when Town Meeting narrowly rejected funding for a new media center at the high school. L'Italien, a former school committee member and newly minted member of the state senate, decided to take matters into her own hands and file a special budget amendment for \$200,000 to fund a study of the new center using state money. Gov. Charlie Baker vetoed the measure, but the state Legislature overrode the veto. About a year later, the money finally came through and a study was conducted on the new media center.

But then, later in 2016, faced with a number of decisions over school building improvements, the School Committee decided to scrap

the media center plan completely until a decision is made on whether to build a new high school.

L'Italien also crossed swords with the town over retiree health insurance. The Board of Selectmen voted to raise health insurance premiums on retirees. L'Italien got the Legislature to pass an extension of a moratorium against increasing premiums to retirees. Baker vetoed the extension, but the House and Senate overrode the veto. Selectmen then voted to ignore the Legislature's action, saying it had been done incorrectly. Retirees have sued the town. In the meantime, however, the town is collecting nearly \$500,000 more a year because of the increased premiums.

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statements. Every family member was wearing something in a shade of pink — which was Colleen's favorite color. "I lost my beautiful little girl," Tom Ritzer said of Colleen, the eldest of his three children. "I will never see Colleen in a wedding dress ... I will never see her be a mother," Peggie Ritzer said. Jennifer Berger, Colleen's

best friend since kindergarten, said Colleen had simple dreams; "All she wanted was to love and be loved." Every day is a struggle without her and Berger said there's a piece of herself she remains scared to share with others because of the loss.

"I will miss doing things with Colleen nearly as much as I miss doing nothing with her," Berger said.

Dan Ritzer had not seen Colleen since he left for college in August 2013. Colleen inspired him but since her death, Dan said he struggles to sleep and focus.

"You don't know pain until you watch someone you love being lowered into the ground," he said.

Lawsuit seeks answers

The family isn't done fighting.

In fact, they filed a lawsuit in Lawrence Superior Court in late October, almost exactly three years from the date of the murder, naming the town of Danvers, the Danvers school department, an architectural firm that designed the new wing where Ritzer was killed, and the cleaning company whose

workers washed potentially valuable evidence down the drain instead of calling police.

"The plaintiffs also seek compensation to enhance school safety programs and to contribute to the legacy of Colleen Ritzer through third-party nonprofit organizations," it continues. "The plaintiffs seek no personal benefit by way of personal financial compensation from this lawsuit."

Instead, the family's suit seeks answers to a series of questions:

■ Why was no one monitoring a supposedly "state-of-the-art" security system and what

was its purpose?

■ Whether anything has been done to correct issues with the system. (During the trial, a Danvers police officer testified to difficulties locating images from specific cameras because of mis-numbering and an outdated computer.)

■ What measures have been planned to address other security deficiencies at the school?

■ What were the school's policies with regard to communicating with non-English speaking contractors or other workers and whether the school has addressed

those procedures?

■ Why was Colleen Ritzer alone in that academic wing that afternoon?

■ How was Philip Chism, her killer, able to travel freely throughout the school, grounds and an adjacent wooded area, at times with blood on his clothing and hands, without anyone noticing?

Ritzer legacy

Her legacy continues, as the family has established a scholarship fund for college-bound high school seniors who want to study teaching.

PERRY'S

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During the months leading up to last week's grand opening, "we spent a lot of time thinking about how to maximize the space we had, and giving people room to breathe and to interact in here."

This meant taking out a couple of counter seats in favor of a few more tables; a kitchen now 300 square feet larger allows the restaurant a bigger menu, and two additional fryolators enable daily specials on top of the regular menu. The restaurant as a whole, Perry says, "was renovated down to the studs, but we still have that community effect. We kept that concept."

The menu's range belies the restaurant's compact size. There is plenty of what one would expect: french toast, home fries and eggs benedict, but Perry considers his place "a hybrid restaurant," blending the traditions of a diner with technique and process from fine dining. With the added kitchen space Perry's offers "the ultimate surf and



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Liz and Matthew Perry of Andover purchased the old Lantern Brunch, remodeled the diner and recently opened for business.

turf sandwich," a steak and cheese topped with lobster. Their Chicken Barb, which Perry calls "a Merrimack Valley classic" and his father's favorite sandwich, has sold out daily. Perry's wife, Elizabeth, prepares "a bacon-wrapped meatloaf that has been in her family for generations," as well as two soups per day, homemade and from scratch.

"There's a chicken soup which is fantastic," Perry says, "and Liz's tomato soup, it's really, really something."

And more to come. As the restaurant gets going into

the New Year they plan a range of daily hot specials; Fish and Chip Fridays; and a homemade Clam Chowder from another family recipe.

Restauranting in general, and especially breakfast and lunch, runs deep. It was Matthew Perry's father, Ernest, who got each one of his kids into the business in the 1980s up at Hampton Beach, first at Mama Leoni's and afterward when the elder Perry purchased a place called Hudon's.

"He had all seven of my siblings cooking up there," Perry explains.

"We worked our way up from dishwasher, to prep cook, to breakfast and lunch cook, and finally I had the opportunity to run the restaurant for several summers." But it was a seasonal thing, so after taking a degree in business management from Northeastern University and spending several years in finance, Perry's passions for business and cooking have converged.

"Maybe one day I can do what my father did," bringing his children into the business. "After all, I have four kids of my own." But for now the guiding principles at Perry's Plate come down to freshness and quality, where "the pancakes are homemade every day and our bacon is the thickest you can find," and a strong sense of community. "This morning we had six people here right when we opened; they had been out plowing all night."

It's times like this the early bird special provides a service of its own.

"Scrambled eggs, home fries, toast and bottomless cup of coffee for four dollars," Perry smiles. "Can't beat that, right?"

FOOD

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Program at Sanborn, Schusterman said after just one day, a full bin of unused and unopened food and water could be collected and donated to families in need.

By October 2016, just a few months after the district took over the program, both Schusterman and Stocker were not only seeing perfectly good food thrown in the trash, but were being told that there was no longer any food to donate at the end of the day.

"When the town and schools took over the program, parents were no longer involved," Schusterman said. "We weren't involved in the takeover of a program we started, we were just told, 'This is what's happening.'"

Schusterman said she has tried to get updates from Koutroubas regarding the progress of the district-wide implementation, as well as get answers to why she and other parents have found perfectly good packaged food filling trash cans.

While the goal of the Zero Waste Program is to reduce food waste, one of Schusterman and Stocker's larger goals is to educate students on the importance of reducing waste and the

struggles many families face to get a single meal on the table.

"We wanted to know who will educate the kids? Where will the items go after they're rescued?" Schusterman said. "(Gail) doesn't want to meet with us, though. She doesn't want to learn from us."

Koutroubas was contacted for the story, but did not return requests for comment.

Superintendent Sheldon Berman said that so far this school year, the program has gone "exceptionally well."

"We've also learned a good deal so far this year, and have made improvements so that we're providing students with better choices so that there's less food to waste period."

An example, he said, is changing the way the food service department offers cheese to students. In the past, students were offered cheese sticks with wrappers that Berman said aren't easy to open. Now, cheese is being offered in small containers or sliced, and he said schools have already seen a decrease in cheese being thrown away.

"That's just a simple example," Berman said. "Overall, we're finding that less food is being thrown away and more is being eaten, and that's the goal of the program."

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BILL KIRK AND GABRIELLA CRUZ

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

A 911 wireless caller reported at 9:02 p.m. that he was locked inside the Citizens Bank ATM vestibule on Main Street. Sgt. Gregory Scott reported that he was able to extricate the man and then propped the door open so it wouldn't happen again.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

A caller reported at 5:45 a.m. that a dog had been left in a car in a parking lot on Haverhill Street. The investigating officer contacted the owner and found the dog to be OK.

A caller from Gradall Lane reported at 7:31 a.m. that there was a rabid skunk outside his garage door. Police said the skunk was hiding under the house and that the Animal Control Officer was notified.

A man was reportedly stuck about 15 feet up on a ladder on the Dawn Circle at 10:05 a.m. Firefighters were able to bring the man off the ladder, police said.

Police received multiple calls at 4:40 p.m. that two pedestrians had been hit by a car on Phillips Street. Police investigated. There were no injuries.

A resident of Beacon Street called police at 5:56 p.m. and reported that she heard a loud bang outside her house and when she looked out, saw a car had driven by and hit her trash barrels. There was no garbage "spewing all over the roadway," according to the police log. The officers checked the area but couldn't find the offending vehicle.

A missing persons report was filed around 8:40 p.m.

when a resident of Florence Street reported her 28-year-old son was missing. Police put out a report that the man, 28, might be endangered because of a substance abuse problem. A BOLO, or Be On the Lookout, was issued to area departments. The Salem, N.H., police called to report the man had been arrested the prior day in Salem and was being held by the Rockingham County Sheriff.

An individual who appeared to be checking out homes on Glen Meadow Drive was not found by police after a caller made the report at around 11 p.m. The caller reported that he saw a man with a backpack stopping at the end of his driveway. He got in his car and followed the individual, and watched as he stopped at other driveways on the road. Police checked the area and couldn't find the man.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

The railroad gates at the Andover Street crossing were stuck in the down position around 3:30 p.m., causing traffic to back up. A railroad representative told police one of its trains had broken down, causing the gates to be locked in the down position. The officer remained at the scene until the gates released.

A possible overdose was reported on Interstate-93 south near the Dascomb Road exit at around 10:20 a.m. State Police and fire rescue assisted the motorist.

FRIDAY, DEC. 30

Police received a call at 1:45 p.m., from someone at the Main Street Mobil reporting that a 19 to 20 year old male had just driven off and

"appeared under the influence of something," adding that the man was "staggering, disheveled, and lost their keys in the short walk from the pump to the store." The responding officers did not find the man.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

A High Plain Road resident called police at 4:21 p.m., to report that "their young daughters arrived home from sledding and saw a man dressed all in black wandering around." The responding officers did not find the darkly dressed wanderer.

A detective on patrol reported a motor vehicle off the road on Phillips Street at 5:59 p.m. The detective arrested the driver, Daniel Perrone, 18, of 66 Bartlet St., and charged him with an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle, and a person under 21 transporting liquor.

An Uber driver called 911 at 8:19 p.m., to report that he refused to transport residents from Brechin Terrace, as "he through they were drinking and not of age." The caller also stated that "after he refused, one of the subjects threw something at his car." The responding officer spoke with the Uber driver and filed a suspicious activity report.

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

At 1:28 a.m., officers arrested Edgar Mauge, 18, of 16 Pipers Glen, on Stratford Road and charged him with operating under the influence of liquor, and an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

A Countryside Way resident called police at 1:59 a.m., to report that a "Jeep Liberty pulled into her driveway and

someone was inside her son's pickup truck." The woman stated that the subject "left heading toward Rattlesnake Hill Road and that her son was chasing the suspect." Responding officers arrested James O. Nyamwaya, 18, of 85 Jenkins Road, and charged him with malicious destruction of property valued over \$250, breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony, possession of a Class E substance, an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle, and identity fraud.

A woman called police at

11:04 a.m., from Hemlock Road to report that "her dog got his paw stuck on granite steps." The responding officer assisted the woman with freeing her dog.

A Rutgers Road resident called police at 9:20 p.m., to report that "a male with a gray hoodie and flashlight started to walk down her driveway as she pulled in, and now she is not sure where he went." The responding officer spoke with the subject who stated that "he found a dog and was looking in the area to see if anyone lost a dog."

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Paul Ganci, 78

May 1, 1938 — December 27, 2016

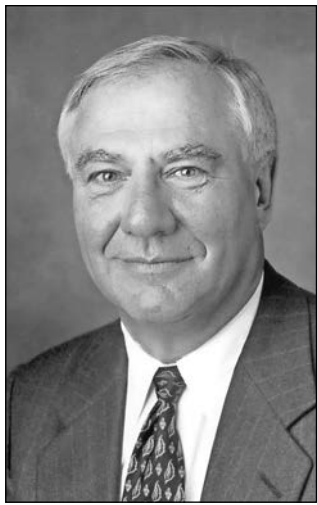
FORT MYERS, FL — Paul J. Ganci, Sr., passed away on December 27, at the Kaplan Hospice House in Danvers, Mass. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, a successful industry executive, a loyal friend and a community volunteer who tirelessly gave of himself to improve the lives of his neighbors.

Born May 1, 1938, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., Paul was the son of Antonino P. Ganci and Mary Ganci. On January 20, 1961, Paul married Patricia Biasotti of Wappingers Falls. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his son, Paul, Jr. of Andover, Mass., his wife, Lisa and children, Laura, Brian and Paul III; his son, Anthony of Andover, Mass., his wife, Laurie and children, Emma, Maria and Anthony Robert; his brother, Vincent and his wife, Jean Ganci of Southbury, Conn.; and multiple nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Paul graduated from Wappingers Central School in 1956, where he was president of his class and excelled in track, football and academics. Paul's success in high school earned him an engineering scholarship from the local utility, Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp. In 1960, Paul graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and he subsequently earned a Master's degree in Industrial Administration from Union College in 1969. While at RPI, Paul formed many lifelong friendships as a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and he maintained those friendships throughout his adult life and into retirement.

Except for a brief hiatus to serve in the U.S. Army in 1961, Paul spent his entire career at Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation, where he began his career as a summer intern in 1956 working as a lineman's helper. He subsequently held multiple positions in various functions until he was ultimately appointed president in 1989 and elected chairman and CEO in 1999. Paul retired in 2004 after nearly a half century of service, however, he often looked back most fondly on his early years as a lineman's helper. He said that it was those early experiences that helped shape the philosophies and principles that guided his career.

Paul was a well-respected advocate for business and economic growth throughout New York State and within



the utility industry. He served as Director of the New York State Business Council and was President of the Energy Association of New York. He was also Director of the Edison Institute in Washington, D.C.

