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## 'Taking poetry to the streets'

### Newly appointed Poet Laureate of Andover has big plans

By JADEN BOUDLE  
Townsman correspondent



Linda Flaherty Haltmeier

A new year is often seen as a time of new beginnings. This new year marked the beginning of a new position in the town of Andover that will enrich the arts community: The first-ever Andover poet laureate has been named.

"We received many more applications than we had anticipated," said Leslie

Seaton Malis, co-chair of the Andover Poet Laureate Council, which worked in partnership with the Andover Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Andrew Flanagan to select the inaugural candidate. "We narrowed the pool

down to six semifinalists and interviewed each one. We were struck by the caliber of their work and diverse abilities, as well as their energy and enthusiasm. Clearly poetry is alive and thriving in Andover," she added.

After an intense selection process, Linda Flaherty Haltmeier was chosen for the position.

"Ms. Haltmeier was a natural choice," Malis said. "The quality of her work and her

vision for this newly created role was a perfect fit."

Haltmeier herself is quite excited for this new venture.

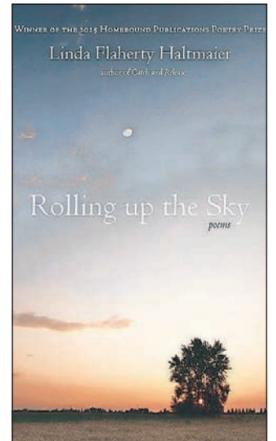
"I was elated when I heard the news. So often, I'm cloistered in my little world, r-a-t-a-t-t-a-t and scribbling in solitude. This will be a great opportunity to emerge from my writing cocoon and share my love for poetry," she said.

"I think that making poetry a part of the fabric of daily life is paramount. ... I want to

take poetry out of the ivory tower and into the streets. You shouldn't need a thesaurus or an advanced degree to appreciate a poem. There is poetry to meet people right where they are."

She was an easy pick for the council in filling the honorary, unpaid position. A Harvard University graduate who lives in Andover with her husband and daughter, Haltmeier is

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Haltmeier's book 'Rolling up the Sky.'



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The crowd gives a standing ovation to keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Emmett Price III during Andover Baptist Church's MLK Day celebration on Monday. For more photos from the event, see Page 9.

## MLK Day a chance to celebrate diversity

By RICHARD SNYDER  
Townsman correspondent

With the flags of no fewer than 15 countries draped from the upper balcony, Andover's Baptist Church was a fitting venue for today's celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The flags represented the nationalities of every church congregant, and on Monday an extraordinarily diverse group gathered to hear musical performances, prayer, as well as a Keynote Address from the Reverend Dr. Emmett Price, III.

The theme of this 10th annual Martin Luther King Day celebration and luncheon was "Building Comm-'Unity' - Using Teamwork to Make the Dreamwork," and those who took the stage built upon these ideas through speech and song. It was a celebration of Dr. King, but more importantly of his legacy and message,



Rev. Dr. Emmett Price III speaks as Patrice Russell, left, and church pastor Lyndon Myers, right, look on.

and its relevance within and without the walls of the Andover Baptist Church. Speaking to a crowd representing myriad races, religions and national origins, "We are the evidence,"

Pastor Lyndon A. Myers said, "of what he marched for."

Following a performance from The ABC Unity Choir & The Choral Majority, Cantor Idan Irelander and

Temple Emmanuel Abbas played a rendition of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah and the song Kol Ha'Olam Kulo, which translates from Hebrew to "The Whole

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## Schools don't 'fight' over SPED placements

### District responds to critics who say negotiations are 'unfair'

By GABRIELLA CRUZ  
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The school district is hitting back against criticism of its special education program, saying that negotiations leading to out-of-district placements for students are not unfair, but are the result of the district being cognizant of its responsibility to both taxpayers and the idea of a Free and Appropriate Education.

"We do not fight with

parents," Superintendent Sheldon Berman said, in response to recent stories in the Townsman saying parents involved in out-of-district settlement agreements are being treated unfairly.

In a sit-down interview with Townsman staff, School Committee Chairman Joel Blumstein, Berman, and Director of Student Services Sara Stetson shared their side of the settlement agreement story.

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## Acronym switch, as DCS becomes REC after 60 years

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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What's in a name? Sixty-plus years of being the town's go-to department for all things recreation for kids and adults is the history behind one town department that has changed its name this new year.

The town's Department of Community Services is now Andover Recreation. The department's name change was just announced

to coincide with the release of the 2017 Winter/Spring booklet, which arrived in mailboxes across town last week.

"The booklet has not changed. People will see the usual myriad of recreation and enrichment programs, events, and trips that are affordable and accessible to all," said Recreation and Business Manager Janice Wall. "Although our department name has changed to Andover Recreation (REC)

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## State to rule soon on herbicides in Field Pond

### Decision expected on how best to eradicate invasive aquatic plants

By JEANNIE SULLIVAN  
Townsman correspondent

After 3 months laboring through the difficult and wet task of hand-pulling plants from Field Pond, the fate of the pond's invasive plants lies in the hands of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

A volunteer effort, led by Andover residents Pat Keck and Michael Arthur, culminated in late November with a report submitted to the DCR summarizing the group's methods and findings as they worked through the fall to eradicate the milfoil and

fanwort which has choked Field Pond and rendered much of it unusable for recreation.

The DCR is expected to respond to the report within weeks, potentially bringing an end to a conflict that first surfaced early last spring over how to restore Field Pond and prevent it from being overtaken by invasive species of plants.

#### Timeline of events

In late May Conservation Commission members voted unanimously to approve the DCR's proposed use of the herbicides Sonar and Diquat

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This group of local residents is opposed to a DCR proposal to treat Field Pond with herbicides to kill invasive aquatic plants. Another group of residents, not shown here, supports using herbicides to clear the invasive plants.

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**MLK**

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World.” Denise Wynn, Andover Baptist Church’s Publicity chairwoman, then introduced the keynote speaker.

Price’s speech touched on a multitude of themes surrounding the role of the individual in the world community.

He spoke of the importance of personal responsibility as well as personal humility, and indeed he seemed to call on those listening to seek balance in their roles as citizens of the world. He discussed commonalities between Dr. King’s legacy and the personal narratives of everyone present, describing each individual as “an ordinary person with an extraordinary task,” with part of that task being learning to work as a team.

There is both “a challenge and a risk there,” he explained, because “if any one of us becomes too inflated ... then you realize that you’re not part of the team. You’re going to be above and beyond the team.” At the same time, he laid the challenge at his listeners’ feet in starkly individual terms, when he said each person was “being told actively to be a game changer in this society ... That’s why we’re here. We want to be challenged and charged to figure out what our role is.”

Echoing Pastor Myers’ words describing the Church’s congregation, a broadly diverse population coming together with a unity of purpose, as a sort of manifestation of Dr. King’s dream, Price suggested that in our perception of ourselves and our fellow human beings we might employ “a little corrective vision ... just ever so slightly change our lens.”

From the arrival of the human species on planet Earth, he said, “breathing the living breath, up through humanity to today, we have diversity that was a gift.” But diversity is not always treated that way, and in a reference to the current political climate he warned that “the moment you rob any individual of their dignity you have gone too far ... Regardless of how you look at or approach the political

*“ We don’t have to agree on everything. We don’t have to understand everything. But I’ll tell you what: the more I get to know you, the more I love you. ”*

Reverend Dr. Emmett Price, III.

season we have just come out of, the reality is that there was too much hate.”

Part of the solution, Price said, lies with each individual making an effort to get to know his and her neighbors, to listen and communicate with respect. It is respect that fosters understanding that builds a sense of community. “We don’t have to agree on everything. We don’t have to understand everything. But I’ll tell you what: the more I get to know you, the more I love you.” By contrast, “the less we get to know one another, the more it can super-inflate those things that are divisive.” If we take the time and make the effort, Dr. Price believes, “Our diversity can be a blessing again.”

Wrapping up his speech shortly before the day’s planned “soul-filling” luncheon, “Some of y’all like your collard greens steamed. Some of y’all like your collard greens with a little pork fat in there. No matter what your nuances and proclivities are, we are of the same. Dr. King came not just to save black folk, but to save all folk,” Price said to applause. Following Price’s remarks, Deacon John Morgan drove home the message, saying today was about “more than the dream, [also] the actualizing; making it work.”

Throughout the musical performances and the singing of hymns the word on everybody’s lips was “Hal-lelu-jah.” Noting that this word is a transliteration of a Hebrew word roughly translating to “praise God,” attendee Ivy Rabinowitz of Andover said, “We are all so much more alike than we are different.” If there is any one sentiment today’s hosts would have liked the participants to take away from the event, this was it.



File photo

Last fall, Dan Cooney and others used water rakes to dredge for invasive weeds growing in Field Pond. The Merrimack College senior was working on the project for an environmental studies class.

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to eradicate plants plaguing Field Pond. While several neighbors of Field Pond were pleased with the Commission’s decision, some neighbors and the 12 members of the Friends of Harold Parker State Forest board of directors were opposed to the herbicide treatment.

The head of the Friend’s group, Pat Keck, said that while the group’s initial opposition was a general reaction to the use of pesticides in pond, when they were asked to back up their opinions with facts they found a great deal of scientific evidence for why it wasn’t a good idea. Most notably, Keck said, “we discovered that these chemicals could affect private wells. In fact, the label one of the herbicides said it should not be used within a quarter-mile of any potable water intake.”

Frustrated that Field Pond was being “treated like a one-size fits all situation and [the Conservation Commission and DCR] are not really thinking about alternatives,” Keck and her partner Michael Arthur began

working with volunteers to find alternative ways to clear Field Pond.

They ultimately came to an agreement with the DCR that said they could run a trial experiment from August to early November to attempt to clear the pond of weeds by pulling them by hand. It was agreed that clearing 25 percent of the weeds by November would be a useful indicator of the feasibility of the hand-pulling method.