Deeply committed to the vibrancy and quality of life in the Hudson Valley, Paul devoted his time and talents to a long list of community service organizations including Founding Member and Chair of the Enhancing Racial Harmony Task Force, Campaign Manager and Board Chair of the United Way of Dutchess County, Board Chair of Mount Saint Mary's College, Board Chair of Vassar Brother's Hospital, President of the Grinnell Library, Trustee of the Ecosystem Studies, The Greenway Conservancy and Health Quest, Inc., Founder and Board Chair of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, Chairman of the Board of the Mid-Hudson Patterns for Progress, President of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation, Chair and Founding Member of the External Marketing Council of Dutchess County, Charter Member and President of the Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess County.

An avid gardener, scholar, historian, runner and traveler, Paul was happiest when enjoying his family, especially his six grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were at Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, N.Y. on Monday, January 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services were at Our Lady of the Rosary, 185 Hudson View Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, with a burial at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Franciscan Retreat Center at Mount Alvernia, Delavergne Avenue, P.O. Box 858, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Mr. John P. "Jack" Thompson, 87 Years

February 11, 1929 — December 29, 2016

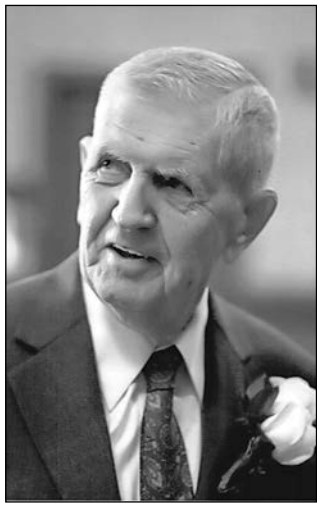
Devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather

ANDOVER — Mr. John P. "Jack" Thompson, a resident of Andover since 1960 and beloved husband of the late Sarah Jane (Burke) Thompson, passed away peacefully at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill on Thursday afternoon, December 29, 2016. Born in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, he was the beloved son of the late John H. and Helen (McCabe) Thompson. He was 87 years old.

Jack retired as Chief Cost and Financial Analyst for New England Motor Bureau. He enlisted in the army at age 17 and was assigned to General MacArthur's headquarters in Japan at the end of WWII. After leaving the Army he attended the Wharton School at The University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1953.

In his spare time, Jack loved photography, model airplanes, painting, attending plays and musicals and helping his neighbors. He was also a father figure to many children over the years in his neighborhood. In his younger days, he enjoyed playing the saxophone. Above all, Jack was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed.

Jack is survived by his loving daughter, Amy J. Size and her husband, Paul V. Size II of Edgartown; sister, Helen Mary Thompson of Pennsylvania;



Mr. John P. "Jack" Thompson

grandson, Kai Size; many nieces and nephews; and his dear friend, Nell Saracusa of North Andover. He was also the brother of the late Robert C. Thompson.

ARRANGEMENTS: His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours will be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover on Friday, January 6, 2017, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in St. Augustine Cemetery in Andover.

Donations in Jack's memory may be made to Mass General Hospital Development Office, Attn: Caring For a Cure, 125 Nashua Street, Boston, MA 02114 and to Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Avenue, Haverhill, MA 01830.

Mr. William E. Hart, 86

July 11, 1930 — December 29, 2016

Former Andover Principal

ANDOVER — William E. Hart, 86, a resident of Andover since 1957, died at home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, December 29, after a long battle with cancer. He was born and raised in Lawrence and was the son of Mary (Connolly) and William I. Hart. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Alice M. (Sullivan).

Alice was his childhood sweetheart and the love of his life. He was a cherished and adored father and will be dearly missed by his children, Mary Hart and her husband, Paul Barden Alfonsi of Gilford, Conn., Patricia and her husband, Atty. John N. Flanagan of Andover, Dr. William I. Hart and his wife, Anne of Newburyport, Elizabeth and her husband, Atty. Michael F. Hogan of North Andover, Michael S. Hart and his wife, Jennifer of Andover. Mr. Hart had also mourned the loss of both his infant son, Daniel and his granddaughter, Amy. He was the dear and devoted brother of his twin, the late Sr. Mary Hart (Sisters of Good Shepherd); Margaret Hart and Virginia (Hart) Sullivan, both of North Andover; and Patricia (Hart) O'Donnell of Dallas, Texas. He was Uncle Bill, the "Fun Uncle," to numerous nieces and nephews, whose company he always loved.

One of his greatest roles in life was being the fun-loving and devoted "Papa" of Kara and husband, Ryan Malo and Laura Alfonsi, John and wife, Allyson, Erin and William Ryan Flanagan, Michael, Shelagh, Matthew, Christina and Kathleen Hogan, William, Katherine and Rose Hart, Collin, Austin, Leah and Brendan Hart; as well as "Old Papa" to great-grandchildren, Reiss and Owen Malo, Lotsie Avery and Deaglan Flanagan and Tessla Kurban. He enjoyed many happy summers at his Seabrook Beach home surrounded by all of them. He loved them to pieces and they adored him!

Mr. Hart was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Class of 1948. He received his A.B. in English Literature from Merrimack College as well as a Master's Degree from Boston State College and an Advanced Administration Certification from Boston College.

Mr. Hart was an educator in Andover for over 30 years, most of those spent as Principal of West Middle School, a job that he loved. He had a unique ability to see the best in people and they in turn wanted to give him their best. His students were no exception. He realized that he was in a powerful position to have a positive impact in the lives of children, and over the years he was told by many former students just how much he had touched their lives.



William E. Hart

In 1972 Mr. Hart was honored for his study of British Middle Schools by London University. Both the Massachusetts House and Senate honored him for his contribution to public education. He was active in many Greater Lawrence organizations:

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Past President of the Andover Education Association, Director, Andover Historical Society,

Chairman, Andover United Fund, Andover School System,

Chairman, United Nations Committee,

Member of St. Augustine Parish.

Mr. Hart was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the Far East as Asst. Post Engineer at Yokohama Engineer Depot. He joined the Army Reserve and served in many command positions and retired as Lt. Colonel. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He was an annual participant in the Andover Memorial Day Parade and was often accompanied by an enthusiastic grandchild or two. He loved the fact that he could still fit into his uniform after all those years. Mr. Hart loved God, Family and Country and devoted his life to serving them all.

He will be forever missed by his family, friends and all those who loved him dearly. We promise him that we will "Keep the party going!" It just never will be the same without him.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were held at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3. The Mass of Resurrection was held on Wednesday, January 4, at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests the following:

In honor of her grandfather, Erin Flanagan will be running the Boston Marathon, raising funds for the Melanoma Foundation of New England. Donations can be made at <https://www.crowdrise.com/MFNEBoston2017/fundraiser/erin-flanagan2>. Donations may also be made to Lazarus House, <https://lazarushouse.org/donate/>.

For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Mrs. Irene M. (D'Ambrose) Birch, 86 Years

October 30, 1930 — December 27, 2016

Beloved Wife, Mother and Grandmother

BALLARDVALE — Mrs. Irene Marie (D'Ambrose) Birch, a lifelong resident of Andover and beloved wife of the late John L. Birch, passed away at the Prescott Nursing Center in North Andover on Tuesday morning, December 27, 2016. She was 86 years old.

Born in Lowell, Mass., on October 30, 1930, she was the beloved daughter of the late George and Alva (Lemire) D'Ambrose. Mrs. Birch was a volunteer at the Andover Senior Center making Dolls for Dolls. She enjoyed gardening around her home and playing Bingo with her friends. Irene loved her pets and loved to travel with the Hi-Lo Club in her motorhome. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her loving children, Lynda M. Dube of Weare, N.H., Cheryl A. Birch and her wife, Paula A. Maser of Manchester, N.H., and John A. and his wife, Betty Ann Birch of Littleton, N.H.; sister, Alice Chase of Deerfield, N.H.; grandchildren, Timothy and Tara Lynne Wright and Derek and Dylan Birch; great-grandchildren, Kylie Wright and John Charles Birch; sister-in-law, Joanne Lepine of An-



dover; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her Funeral Service was held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Monday, January 2, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Calling hours were held prior to the service from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Interment will privately held. Donations in Irene's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Arthur William Iworsley, 70

December 21, 1946 — December 31, 2016

ANDOVER, MA — Arthur William Iworsley unexpectedly passed away in his sleep on December 31, 2016.

Arthur was born in Lawrence, Mass. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mack and Lorraine Iworsley; and his in-laws, Arthur and Barbara Graves.

He grew up in Lawrence and attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and then Lawrence High School. While at LHS he developed his love of physical education. He participated in indoor and outdoor track and field with a concentration on the long and triple jumps. He was a member of the Lawrence High School band.

Art continued his love of education and of sports at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. He was on the football team for one year and on the track and field team for four years. He graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor's degree in education. He supplemented his cash flow by teaching physical education at the local catholic elementary school for \$1 an hour. He taught grades one through six during his off time when he did not have a class. Art met his then to be wife, Katherine Graves, at Doane.

After graduation, he got a job teaching physical education at West Elementary School in Andover. He taught at West for most of his 41 years. He found the perfect job at the right time at the right school. He loved teaching and making physical education an important part of every child's education at West.

While teaching at West, Art continued his education at Lowell State College and received his Master's degree in Education.

After retirement in 2011, Art continued to teach by being a substitute teacher of Physical Education for West Elementary School, High Plain Elementary School, and Bancroft School, all of Andover. The children in those schools would see his Smart Car in the parking lot and they would hope that he would be there to teach them.

Art also had a love for traveling. He, his wife, and son, Eric explored the Canadian Rockies, went to Hawaii, and cruised Alaska and Western Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. This past summer he and his wife and grandson, Ryan spent two weeks traveling by car out to Nebraska and back. They visited many historical sites.

Another aspect of Art's life was his love of track and field. Under the leadership of Richard Collins he became a long and triple jump coach for Andover High School. He started coaching in the early 1970s and was coaching with Peter Comeau and the rest of the coaching staff until his death. Many of his track athletes say he inspired them to be better people not just better athletes.

About 10 years ago, Art joined the Lawrence United Lodge. His father was a Mason and he wanted to continue the tradition. He was the treasurer of the Lodge. Art enjoyed this way to give back to his home town. He made lifelong friends while a Mason brother, and they will miss his commitment to the Masons and his humor and caring. In November, he



joined the Shriners and was looking forward to being a part of that great brotherhood.

Art's generosity extended to his time spent volunteering. For approximately 30 years he volunteered at the Boston Museum of Science in the Discovery Center on Sundays, the one day he did not have other activities planned. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Service League of the Museum of Science. Sharing his passion for science with children and their families fulfilled another aspect of his love of teaching.

Arthur will be sorely missed by his wife of 45 years, Kathy; his daughter, Joy and her husband, John Lotz; and his son, Eric, all of Andover; his sister, Alyce and her husband, Stephen Arsenault of Lawrence; his brother, Kevin Iworsley and his wife, Susan from Griswold, Conn.; his sister-in-law, Pat Smith and her daughter, Kimberly of Brunswick, Maine.

He will be missed by his two grandchildren, Ryan Iworsley and John Lotz, Jr., both of Andover; nephews and nieces, Joel Arsenault of Lawrence; Heidi and her husband, Robert Broadly of Danville, N.H.; Daniel and Danielle Iworsley of Rockland, Mass.; the late Timothy Iworsley of Griswold, Conn.; and Maria and Nathan Iworsley of Griswold, Conn. He will also be missed by his many cousins and colleagues and friends and his students from High Plain Elementary, West Elementary and Bancroft Schools.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours will be held on Thursday, January 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover. There will a service conducted by the Masons at 7 p.m. The burial service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests the following: In honor of Arthur you may contribute to The Always Forward Project that Art and two of his friends have started. "The Always Forward Project focuses on creating, enabling and enhancing educational opportunities and learning experiences for high school and college age individuals who as high school students participate or participated in extracurricular activities." The web site address is <http://www.thealwaysforwardproject.org>. Contributions may be made online or mailed to The Always Forward Project, P.O. Box 112, Andover, MA 01810.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



Two arrested in West Andover heroin bust

By BILL KIRK
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Andover, where the operation was originating from," he said.

Police arrested two men last Wednesday as part of an investigation into a heroin distribution ring in West Andover, police said.

Andover detectives had been investigating a heroin sales operation for approximately a month, according to police Lt. Eddie Guy.

"Their investigation led them to Bullfinch Drive in

Andover, where the operation was originating from," he said. Neftaly Arias, 32, of 66 Margin St., Lawrence, was charged with trafficking in heroin, and Anol Egalite, 35, of 700 Bullfinch Dr., Apt. 614, Andover, was charged with trafficking and having an outstanding warrant for distributing a Class A drug.

During the arrests, more than 20 grams of heroin were seized and more than \$1,000 was confiscated.

Garbage truck driver trapped after accident with car

STAFF REPORT

Three people were injured when a car collided with a trash truck, totaling both vehicles last Thursday afternoon, police said.

The Andover Fire Department ambulance transported two of the victims to Lawrence General Hospital. A third victim was taken to Lowell General Hospital.

Police described the injuries as non-life-threatening.

The driver of the Allied Waste Systems truck was briefly trapped in the cab, police said. The driver of the Chevrolet HHR will be issued a citation for failure to stay within marked lanes, according to police Lt. John Pathiakis.

The crash occurred near Kirkland Drive at 3:29 p.m.

Local author writes book on getting career you want

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Everyone knows that employer and employee loyalty went out with the family wall phone. Job loyalty is a very rare commodity these days as the work force has changed. Employers continue to be forced to make business decisions that often include job cuts.

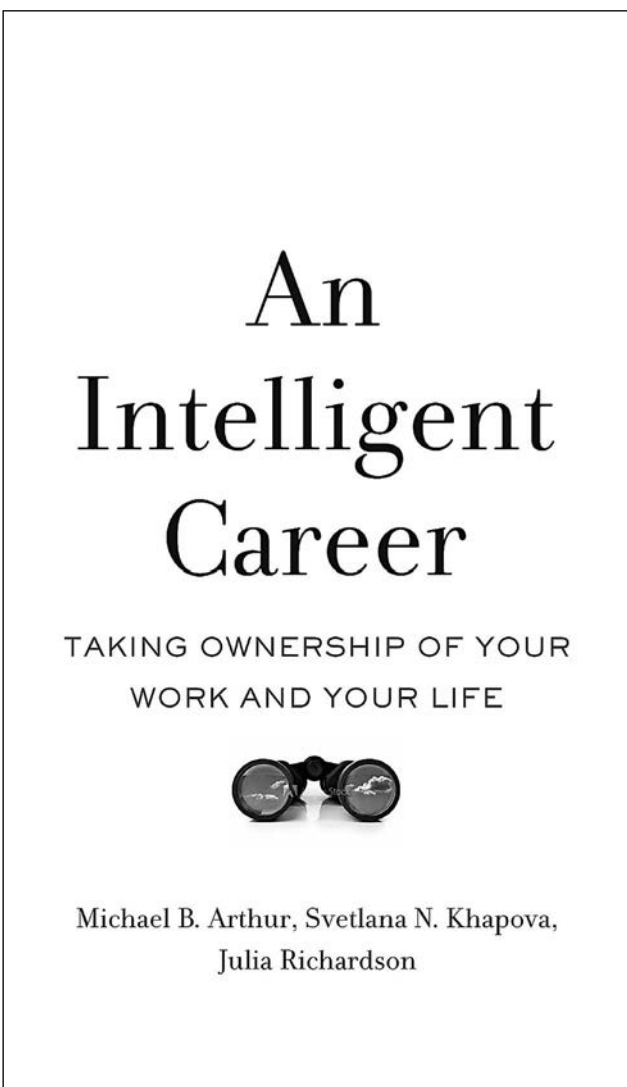


The author, Michael Arthur, of Andover

Careers can get sidelined but careers are still important amidst the unpredictability and a local scholar from Andover dials up some good advice in his new book, "An Intelligent Career: Taking Ownership of Your Work and Life."

Michael Arthur, a professor of management at Suffolk University for over 30 years, teamed with two other esteemed college business professors — Svetlana N. Khapova of Amsterdam and Julia Richardson of Australia — to write the book that emphasizes how a worker can take stock and then action when a career path falls apart.

Peppered with real life stories of laid off workers from around the world, the book reminds readers to let go of being used by work. Instead, the book talks of



Courtesy photos

The book cover.

embracing the digital revolution changes and using one's intelligence to make the next career move.

"You don't have to take an employer's view of who you are," said Arthur, a longtime Andover resident who lives on Harold Parker Road.

Job troubles are

happening globally, he said. Instead of focusing on the negatives of a layoff, really think about who you are and what you really want to do in your work life. The book presents research on how to apply your own intelligence to take ownership of your career.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Local author Michael Arthur on his new book, "An Intelligent Career: Taking Ownership of Your Work and Life"

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.; snow date is Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Andover Bookstore, 89 R Main St., 978-475-0143

COST: Free. All Welcome.

"We presented many narratives, or stories, in the book because that helps people to see how they can apply the research," said Arthur, who spent 10 years researching the book.

In addition, there are easy-to-read graphs in the book offering tips on how to think about presenting yourself for a job in the 21st century. For example, for educators, instead of thinking competitively, think collaboratively; instead of text-based, think web-based; teacher-directed is now learner-centered.

"The old bargain of life-long employment is rapidly fading. The book offers a hopeful vision," wrote one reviewer while another reviewer called the book "an appealing wake-up call."

While we can't control our careers, the book reminds us that becoming more aware of changes can only help.

The book, which just came out on Jan. 2, is a hardcover published by Oxford University Press and costs \$27.95.

Lazarus House welcomes Dennis McCarthy as Major Gift Officer

STAFF REPORT

Dennis McCarthy has recently joined Lazarus House as Major Gift Officer. With more than nine years working in the non-profit industry, and the last three years acting as Director of Development at two non-profit organizations, his experience will contribute to the strategies for stewardship, solicitation and cultivation process of Lazarus House's major gift success.

"I look forward to sharing the incredible stories of our guests and building relationships with individuals and corporations as we work together to provide food, shelter and clothing to those who come to our door in need — then offer life-changing opportunities through our education and work preparation programs," he said. "I feel humbled and blessed to return to Lazarus House and for the opportunity to serve our guests as we continually strive to lift individuals and families out of poverty. Our donors are so supportive, generous, and committed to ending hunger and homelessness by providing the programs necessary for our guests to become self-sustaining again. Lazarus House feels like



Dennis McCarthy

home and I'm so happy to be home again!"

Alan Mahan, COO of Lazarus House said, "Indeed we welcome Dennis 'home' to Lazarus House. When you meet Dennis it becomes instantly clear that his heart is here at Lazarus House. Dennis has a deep heart based passion and excitement for providing life changing services to people in need in this community. Our guests will truly benefit from Dennis' return."

McCarthy was born and raised in Lawrence and attended Central Catholic High School and Westfield College. He now resides in Salem, N.H., and looks after his dad who is in his 90s with no indication of slowing down.

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:

Get Rid of the Stuff, Not the Memories

Andover resident, Nancy Patsios, owner of Everyday Organizing, will share helpful tips and strategies for getting rid of the stuff, not the memories on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. Now is the time to keep those resolutions to de-clutter and get organized.

Patsios is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO). Visit www.everydayorganizing.net for details. Sign up for the program at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

American History Revisited and Deemed Relevant

Local resident and retired educator, Robert MacDougall, will discuss his latest book "American History: It's More Than the Crap You Learned in

High School," on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. He will also share the eight ways that knowing American history has helped him lead a productive and satisfying life.

MacDougall taught American history at the high school level and coached track and cross country for more than 40 years. He has written two other books. Visit www.mac-history.us to learn more. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Why Landscaping with Native Plants Matters

Claudia Thompson, president of Grow Native Massachusetts, will kick off the opening of the Andover Seed Library on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m. She will give an overview of the essential role of native plants in ecosystem health — starting with the concept of co-evolution between plants and animals, and ending with a tour of her

7,000 square foot garden in Cambridge.

Thompson will explain the differences between native, naturalized and invasive plants, and explore the food web that links plants to insects to birds, wildlife and humans. She will also cover the essential principles for designing gardens that are places of both beauty and biodiversity, and habitats for birds, butterflies and wildlife.

Her talk will be accompanied by a simple celebration of the Andover Seed Library's first birthday and 2017 opening. Go to www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to register and for details.

Learn How to Play Chess

Chess player and teacher, Glenn Davison, will teach the fundamentals of the world's most popular game of strategy on Monday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

In the first hour, he'll cover setting up the chess board, using the pawns, how chess pieces move to win, special

moves, 10 tips for playing a better game, and how to win a game in four moves. Participants will then have a chance to practice what they've learned by playing against other beginners.

Game boards and all supplies will be provided. All ages are welcome. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Other events at Memorial Hall Library:

Career Networking Group, Thursdays, Jan. 5 and 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Friends Alcove

1. This free group offers an opportunity for members to expand their network of business contacts, share ideas and learn about effective job search strategies. Facilitated by certified career coach, Arleen Bradley.

Tech @ MHL: Windows 10, Monday, Jan. 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Room. Learn the ins and outs of the new Windows 10, including features like Cortana, the Edge browser and how to quickly find settings. Bring a laptop or use

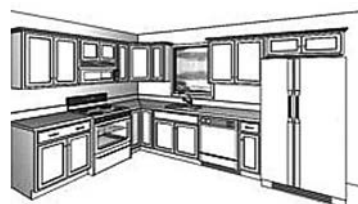
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Leah Feroce, from Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, helps sort through gifts for children in their program. James Cieslik, a mentor with Big Friends Little Friends of the Merrimack Valley, helped 176 children receive Christmas gifts through donations from friends, family and co-workers. Cieslik, director of operations at Schneider Electric in Andover, keeps a spreadsheet to keep track of the gifts, gathered and wrapped at Schneider Electric.



James Cieslik, a mentor with Big Friends Little Friends of the Merrimack Valley, and his mother, Debbie Cieslik, sort gifts for 176 children. The gifts were donated by friends, family and co-workers at Schneider Electric in Andover.

Leah Feroce, center, from Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, carries packages with Debbie Cieslik, left, and Donna Butler during a gift collection at Schneider Electric in Andover. A total of 176 children in the Merrimack Valley will receive Christmas gifts.

AMY SWEENEY/Staff photos

Schneider Electric becomes the North Pole for the holidays

One Andover employee becomes Santa for 176 local children

By JILL HARMACINSKI
Staff writer

After James Cieslik first became a Big Brother to a Lawrence boy three years ago, he learned of 48 local children who were in need of Christmas presents.

"I said, 'Tell me what they want,'" Cieslik recalls asking the boy.

The boy replied, and in just one day, Cieslik, director of operations at

Schneider Electric in Andover, was able to collect the items on the wish lists and deliver the gifts to all of those children.

This year, Cieslik, backed by a corps of devoted relatives, friends and co-workers, once again was the driving force behind a gift drive for Merrimack Valley children in need — this time nearly 180 of them.

"It's almost like they adopt these kids as part of their family," Cieslik says of the people who help him.

Cieslik, 38, has no children of his own. He says he is thankful to have a job that pays well and the perks that go with it.

For personal fulfillment, however, he says he needed something more. So three years ago, he signed up to be a Big Brother with Big Friends Little Friends, an organization associated with Family Services of the Merrimack Valley. They matched him with Lazarus, "Laz," he says, a Lawrence boy who is now 13.

"When I started out with Lazarus,

he didn't even have shoes that fit him," Cieslik says.

When Cieslik was told about all of the children he knew to be in need at Christmastime, Cieslik was immediately motivated to help.

"Some aren't even asking for toys. Some want hats and gloves," he explains.

Forty-eight bags of gifts were provided to children the first year; 110 in 2015; and this Christmas, 176. Each child

gets one bag containing eight presents.

As this Christmas approached, a mountain of donations piled at Schneider Electric. The Thursday before Christmas, everything was delivered.

His mother, Debbie Cieslik, sister, Jen Cieslik, and her boyfriend, Chuck DiChiara, all were instrumental in the process.

"It really makes you feel like there are a lot of good people left in the world," Cieslik says.

ON CAMPUS

A number of local students were named to the academic honors list for the first quarter at St. John's Prep in Danvers. Students named to the headmaster's list include: John Curtin, Arthur

Danas, John Fraser, Alexander Grondin, Timothy Hornick, Joshua Hurst, Zachary Jaromin, Tyler Joe, Jake Katz, Christopher Kennedy, Stephen Kenefick, Robert Lemons, Thomas Pendleton, Nicholas Rice, Cole Sawyer and Kyle Wolff;

those named to the principal's list include: Evan Cavanaugh, Benjamin Katz, Garrett Kelley, Andrew Kenefick, Ryan Lattanzio, Tyler Potvin and Andrew Selima; those on the honor roll are: Peter Abbe, Michael

Barrett, Yohaun Batlivala, Conor Beswick, David Boullie, Jackson Burns, Daniel DeLaus, John Donovan, John Fietze, William Grady, Christopher Grondin, Richard Hart, Benjamin Hoffman, Santiago Jacome, Cameron LaPierre, Kyle

Lattanzio, Seungwon Lim, Robert Markus, Keegan O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Luke Poirier, Amol Raisingani, Daniel Regan, Russell Rinklin, Cole Rinklin, Tyler Sargent, Michael Slattery, Luke Weiner and Steven Yakita.

Merrimack names Allan Weatherwax provost and senior vice president

STAFF REPORT

Allan T. Weatherwax, Ph.D., dean of the School of Science and Engineering, has been named senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at Merrimack College.

"I'm incredibly honored and humbled by this appointment," said Weatherwax, a physicist whose work in Antarctica led to the naming of the Weatherwax Glacier and his appointment to the Polar Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences. "I look forward to continuing Merrimack's tremendous growth, and to helping the president and the college's senior leadership plan Merrimack's future."

Weatherwax called out especially Merrimack's "entrepreneurial joie de vivre."

President Christopher Hopey announced the appointment Dec. 21.

"Dr. Weatherwax will be a great partner in helping us fulfill the college's Agenda for Distinction and moving Merrimack forward," the president said. "He has proven leadership ability, a noted record of research and teaching, and the ability to work with faculty, students and external partners to deliver quality, innovative education."

Weatherwax will become provost Jan. 4, 2017. Professor Cynthia McGowan will serve as dean of the School of Science and Engineering on an acting basis until Aug. 31, 2017. The college will launch a national search for a new dean after the Christmas break.

As dean of science and engineering, Weatherwax has expanded undergraduate and graduate programs at the school, most recently with the announcement of two joint master's degrees with the Girard School of Business — in data science and business analytics. He led the college's effort to hire a director of sponsored programs and has brought significant federal and private research grant funding to Merrimack.

Formerly dean of science and professor of physics at Siena College, Weatherwax holds a Ph.D. in physics from Dartmouth College and a B.S. in mathematical physics from Binghamton University. He has been the principal investigator on numerous National Science Foundation and NASA grants, and is currently co-director of the Firefly satellite mission, which is exploring the mysteries of gamma rays produced by lightning discharge.

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Opinion

Helping out around the holidays and beyond

It seems as though a litany of disasters have struck across the region recently, with fires leaving scores of people homeless during the holidays.

On Dec. 19, a 3-alarm blaze ripped through a Tremont Street, Lawrence, triple-decker, leaving 16 people homeless, 8 of whom are under the age of 18. The house was boarded up and utilities shut off.

On the evening of Dec. 22, a fire struck an apartment building at 11 Ashton Place, Methuen, gutting many of the 24 apartments and displacing 51 people, 12 of them children. Several firefighters were injured and one was even trapped inside the burning building for a short period of time.

On Christmas Eve, a fire struck at 87-89 Saunders St., Lawrence, leaving four people homeless for the holidays. While nobody was seriously injured, the house sustained major damage.

If there is a silver lining to any kinds of disasters like these, it's that they bring out the best in people who want to help. In the case of the Tremont Street fire, the Red Cross, working with Heal Lawrence, a local non-profit, have stepped in to provide temporary housing for the victims as well as debit cards to purchase food and clothing. Those groups are also helping the families on a daily basis to develop a recovery plan and obtain additional assistance.