Keck and Arthur persisted and with a small cadre of volunteers, including a class of environmental studies students from Merrimack College, a few canoes and some lake rakes, they were successful in clearing about 1.25 of the pond’s 65 acres.

While this fell far short of their target 25 percent, Keck and Arthur said they are confident this exercise helped them to learn more efficient techniques to make future harvesting quicker and easier. They are confident that with time to recruit more volunteers, a better-scheduled and more-systematic approach, and working in concert with other alternative measures like using a suction harvester and opening the dam to draw down the pond,

Field Pond can be successfully cleared of all invasive species by the end of the 2018 growing season.

**Not convinced**

Some neighbors, however, are not so optimistic about the potential of hand-pulling the weeds.

Former state Sen. Sue Tucker, D-Andover, who has lived on the pond for 48 years and is a vocal proponent of the herbicide treatment, has watched the pond once “an amazing recreation resource for the entire area become so overgrown with weeds that in some areas a paddle can’t even cut through the vegetation.”

Tucker, who has been looking at the invasive weed issue across Massachusetts for more than 20 years, feels strongly that herbicide is the right first step in treating the weeds.

“It’s either we treat them or the lake dies,” she said. She said, however, she does agree that once the weeds are initially cleared with chemical treatment, hand-pulling should be part of the long-range management of the problem as weeds inevitably reappear.

Another neighbor, Angelika Amon, agrees with

Tucker that herbicide treatment is the most practical approach to clearing the pond of invasives, and that alternate methods including hand-pulling are a good way to maintain the pond once the current situation is managed.

Amon, an MIT biology professor who allowed volunteers to enter the pond via her yard for hand-pulling, acknowledged the “heroic efforts of Pat and Michael” to clear the weeds, but believes they underestimated the scope of the infestation.

She claims Field Pond is one of the worst infested ponds in Massachusetts and has no concerns about the safety of the drinking water should the pond be treated with herbicides. When asked about the 2015 American Academy of Pediatrics report that linked exposure to herbicides to higher rates of pediatric cancers, Amon responded, “there are so few people getting sick in the first place, how can you draw a correlation?”

She added, “if the goal is to save the pond, which we can all agree on, there is no perfect solution. We need to pick the solution that is most practical and effective.”

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Director of Community Services Joe Connelly, who oversees the Recreation Department, said the reason for the name change is pretty simple.

“It was just so confusing with my office and the Department of Community Services. It was just very confusing for people,” Connelly said. “This will be easier for people, less confusing.”

Connelly was the former recreation director in Arlington and got his position as director of community service divisions in Andover on July 6, 2016, overseeing four

*“ It’s just a name change, everything will remain the same. ”*

Recreation and Business Manager Janice Wall

departments in town. He also manages Andover Youth Services, Veterans Services and Elder Services. There are no other department name changes planned, he said.

The Recreation Department will keep all of the DCS staff - Kim Stamas, Jessica Downing, Janice (Coppolino) Wall, Sophie Stahley, Jen Lawlor and Michaela Melver - on board. “It’s just a name change,” Wall said. “Everything will remain the same.”

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## SCHOOLS

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“We’ve listened carefully to what parents have said they want,” Berman said. “And honestly, in the vast majority of our out-of-district placements, both parties — the families and the district — agree.”

During the 2015-2016 school year, the district sent 92 of its 6,167 students to schools outside of Andover. Of those, Berman said, only “a handful” of placements resulted in, or were the result of, settlement agreements. And only a few of them were considered contentious.

Second, they said, they are doing a lot more than was done in the past to address students with language-based learning disabilities, namely dyslexia. Students with dyslexia make up the majority of those placed in out-of-district schools.

That way, they said, more students can stay in-district, where most students would prefer to stay anyway, and the district doesn’t have to pay the costly fee to send students elsewhere.

Landmark School in Beverly, for example, costs more than \$50,000 a year, with the sending district, in this

case Andover, paying about \$46,000 of that tuition.

### Bone of contention

While administrators say the vast majority of negotiations between families and the district’s lawyers are settled amicably, it’s when parents take advantage of what are known as “unilateral placements” that things have the potential of getting ugly.

A unilateral placement is when a parent with a student on an Individual Education Plan, or IEP, decides to send their child to an out-of-district school without discussing other options with district staff.

Berman said administrators are handed a letter stating that a parent has decided to enroll their child in an out-of-district school, and they plan to bill the district after the fact.

“Most agreements are arrived at amicably,” Berman explained. “But with unilateral placements, we don’t have a lot of options.”

When parents make the decision to enroll a student in an out-of-district school without consulting the student’s IEP team, Berman said the district has no choice other than to start negotiations around how much of the cost of that student’s education



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School Committee Chairman Joel Blumstein

the district is willing to pick up.

“I think parents might say the district is tough in these negotiations because for us, being tough is saying that we think we have a good program here, in the district,” Berman said. “But different people have different perspectives, and different

students have different needs.”

These differences among families involved in settlement agreements, and especially among the students involved, are why each settlement agreement is different.

“Of course they’re going to be different,” Stetson said. “Of course they are,” adding

## Andover seeks to improve dyslexia treatment

By GABRIELLA CRUZ  
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As school districts across the country continue to learn more about serving students with dyslexia, Andover has taken what administrators call an aggressive approach to making its language-based learning programs better for students with the reading disorder.

Although there are students in Andover who attend out-of-district dyslexia-centric schools, like Landmark in Beverly, administrators believe parents would rather keep their child in district, among their peers, in programs that address their specific needs.

In an effort to make its in-district programs more appealing than out-of-district placements, Andover has taken steps to improve curriculum, improve faculty understanding of dyslexia, and change the materials used to teach students with dyslexia.

Superintendent Sheldon Berman said that addressing the needs of students with dyslexia has been one of the district’s biggest goals over the last year, and continues to be as the district looks ahead. Sara Stetson, who was hired last year as the district’s director of Student Services, said Andover’s commitment to addressing the issues students

with dyslexia face is nearly unheard of.

“I’ve never seen such an aggressive goal structure like the one Andover has,” Stetson said.

Of the steps the district is taking toward addressing students with dyslexia better, Berman said earlier identification is key. While he is only able to address



Sara Stetson

the problems the district is facing now, he acknowledges that before he got here, the state of the special education department was not up to the standards he is hoping to set.

He also said that nationwide, school districts are beginning to really look at the way students with dyslexia and language-based learning disabilities are educated in public schools. Whether it be because of lack of understanding or lack of care for the issue, it has taken some time for districts to devote the kind of focus Berman believes Andover has adopted.

“Intervening early is best for the kids, and we’re doing that now,” Berman said. “We have 54 faculty members in a dyslexia course right now, and others being offered extensive professional

development.”

Stetson also said early identification has been paramount to curbing the district’s dyslexia instruction. Before, dyslexic students in first and second grades were learning how to read based on memorization rather than on sounding words out.

“There was a lot of memorization techniques being used, so kids looked fine, like they knew how to read,” Stetson said. “But you can’t memorize the entire English language, so we were finding out later if a student needed to be tested for dyslexia. We’re also trying to educate our regular-ed teachers on the signs for younger students.”

Additionally, Stetson said sending a student out of district, specifically to dyslexia-centric schools like Landmark, can create a big disadvantage. Schools outside the district, Stetson said, don’t have everything Andover Public Schools have. Specifically, the curriculum is not as strenuous.

“If you have a kid go to Landmark for three years and then try to come back to Andover High School, they’re going to be behind because the reading at the high school is so advanced,” Stetson said. “We’re trying to provide the best education possible in-district so they can be with their peers.”

The district has begun

pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into professional development opportunities for teachers, specifically focused on dyslexia. Nationally recognized professors and doctors have also made stops in Andover recently to speak with staff and parents about the advancements in dyslexia education and how Andover can improve its own services. About \$60,000 has also been spent on instructional materials for teachers and students, so that the district can start to evolve the way it presents information to students with dyslexia.

“Our understanding has grown, and it’s not just ours, it’s all over the country,” Berman said. “But in Andover, I believe we are doing more than perhaps any other district in the area to improve the way we teach students with dyslexia.”

that different families may want different things more than others, the district works with each to develop an agreement that makes each party as happy as possible.

She explained that when a family agrees to enter negotiations with the district, they’re agreeing to reach a compromise. Like any compromise, that involves each party giving up something, or many things, in order to find common ground with the other.

### Cost of special education

The district has an emergency fund call the circuit breaker that is, for the most part, filled with money from the state as reimbursement to school districts for students they send out of district.

But in Andover, circuit breaker funding only comes in when the district pays a certain amount of money first, sort of like a deductible. Andover’s threshold is around \$46,000, Blumstein said. So for every student that goes to Landmark, Andover must pay full tuition and wait for the state reimbursement the following budget season, which usually amounts to about \$4,000 per student.

For fiscal year 2016, Andover had 1.4 percent of its students enrolled in out-of-district

programs, which cost the district nearly \$7 million in tuition and related costs. Not all 92 students were placed out of district for help with dyslexia, and often times, other out-of-district special education students cost more than the \$50,000 tuition.

Last year, for example, a 21-year-old special education student moved to Andover from another state because Massachusetts law requires school districts to educate special education students until the age of 22. That student’s out-of-district placement alone cost around \$400,000.

This year, the district will be reimbursed by the state for around \$350,000 of the cost it paid last year for that student. Additionally, Berman said, a good amount of special education students are “phasing out” of the program after this year, so for fiscal year 2019, the district expects to see a decrease in special education costs.

Of the district’s \$77 million budget for this fiscal year, close to one-third was devoted to special education. In total, 18 percent of the district’s students are in special education, and 4.3 percent of Andover’s students have dyslexia or other language-based learning disabilities.



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an award-winning poet and screenwriter whose works have appeared in various journals and anthologies. She was awarded the Homebound Publications Poetry Prize for her collection Rolling up the Sky (2016) and is a former Princemere Poetry Prize finalist. Most recently, Haltmeier was named a finalist for the 2017 Pushcart Prize in Poetry.

During her two-year term, Haltmeier will work locally to share her body of work and integrate poetry into the community. As poet laureate, she will conduct readings, attend public events, and participate in programs at local schools.

“I’m most excited about re-casting poetry in the

public eye, re-introducing people to the beauty of poetry. I think poetry’s time has come... There is so much noise and content with so little of value being said right now. We’re drowning in words but we crave meaning and beauty—and brevity—and poetry can give us all of that.”

She also looks forward to working in local schools: “Once students realize that songs and poetry are linked, it opens them up to an art

form they may have otherwise ignored.”

Poetry has long been a part of Andover’s story, as Haltmeier pointed out.

“Anne Bradstreet, the first woman poet published in the U.S., walked this town’s roads over 300 years ago... I’m humbled to be a part of that legacy!” As inaugural poet laureate for the town, she will have the opportunity to continue writing that story and create a legacy all her own.

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## Dr. Robert R. "Doc" Deacon, 83 Years

April 16, 1933 — January 8, 2017

Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

E. KINSTON, NH, FORMERLY OF ANDOVER — Dr. Robert Reed Deacon, 83, of East Kingston, New Hampshire, formerly of Andover, passed away on January 8, 2017, in the afternoon after a brief illness with family members by his side. Robert was the middle son of the late Rev. W. Harold Deacon and Lillian (Reed) Deacon, born at home in Malden, Massachusetts, April 16, 1933.



Dr. Robert R. "Doc" Deacon

Bob was a Korean War veteran, stationed in Alaska with his young bride, the late Betty J. (Born) Deacon. Upon his return, Bob graduated from Mass Art and held an Art teaching job at Andover High School, later becoming a guidance counselor at West Junior High and eventually, one of Andover's first School Psychologists. After the death of his wife in 1991, Bob retired in 1992 after 35 years in the Andover School System.

Known to some as "Doc," Bob had a wide range of interests and activities such as traveling in his motor home, collecting antiques, doing magic tricks and restoring Model "T" cars or just sitting on his porch having a few drinks with friends, family or neighbors. He was a 50-year veteran of the Cochiechewick Lodge AF & AM of North Andover. He will be missed by all that knew him.

He is survived by an older brother, Bill and his wife, Nancy Deacon of Florida; younger

brother, Paul and his wife, Pat of Virginia; son, Bruce S. and his fiancé, Nicole and her son, Robert Pucci of Manchester, New Hampshire; grandchildren, Alyssa Q. and Alexander M. of Pelham, New Hampshire; daughter, Leigh Deacon and his grandson, Gabriel Deacon, both of Andover; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his beloved Havanese Dog, Pippin.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral service was celebrated in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours were held on Monday, January 16, 2017, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in the Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover. For additional information, please visit [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## Janina Wojtkun, 97

November 9, 1919 — December 27, 2016

SARASOTA, FL — Janina M Wojtkun, 97, a long-time resident of Lakewood Falls, died Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at Tidewell Hospice, Sarasota.

Born Janina Mary Betley in 1919 in Andover, Mass., she moved to Roxbury and graduated from Girls High School in Boston in 1934. She worked as a clerk at various stores in the Boston area in the years before the World War II. Janina actively supported the soldiers and sailors during the war and in 1944 married Lt. Cdr. (Dr.) Bruno S. Wojtkun, a Naval Officer.



After the war she moved to Andover where she raised her family of nine children. She was active in numerous church and community activities. Janina, an artist by heart, pursued her dreams by taking up painting, rug braiding, and china painting. Janina summertime at Hampton Beach, N.H., and moved there in the late 1980s. Several years later upon the retirement of her

husband she moved to Sarasota. Janina loved good food, water aerobics, and socializing, enjoyed going to on trips with the church and friends, and had a wonderful smile that could light up a room.

She is survived by her sister, Genevieve; and brother, Walter; daughters, Cathy, Janina, Christina, Maribeth, and Suzie; and sons, Gregory, Peter, and Paul; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One son, Joseph, predeceased her. All brought great joy to her over the years.

Memorial gifts in her name may be made to Tidewell Hospice, Philanthropy Department, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238. **ARRANGEMENTS:** A Mass of Intent will be held 8 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, 833 Magellan Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243. A Ceremony of Commitment will follow at 8:45 a.m. on the church grounds.

## Juliette A. (Roy) McKinnon

BORN IN LAWRENCE, MA — Juliette McKinnon, 75 years, of Whitehall, Pa., passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening, January 11, 2017, in her home.

Born in Lawrence to the late Jean Thomas and Claudia (Gagne) Roy, she graduated in 1959 from Sacred Heart "all girls" High School in South Lawrence. Juliette was a secretary and payroll clerk for Western Electric earlier in life.



**ARRANGEMENTS:** Services will be Friday, January 20, 2017, in Whitehall, Pennsylvania. A local memorial service will be announced at a later date.

## ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES

Obituaries in the Andover Townsman are paid notices. To place an obituary, please visit [andovertownsmen.com/submitobit](http://andovertownsmen.com/submitobit). Call 1-800-681-6248 if you have any questions.

## Bayberry at Emerald Court to host senior care experts

Bayberry at Emerald Court Assisted Living Community in Tewksbury will host Certified Elder Law Attorney Patrick Curley and a panel of senior care specialists for a presentation titled "Planning for the Future: How to be ready when mom and dad need assisted living."

The free presentation will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Bayberry at Emerald Court, 2000 Emerald Court.

Atty. Curley will lead the panel discussion with regard

to the legal planning seniors need to help protect their independence and their savings.

He will be joined on the panel by Certified Financial Planner Quentara Costa of Powwow, LLC, and Jennifer St. Onge and Robyn Rehan, senior real estate specialists, from Keller Williams.

Reservations are needed as seating is limited. Call 978-640-0194 to register or visit [curleylawfirm.com](http://curleylawfirm.com) for more information.

# Potato truck rollover leaves 5 injured

By PAUL TENNANT  
Staff reporter

Five people were injured when a tractor-trailer from Maine loaded with potatoes rolled over and crashed on the southbound side of Interstate 495 early the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The southbound side of the highway was closed for two hours while firefighters transported victims to area hospitals and state troopers investigated the crash, according to Trooper Paul Sullivan, spokesman for the Massachusetts State Police.

The accident occurred at around 5:30 a.m. near the exit for Interstate 93, Sullivan said. He described the injuries as minor. The Andover Fire Department ambulance transported three people to Lawrence General Hospital and Wilmington firefighters brought a fourth victim



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**Travel on I-495 southbound was slow and crawled bumper-to-bumper for most of the morning commute last Tuesday, Jan. 10. A tractor-trailer crashed on Interstate 495 south at Interstate 93 in Andover and about 12 cars were involved.**

there, Sullivan said. The Tewksbury Fire Department transported the fifth victim to Lowell General Hospital.

Eight vehicles were damaged in the accident, according to Sullivan. Coady's

Towing Services of Lawrence righted the tractor-trailer while Stewart's Automotive and Trombly's of North Andover towed the cars, he said.

The shutdown of Interstate 495 caused traffic jams

on other roads in the area. Lawrence City Councilor Marc Laplante had taken his son to St. John's Prep in Danvers and encountered heavier than normal traffic on Route 28.

Cars crawled for about a three-mile segment, he said. Laplante said he saw the 18-wheeler tractor-trailer lying on its side on the median strip of I-495.

Frank Coady, owner of the towing company, said getting the huge truck back on its wheels was a major challenge. Three rotators, heavy duty cranes used by tow trucks, were required to complete the job, he said.

The tractor-trailer was still on the median strip Tuesday night. Coady said his company will remove it late Wednesday morning, after rush hour. The truck is a total wreck, he said.

## POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY GABRIELLA CRUZ

### MONDAY, JAN. 9

Multiple people called police around 5:30 p.m., to report "a line of cars on Central Street due to a truck that won't fit under the railroad bridge." The responding officers reported that they were able to assist the truck, and it was now on its way.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 10

An Alonesos Way resident called police at 10:56 a.m., reporting that "they let someone access their computer and then realized it was a scam." The responding officer filed a fraud report.

A Tiffany Lane resident called police at 1:10 p.m., to report that "their former babysitter has stolen over \$1,700 in clothes over the past year and a half." The responding officer filed a theft report.

A Citizens Bank employee called police at 3:55 p.m., to report "a male party trying to deposit a fraud check." Will Joseph Bourdon, 21, of 20 Vining St., Boston, was arrested and charged with uttering a false check.

At 9:42 p.m., on Chestnut Street, officers arrested Sean J. O'Connor, 31, and Margaret B. Faretra, 52, both of 48 Chestnut St., Apt. 3, Andover. Both were arrested on warrants for a false report of a stolen motor vehicle.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

At 9:20 a.m., a caller on Pleasant Street reported "a loud explosion in the area and the power is now out." The officer reported that the power outage was caused "by a squirrel on a pole." National Grid was notified and responded to fix the outage.

Police received a call at 1:46 p.m., from a caller on Spring Grove Road reporting "a tree leaning on wires and smoking." The responding officer reported that the tree was now in the roadway and was "smoldering." Andover Fire responded to the scene, as well as the tree department.

Several people called police around 4:30 p.m., for a car crash. Matthew P. Tucci, 34, of 65 East Temple St., Boylston, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license as a subsequent offense, a marked lanes violation, possession of heroin as a subsequent offense, and misleading a police officer.

At 7:08 p.m., a River Road resident called police to report that they were "upset with the resident upstairs who keeps stomping on the floor, upsetting her son who is trying to practice piano." The responding officer spoke with the resident upstairs who stated that she "has a new puppy but will put it in the crate."