In Methuen, the entire community has stepped up to help out the victims of the Ashton Place fire. A report in Wednesday's editions of The Eagle-Tribune reported that most of the 51 people left homeless will need new places to live. So far, the community has rallied to help the victims, donating food, hygiene items and large amounts of clothing, according to Deb Duxbury, disaster program manager for the American Red Cross in Northeastern Massachusetts.

Mayor Stephen Zanni has taken an active role in trying to help the victims as well, saying at a press conference this week that he is working with the Red Cross and the Methuen Housing Authority to find permanent and temporary housing. He called for a special City Council meeting Wednesday morning to establish an special account to receive donations for the victims.

Restaurants and other local businesses have donated food. Gov. Charlie Baker has offered to help the city deal with the disaster.

Whether it's the holiday spirit or the human spirit, it doesn't seem to matter.

In Newburyport over the summer, a Liberty Street commercial complex was destroyed by a June 28 fire. Abraham's Bagels, along with a law firm, an apartment and several small, commercial enterprises were destroyed. But the community rallied to help, holding a fund-raiser at the Firehouse Center in July. Mayor Donna Holaday said organizers of the event hoped to raise \$8,000 to \$10,000. A GoFundMe page was set up and raised about \$20,000.

It's not just the Merrimack Valley where generosity overflows.

In Granby, Mass., on Dec. 26 a house owned by a disabled veteran was damaged in a blaze that nearly took the lives of him and his two dogs. Sgt. Joshua Bouchard, who is wheelchair bound, escaped from the home that was built by the non-profit group Homes for Our Troops, a group supported in turn by Andover resident Bill Pennington, who organizes the annual Run for the Troops, a fundraiser for Homes for Our Troops.

Pennington said the house was insured and that \$27,000 has already been raised to help out Bouchard. One of the sadder aspects of the fire was that his prosthetic leg was destroyed in the blaze. But Pennington said Bouchard "won't be forgotten" as more people hear about the incident and continue to raise money.

"It's tragic but it gives people a chance to help out in the spirit of Christmas," Pennington said.

Well said. And thank you to all those who have given, now, and all year long.



FIRST SNOWFALL

Last Thursday night's snowfall did not live up to expectations. While more than a foot was predicted, it only snowed an inch or two in Andover, which made for easy plowing and pretty scenery, like this picture showing the American flag fluttering in The Park off Bartlet Street.

BILL KIRK/Staff photo

Predictions for 2017: Patriots win, Trump loses

Carl P. Leubsdorf

The Dallas Morning News



Last year around this time, I correctly predicted the nominations of Donald Trump

and Hillary Clinton but stumbled badly in failing to foresee Republican victories in November. I did tab the Chicago Cubs as World Series winners.

Time for my not-totally-serious look ahead to 2017:

JANUARY: In farewell address, President Barack Obama predicts his Obamacare, Iran and Cuba initiatives will survive. Republican Congress repeals Obamacare, effective 2019, and President Donald Trump signs repeal on Inauguration Day. He also announces review of Iran nuclear deal, names son-in-law Jared Kushner new Mideast envoy and nominates Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas for Supreme Court vacancy. Trump Corp. announces new hotels in Jerusalem and Cairo.

FEBRUARY: Patriots beat Cowboys in Super Bowl. Senate Armed Services Committee announces bipartisan hearings on Russian efforts to influence 2016 election. House passes sweeping tax cuts; Democrats warn deficit will spike. Dow Jones Industrial Average hits 21,000. Trump job approval at 50. President Trump announces his first overseas trip will be to Moscow. Democrats elect former Labor Secretary Tom Perez as national chairman.

MARCH: Senate Democrats block tax cut, urging more for the middle class. Dow drops

800 points. Senate confirms Cruz 51-49. House passes reduced Trump infrastructure bill; president denounces GOP leaders. Putin welcomes Trump to Moscow, echoing Margaret Thatcher's, "We can do business with him." Trump Hotels announces expansion in Russia. President passes up NATO meeting to hold his 24th victory rally in Kansas. Hillary Clinton becomes president of small liberal arts college in New Hampshire, sparking 2020 rumors. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott names Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to fill Senate vacancy. Trump announces he'll have first presidential press conference in April.

APRIL: Trump decides to keep U.S. relations with Cuba, sparking outcry from conservative Republicans. Trump Hotels announces Cuba expansion. House passes budget resolution with Medicare voucher program for everyone under 45. President cancels press conference. Major insurance companies announce year-end withdrawal from Obamacare, threatening 20 million people with losing health insurance. Trump job approval drops to 43.

MAY: President makes second overseas trip to Taiwan. China calls U.S. ambassador home for "consultations." Francois Fillon edges far-right candidate Marion Le Pen in French presidential election. Senate passes tax bill after GOP leaders reduce tax cuts for wealthy. Dow back to 21,000. Trump CIA head Mike Pompeo rejects contention Putin interfered in election. After Trump jawboning, Congress narrowly raises debt ceiling. Budget Director Mick Mulvaney resigns in protest.

JUNE: Liberal groups announce July 4 Washington

rally for Americans facing loss of health care coverage. Senate Armed Services Committee unanimously condemns Russia and Putin for election interference "clearly designed to help one candidate." Golden State beats Cleveland in NBA finals. Blackhawks beat Capitals for Stanley Cup. President names ex-wife Ivana special envoy for climate change. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley makes fifth 2017 visit to Iowa, one fewer than former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander.

JULY: Anti-Trump rally attracts 2 million protesters, many carrying signs saying "Trump Misled Us." On year's second visit to Moscow, Trump and Putin announce new trade pact. Eric Trump named new U.S. ambassador. Patrick edges former HUD Secretary Julian Castro for Cruz Senate seat. Reduced infrastructure bill finally passes Congress. After review, Trump accepts Iran nuclear pact. U.S. envoy to Israel David Friedman resigns; Israel recalls its ambassador.

AUGUST: House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi announces 2018 retirement, urges fellow 70-something colleagues to follow. Trump skips Group of Seven economic summit to hold 29th victory rally in Alaska. Russian troops invade and overrun Ukraine. Trump says they responded to "provocations." Unemployment level ticks up to 4.8 percent. Trump vows investigation of Labor Department statisticians.

SEPTEMBER: Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, 78, announces he'll seek House Democratic leadership. Dow Jones drops for fourth straight month. Trump blames "Clinton lovers" on Wall Street, fires three

ex-Goldman Sachs officials and names Donald Trump Jr. chief economic adviser. As Congress returns, Sen. Mike Lee, Rush Limbaugh and Sarah Palin headline a "He's No Conservative" rally, accusing Trump of "failing to drain the swamp."

OCTOBER: Index of Leading Indicators drops for fifth straight month. Commerce Department predicts annual growth rate at 1.8 percent. Trump blames Obama. The Washington Post reports top aides say Trump spends more time reviewing Trump Co. balance sheets than administration plans. Trump fires Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, names Ivanka Trump as replacement. Senate Democratic resistance forces Congress to adopt stop-gap spending bill. Nationals edge Indians in World Series.

NOVEMBER: Trump job approval drops to 38. In reversal, Trump announces he will attend NATO defense meeting. Other countries tell him to stay home unless he'll back increased sanctions against Russia.

DECEMBER: Rising unemployment reaches 5.5 percent. Trump approval at 36. Trump blames business leaders at his 33rd victory rally in Nebraska. Secret strategy memo by RNC Chair Ronna Romney McDaniel urges Republican 2018 candidates to "do whatever necessary" to separate themselves from President Trump. President tries to fire her but is told RNC sets her term. President cancels annual White House Press Christmas Reception but promises first news conference for January 2018!

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WEB QUESTION

Last week's question:

Another fatal accident, this time in Newburyport, is being blamed on texting and driving. The state Legislature has refused to act on a bill that would make it illegal to use your cell phone while driving. The current texting and driving bill is unenforceable. Police officers can't tell if a person is making a phone call or texting someone. Do you think the state should mandate hands-free driving?

Yes. Too many people still text and drive. Enforcement should be simple. If police see a phone in your hand, they should be able to pull you over and issue a ticket. 14 votes.

No. The problem isn't texting and driving, it's distracted driving. Changing the radio station is distracting. Looking at a map is distracting. Talking to a passenger is distracting. People just need to use common sense and keep their eyes on the road and their hands upon the wheel. 6 votes.

Yes. The safety marketing phrase "It can wait," is true. There is no reason someone has to pick up their phone and send a text message about what's for dinner while driving down the highway. 3 votes.

No. It's another step toward a police state where anything I do in the comfort of my own car, from eating potato chips to smoking a cigarette, will be made illegal, allowing police to pull us over for anything and everything. 1 vote.

This week's question:

Every year people make New Year's resolutions. And every year, people fail to live up to those resolutions. Did you make New Year's resolutions this year?

Yes. I want to quit (insert bad habit here, eg., smoking, eating fatty goods, etc.).

No. I don't have any bad habits.

Yes. I want to improve myself this year by taking up positive pursuits, such as (insert positive activity here, such as going to the gym, reading a book a week, taking yoga classes.)

No. Every time I make a New Year's resolution I give it up after a week or so, so I don't bother any more.

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Editor, Townsman:

Our federal debt is over \$19 trillion; 1.5 times annual GDP, \$156,000 for every taxpayer in America! Interest alone costs over \$500 billion each year. Social Security is near insolvency. This level of debt is immoral, and poses a danger to everyone, our children and theirs yet Washington bureaucrats add more and more debt without ever offering a solution.

Unrestrained spending exists because Americans feel disconnected from, and powerless to effect change to, the political process. Politicians must understand that they work for us; that

this crisis must be addressed now. Unless quick action is taken, the situation will be unrecoverable.

Unfortunately, politicians aren't motivated to fix it. That requires unpopular cuts to federal spending on existing programs, which would discomfort many, and

resisting new, even good, ideas.

Providing for those in need is not government's role. Responsibility lies with us to create effective, sustainable charitable systems in place of wasteful government monstrosities. We can provide for each other more efficiently

and beneficially than government can. In the process, we will restore the foundational principles which made America great in the first place.

Americans: Wake up! Do what is required individually to quickly make a difference. What is needed is relentless pressure from ordinary citizens on our elected federal representatives. Citizens must engage with their U.S. Senators and Congressmen demanding a specific plan to begin debt repayment in 2018, including restructuring the federal tax code to provide a 100% tax rebate for qualifying charitable contributions that reduce federal spend.

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PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

PART TWO

Every day, all year long, Andover Townsman photographers take dozens of photos of people and places in Andover. Each photo assignment brings its own challenges and opportunities. Last week, the Townsman presented the first installment of great photos from the year. Today, staff photographers present another batch of favorite photos of 2016.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo
JAN. 28, 2016

Mr. Andover High School contestant Wonhee Han, 17, steps forward with his guitar during his introduction in silhouette during dress rehearsal for the competition.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo
APRIL 24, 2016

Kevin A. Wilson plays the banjo at the Ward Reservation during the Arts in the Orchard event put on by Merrimack College Environmental Studies and Sustainability program students, in collaboration with the Ward Reservation Property Committee.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo
JULY 12, 2016

Children learn proper form before hopping back into the water during a swimming lesson at Poms Pond.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo
MAY 7, 2016

Helen Waldruff of Andover looks over a camper style birdhouse from Birdhouse Accents during the annual Crafts in the Park event sponsored by Christ Church in Andover.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo
JUNE 5, 2016

Haley Tomaszewski, of Andover, center, smiles as she passes along a fellow Phillips Academy graduate's diploma during the school's commencement ceremony on the school's Great Lawn.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo
MARCH 21, 2016

Adam Medjama, 14, wipes out attempting to sled down the hill at Andover High School after Monday morning's snow storm dropped what may be the last snow of the year on Merrimack Valley.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo
MAY 28, 2016

Owner George Dukas flips the "Sorry We're Closed" sign on the door on his last day of business at the Lantern Brunch in Andover. George and his wife Priscilla will retire after 40 years of business.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo
NOV. 12, 2016

Andover wide receiver Joseph Rockwell dives but can't hold on to the ball for the catch against Everett in the Division 1 North football final.

MLK Day celebration Jan. 16 at Andover Baptist

By ALEX GUITTARR
TOWNSMAN CORRESPONDENT

For the 10th year in a row, the Andover Baptist Church will be celebrating Martin Luther King Day with a variety of speakers and performers.

"The Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration is our premier outreach event designed to provide a forum for the community to come together to help us celebrate the life and legacy of MLK and to help promote cross-cultural interaction and fellowship spanning across faith, race, age, gender and political affiliation," said Denise Wynn, a member of the congregation.

Running under the theme of "Unity - Teamwork to make the Dream work," the Jan. 16 celebration will feature a free, southern-style "soul-filling luncheon", a "soul-stirring" oratory performance and musical presentations by the Andover Baptist Unity Choir, the Choral Majority and Temple Emanuel band "Abbas."

On top of all this, the event's featured speaker will be Reverend Dr. Emmett Price III. The founding pastor of the Community of Love Christian Fellowship, based out of Allston, Rev. Price is a regular contributor to WGBH Boston Public Radio and the founder and president of the Black Church Music Ministry Project.

According to his website, emmettprice.com, Price has a long history of being an expert on Christian Music and the Black Christian experience. Music has played just as much of an important role in his life as his faith has, with a B.A. in Music from the University of California, Berkeley and both his M.A. and Ph.D in Ethnomusicology from the University of Pittsburgh.

He also received an M.A in Urban Ministry Leadership from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and is currently serving as Professor

IF YOU GO:

What: MLK Day celebration
Where: Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.
When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost: Free and open to the public
For more information call: 978-475-0166; or go to the website: www.andover-baptist-church.org

of Worship, Church & Culture, Dean of the Chapel and Founding Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience at Gordon-Conwell. He was also recognized as an "Emerging Leader" by the Boston Business Journal in 2011.