### FRIDAY, JAN. 13

Police received a call at 7:58 a.m., reporting "three German Shepherds running down in the roadway" on Beacon Street, adding that they possibly came from the Lawrence area. The responding officer, however, did not find the three shepherds.

At 12:23 p.m., officers arrested Kaitlyn Koester, 29, of 190 Spruce St., Apt. 2, Manchester, N.H., on River Road and charged her with operating to endanger and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Officers responded to a River Road business at 6:29 p.m., after a staff member reported "a male in the bar area being verbally aggressive toward a female guest." The responding officer arrested the male for assault and battery on a household member.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 14

A Cuba Street resident called police at 12:37 p.m., to report that his wife and a neighbor had an argument over parking. The caller stated that he "was upset over the way the neighbor spoke to his wife." The neighbor was not home on the officer's arrival, but the officer stated there were no parking violations at the time.

A man called 911 at 3:10 p.m., reporting that he was lost in the woods with a woman and a dog. The caller stated that they entered the trails off of Salem Street "and became

disoriented." At the time of his call, the dispatcher mapped his phone, telling officers the closest road to his location was Tamys Lane. The responding officer was dispatched to the end of Tamys Lane and "activated the air horn intermittently while the caller followed it out of the woods." The officer then assisted the group back to their vehicle on Salem Street.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 15

At 3:39 p.m., on North Main Street, officers conducted a motor vehicle stop and arrested Hipolito L. Gonzalez, 22, of 73 Franklin St., Lawrence for three suspended license warrants, two warrants for larceny under \$250, a warrant for a revoked license, and a warrant for disorderly conduct. Gonzalez was also charged with a revoked registration, uninsured motor vehicle, giving a false name or address to police, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license as a subsequent offense, and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license as a habitual traffic offender.

### MONDAY, JAN. 16

Alexis D. Colon, 21, of 92 Farley St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road at 6:36 p.m., on a warrant for a stop sign violation and was also charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

# Local man dies in accident on Route 125

By GABRIELLA CRUZ  
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ANDOVER — The victim in a fatal crash the night of Tuesday, Jan. 10, on Route 125 has been identified as George Sanborn, 75, of Andover.

Sanborn was killed after his vehicle crashed into the back of a tractor-trailer on Route 125.

State police released a press statement shortly after 8 p.m., confirming the fatality. The driver of the tractor-trailer

was identified as a 42-year-old Marblehead man.

Police said the accident occurred around 5 p.m. when a 2009 Dodge Caravan struck a Freightliner tractor-trailer from behind. The truck was stopped at a traffic light on Gould Road and Route 125 (near the state police barracks), according to a preliminary investigation by Trooper Stephen Thompson.

The crash occurred on the northbound side of the state highway, and the Dodge

was traveling on the southbound side, according to the statement.

Thompson said the force from the impact caused the trailer on the truck to hit the cab of the Freightliner, cracking the rear window. Meanwhile, the Dodge became engulfed in flames.

The Andover Fire Department, along with Andover police and the state Department of Transportation, also responded to the scene. It was determined the Dodge

contained one occupant who was pronounced dead at the scene, said Thompson.

The driver of the Freightliner remained at the scene, according to police. It was unclear if he was injured in the crash.

The intersection was closed for about three hours to extinguish the fire, clear the road and conduct the investigation, according to state police.

This crash remains under investigation.

# Medford man charged in alleged kidnapping

By GABRIELLA CRUZ  
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After allegedly kidnapping his ex-girlfriend early Wednesday morning, a man was held without bail after his arraignment last Thursday on nine charges.

Paul Venuti, 37, of 76 Ship Ave., Medford, was arrested with an alleged accomplice, Desiree Chiuchiolo, 33, of Everett the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Andover.

According to court documents, Venuti is being charged with kidnapping, two counts of witness intimidation, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a family or household member, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, and possession of a Class C substance.

Just before 6 a.m., Wednesday, Patrolman Angelo Taveras was dispatched to a North Street home "for a report of a female taken from her home by an ex-boyfriend but has since returned," the court documents state.

The 30-year-old victim told

police that she was woken up by Venuti throwing snowballs at the side of her house, as well as 32 missed calls and multiple text messages demanding she go outside and speak with him.

"If she refused, he was going to smash her vehicle's windows and the windows of her father's truck," Taveras wrote in his narrative of the incident. "(The victim) decided to go outside and speak with him in an effort to keep her vehicle from being damaged."

According to the narrative, Venuti then suggested they speak in the victim's vehicle, and once inside, forced her to drive him to the Mobil gas station on River Road to meet a friend named Desiree. The victim told police that on the way there, Venuti "became aggressive and assaultive as he then slapped her across the face and began to punch her dashboard repeatedly with his fist, causing the dashboard to break."

The victim also told police that Venuti threatened her with a knife and pepper spray, which he displayed to her en route to the gas station.

Once the two arrived at the gas station, Taveras wrote, Venuti began slapping the victim while they were parked at a gas pump. It was then that Chiuchiolo approached the vehicle, according to the court documents, and the victim "yelled for help and asked Desiree for help directly, but she just stood there watching, refusing to do anything."

The victim also told police that Chiuchiolo "began to tell Mr. Venuti he was making too big of a scene and to stop, stating 'We can't do this here, there are too many witnesses.'"

"It was at this time Mr. Venuti grabbed (the victim's) cell phone and took off with Desiree," Taveras wrote in his narrative. The victim then drove home, according to the report, where her father was standing outside on the phone with 911.

Shortly after the victim arrived home, Venuti and Chiuchiolo pulled into her driveway, "to return the cell phone," the victim told police. The victim's father then gave the dispatcher on

911 the license plate of the vehicle Venuti and Chiuchiolo were driving.

Andover Police officers were given the descriptions of both Venuti and Chiuchiolo and a "be on the look out" alert was sent out for the vehicle, according to the report. After pinging their cell phones to the area of North Street and Chandler Road, an officer recognized the vehicle they were driving and Venuti and Chiuchiolo were arrested. According to the incident report, Venuti refused to follow the officer's directives after being pulled over "and attempted to free his hands."

Once in the cruiser, the officer transporting Venuti to the police station "found what appeared to be three different types of prescription medications in the backseat ... one of which was identified to be Clonazepam."

Venuti was held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing that will be held in Lawrence District Court.

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# Registration open, sponsorships available for Run for the Troops 5K

## Veteran injured by IED will benefit from fund-raiser

By ALEX GUITTARR  
Township correspondent

U.S. Marine Cpl. Roger Rua, of Cheshire, Conn., was serving with the Security Platoon attached to the 9th Engineer Support Battalion on March 29, 2012 in Afghanistan when the vehicle he was in drove over an IED, or Improvised Explosive Device.

When the bomb went off, Rua suffered spine, femur and sternum fractures, as well as a traumatic brain injury.

Originally paralyzed from the chest down, doctors were unsure if he would walk again. But Rua proved them wrong, and was up and walking with the assistance of a cane within a matter of months, thanks to physical therapy and support from his friends and family.

Rua is about to be the beneficiary of even more support as the national organization Homes for Our Troops is getting ready to build him an adaptive house, as they are called, uniquely designed and built to make it easier for injured veterans to move around at home. His current domicile, he said in a video on the Run for the Troops website, has lots of stairs, thresholds in the doorways, and even a small step to get into the shower.

The new home will do away



FILE PHOTO

Susan Macleod of Andover nears the finish line of last year's Run for the Troops. Macleod finished second overall in the women's race.

with all that, making living easier by having the living space on a single floor, with grab bars in strategic locations and even a bench in the shower.

The donations for Rua will also help to eliminate the financial burden of a mortgage and allow him to focus on his education, as he is studying national security at the University of New Haven. Locally, the Homes for

Our Troops fund-raising effort will be augmented by the 7th annual Run for Our Troops 5K, managed by local race organizer and veterans affairs supporter Bill Pennington.

Last year, the race had 3,500 runners registered, although far fewer showed up because of inclement weather. This year, Pennington expects a better turnout and more people — an

### IF YOU RUN

**What:** Run for the Troops 5K  
**When:** April 23, starts at 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., Andover  
**Why:** Race proceeds go toward charities that help veterans, mostly Homes for Our Troops  
**Cost:** \$27 to race; \$5 for pancake breakfast.  
**For more information, please visit the website:** runforthetroops5k.com

### IF YOU GO TO THE CHARITY DINNER

**What:** Charity dinner, includes cash bar, silent auction, entertainment, color guard and special guests of honor procession, buffet dinner, guest speaker.  
**Where:** Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover  
**When:** April 21, 6:30 to 10 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$40 per person; \$400 per table.  
**For more information, please visit the website:** runforthetroops5k.com

estimated 5,000 — to sign up for the race.

“There are several reasons why the event continues to grow,” Pennington said. “First of all is the cause: people love to support the military. Secondly are the beneficiaries: all of them directly benefit from the funds generated by Run for the Troops 5K and people can witness the impact of their support. Like Homes for our Troops [which] has built several houses for the soldiers that are in attendance at the events.”

The two-day event, to be held this year on April 21 and 23, also drums up donations for other organizations that assist veterans, including Ironstone Farm and Brides Across America, both in Andover, and the Fisher House, an organization based in Dedham.

The weekend event

includes an opening dinner and silent auction on April 21 which will feature guest speaker Cpl. Chris Montgomery. Montgomery lost both legs during his third deployment in Iraq and will be receiving a specialized wheelchair that will allow him to participate in races.

The race will take place on April 23 at 9 a.m. It includes a pancake breakfast at the Punchard Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at a cost of just \$5 per person.

The race will be preceded by a flyover and color guard, as well as a bag pipe band at the opening ceremony. It will begin on the fork between Whittier Street and Whittier Court and will end on Bartlett Street. Registration is open to the public.