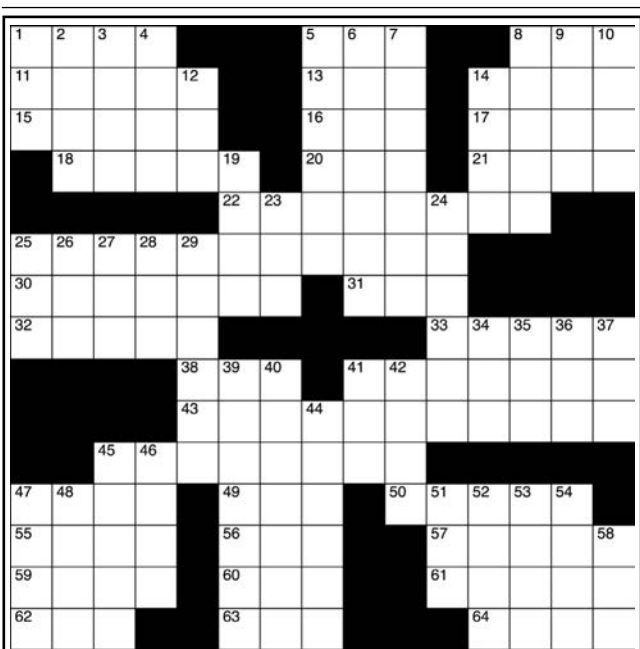
If you are interested in attending, the Andover Baptist Church is located at 7 Central Street and the event will begin at 11 a.m. More information about the church, including contact information, can be found at <http://www.andover-baptist-church.org/>

Founded in 1832, the church is led by Reverend Lyndon A. Myers, who has been with the church since 2004. He originally was a part of the ministry of the St. John's Baptist Church in Woburn, MA in 1992. He then went on to earn his M.A. in Religious Education from the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He started with Andover Baptist as a guest pastor while the church lacked an official pastor, eventually being asked to join full-time. He strives to speak with and get to know each member of the church on a personal level. Pastor Myers is also a retired Air Force Major and earned his M.S. in Systems and Logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

The Andover Baptist Church itself is a multi-cultural congregation, hanging the flags of the nationality of every congregant throughout the building.



Please recycle this newspaper.



CLUES ACROSS

- Pain
- Near the stern of a ship
- Certified public accountant
- External appearance
- Neither
- He played with Peter & Mary
- Maximum
- Irish republican organization
- Swedish rock group
- Source of chocolate
- Counterparts to women
- Type of levy
- More tasteless
- "Use Somebody" rockers
- Burst
- Flightless, fast bird
- Type of salami

Solution in Classified Section

- Charges to live somewhere
- Ji dynasty's ancestral home
- They play music
- One who cancels
- Resin from an African tree
- Shellfish
- Notre Dame coach Parseghian
- Thoroughbred horse race: ___ Stakes
- Empire in pre-colonial C. Africa
- Small piece of caramel
- Hillsides
- Does great
- Israeli city ___ Aviv
- Brief appearance
- Danish krone (abbr.)
- Midway between east and southeast
- Database mgmt. system

CLUES DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Syrian city
- A long narrative poem
- Living thing
- Envisioning
- Flat surface on a vessel's stern
- Scottish beer
- They serve host
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- When you expect to get there
- Bullfighting maneuver
- Double-reed instrument
- Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- Hardened
- Small cask or barrel
- Anger
- Female religious figure
- Central mail bureau

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

100 years Ago

Jan. 5, 1917

The People's Ice Company began cutting their ice supply yesterday on William M. Wood's pond in Frye Village. The ice is 11 inches thick, of excellent quality, and between 400 and 500 tons will be harvested. If the weather continues favorable the company expects to cut on Poms Pond next week, where the ice at present is 10 inches thick and also of excellent quality.

Chief of Police Smith requests that owners of automobiles receive their new registration plates at once. Persons who drive cars and neglect to take out their new numbers under the impression that there are a few days of grace in which to make the change are in danger of getting into trouble. The new plates are of a different design from former years. The figures are white on a blue background, and the figures themselves are of an entirely different design.

Everett M. Lundgren has moved with his family from Summer Street to the house on Elm Street recently

vacated by Joseph A. Rand. William J. Cronin has moved his law office from the Valpey Block to Rooms 6 and 7 in the Carter Block.

75 Years Ago

Jan. 8, 1942

Only 10 tires and 8 tubes for pleasure vehicles, light trucks and motorcycles, and 20 tires and 17 tubes for heavy trucks, will hereafter be allotted residents of Andover each month according to Selectman J. Everett Collins, chairman of the local tire rationing board.

Made public this week was the complete list of air raid wardens for each of Andover's six precincts. These wardens will serve under chief and deputy precinct wardens recently appointed for each district.

Plans for the evacuation of school children in case of an air raid or other wartime emergency were discussed at length at Tuesday's session of the school committee. It was decided to install telephones in the Samuel Jackson and West Center schools thus completing the hookup with the superintendent's office in the central system.

50 Years Ago

Jan. 5, 1967

The School Committee's

"Space Advisory Committee for Education" (SPACE) was voted into being at the Tuesday night's meeting of the Board. Named as Chairman was Dr. Milton L. Greenberg, 46 Sagamore Drive, president of GCA Corporation of Bedford. Serving as assistant chairman will be Dr. James J. Conroy.

The question of how many sports a teacher may coach in Andover remains unanswered Chairman Dr. Louis Galbiati noted that the matter was still under study and entertained a motion to delay discussion.

When the Andover Church League opens its 21st season Monday night at 6 p.m. at the Junior High School, the inaugural will be in the form of a tribute to the late Charles O. McCullom, who spent a great part of his life working for the youth of Andover. Monday evening at 6 p.m., William Stewart, chairman of the board of selectmen, will be the principal speaker, while former Celtics star Jim Luskoff will throw up the first ball of the season.

A school budget more than half a million dollars higher than a year ago was examined by the School Committee at its meeting Monday night. The salary budget submitted by Superintendent

Edward I. Erickson amounted to \$2,449,171, up \$405,446 over the 1966 figure.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 2, 1992

Friday, Dec. 27, the day the Andover Townsman moved into its new quarters at 33 Chestnut St. the builder and his sons posed for a photo. The paper will announce open house when it is comfortably settled in its new quarters. Meanwhile it's business as usual, at a new address!

Dr. Richard F. McGrail, 62, of Shipman Road, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Lawrence General Hospital. He was a principal in the Andover public school system for 22 years, first at the former East Junior High School and then at the Doherty Middle School.

Thieves smashed the glass front door of Radio Shack in Shawsheen Plaza Monday morning, Dec. 30, and stole camcorders, videocassette recorders, stereo equipment and police scanners.

Dining Guide includes the following restaurants: Restaurant at Eighteen Elm Street; Andover Jade, Shawsheen Plaza; Promises to Keep in Derry, N.H.; and Yokohama Japanese Steakhouse, in Lawrence.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

EARLY JANUARY

ANNUAL TOWN CENSUS, will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January 2017. All registered voters must return the census each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law; non-registered voters are also required to return the annual census; this information is used to verify a person's residency for public school admittance, military benefits and in-state tuition reductions; the information also supports services in the community; anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census in January should contact the Town Clerk's office at 978-623-8230 so that they will not be dropped from the voter or census rolls.

THROUGH JAN. 5

VANWAY'S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE, American Training, 6 Campanelli Drive, Andover. American Training's transportation branch, Vanway, will collect coats, jackets and winter wear of all sizes and styles for men, women and children; the organization hopes to collect 200 items to help keep local communities warm this winter; items can be dropped off or picked up by a Vanway driver by calling 978-685-2151, ext. 6822; www.americantraininginc.com/coatdrive2016.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 2 to 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road, Andover. Donors of all blood types are needed to help ensure a sufficient supply for hospital patients; make an appointment to give blood at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

AUTHOR VISIT, 6:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. Michael Arthur will discuss his new book "An Intelligent Career: Taking Ownership of Your Work and Life"; through scientific evidence, sharp insights, and countless stories, the book offers practical advice about planning a career path; Arthur lives in Andover and is a professor of management at Suffolk University in Boston; free and open to all; 978-475-0143.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

10TH ANNUAL MLK DAY EVENT, 11 a.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover. All are invited to attend this uplifting community outreach and soul-stirring service of celebration in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.;

the featured speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Emmett Price, founding pastor of Community of Love Christian Fellowship, and regular contributor to WGBH's Boston Public Radio segment "All Revved Up"; the event will also include performances by the Andover Baptist Unity Choir, Choral Majority, and the Temple Emanuel band "Abbas"; a soul-filling luncheon will be served in fellowship hall; admission is free; www.andover-baptist-church.org.

JAN. 20, FEB. 17, MARCH 17, APRIL 21 AND MAY 19

ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL SCREENINGS, conducted by the Special Education staff. Screenings are for 3- and 4-year-olds; parents who are concerned about their child's development may schedule an appointment; 978-247-8200.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

PARENT 2 PARENT (P2P) SPEAKER SERIES, 7 to 9 p.m., The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover. Sarah Ward, M.S., a speech and language pathologist, will present "Getting It Done: Promoting the Development of Executive Function Skills in the Home and at School"; the free talk is open to all; www.andoverp2p.com.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

SILENT FILM SERIES, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack College campus, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. See "The Winning of Barbara Worth" (1926), starring Ronald Colman, Gary Cooper and Vilma Banky; epic-scale Western about the settlement of California's parched Imperial Valley, and the struggle to harness the Colorado River to create an agricultural paradise; shot on location in Nevada's Black Rock desert; free and open to the public; 978-837-5355.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, 3 p.m., North Andover High School auditorium, 430 Osgood St. The chorus will perform works of several Argentinian composers, including Martin Palmeri's Misatango, a pairing of the rhythms of an Argentinian tango; www.andoverchoralsociety.org, email info@andoverchoral-society.org.

FEBRUARY

FEB. 1 AND MARCH 1

BALLARDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETINGS, 7 p.m., Andover Town Offices, second floor conference room, 36 Bartlet St. All are welcome to attend; agendas are posted at www.andover.ma.gov.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

PARENT 2 PARENT (P2P) SPEAKER SERIES, 7 to 9 p.m.,

The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover. Jon Mattleman, M.S. will present "The Secret Life of the Massachusetts Teen"; the free talk is open to all; the snow date is Feb. 9; www.andoverp2p.com.

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

MVPO CONCERT, 2:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 50 Bartlet St., Andover. Dorothy Braker, cello, will perform with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra; the afternoon concert will feature works by Ludwig van Beethoven and Antonin Dvořák; \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors (65 and up), \$5 for children; children must be 4 years old or older to attend; 978-685-3505; www.mvpomusic.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

SILENT FILM SERIES, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack College campus, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. "The Passion of Joan of Arc" (1928) will be shown; Danish director Carl Dreyer's intense recreation of the trial of Joan of Arc set new standards for cinematography and expanded the language of film in new directions; includes extreme close-ups, expressionistic photography, and a stellar cast, with legendary stage actress Renée Falconetti in the title role; free; 978-837-5355.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

PARENT 2 PARENT (P2P) SPEAKER SERIES, 7 to 9 p.m., The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover. Sharon Maxwell, Ph.D. will present "In a Hyper-Sexualized World, It Pays to Be Proactive: Setting the Stage for Talking to Your Kids About Sex"; the presentation is free and open to the public; www.andoverp2p.com.

MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 6

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY IN CONCERT, 3 p.m., Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover. The chorus will perform "In Troubled Times," featuring Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass and two contemporary pieces, "September Sun," commemorating those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, and "Peace Like a River," an uplifting spiritual; each concert will be sung with a professional orchestra and soloists; www.andoverchoralsociety.org, email info@andoverchoralsociety.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

MVPO CONCERT, 2:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 50 Bartlet St., Andover. Jorge Avila, violin, will perform with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra; the afternoon concert will feature works by Richard Wagner, Sergei

CRAFTS IN THE PARK

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, Central Park, 34 Bartlet St., Andover. Applications are being accepted for Andover's annual fair, now entering its 42nd year; sponsored by Christ Church Andover; proceeds will be used to support the church's mission and outreach to the local community, including Habitat for Humanity, Esperanza Academy, Bread and Roses, Neighbors in Need, Lazarus House, and the Merrimack Valley Project; the church also sponsors The Christ Church Children's Center preschool program, the Andover Thrift Shop, and provides a diverse and enriching music program with scheduled events open to the public; amateur and professional crafts people are invited to apply to display and sell their original works; the online application needs to be filed immediately to be included in the initial jury process; all application submissions require digital photographs of the craft, a website address, if available, and photographs of the craft's display; notification of participation will be confirmed by Feb. 28, 2017; send the \$100 booth fee, which includes a \$25 non-refundable jury fee and a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Andover Crafts in The Park, P.O. Box 685, Andover, MA 01810; a refund, minus the \$25 jury fee, will be sent to crafters not accepted in the show; additional sales commissions are not charged beyond the booth fee; food vendors require additional permits from the Town of Andover; email jury@craftsinthepark.com, www.craftsinthepark.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

ONGOING
FA (FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS), Wednesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Augustine Education Center, 45 Essex St., Andover; and Saturdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church, 33 Central Ave., Andover. The free, 12-step program is open to anyone who struggles with their weight and/or food; members include men and women who have lost more than 200 lbs., those who turned to bulimia, over-exercising and obsessive dieting, and those who had no weight to lose, but were obsessed with food and/or their weight; all are welcome to share their stories, from newcomers interested in learning more to people who have maintained steady, healthy weights for decades; www.foodaddicts.org.

Giddy up with Santa at Ironstone Farm

STAFF REPORT

Giddy-up, said Santa, and this team of horses appropriately dressed in their holiday best of red ribbons, antlers and other accessories, did just that making some local families very happy as they clicked away, often using photographs from the day for their holiday cards.

The event was Ironstone Farm's recently held annual free breakfast with Santa for the farm's volunteers, clients, sponsors and their families. It allows people to take pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Ironstone Farm's horses.

The free breakfast was held in an indoor arena, courtesy of NetScout Systems, Inc. of Westford. NetScout employees joined other volunteers from Ironstone Farm to make the event happen.