For more information, please visit the website: runforthetroops5k.com

## New Rec. department class makes it easy to run

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Calling all couch potatoes to get up and run as the town's Recreation Department is offering a new fitness course just for you.

“Couch to 5K” will ease those potatoes into a running program gradually. A 5K course - 3.1 miles - is a very popular fundraiser event in many communities these days, including Andover. The new offering promises to transform participants into the runner they want to be. And, many folks want to get in shape to run a 5K this new year.

“Our feedback forms showed people wanted this,” said Janice Wall of the town's recreation department. “It's more of a walking and jogging program for beginners.”

With four 5Ks already on the town calendar - Race for the Troops on April 23, Step Up For Colleen on May 7, Krit Classic in June and Feaster Five in November - there are plenty of chances to show off the new runner in you.

The course runs for nine weeks at the lower Shawshen track on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. starting March 20. It costs \$35 and those interested can register at AndoverRec.com.

# Healey takes aim at Trump's presidency

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

NEWBURYPORT — Attorney General Maura Healey said Tuesday of last week she will take Donald Trump to court to prevent the Republican president-elect from imposing his “unconstitutional agenda” on the state and nation.

Speaking at a town hall style meeting in Newburyport, the Democrat ticked off a list of Trump's pledges that she plans to fight, such as eliminating federal funding for Planned Parenthood and his nomination of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, who has questioned climate science, to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“This administration really concerns me,” Healey told a crowd of hundreds at City Hall. “We need to stand up to it.”

On the stage behind her, a projection screen displayed Healey's campaign signs with pronouncements urging people to “Stop Republicans from defunding Planned Parenthood” and calling on Congress to reject Trump's nomination of Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general.

With Trump set to move into the White House in little more than a week, Healey is positioning herself as a leading voice of opposition in deep blue Massachusetts, taking on his promises to deport immigrants, roll back energy and environmental regulations, and repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Healey, who backed Democrat Hillary Clinton for president, referenced a 2009 lawsuit she worked on under former Attorney General Martha Coakley that successfully challenged the federal law defining marriage as a union between a man and woman.

“If we have to sue the federal government, we'll do it again,” she said.

Political observers say Healey's role as the state's top law enforcement official gives her a visible platform from which to launch criticism of Trump's unpopular policies.

“There's a major role for state attorney generals to check federal power; it's a tactic Republicans have used for years,” said Erin O'Brien, associate professor and chair of the political science department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. “And Maura Healey is incredibly well positioned to become a national voice for how states can combat the Trump agenda.”

Healey has leveraged the president-elect's fiery statements in fundraising pitches. “If Donald Trump plans to roll back much of the progress

*“If Donald Trump plans to roll back much of the progress we've made in Massachusetts and as a nation, I will do everything in my power to stop that.”*

Attorney General Maura Healey

we've made in Massachusetts and as a nation, I will do everything in my power to stop that,” she said in a recent email to supporters.

Currently, she has more than \$800,000 in her campaign account, with nearly \$300,000 of that raised since the Nov. 8 election, according to the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

Healey, of Charlestown, is the nation's first openly gay attorney general. She was elected in 2014 to replace Coakley, a Democrat who challenged Gov. Charlie Baker for governor that year.

Since taking office, Healey has gone after the National Rifle Association over loopholes in the state's assault weapons ban that allowed the sale of “copycat” weapons.

She also joined other attorneys general to file a legal challenge against Exxon-Mobil over allegations that it knew and misrepresented the connections between its fossil fuel products and climate change.

Those efforts have won praise from supporters and

liberal groups but scorn and legal challenges from gun owners and the oil industry, who've accused the lawyer of overstepping her authority.

Healey's political maneuvering has also fueled speculation that she is gearing up to challenge Baker for the governor's office in 2018.

She has dismissed talk of running for governor.

Observers said if Healey chooses to run, she would pose a formidable challenge to Baker, who remains a popular chief executive among Republicans and many independent voters.

“How she plays her role in the Trump era will be crucial in determining whether she wants to move up to higher office,” O'Brien said.

“But two years is a long time,” she added. “A lot could happen between then and now.”

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Attorney General Maura Healey hugs Newburyport Mayor Donna Holaday before she speaks at Newburyport City Hall the night of Tuesday, Jan. 10.

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ON CAMPUS

James Hunter has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. Hunter, a senior majoring in economics and mathematics, is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

Neel Metlapalli, Emmie Paley, Nora Pierce, Nickey Punukollu, Ethan Qi, Zach Rabold, Jack Rogus, Rishi Roy, Scarlett Ruan, Siya Saggi, Madeleine Shaffer, Jake Sullivan, Chase Tilson, Preston Wong, Sophie Xenakis, Ashley Xu, Rebecca Yang, Madeline Zhao

The following students were named to the first term honor roll at Pike School in Andover:

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# Opinion

## Like King, we must all work our way to view the promised land

Today, sadly, we seem to have taken several steps back from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial harmony.

In recent years, a great gulf of mistrust and misunderstanding has opened between black and white Americans. Some of that mistrust has been earned through misdeeds on both sides. Yet today, we seem unable even to begin the conversation that can help heal our divisions and unite us as one people.

That was the goal pursued above all else by Dr. King, whose life we celebrate with today's national holiday.

King knew that truth is a powerful force. He knew the truth of the words written by our nation's founders in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He, too, knew the truths that were self-evident, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

King knew that it was also true that the nation had not lived up to the noble words that gave it birth. He knew that some of those who had signed their names and pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the cause of liberty also owned other people as slaves. Their rights were not "unalienable"; they were nonexistent.

And King knew that even 100 years after the nation fought a terrible war to wipe this scourge from the land, the descendants of these slaves still were not afforded full access to the rights endowed to them by their Creator.

But King also knew that the truth, delivered powerfully and forcefully enough, would not be denied.

He knew that the fight for civil rights was not merely about passing a few laws that would be of help to one group or another. It was about compelling, demanding, that the nation live up to the moral code established at its founding.

What is the meaning of America? It is that all are created equal and all will receive equal justice under the law.

King's achievement, which earned him the Nobel Peace Prize, this national holiday and the respect of all Americans, was to change our view of equal rights from a legal obligation to a moral one. He did it not by demeaning the views of others, but by proclaiming over and over again that black Americans are entitled to the same measure of respect as every other man or woman in this country.

King's message was foremost a positive one, appealing to our better nature, our common humanity and the duty we owed one another. He sought not to tear down one group of people for the benefit of another but to lift us all up together.

He spoke eloquently of his dreams for the future of America. It would be a place where children of all races could join hands in brotherhood, where people "will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," he said in his famed speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

One day, "we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope," King said, and that "with this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."

Five years later, in Memphis, King was still fighting to realize his dream. There, King delivered his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. In it, King spoke of a bomb threat against the plane that brought him to Tennessee. He spoke eloquently, foreshadowing his own mortality and the need to continue the civil rights struggle.

"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life," King said. "Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land."

The next day, April 4, 1968, King was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

Nearly 49 years later, the rest of us have had some progress making our own way up the mountain. But those last few steps are always the hardest.

Someday, with God's grace, we'll get to the mountaintop, too. And we'll be able to look over and see the truth that Martin Luther King Jr. saw.

## WEB QUESTION

### This week's question:

Monday marked the Martin Luther King holiday. Aside from remembering a great man, the holiday is also an opportunity to reflect on racism in America. Do you believe racism is still a problem in this country?

Yes. We see it on the news all the time when white police officers shoot unarmed black men.

No. This country is founded on the principle of equality for everyone and that includes people of all races.

Sort of. Compared to years past, there is much less racism in America today thanks to legislation like the Civil Rights Act.

Concerned. With the ascent of Donald Trump as president, racial tensions are likely to worsen over the next four years.

### Last week's question:

Will you be watching Donald Trump's presidential inauguration?

No. The next four years are going to be a disaster. I will NOT be watching. 30 votes.

Yes. I am very excited to watch our new president get sworn in. 20 votes.

Yes. I think it's about time we had a REAL president. 7 votes.

No. I have better things to do. 6 votes.

## Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

### 100 years Ago

Jan. 19, 1917

"Japan has absorbed western civilization, commercially and socially, but is not sure that western Christianity is needed," was the statement of Bishop Tucker of Kyoto, Japan, at the vesper service at Christ church last Sunday. Bishop Tucker's visit was of local interest for he brought news of the work of Miss Marion Humphreys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. R. Humphreys of Central Street, who went to the mission field in Kyoto, Japan two years ago. Bishop Tucker said he was glad to report the very successful work which Miss Humphreys is doing as social work among the women there and of the excellent service she is rendering in the kindergarten schools for the Japanese children.

The Andover Canoe Club has made application to the State Waterways and Public Lands Commission for a license to construct, maintain and operate a canal for navigation between Poms Pond and the Shawsheen River. A hearing on the application will be given at the Statehouse, next Thursday forenoon, at 11 o'clock.

### 75 Years Ago

Jan. 22, 1942

About 145 local people are serving as aircraft spotters, all through the day and night and every day of the week at the observation post maintained by the local American Legion post on Ballardvale road.

More than 540 books have already been received locally for the National Victory Book Campaign, according to this week's announcement by Miss Miriam Putnam, chairman for Andover.

Andover Playhouse showing: "The Feminine Touch"

## All Those Years Ago



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Fifty years ago, it was reported in the Andover Townsman, the ABC house was a "going concern." The organization this year celebrates its 50th anniversary. Watch the Townsman for more articles about the organization as it celebrates a half-century in Andover.

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### 50 Years Ago

Jan. 19, 1967

Manager Richard Bowen (in a photo) illustrates the relationship between tax revenue and expenditure commitments in recent Andover history in explaining the "State of the Town" to officials and civic leaders attending a 1967 budget presentation Monday.