More than 200 people attended the breakfast, held at Ironstone Farm on Lowell Street (Route 133) in Andover. Ironstone is home to two nonprofit organizations that benefit children with special needs and others - Challenge Unlimited and Ironstone Therapy. Ironstone uses the dynamic



LEFT: Ironstone Farm's horse-and-rider drill team of 15 performed at the start of the Andover nonprofit's free Breakfast with Santa event for volunteers, clients and their families. RIGHT: Nancy Greeley of Andover and her granddaughter, Faith Lee of North Andover, pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Ironstone Farm's recent Breakfast with Santa.



motion of a horse, which mimics the walking motion of a person and works multiple muscle groups at once. The inviting atmosphere of

a farm improves social interactions and makes therapy a "want to" event rather than a "have to" session, said Neil Fater of Challenge Unlimited.

Additional programs at Ironstone Farm benefit people living with cancer, veterans returning with post-traumatic stress

disorder, elders with memory issues, teens at risk and others. Clients come to Ironstone Farm from more than 90 communities in the

Merrimack Valley, Greater Boston and Southern New Hampshire areas. More than 200 people each week volunteer their time.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

Here's what's in store for young people at the library at 2 North Main St.:

Enjoy Friday Morning Music with Peter Sheridan

Children's musician, Peter Sheridan will visit Memorial Hall Library on Fridays, Jan. 6 and 20, at 10 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

Sheridan has performed at libraries, daycare centers and schools for more than 20 years. His shows include guitar, accordion, harmonica and a variety of other instruments, along with puppets and books. He has also been a featured children's performer at First Night celebrations in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for the past six years.

Sheridan's musical programs

are sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Registration is required. Go to www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to sign up.

New Family Book Club at MHL

Families, with children ages 5 and up, that like to read, cook, eat or talk may want to check out the library's newest offering, the Family Book Club.

Each month, the group will read a book with an emphasis on diversity and exploring other cultures. After reading the book, families will be encouraged to cook and eat a meal related to the country or culture represented in the book, then gather at the library on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. for a book discussion and dessert.

The first book, "The Greatest Power" by Demi, is set in China.

Reserve and read the book and register the name of each person who will attend at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. If there are food allergies or suggested dessert alternatives, email Beth Kerrigan at bkerrigan@mhl.org.

Other events in the Children's Room:

Pajama Party, Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31, 6:30 p.m. These 45-minute sessions includes bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, as well as a short film. Designed for ages 3 to 5 and an adult. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Kids Create: Tea Light Snowmen, Thursday, Jan. 12, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children in grades three to five are invited to stop in to make tea light snowmen.

Register online.

Thinking Thursday, Jan. 19, 3:45 p.m. Participants, ages 5 to 8, will share a story, do some simple experiments, and make a craft. Online registration is requested.

Legomania, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m. This program is for children ages 5 and up who love to build with LEGOs. Each child will build on their own base, and then share their creation with the group before putting it on display in the Children's Room. Register online for this program.

Cookies and Book-ies, Monday, Jan. 23, 3:45 p.m. Celebrate the Chinese New Year by reading and discussing "The Runaway Wok" by Ying Chang Compestine, and sharing cookies. For ages 5 to 8. Participants are

asked to read the book before the program. Space is limited. Register the name of each attendee, adult and child, online beginning Jan. 9.

Game Day with Junior Friends, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 3:45 p.m. Ages 6 and up are invited to play board games. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Kids Make: Icy Orbs, Thursday, Jan. 26, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Kids in grades three to five will make icy orbs. Participants will find out what happens when salt is added to ice and use food coloring to make a sculpture. Online registration is requested.

Petits Français, Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m. Children will develop their oral comprehension and speaking skills of the French language through songs,

movement and a simple story. This program is for infants to age 4. Pick up a token in the Children's Room on the day of the program, beginning at 10:30 a.m., as space is limited. Adults and children need tokens.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. This story time targets dads and children ages 2 to 5 (although all are welcome). Take part in stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, and then have some coffee, juice and doughnuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library; registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.



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Townspeople

HOBBY TURNS TO PASSION

Andover 8th-grader's blog about high-end cars getting noticed

By TARYN HERMAN
Townsmen correspondent

On one hand, Cameron Riley is your typical 14-year-old kid: an eighth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School working to make good grades, as well as become a good soccer player.

On the other hand, he is a high-end car enthusiast—something not so typical for kids his age—whose blog has been chosen as a promotional tool for the Boston Auto Show.

About two years ago, Riley became interested in cars he refers to as “not built for the masses, made with high-quality materials and precision engineering,” after stumbling on the TV show, “Top Gear.”

The show caught his attention, and eventually turned into his passion for the vehicles.

“After that show, I started researching more on high-end cars. I started attending local events and talked with others who shared this passion,” Riley said.

One of those events was Herb Chambers Cars and Coffee last summer.

“Other (enthusiasts) bring in high-end cars to share and the dealership provides donuts and coffee,” Riley said of the summer events, held at multiple Herb Chambers Dealerships throughout New England.

He soon caught on that these opportunities to meet like-minded people and see the pristine cars up close were a prime market for networking, and an important part of the luxury car circle.

He created a blog and an Instagram account, which soon took off.

With almost 1,000 views on his blog and 800 Instagram

HOW TO WIN CAR SHOW TICKETS:

- Take a picture of a high-end car.
- Send photos to thegreatestcars@gmail.com.
- Riley will judge the photos based on quality, composition and the car itself.
- The top three photos will have a blog entry on Riley's page, and the top photo will go on his Instagram.
- The top 5 winners will get two free tickets to the Boston Auto Show on Jan. 12.
- Also see Riley's blog: www.thegreatestcars.wix.com/cars

followers, Riley's goal is to “grow (his) following to be recognized in the car community, and to be recognized as a credible reviewer as a car enthusiast.”

His hard work has paid off. After attending last year's Boston Auto Show with whispers of the possibility of obtaining a press pass to the event, Riley was proactive this year.

He did obtain a press pass for the 2017 show, and he coordinated to get an additional 10 tickets.

“The auto show contact suggested the idea of a competition, to help promote their show and (his) blog,” Riley said.

Following the suggestion, Riley launched a contest in which people enter their best car-related photos, which he will judge and then award tickets to the winners. (See box for details.)

This led to Riley developing a personal blog, www.thegreatestcars.wix.com/cars, and Instagram account, www.instagram.com/thegreatestcars, specifically for lovers of luxury cars.



This Ferrari 488 was photographed by 8th-grader Cameron Riley in Paris.

Photos by Cameron Riley



The Lamborghini Aventador SV was photographed by Riley in London.



Riley took a picture of this yellow Lamborghini Huracan in Cambridge, England.

Christian men's Christmas Eve breakfast

Merrimack Valley organization holds 32nd event in Andover

ANDOVER – The 32nd annual Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast was a huge success at the Andover Country Club this past Saturday.

The annual breakfast celebrated by Christian men of all ages has been a vehicle to harness the collective goodwill of this group to help Neighbors in Need. This year, the program was in dire need of baby formula—especially Enfamil with iron, yellow label—and diapers sizes 4,5, and 6. And members came through.

A van parked out in front of the Andover Country Club Saturday was filled during the event with needed items and donations.

Stephen Measmer, of Billerica, helped stack the donation pile in the back of a van brought in specifically for Neighbors in Need during the Christmas eve breakfast.

Brad Heim, executive vice president of the Service Club of Andover welcomed all to the 32nd annual breakfast.



Stephen Measmer, of Billerica, adds to the donation pile in the back of a van brought in for Neighbors in Need during the 32nd annual Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast. The breakfast was held at the Andover Country Club.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Eric Lindahl, left, Worship Pastor at West Congregational Church in Haverhill and Rev. Lyndon Myers of Andover Baptist Church sing along with the men of Andover Baptist Church during the 32nd annual Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast.



Matt Adams, 18, of Andover, left, his brother Michael, 20, and their dad Jim Adams are served breakfast during the 32nd annual Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast at Andover Country Club.

This lullaby is a winner for Andover artist

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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A well known Andover artist was at it again this holiday season as her Festival of Trees entry earned a first place award in the "best use of theme" category.

Artist Brenda Afshin, who has an art studio in the Everett Mills in Lawrence, has now won seven awards at the Festival of Trees event held every Christmas season in Methuen. This year's entry was entitled "Enchanted Lullaby."

"My Everett Mills Building Manager, Tom Brown, has been asking for a couple of years now, that I create a tree 'rocking a baby.' A rather obscure concept, it took me some time to come up with a believable approach," Afshin said.

She focused on fairies and the story line "have you ever wondered when fairies are born if they are rocked by the trees, and fancied by the birds?" This year's tree theme was launched and Afshin got to work developing the idea.

"Tom and I reconstructed the tree to have branches as arms rocking a life size fairy baby, in a grapevine nest attended by birds flying in with items like a baby sock, a glittery necklace, a gilded pacifier. I then created large eyes for the tree, which were animated with randomly blinking lids, and lashes made of greens, which disappeared into the tree when the eyes were closed. It was very effective.

"The color palate was of vivid oranges and blues, which caused an original look with a calm glow. Beneath the tree were multiple realistic looking, handmade mushrooms, about snow and moss. The topper was a glowing full moon,



TOP: Artist Brenda Afshin's award-winning entry in this year's Festival of Trees in Methuen. BOTTOM LEFT: Brenda poses with her entry, 'Enchanted Lullaby,' and her trophy for best-themed tree. BOTTOM RIGHT: Brenda Afshin, who has won seven awards in previous years, poses with this year's entry.

with fairy silhouettes, spiral- in an email. ing around it, and up to the sky," She never gets tired of taking a unique tree that always seems to part in the event as coming up with creative and artistic ideas for her.

with creative and artistic ideas for her. "This is a passion of mine," she said.

Warm up to winter with BoomerVenture

BoomerVenture has a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of the broadest possible range of Andover's 50-plus residents. Here are some of the offerings in store for the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

Special Interest

Get Your Ducks in a Row: Mondays, Jan. 12, 19 and Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m. Join Karol Bisbee, Elder Law

Attorney and RN, for this essential, thought-provoking series on preparing for the second half of life. Topics will include "Demystifying Estate Planning" on Jan. 12; "Asset Protection: Trusts and Real Estate" on Jan. 19; and "Planning with Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance and Retirement" on Feb. 2; free with registration.

Community Drum Circle: Thursday, Jan. 26, 7 to 8 p.m. Drum in the

New Year and shake off those winter blues with Monique Morimoto of SoulWorks-Rhythm. A variety of percussion instruments will be available to use, including West African and Japanese drums. Prior experience is not necessary; \$7.

Films

Screening Room: Award-winning, independent films are shown every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Seating and snacks start at 6 p.m.

Exercise and Wellness

Energize with Exercise: Thursdays, Jan. 12 through Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. Join Denise Boucher, instructor, for a fun aerobics and weight training workout. A meditative cool down ends the hour; \$27.50.

Dance Fitness: Thursdays through Feb. 9, 3:30 to 4:20 p.m.

This fun and easy-to-follow cardio-dance class mixes it up with musical genres. Offers upper body strengthening without the floor work. Dance experience is not necessary; \$55.

Belly Dancing: Thursdays through Feb. 9, 6 p.m. Learn basic moves from fast and fiery to slow and smooth set to a fantastic mix of world music. Improve flexibility and

self-confidence while having fun. Suitable for women of all body types and fitness levels; \$65.

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Sports

CHRISTMAS CHAMPS

Girls basketball takes dramatic Commonwealth Motors championship

By KYLE GAUDETTE
Staff Writer



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TOP LEFT: With 0:24 left in a tie game, Andover's Gia Bramanti makes the basket and fouls. She hit that free throw and two more for the winning points in the Golden Warriors' victory over Bishop Guertin. BOTTOM LEFT: Andover's Gia Bramanti celebrates after making a go-ahead basket with second left in the Commonwealth Christmas Classic. RIGHT: From left, tournament director Rick Napolitano and Andover seniors Alyssa Casey, Madison Kefferstan, Siobhan Kindlan, Jillian Webber and Allison Gilkie accept the champions plaque after the Golden Warriors defeated Bishop Guertin to win the Commonwealth Christmas Classic Basketball Tournament.

NORTH ANDOVER — As her team jumped and hugged each other at center court when the final buzzer went off, Alyssa Casey fell to her knees in joy.

When Andover's celebration realized it was short one, the Warriors ran back over to the bench to hug their senior co-captain, who was so overcome with emotion she had trouble even speaking.

Injured all of last season, Casey found herself once again a spectator with two minutes left in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic championship after fouling out of the game. But from her seat, Casey watched her team step up in stunning fashion.

With just three seconds left in the game, sophomore Gia Bramanti drove to the basket, was fouled and hit the go-ahead free throws that Andover a 45-43 victory over New Hampshire foe Bishop Guertin and the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic title on Friday.

"I was like 'I'm driving this through that girl,'" said a smiling Bramanti. "We needed someone to step up and I felt like coach and the team were depending on me."

That set off an enormous celebration.

"It was just a whole lot of emotions that overcame me," said Casey. "It's my senior year and it just couldn't have gotten any better in that moment."

With Casey out, Bramanti took the game on her shoulders. With 24.7 seconds left in regulation, 3-point marksman Bramanti drove to the hoop and scored a basket and hit the ensuing free throw to give Andover the lead. BG tied it up, setting up more Bramanti heroics.

"I can't say enough about my teammates," said Casey. "I'm so proud of everybody who stepped up tonight. They truly were everything that I couldn't be tonight and were just so incredible. Every one of them."

Hoops for Hope champions — check.

Fall Ball champions — Check.

And now the Christmas Tournament, completing the 2016 trifecta before the calendar changes and everyone starts their run for the playoffs.

"In our locker room we literally have checklist set up for us," said Casey. "We had Hoops for Hope, fall ball league, Christmas Tournament, MVC's and state championship. And we are checking them all off one by one."

Casey finished with 11 points, but was forced to leave with Andover down 39-34. And her teammates were there to pick up the slack.

From Taylor Landry and Aislinn McMahon hitting clutch 3-pointers down the stretch, to Caroline McDonald and Shea Krekorian grabbing what seemed like every rebound in crunch time, to Bramanti getting the and-1 to put the Warriors up 43-40, Andover made every play it needed to when it mattered.