AC/ABC (Andover Committee for A Better Chance) is now a going Andover concern. At an organization meeting on Monday evening at Memorial Hall, officers were elected, five committees formed, and the wording of a citizens' petition to

be presented to the School Committee on Feb. 7 and later to other town officials, worked out.

Selectman Sidney P. White confirmed this week that he is negotiating with a newly formed electronics company invested in using his former dairy barn on Andover Street as a manufacturing facility.

### 25 Years Ago

Jan. 16, 1992

The police department this week began early morning foot patrols in Elm Square beginning at 4 a.m. and ending at 9 a.m. The duty requires the patrolman assigned to the downtown beat to change into heavy clothing, leave the patrol car at the station and walk the square, checking doors from 4 to 7 a.m. From 7 to 9 a.m. the officer assists school children crossing Elm Square and watches for traffic violations according to Chief James Johnson.

Neighbors of the Andover Sportsman Club's shooting range in Harold Parker State Forest are concerned because some club members are firing machine guns and semi-automatic weapons. The neighbors and members of the Forest Advisory Committee met Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, after the Townsman deadline to discuss their concerns with Sportsman Club officials at the club's quarters off Salem Street on the North Andover side of Harold Parker State Forest.

By the year 2000, one-third of the American population will be minorities, Andover High School Principal Tim Thomas told a student assembly Monday. Andover High School students heard three professional athletes talk about racism as part of a forum called Project Teamwork, Monday at the Collins Center. The forum is sponsored by Northeastern University and Reebok.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Less bias, more truth

Editor, Townsman:

I want to thank Florence Feldman-Wood for her letter to the editor. I did not realize that she and others like her are already feeling the pinch of higher premiums due to the decision of the three members of the Board of Selectmen to ignore the extension of the OPEB moratorium passed by the Legislature.

I also agree the Townsman has increasingly become hard to read. I find the paper's habit of singling out Barbara L'Italien and attacking her for actions that are neither wrong nor illegal not only distasteful but also misleading and not in service of informing its readers. It is propaganda. She has my respect as a person and as our senator for doing her job with integrity and courage.

The Townsman needs to realize that we are in a state which is decidedly Democratic. Even our Republican governor, Charlie Baker, recognizes that and has defended the ACA in nuanced language in his comments to the Congress, and has expressed his concerns about the shift to block grants to replace expansion of Medicaid.

After subscribing to the Townsman for 37 years

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I finally had to stop. But I miss the only source of local news that is available. It will be indeed nice to have a newspaper that reports local news and happenings with less bias and more truth.

CHAMPA BILWAKESH  
Andover

### National debt is immoral

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 percent tax rebate for qualifying charitable contributions that reduce federal spending.

PAUL MACKAY  
21 Fossen Way  
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# TownsBeat

## UNITY AMID DIVERSITY

STAFF REPORT

From one side of town to the other, hundreds of people remembered Dr. Martin Luther King for the message he brought to the nation in the name of racial healing.

At the DoubleTree Hotel, hundreds of members of the Merrimack Valley NAACP gathered for a breakfast event, the theme of which was reflection, as community members and religious leaders came together to ask, “where do we go from here?”

Rev. Wayne S. Daley, of the Charles Street A.M.E church and Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Boston, offered an answer through a King quotation to open his keynote speech.

“Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

Daley referenced the story of the prophet Micah, who warned the Israelites against oppression and corruption. He never spoke of President-elect Donald Trump by name, but took on the role of Micah to beseech today’s society to speak out against mass incarcerations, income inequality, and corrupt rulers who “avoid paying their taxes.”

As Americans celebrate the legacy of King, civil rights leaders and activists are trying to reconcile the transition from the nation’s first black president to a president-elect still struggling to connect with non-white voters.

Joseph Devoe, president of the Merrimack Valley NAACP, said to the roughly 200 people gathered at the DoubleTree hotel in Andover, times ahead may be hard, but strength can be found in numbers.

At the Baptist Church on Central Street, the Rev. Dr. Emmett Price, III, spoke about unity and diversity.

“We don’t have to agree on everything,” he told parishioners and other attendees gathered for the 10th annual event. “We don’t have to understand everything. But I’ll tell you what: the more I get to know you, the more I love you.” By contrast, he added, “the less we get to know one another, the more it can super-inflate those things that are divisive.” If we take the time and make the effort, Price said, “Our diversity can be a blessing again.”



Members of the ABC Unity Choir and The Choral Majority perform during Andover Baptist Church’s celebration of Martin Luther King Day on Monday.

PHOTOS/Reba Saldanha



Rev. Dr. Emmett Price III speaks about the spirit of MLK Day and the importance of unity amid diversity.



Cantor Idan Irelander performs as Patrice Russell, MLK event organizer looks on.



Rabbi Robert Goldstein, left, joins Cantor Idan Irelander, second from left, and the Temple Emmanuel Abbas for a performance during the MLK Day celebration Monday at the Baptist Church.

### ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

##### FRIDAY, JAN. 20

**COMMUNITY SABBATH SERVICE,** 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. As part of the traditional Jewish service, various clergy representing the area’s religious community will offer prayers and reflection from their respective traditions expressing their hopes for the days ahead; led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein, all are welcome in peace; 978-470-1356, www.templemanuel.net.

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**SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR,** noon to 3 p.m., Smith Center, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Representatives from more than 100 summer programs for middle and high school students will be present to talk with interested students and their families; this event is free, registration is not required; sponsored by the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy (PSPA); www.pspaandover.org.

**CHORAL CONCERT,** 4 p.m., Parish of Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover. Performed by Convivium Musicum, “The Josquin Generation”; Michael Barrett, music director; reception to follow in the parish hall; admission is \$25, \$15 for seniors and students; www.christchurchandover.org.

##### MONDAY, JAN. 23

**MEMORY CAFÉ,** 10 to 11:30 a.m., Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court. Held on the fourth Monday of the month, the program offers a welcoming, memory-making place for

people living with memory changes; Joe Giftun will present this month’s topic, “Traveling to Yellowstone National Park”; Memory Cafés reduce isolation, unite people facing similar challenges, and create an opportunity to give and receive support; they can also provide a much-needed break from normal routines and a source of ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; RSVP, email annmary.connor@andoverma.us, 978-623-8320.

##### TUESDAY, JAN. 24

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##### TUESDAYS, JAN. 24 THROUGH MARCH 7

**BEGINNER BALLROOM SESSION,** 7 to 8:30 p.m., Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Hall, 71 Chandler St., Andover. Instructors Lynn Makiej and Tom Webster will teach the basic steps of Swing, Rumba, Foxtrot and Waltz; classes are open to all including singles, couples, teens, brides and grooms, and groups of friends; \$99 fee includes the six-week session and one complimentary pass to a “Saturday Night” ballroom dance at DNE School of Dance; no class on Feb. 21; registration is required; 978-251-1700.

##### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

**SILENT FILM SERIES,** 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack

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**OPEN HOUSE,** 5:30 to 8 p.m., Fitness Together, 73 Main St., North Andover. Learn about personal training and nutritional guidance; a mountain bike will be raffled off at 7 p.m.; vendors will be present and refreshments will be served; 978-659-0047.

##### FRIDAY, JAN. 27

**MOVIE CLUB,** 6:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover. See “Dark Victory,” a 1939 drama starring Bette Davis, who was nominated for an Oscar for her role; 978-475-4059, email info@faith-andover.org, www.fait-andover.org.

##### SATURDAY, JAN. 28

**#JACKSBACK CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT,** 6 to 11 p.m., Sts. Constantine and Helen

Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover. Join in an evening of family fun for both competitors and spectators; the single-elimination, two-person team, bracket-style tournament includes a buy-back option for first-round losers and other fun twists; the tournament will adhere to ACO official rules; there will also be food, a cash bar, DJ, silent auction, door prizes and T-shirts; all proceeds from the party and tournament will go to the family of Jack Gerard, who suffered a devastating spinal cord injury on July 4, 2016; registration and donations, www.jacksback.eventgrid.com.

##### 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 Martín Palmeri’s Misatango, a pairing of the ancient Latin Mass text with the rhythms of an Argentinian tango; www.andoverchoralsociety.org, email info@andoverchoralsociety.org.

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# Silent films come to life with live music

STAFF REPORT

A film that helped create Hollywood's love affair with the American West will continue this season's silent film programming, part of the Tambakos Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

'The Winning of Barbara Worth' (1926), a silent drama starring Gary Cooper, Ronald Colman, and Vilma Banky, will be shown on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Admission is free and the screening is open to the public. Live music will be provided by accompanist Jeff Rapsis, a New England-based performer who specializes in creating music for silent film presentations.

Directed by Henry King, 'The Winning of Barbara Worth' chronicles the epic story of pioneer settlers who dreamed of irrigating California's parched Imperial Valley in the early 20th century. Filmed on location in Nevada's Black Rock desert, the movie is noted for its extensive use of vast open spaces and wild scenery.

The story centers on a rivalry for the affections of Barbara Worth (Vilma Banky), adopted daughter of a powerful rancher. A local cowboy (Gary Cooper) finds himself competing with a newly arrived engineer (Ronald Colman), who has come to the rural valley to work on plans to harness the Colorado River for irrigation.

Will the local ranch hand prevail over the city slicker engineer? Can citizens of the parched region prevail over nature and transform their lands into an agricultural paradise? Will rumors of shortcuts taken in constructing a massive dam lead to disaster?

All these questions



A vintage poster for 'The Winning of Barbara Worth' (1926), an epic silent adventure movie about the settling of California's Imperial Valley. The film, which stars Ronald Colman, Vilma Banky, and Gary Cooper, will be screened with live music by Jeff Rapsis on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, located on Walsh Way on the campus of Merrimack College.

combine to create a film that showed Hollywood and movie-goers the power of a drama set in the rural American west.

The film is also noted for its camerawork by Greg Toland, who would later go on to do principal photography for 'Citizen Kane' in 1941.