Bramanti, who finished with 11 points, followed in the Christmas Tournament tradition of her brother, former Andover boys great Joe. The older Bramanti was the tournament MVP in 2010, and is No. 9 on the all-time boys scoring list with 174 points.

"I didn't hear anything in the crowd on those final free throws," said Bramanti. "It was just going back to my roots where my brother was in those situations when he was in the Christmas tournament. You just got to cancel that noise out and work hard through it."

Perhaps the biggest surprise for Andover was the play of junior Caroline McDonald, who was forced into the starting rotation due to injuries during the semifinal game against North Andover, and delivered Friday with 11 huge points and 10 rebounds.

"It was the best game of her career," said Andover coach E.J. Perry III. "Caroline was outstanding tonight."

Asked what got into her, she gave a simple answer.

"We had to win this for our seniors," said McDonald. "Our seniors mean everything to us on this team. It was really important that we pulled this through, and it's an amazing feeling to have done it."

Andover 45, Bishop Guertin 43

Andover (45): Shea Krekorian 0-0-0, Taylor Landry 2-3-8, Caroline McDonald 5-1-11, Alyssa Casey 3-5-11, Gia Bramanti 3-5-11, Megan Zalanskas 0-0-0, Aislinn McMahon 1-1-4, Allison Gilkie 0-0-0, Alexa Pacy 0-0-0, Brooke Hardock 0-0-0. Totals: 14-15-45
Bishop Guertin (43): Caroline Hoffer 2-0-4, Meghan Donovan 3-3-9, Abbi Field 0-0-0, Molly Dee 2-4-8, Meghan Cram 1-4-6, Erin Carney 2-1-5, Addison Smith 2-1-6, Rachel Marion 0-1-1, Meagan Morelli 2-0-4, Aria O'Connell 0-0-0, Elizabeth Croke 0-0-0. Totals: 14-14-43
3-pointers: A — Landry, McMahon; BG — Smith
Bishop Guertin (5-2): 9 15 6 13 — 43
Andover (5-1): 9 7 13 16 — 45

Local roundup

Boys hockey keeps rolling, dominates Waltham

BOYS HOCKEY

Mike Reilly scored a pair of goals and Caeden Dillman scored one goal and assisted on two others as Andover rolled over Waltham 5-0 on Saturday to improve to 4-2 for the season.

Matthew Schuhwerk and Brendan Croston each added a goal and an assist and Patrick Hughes had two helpers.

Zach Laramie made 15 saves for the shutout.

"I thought it was a good game. We set the pace for the game early, we played fast, we played physical," said Andover High coach Chris Kuchar. "We knew that they were tired. They were playing (the second of) back-to-back games. Their goalie played outstanding and did a good job keeping them in the game."

"We got some depth in the game. We rolled out four lines, and that was a good thing. That kept them in their end an awful lot. It was just a good team win."

GIRLS HOCKEY

D'Urso dominates

Behind 26 saves for Sean D'Urso, Andover played Haverhill/Pentucket/North Andover to a 1-1 tie last Wednesday. HPNA entered the game 5-0-0 on the season.

Katie Adams scored Andover's goal, a first period tally, assisted by Callie Willie.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Casey rules semifinal

Dealing with the absence of two starters, Andover was still able to take care of business in the Commonwealth Motors semifinal, beating rival North Andover 51-44 last Wednesday.

Alyssa Casey once again led the Golden Warriors with 25 points, while Taylor Landry chipped in with 10 for the winners.

Perry IV, boys hoops dazzles in semifinal, but fall in Christmas Tourney final

By MAC CERULLO
AND HECTOR LONGO

METHUEN — Andover jumped out to a quick lead after a quarter, but could not hold on and fell to archrival Central Catholic 73-56 in the Commonwealth Motors boys Christmas Classic championship.

That after a thrilling Golden Warrior victory in the tournament's semifinals.

Classic semifinal

His senior basketball season abbreviated to a precious nine games by his commitment to Boston College football, E.J. Perry simply wasn't about to allow one to be relegated a "consolation" game.

Perry IV tossed in a game-high 29 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, including the last in heavy traffic with five seconds to play, powering the Warriors to a spot in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic title game with a dramatic 66-63 win over top-seeded Methuen before about 1,000 fans last Wednesday.

"(My desperation level) is at about a million right now," said Perry, who hit 10 of 22 shots from the field and both free throws in the final seconds. "I mean only nine games to play the season, I'm definitely feeling it."

On that night, Methuen just wouldn't go away.

Perry drained a long trey to start the third, but Ranger Kevin Fernandez (team-high 22 points) poured in a long one on top of it, just in case the Warriors had thought about easing off the gas pedal.

They never did, and the two heavyweights traded haymakers the rest of the way.

EJ's second triple in the fourth made it 56-49 Andover at 5:25, but a Fernandez/Uriel Cirineo counter of back-to-back threes knotted things at 58 apiece.

From there, it became a free-throw contest, and Andover

was just a notch better.

Down 63-62 with 34 seconds left, Andover captain Brandon Witten calmly sank a pair, his 11th and 12th points of the night.

The Rangers had a couple shots at it late, but when Perry skied for a rebound and was hacked with 5 seconds left, it was all but over.

"Methuen's got so many good players on that team, that's a great win for us," said Perry. "Look around, it was a terrific team effort. I mean, we had nine guys playing real, important minutes out here tonight. And the sophomores (Michael Makiej and Emmett Kim) have really made great contributions the last two games. They bring a different kind of energy, and you can see what it does for us."

Title disappointment

Andover led 18-13 after the first quarter and trailed just 33-29 at halftime. But after that, Central just kept its foot on the gas, and eventually Andover simply couldn't keep up.

Andover's last gasp came with about 6:30 left in the fourth quarter, when E.J. Perry IV (16 points) knocked down a three and Brandon Witten followed that with a steal and a basket to cut the deficit to 54-47.

But that's as close as the Warriors got.

With his 16 points, Perry IV finished his career with 173 points in the Christmas Tourney, which is tied for 10th all-time with Central's Mike Dunn, and one point behind former fellow Andover great Joe Bramanti. Perry is also the 11th ever three-time All-Tourney selection, and the first since Tyler Nelson of Central between 2011-13.

That also wrapped up Perry IV's Andover High athletic career. He enrolled as a student at Boston College to pursue football at the start of the new year.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's E.J. Perry IV gave it all he could, but the Golden Warriors fell to archrival Central Catholic in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic final.

Also making noise for the Golden Warriors was bigman Max Beati, who set one of the most impactful screens you'll ever see in the first quarter of the final.

The 6-8 senior center planted himself near the mid-court line as Central Catholic was bringing the ball up, and one unfortunate Raider wasn't looking and got leveled when he ran into Beati.

Andover 66, Methuen 63

Christmas Tourney Semifinals
Andover (66): Cedric Gillette 3 0-0-7, Max Beati 2 0-1-4, Tim Kalantzakos 3 0-0-6, Emmett Kim 3 1-2-8, Brandon Witten 4 3-4-12, E.J. Perry IV 10 4-4-29, Totals 25 8-11-66
Methuen (63): Andrew Marcelino 3 2-2-8, Uriel Cirineo 5 0-0-11, Kevin Fernandez 6 7-10-22, Dante Rivera 2 0-0-6, Doriel Guerrero 1 0-0-3, Evan Hardy 4 2-2-13. Totals: 21 11-14-63
3-pointers: A — Gillette, Kim, Witten, Perry IV 5; M — Cirineo, Fernandez 3, Rivera 2, Hardy 3, Guerrero
Andover (3-1): 19 17 13 17 — 66
Methuen (3-1): 12 17 17 17 — 63

Central Catholic 73, Andover 56

Commonwealth Classic Championship
Andover (56): Tim Kalantzakos 2 0-0-6, Cedric Gillette 2 0-0-4, Brandon Witten 3 4-4-12, E.J. Perry IV 5 3-5-16, Max Beati 4 1-2-9, Michael Makiej 0 0-2-0, Emmett Kim 2 2-2-6, Evan Christopoulos 0 2-2-2, Ryan Puglisi 0 0-0-0, Tommy Comparato 0 0-0-0, Travis Traub 0 1-2-1, Kevin LaBrie 0 0-2-0. Totals: 18 13-21-56
Central Catholic (73): Bret Edwards 1 2-2-5, Dom Keegan 6 2-2-19, Colin Bradanese 9 0-0-18, Victor Mvuarah 3 2-5-10, Sam Lara 6 2-4-14, George Smith 1 0-1-2, Matt Downer 0 0-0-0, Kevin Constant 1 1-2-3, Andy Kalala 0 0-0-0, Manny Sanchez 1 0-0-2, Jalen Aquino 0 0-2-0, Almando Marinex 0 0-0-0. Totals: 28 9-18-73
3-pointers: A — Perry 3, Kalantzakos 2, Witten 2; CC — Keegan 5, Mvuarah 2, Edwards
Central Catholic (4-0): 13 20 21 19 — 73
Andover (3-2): 18 11 12 15 — 56

Winter solstice celebrated with myth and mirth

Shawsheen River Watershed Association hosts ceremony at Serio's Grove

By ALEX GUITTARR
Townsmen Correspondent

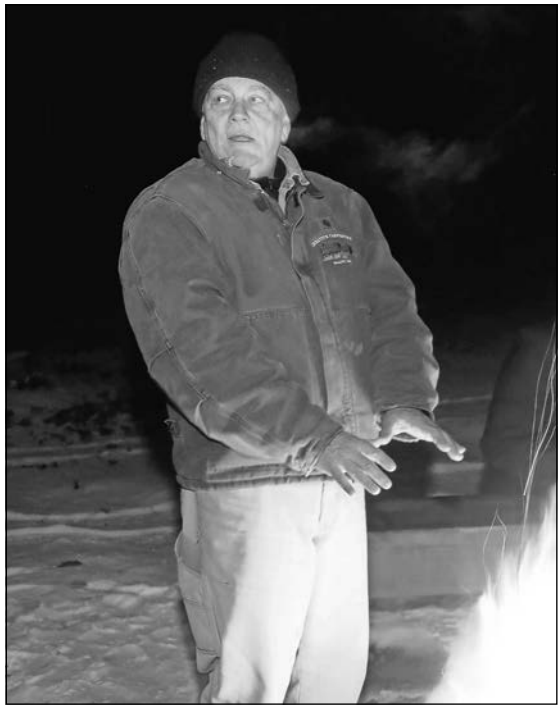
With the winter having officially started, the Shawsheen River Watershed Association has a special way of celebrating the Winter Solstice and the oncoming march toward spring and summer.

Since 2010, the SRWA, a local, non-profit organization devoted to protecting, restoring and enjoying the Shawsheen River and its environment, holds a ceremony in the Serio's Grove campsite to commemorate the Winter Solstice in a variety of ways, while also drawing attention to the river they hold so dearly, which happens to be located right next to the aforementioned campsite.

Founder and former president of the SRWA Bob Rauseo spoke about what motivated him to start this annual ceremony.

"The SRWA was always looking for ideas to get folks outdoors," he said. "There aren't as many opportunities in the winter, and it just so happened that the exact moment of solstice fell one year at 7:10 p.m. local time. Bob Decelle and I decided to start the tradition of celebrating solstices and equinoxes at various locations around the watershed. We set something up on very short notice, about 20 people showed up, and a new tradition was started."

For this year's event, participants first walked down a lantern-lit trail to the campsite on the starry, frigid night, eventually coming across a fire pit and campsite where dozens of members of the association could be found, including current SRWA President Justin Damon and several wardens of the Trustees of the Reservation, another



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Conservation volunteer Robert Decelle warms his hands by the blazing fire; Bob Rauseo of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association reads a winter solstice poem; Sharon Lapham of the Watershed Association unfurls the Oak King Banner that she made; Bob Rauseo talks about astronomy.

Courtesy photos

non-profit organization dedicated to preserving natural and historical locations across Massachusetts.

Once the event officially began, Rauseo took the stage and gave a brief historical explanation of the Solstice, delving into subjects such as how older civilizations focused more on the stars during the winter season for entertainment (and how air pollution has made it more difficult to make stars out), how important the sun was to

these older cultures and how the solstice effected people the world over, as evidenced by the fact that countries all over the world had their own legends and ceremonies pertaining to the solstice.

Several poems were also read by members of the SRWA for the event, such as Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost and Susan Cooper's The Shortest Day.

Following this, SRWA board member Sharon

Lapham showcased a set of banners based around Norse mythology, one connected to the Holly King and one to the Oak King.

According to myth, the two kings, each of whom represents one half of the year, battle at the Summer and Winter Solstice and one takes control from the other for the next six months. To commemorate this, the Holly King's banner was swapped out for the Oak King's banner, symbolizing the Holly King's

defeat at the hands of the Oak King.

Finally, to cap off the event, Rauseo explained that because of how little time the sun is out this time of year, older cultures believed that the sun was "falling asleep."

Thus, they would also have their own ceremonies as a way of "waking up the sun."

Rauseo would recreate this ritual by leading the group in singing "Deck the Halls" before ringing jingle

bells and shouting "Welcome Yule!" thus ending the ceremony.

Afterwards, food and beverages were brought out, as well as a birthday cake for Damon and a projector to showcase a video package about the river and the SRWA created by member Marlies Henderson.

If you are interested in learning more about the SRWA or attending one of their future events, check out: www.shawsheenriver.net/.

Consumer groups criticize deal on auto recalls

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON - Consumer advocates are blasting an agreement between regulators and used-car dealerships over auto recall disclosures, saying the deal endangers public safety.

Recently the Federal Trade Commission reached agreements with CarMax, the largest U.S. used-car dealer with more than 140 locations, including four in Massachusetts; Atlanta-based Asbury Automotive Group Inc.; and West-Herr Automotive Group in New York.

Under proposed consent orders, the dealers cannot claim that used vehicles are safe unless recall repairs have been made or open recalls are disclosed to buyers. They also must notify customers that cars bought as far back as 2013 may be subject to recalls.

The settlement did not impose fines or sanctions on the dealers. The commission also reached agreements in similar cases with General Motors Co. and two other retailers, Jim Koons Management in the mid-Atlantic and Lithia Motors Inc. in Oregon.