For 'The Winning of Barbara Worth,' Rapsis will improvise a score from original musical material that he composes beforehand, using

a digital synthesizer to recreate the sound and texture of a full orchestra.

"What I try to do," Rapsis said, "is create music that bridges the gap between a film that might be 80 or 90 years old, and the musical expectations of today's audiences."

'The Winning of Barbara Worth' continues another season of silent films presented with live music at the Rogers. The series provides local audiences



Vilma Banky and a young Gary Cooper star in "The Winning of Barbara Worth" (1926), an epic silent adventure movie about the settling of California's Imperial Valley. The film, which also stars Ronald Colman, will be screened with live music by Jeff Rapsis on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, located on Walsh Way on the campus of Merrimack College.

## IF YOU GO

**What:** The 2016-17 Tambakos Film Series focuses on silent films with live musical accompaniment, Hollywood classics and foreign masterworks.

**Next show:** Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.; runs most Wednesday nights.

**Where:** Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 North Turnpike St., North Andover, Mass.

**For more information, call the Rogers box office at (978) 837-5355 or visit [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).**

**Admission is free.**

**What else:** The next masterpiece in the silent film series is "The Passion of Joan of Arc" (1928), Danish director Carl Dreyer's intense recreation of the trial of Joan of Arc. 'The Passion of Joan of Arc' will screen on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Between now and then, on Feb. 1 the crime thriller 'The Grandmaster' will be shown, followed by 'A Clockwork Orange,' 'Taxi Driver,' and 'Jules et Jim.'

the opportunity to experience silent film as it was intended to be shown: on the big screen, in good-looking prints, with live music, and with an audience.

"These films are still

exciting experiences if you can show them as they were designed to be screened," said Rapsis, accompanist for the screenings.

"There's a reason people first fell in love with the

movies, and we hope to recreate that spirit. At their best, silent films were communal experiences in which the presence of a large audience intensifies everyone's reactions."

For each film, Rapsis improvises a music score using original themes he creates beforehand. None of the music is written down; instead, the score evolves in real time based on audience reaction and the overall mood as the movie is screened.

"If you haven't seen a silent film the way it was intended to be shown, then you're missing a unique experience," Rapsis said. "At their best, silent films can be surprisingly sophisticated. They still retain a tremendous ability to cast a spell, engage an audience, tap into elemental emotions, and provoke strong reactions."

## It's About Time: Winter Programs and Back in Time Display at Andover Historical Society

In the 21st century it is more common to see a mobile device than a watch. Electronic ringtones have replaced alarm bells and watches can count your steps or play your favorite music in addition to telling the hour of the day.

Visit Andover Historical in January and February to explore Back in Time, a display of time pieces, clocks, and other time-related objects from the collection

and participate in a variety of time-themed programs.

### Back in Time Display

**When:** Now through Feb. 28  
**Where:** Gallery at Andover Historical

**What:** Visit Andover Historical to see an eclectic array of 18th through 20th century clocks, calendars, watches & sundries relating to the passage of time on display in our gallery.

### Looking Back in Time

**What:** Timekeeping and timekeepers in New England  
**When:** Thursday, Feb. 2, 1 p.m.

**Who:** Bob Frishman of Bell-Time Clocks in Andover uses more than 100 digital images to present a history of clocks and watches in New England beginning with the arrival of the Mayflower up to the adoption of standard time by the railroads in the late 19th century. The talk will also include information and photographs of the inner workings of time pieces from Andover Historical's collection on display in the gallery. At the end of the presentation Frishman will offer informal appraisals for those interested in bringing in their own small clock or watch. A donation to the Andover Historical Society for the appraisal service is greatly appreciated.

**Cost:** Free for members, \$5 for non-members; registration is required. Visit <http://andoverhistorical.org/looking-back-in-time-with-bob-frishman> or call 978-475-2236 for tickets.

**It's About Time!** (February vacation week family programs)

### Make your own watch

**When:** Tuesday, Feb. 21, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Who:** Join Director of Programs, Lauren Kosky-Stamm, for a fun hour of stories, snack and a special time-themed craft at the Blanchard House. Make a pocket-watch, great for learning to tell time and pretend play.

### Tinkering with time

**Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



Local expert Bob Frishman checks out antique watches and clocks.

Help local clock expert Bob Frishman take apart and tinker with clocks. This hands-on program gives kids a chance to use tools to explore the inner workings of these wonderful appliances. Find out how clocks have changed over time and what really makes them tick.

### Calendar hour

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Who:** Join Lauren Kosky-Stamm for a fun hour of stories, snack and a special time-themed craft at the Blanchard House! Make a pocket sized calendar similar to the inventive Louis Prang & Co. calendar greeting card from our collection.

**Cost for all programs:** Free for members and \$5 for non-member children.

### Story time

**Friday, Feb. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

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**FEBRUARY**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1**

**DEATH CAFÉ, 7 p.m.,** Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. Join other adults for an open, lively and insightful discussion about death; while not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject; come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity and a

willingness to share one's thoughts, feelings and questions; facilitated by Andover resident, Richard Davis; refreshments and socializing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.; registration is requested; 978-623-8400, [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar), [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com).

### 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](http://www.andover.ma.gov).



One of the watches in the collection.



Learn about the inner workings of antique timepieces at the Andover Historical Society through February.

What did people do to pass the time without televisions, computers, tablets, and cell-phones? Visit the Blanchard House to try games and activities that many families in the 19th Century would use to occupy their time.

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per child**

For more information contact: Lauren Kosky-Stamm, director of Programs and Social Media at 978-475-2236, [lkosky-stamm@andoverhistorical.org](mailto:lkosky-stamm@andoverhistorical.org)

### 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](http://www.andoverp2p.com).

### THURSDAY, FEB. 9

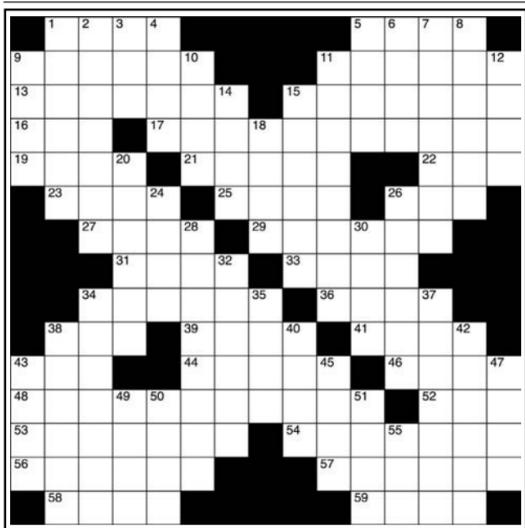
**DIVAS AND DESSERT, 7 p.m.,** Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Jazz vocalist, Lisa Yves, will be the featured performer in the tribute to Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler; hosted by the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation; \$18 general

admission, \$12 for seniors 70-plus; RSVP by Jan. 31; 978-688-0466, [www.mvjf.org](http://www.mvjf.org).

### 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 Antonín 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](http://www.mvpomusic.org).



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### CLUES ACROSS

- Newts
- Taxis
- Ski down these
- Solace
- Thieves of the sea
- Diacritical mark
- Frost
- Enmities
- Furnace for baking
- Founder of female institute
- Eight
- Earl Grey and chamomile are two
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Dull, unproductive pattern of behavior
- A large and hurried swallow
- Large nests

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- Third-party access
- Hairlike structure
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- Not slow
- Thailand
- Front of the eye
- Kentucky town 41549
- Extreme disgust
- Not fast

31. A way to choose

- Grocery store
- Drains
- Hawaiian wreath
- Where fish live
- Get rid of
- Beyond, transcending
- Uncastrated male sheep
- Asserts
- Snoopy and Rin Tin Tin are two
- Windy City footballer
- Green veggie
- Director
- Conditioning
- Spoke foolishly
- Legislative body
- Square measures
- Cheek

26. Smelled bad

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- Comedian Noah
- Course
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- Perfect places
- A vast desert in N. Africa
- Monetary unit of Angola
- Clerks
- Canadian law enforcers
- Without (French)
- Having wisdom that comes with age
- Delicacy (archaic)
- Grows older
- Bitterly regrets
- It's present in all living cells (abbr.)

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# State pressured to wipe away traces of old pot arrests

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON - With pot now legal in Massachusetts, advocates are pressuring the state to release individuals serving prison time for non-violent marijuana offenses and cleanse records of those convicted in the past of marijuana possession.

A voter-approved law that went into effect Dec. 15 allows for the possession of up to an ounce of marijuana in public and 10 ounces at home for residents age 21 and over. Moreover the law allows adults to grow and cultivate their own marijuana.

Advocates say pot convictions make it hard for people to get jobs, loans or housing.

"There are tens of thousands of people in the state who are being barred from housing and employment because of a prior conviction," said Shanel Lindsay, an lawyer and member of the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol in Massachusetts, which pushed for legalization.

"They've essentially been relegated to second-class citizens," Lindsay said.

Proponents of "expungement," in which prior records are sealed from public view, contend that voters made it clear that possession of small amounts should not be illegal, and people with old

convictions should be given a second chance.

The state allows individuals now to request that their records be sealed, but Lindsay said marijuana advocates want lawmakers to handle the cases en masse.

"The obligation shouldn't be on the person. It's a convoluted process, and many people don't even know they could have a conviction sealed without hiring a lawyer," she said. "It's something the Legislature needs to take up to benefit everyone equally."

Pauline Quirion, a lawyer and director of the criminal records sealing project at Greater Boston Legal Services, said people with previous arrests for marijuana possession of two ounces or less can petition for their records to be sealed, instead of waiting the typical 5 to 10 year period.

Under state law, records can be sealed for misdemeanor offenses 5 years after an individual was found guilty and after 10 years for felonies.

The process of sealing a record generally involves filling out a one-page form and mailing it to the state. In some cases, individuals must seek a judge's approval.