In a statement, the Federal Trade Commission said some in the industry "touted how rigorously they inspect their used cars yet failed to adequately disclose that some of the cars were subject to un-repaired safety recalls."

Consumer advocates say the deal is a giveaway to the used-car industry because it allows companies to disclose that cars "may" be subject to recalls without actually repairing them.

"The bottom-line here is that the result will be more consumers buying unsafe cars, putting the lives of not just themselves but everyone who shares the roadways in danger," said Deirdre Cummings, legislative director at Massachusetts Public Interest

Research Group.

"Consumers rightly have the expectation that when shopping at any car dealership they will be sold a safe car, and at the very least, they certainly would not expect that any car for sale would still be under a safety recall," she said.

But some in the used-car business say the recall systems is flawed, and rules such as last week's consent order unfairly keep them from selling cars that are safe to drive.

Not all recalls issued by manufacturers and the government are safety-related, said Robert O'Koniewski, executive vice president of the Massachusetts State Automobile Dealers Association.

"It could be a page in the owner's manual that needs to be changed or something wrong with the cup holders in a vehicle console," he said.

Federal law prohibits auto dealers from selling new cars that are under recall, he said, but there are no such requirements for used vehicles.

In Massachusetts, the state's "lemon law" requires dealers to disclose recalls on used cars -- as well as any other information that could affect the sale, such as a dent that needs repairing -- but it doesn't require them to fix the problems.

National consumer groups say they plan to sue the government to block last week's agreement. Rosemary Shahan, president of Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, a Sacramento, California-based advocacy group, called the deal "tragic" and "reckless."

Sen. Ed Markey, who with other lawmakers has pushed for stricter limits on the industry, said it "makes it easier for dangerous cars to remain on the road."

"Instead of ensuring safe cars for consumers, the FTC is ensuring safe harbor for used car dealers who provide false and deceptive assurances," Markey said in a statement.

Advocates press lawmakers to fight Baker's budget cuts

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
CNHI State Reporter

BOSTON - Advocates for the homeless, substance abuse treatment, environmental protection and tourism are calling on lawmakers to reverse Gov. Charlie Baker's mid-year budget cuts, saying the cost-trimming will hurt the state's most vulnerable residents and hobble economic growth.

Baker said the cuts, announced Dec. 9, are necessary to offset a \$98 million shortfall in the \$39.2 billion budget caused by sluggish tax collections. Most cuts -- about \$53 million worth -- target legislative earmarks for local projects and programs.

"The revenue isn't there to support the level of funding and spending that the Legislature appropriated," Baker told reporters recently, responding to Democrats' complaints. "We did everything we could to protect and preserve existing programs."

But advocates say his cuts will mean fewer beds in homeless shelters, less money for communities to battle opioid addiction, and smaller healthcare programs for people with low incomes.

"When shelter beds aren't available, it has dire consequences," said Kelly Turley, director of legislative advocacy at the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, which saw about \$6 million in cuts to programs. "We really need all the funding and resources we can get."

Democratic lawmakers, who've accused Baker of using cuts to advance his agenda, are vowing to restore funding for many of the agencies that are losing funds.

Rep. Brian Dempsey,

D-Haverhill, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he believes many of Baker's cuts were premature, but he said legislative leaders need to monitor the state's collections for the next few months before taking up a supplemental budget.

"If revenues exceed projections for the next few months, we'll be in a position where we can consider restoring some of the cuts," he said. "It's going to be a balancing act."

Elizabeth Saunders, state director for the environmental nonprofit Clean Water Action, decries more than \$9 million in cuts to environmental agencies, saying it will slow efforts to preserve parks and protect waterways and wetlands.

"It's unreasonable and irresponsible," she said. "The governor is slashing funding at a time when the state's environmental protection agencies are already understaffed and underfunded."

The cuts, which don't require the approval of lawmakers, included \$7.6 million from the state's tourism office, \$6.5 million from State Police and \$5.3 million from parks and recreation.

Healthcare advocates criticized Baker for cutting funds for MassHealth programs and signing off on a \$917,000 cut to HIV/AIDS prevention work.

Ann Marie Casey, executive director of the North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, one of 16 regional tourism bureaus, called cuts to the tourism

budget "disappointing."

"Tourism is an investment, and if we don't spend money on marketing to attract people to the state, they'll just go somewhere else to spend their tax dollars. And that's going to impact the state's economy," she said.

The tourism cuts jeopardize about half of the \$350,000 the North of Boston bureau received this year to advertise on television, radio, online and in print. It also gets money from membership dues, which average \$200 a year, and other sources.

Geoff Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, noted that despite the impact on local projects, Baker's cuts didn't touch aid to local governments.

"Unlike previous administrations, the governor understands that reductions in municipal and school aid have a negative impact on cities and towns," he said. "But there will certainly be impacts on local governments from Baker's cuts to earmarks and local initiatives."

The Baker administration has taken other steps to find savings, such as offering a voluntary buy-out incentive to public employees.

Among cuts to environmental earmarks, he axed \$50,000 for a program to protect clams from invasive green crabs on the North Shore; \$350,000 to eradicate invasive plant species on the coast; and \$75,000 for a water treatment study in Peabody.

An earmark that provided \$250,000 for monitoring and maintenance at the Crow Lane landfill in Newburyport was also axed.

Cuts to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services included \$55,000 for a new opiate diversion pilot program in Gloucester; \$20,000 for the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project; and \$50,000 for the Lawrence Psychological Center.

He also eliminated \$630,000 for the health department's "stop strokes" program.

In June, Baker vetoed \$265 million in legislative spending, but the Democratic-controlled Legislature restored \$231 million worth of cuts. The state Democratic Party waded into the debate, citing reports that mid-December revenue collections are \$39 million over benchmarks.

Party Chairman Gus Bickford called on Baker to "share a list of budget cuts he plans to restore, starting with funding to combat the opioid crisis and to promote tourism."

"Baker cannot continue to use revenue projections as a false pretense to cut critical programs he does not agree with and advance his own policies over those of the Legislature," Bickford said.

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TOWNHOMES/CONDOS Gloucester - Single-level two-bedroom condo ground level with open concept in mid-rise building in quaint Magnolia Village! Has many amenities to include parking, storage, elevator, wall AC, laundry and private patio. Nestled in the heart of the village with its shops and restaurants, this unit has easy access to Rte 127, MBTA and downtown Gloucester. Magnolia Beach nearby! \$175,000.

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APARTMENTS ANDOVER - Chestnut St. Charming 3 room 1 bedroom. Residential area, hardwood floors. Freshly painted. Parking. \$975. 978-475-2539

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GROVELAND, MA - 2 bedroom includes heat & hot water, hardwood, storage, deck, parking, new pool. Pets considered Starting at \$1425/mo. 978-891-3153

HAVERTHILL - 1 Bedroom, 2nd Floor. Heat & Hot Water and trash removal included. \$960/mo. No dogs. Call 978-375-7674

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SALISBURY SQUARE - 2 bedroom apartments 1st, last, security. No pets. \$900 mo. plus utilities. Call 603-760-2503

COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS Beverly - Highly visible corner-lot landmark building in Beverly's business district on highly travelled Route 1A. Prominent circa 1905 brick building, renowned as Beverly's Firehouse 2, possessing character, spacious interior with moveable walls for open concept or office-conference rooms, ample off and side street parking, patio, two zone central air, gas heat, central vac, storage, full bath and a rear exit for loading. Owners cover taxes, insurance, water-sewer and building maintenance. First month and security required. First floor of 928 square feet without second floor is offered at \$2,100/month. Refer to MLS # 72087314

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ROOM FOR RENT A CLEAN quiet, safe bldg next to YMCA, YMCA, City Hall. Lowest rents. Near public trans. 4 hr move-in. Lawrence, 978-975-5103

LAWRENCE, MA best rooming house 59 Tremont 978-689-8924, 362 Essex 978-682-9078 Saba Re 978-687-8706

LAWRENCE, MA - Furnished room starting at \$120/wk. Druggery For details, 978-794-3039

SALISBURY BEACH: 40 Brissette Ave \$200/wk, 1 bedroom, Private bath, kitchenette, cable, parking, No pets Call Todd (603) 382-1669; 603-234-1458

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TOWNHOMES/CONDOS Gloucester - Year-Round Two-Bedroom Condominium Rental with Heat and Hot Water Included! Single-level condominium located on ground level of landmark mid-rise building in Magnolia Village! Amenities include parking, storage, elevator, wall AC, laundry, private patio and open concept. Nestled in the heart of the village with its shops and restaurants, with easy access to Rte 127, MBTA, Stage Fort Park and downtown Gloucester. Magnolia Beach nearby! No Pets. First and Last months rent. Security deposit waived. No fee application required with minimum credit score of 675 for entry, \$1,375/mo

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VACATION RENTALS First Run Vero Beach, Vista Plantation: 55+, NO pets. Heated Pools, Tennis, Fishing! Golf Course w/lake views! CALL TODAY! 2 Bedrooms Furnish-washer/dryer, covered parking, \$1800-\$2100/month. 60-Day minimum. CALL VISTA PLANTATION REALTY, LLC 772-562-6300/562-8583 NECAN

ROOMMATES BEVERLY: Female prof. seeks mate to share house, bedroom comes unfurn., some storage available, parking in house laundry, yard, covered porch near commuters center 1st & last required Avail. Now \$675 + 1/3 utils. Paula (978) 590-7120

BRADFORD, FURNISHED HOME, off 495 & 125. \$600/mo. includes utilities. No pets. 1st & last month. 978-857-8775.

FIRST RUN FEMALE looking for same to share 6 b n. No Andover home. Laundry. Newly painted 13x14 ft rm w/lrg closet. 2 sm dogs. Near train & hwy. \$750 half util 1st & sec 978-909-6396

HAVERTHILL: Mom with 6 yr. old seeks same to share Condo. You will have 2 bedrooms, and share bathroom, kitchen & laundry. All Utilities included. \$800/mo. Call (978) 914-5209

KINGSTON, NH - HOUSE TO SHARE Master bedroom with private bath; kitchen + dining room to share, with laundry facilities - \$525 /month. (603) 770-6684

ROOMMATE WANTED - Salem MA to share huge 3 bedroom apartment with 2 others. Includes parking, walk to town & train. \$650 mo plus utilities. Available Jan. 985-778-9834

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CARPARTS OF PLAISTOW, NH NOW HIRING: OUTSIDE SALES REP - FT - Experience in automotive industry preferred, but will train. WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATES - F/T. Must be dependable; high school diploma or GED required; various warehouse duties. PARTS DELIVERY DRIVER - P/T. Good driving record, valid license required. DRIVERS - Non CDL, 25-30 hrs./wk., 2nd shift, some heavy lifting required. Apply in person: 95A Plaistow Rd., (Rte 125 next to Planet Fitness)

CUSTODIAN Seeking a detail oriented individual for a full time opening involving afternoon/evening work. Responsibilities include maintaining cleanliness throughout the facility. Previous experience desired. Strem Chemicals is a growing, employee-owned company located in Newburyport, MA. Benefits include medical, 401K and profit sharing. E-mail resume to Jason@strem.com or apply within. EOE

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Chelmsford: 19 YR/old w/Vent Havertill: 16 YR w/GT and Seizures 20 YR/old w/GT Lynn: Young man w/Trach and Vent Marlborough: 19 YR/old with GT Medford: 24 YR/old with Trach Methuen: 15 YR/old w/Trach and Vent Woman with Trach and Vent N. Andover: Adult w/Trach and Vent N. Reading: Young male w/GT, Seizures Reading: Young female w/CP and Vent Salisbury: 14 YR/old w/GT/JT Westford: 7 YR/old with GT and seizures

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PURITAN LAWN Memorial Park Peabody MA - One to three plots. Water view. Accommodating 2 to 6. \$5150 each or \$14,700 for 3. Includes deed transfer. Call 978-857-6467

PURITAN LAWN Memorial Park. Peabody, MA. lot for 2 graves approx. 63 sq. ft. near lake. Section G # 1134. Retail for \$3900 asking \$3000. Will pay for deed transfer 978-590-8070

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Legals TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be convened on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlett Street, on three applications submitted by David Gardner for a 2-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan, a Special Permit for Earth Movement under Section 9.4.8 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw and a Special Permit for Watershed Protection Overlay District under Section 8.1 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw on property owned by Fifty-2 Brown Street Realty Trust, Richard Barisano, Trustee located at 52 Brown Street, more specifically identified as Assessors' Map 212, Lot 5. The applications may be examined in the Planning Department during normal business hours. THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Joan Duff, Chairman AT -1/5, 1/12/17

TOWN OF ANDOVER MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed Bids for furnishing the following will be received at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, Massachusetts 01810 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The time received will be stamped on each bid and for a consistency of time, the time stamp clock in the Purchasing office will be the determining time. This is No Security required on this Bid. The bidding and award of this contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 30B. Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town. Thomas P. Watkins Purchasing Agent AT - 1/5/17

ITEM IFB No. 023/01-17/185 Purchase of Various Air Filters, Andover, MA Bid Documents and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA, or on the Central Purchasing Department webpage located at www.andoverma.gov/bids.

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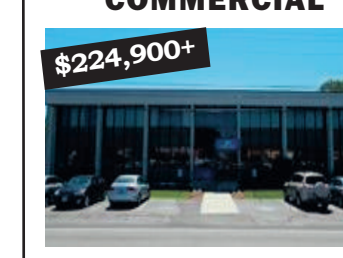
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Upcoming events at the library include:

Teen DIY Magic 8 Ball: Thursday, Jan. 5, 3 p.m.

Free Form Fridays: Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2:15 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Mondays, Jan. 9 and 23, 3 p.m.

Teen Snail Mail Club: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m.

Teen Movie Nights: Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31, 6 p.m.

Teen Emoji-Mania: Wednesday, Jan. 18, 3 p.m.

Teen Cupcake Wars: Wednesday, Jan. 25, 3 p.m.

Teen Magic the Gathering Tournament: Friday, Jan. 27, noon.

Teen Board Games: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 3 p.m.

All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main

St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Teens can also check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram @mhlteenroom.



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