People arrested for growing marijuana could qualify to have a record sealed, she added, as long as they were

growing a dozen plants or fewer, as allowed under the new law.

Anyone who undergoes state Criminal Offender Record Information checks for housing or work can be turned down if they have marijuana charges in their past. "Employers tend not to hire people with records, even for minor offenses," she said.

Lawmakers are expected to consider expungement this year as part of a broader review of criminal justice regulations.

"I think the voters have sent a clear message to us that they don't like people being put in jail for marijuana," said Sen. Jamie Eldridge, D-Acton, who supports the effort. "We need to deal with this."

The intent is not to release violent or repeat offenders from prison, he said.

But Rep. Paul Tucker, D-Salem, a former Salem police chief, said he has concerns about retroactively expunging criminal records.

"It's a slippery road to go down to say that we need to wipe out records of people convicted of marijuana possession," he said. "Let's not forget that it was illegal, and they broke the law."

Tucker said he believes situations exist where sealing records could be warranted, for example if someone was

convicted of minor possession and has an otherwise clean record. He also questions whether anyone would qualify to be released from jail.

"I've yet to have anyone show me a person doing time for simple possession of marijuana," he said. "Generally it's a probation violation, or they are in jail for other more serious charges."

He says requests for sealing records should continue to be handled on a case-by-case basis, rather than en masse.

It's unclear how many people would be affected by the proposed changes, either because their records of marijuana arrests would be sealed or because they're now serving time on possession charges.

The state Probation Department, which oversees records sealing, couldn't say how many people would qualify to have marijuana charges taken off their records.

Last year the state sealed about 53,000 criminal records, an increase of about 4,000 from the previous year, according to Coria Holland, a department spokeswoman. But the department doesn't keep tabs on which offenses were involved in sealed records.

The Massachusetts Sentencing Commission show just 20 convictions for

marijuana possession statewide in 2013, the most recent year for which data are available.

A 2008 ballot question made a civil offense of possessing an ounce or less of marijuana, punishable by a \$100 fine. Four years later, voters approved its medical use.

A recent study by the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts found that marijuana arrests dropped from 10,260 in 2008 to 1,647 in 2014 - a decline of 84 percent.

Arrest rates for possession were three times higher for blacks than whites in 2014, despite research that shows both groups use marijuana at similar rates, according to the study.

Other states where recreational marijuana is legal have explored similar steps to seal criminal records.

In Oregon, which legalized marijuana in 2012, lawmakers approved an expungement bill two years ago. More than 50,000 people have since had previous convictions wiped from their records, according to the Oregon Cannabis Association.

In California, where voters in November legalized pot for recreational use, those convicted of certain offenses in the past may petition to expunge criminal records or reduce charges.

Clearing records of past convictions - even in places where pot is legal - remains controversial.

Marijuana advocates in Washington state, which legalized pot in 2012, have tried for several years to pass an expungement bill amid opposition from prosecutors.

And not all marijuana-related convictions in Oregon can be sealed.

Felony convictions for selling or growing marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school and selling to a minor cannot be set aside, and prosecutors have wide latitude to oppose applications for sealing criminal records.

To date 26 states and Washington, D.C., have legalized marijuana in some form.

Lindsay said Massachusetts has been shifting away from harsh drug laws and mandatory sentences that led to high incarceration rates.

Expunging old pot convictions would expand on the progress, she said.

"We need to make sure that something that is now legal is not still haunting people and preventing them from finding a job or getting a home," she said. "It's really a question of fairness."

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# Prosecutors overwhelmed by child abuse reports

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse reporter

BOSTON — Prosecutors are fielding a substantial rise in child abuse and neglect cases but say a lack of money is hindering their work.

There were 10,917 reports of child abuse or neglect in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2016, an increase of more than 18 percent from the prior year, according to the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association.

In the letter to Gov. Charlie Baker, the district attorneys say stepped-up reporting requirements are driving the increase, and they ask for more money because they "do not have case coordinators and administrative staff to handle the influx of cases reported."

A lack of manpower and resources affects their "ability to perform their core investigative and prosecution functions - and which in turn seriously impedes the progress of these time-sensitive cases," Jennifer Franco, the association's counsel, wrote in the letter to Baker.

Fifty-nine percent of child abuse and neglect prosecutions last fiscal year resulted in a guilty plea, guilty verdict, admission to sufficient facts or pretrial probation agreement.

Prosecutors say the reasons more cases don't go forward are complicated. Some cases involve families that refuse to cooperate, a lack of evidence of jurisdiction, an expired statute of limitations or an unknown offender.

Many cases were referred to the district attorneys by the state Department of Children and Families. Others came from police, schools, victims and their families, according to the

association.

Changes in state law aimed at preventing human trafficking, which went into effect last March, require prosecutors to investigate any allegations of child sexual exploitation. Prosecutors say that has driven up their caseloads.

Carrie Kimball-Monahan, a spokeswoman for Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, said the office received 1,618 reports of child abuse in fiscal 2016, a 20 percent increase from the previous year.

"That's 300 more cases, with no increase in funding or staff," she said.

Investigations are time-consuming and costly, she said, and even if they can't be prosecuted the DA's office is required to provide housing, counseling and other services to the children.

"These cases aren't just paperwork, there's a lot of work involved," she said.

Baker spokesman Billy Pitman points out that the administration increased funding for the district attorneys by 5 percent, or about \$6 million, in the current budget.

Rocked by scandals involving the Department of Children and Families' handling of abuse cases, the administration also increased funding for that agency by nearly

\$50 million.

"The administration is committed to working with our district attorneys and local law enforcement to ensure the safety of the commonwealth's most vulnerable," Pitman said in a statement.

Baker is expected to release a preliminary version of his next budget later this month.

Rep. Linda Campbell, D-Methuen, a member on the budget-crafting House Ways and Means Committee, said funding has been increased in recent years, but district attorneys should get more to handle the rise in abuse and neglect investigations.

"They have a compelling case," she said. "If we're going to have increased reporting and want them to move quickly on these cases, then they're going to need some additional help."

Jetta Bernier, executive director of Massachusetts Citizens for Children, or MassKids, said the fact that district attorneys are choosing not to prosecute abuse cases — whether because of a lack of resources or the complicated nature of the allegations — is troubling.

"We have a significant number of cases where there is a high suspicion that sexual abuse is taking

place and because of various factors decisions are made not to prosecute," she said. "This leaves a lot of families in limbo and children at risk. It's a huge problem."

The public is playing a greater role in flagging suspected abuse, she said, which could be another reason for the growing number of allegations.

"There's a lot more awareness of about child sexual abuse than there has ever been," she said.

She said the state needs to focus on prevention of abuse in addition to prosecuting offenders.

"Everybody is focusing on what we do after the fact," she said. "Unless we have programs that focus on preventing child sexual abuse, we're never going to get ahead of the curve on this problem."

Sen. Joan Lovely, D-Salem, said she is planning to file a bill to improve prevention efforts by including youth coaches, animal control officers and others in contact with children among those individuals required to report suspected abuse.

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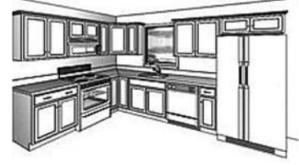
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# Townspeople

## Founder, CEO of school for disabled set to retire

By RICHARD SNYDER  
TOWNSMAN CORRESPONDENT

Veryl Anderson remembers well the days when her business — The Professional Center for Child Development — first started.

It was 1973, the school was in the basement of Andover's Christ Church, she had three developmentally delayed students and a budget of \$100.

Forty-four years later, Anderson has turned the school into a regional and global phenomenon with two locations in the Merrimack Valley, a \$6 million budget and 130 employees helping thousands of children and their families every year.

So it is with confidence that Anderson, a nurse by training, can retire from her executive position at the end of January. It's an agency she's built over four decades, and one she's justifiably proud of.

### Dealing with disabilities

"To this day," she says, "I don't think everyone is aware of how devastating and how difficult it can be when you have a child with a disability. We've come a long way, don't get me wrong. I've been on the front line to see that."

With this in mind, Anderson set about building a business that would help families deal with the difficulties that come along with disabilities.

The Professional Center for Child Development aims to provide care and support, in every way possible, to children and families touched by developmental disability and the challenges of early childhood.

The main facility in Andover, a 15,000-square-foot complex comprising the Day School and Early Intervention, is designed with opportunities for sensory input and stimulation at every turn. It is a daily labor of devotion for teachers, counselors, therapists and other pediatric professionals.

For the children, whether it be difficulty with communication, mobility, socialization, cognition or other aspect of growth, mild to severe, the Center's staff is experienced and prepared.

"We have a phenomenal staff," Anderson says, "they are the best. Professional, skilled; they're so dedicated to the children and



Veryl Anderson

families, they're really who the agency is at this point."

### Keep it colorful

Filling the Andover location are classrooms with equipment, toys and lots of space, and Motor Rooms for physical and occupational therapy.

Anderson explains that for more severe cases, "motorized lifts bring children into standers and wheelchairs. We train them to walk, we train them to jump and we help them learn how to balance themselves in a variety of different ways."

In addition to physical and occupational therapy there is room for individual therapy, music therapy, and pet therapy.

"We have a black lab named Sunday," Anderson says with a smile. "She comes on Mondays."

Downstairs, almost every room is packed with equipment, for use both in house and on loan to families.

"When children are growing and they have a disability, their physical growth requires changes in equipment all the time," Anderson says. "You wouldn't believe how much these things cost," and through insurance, "a family might get a shot at a wheelchair when the child is a certain age and then they can't apply for another, so in the interim we loan them seating that grows with the child."

RCP Director Daniels is at work in a nearby office, similarly packed with equipment.

"It's nice that we're able to give kids, if they're in early intervention, whatever works for them right away. So they walk out better able to play and communicate than when they walk in."

Outside, the expansive playground is meticulously



Veryl Anderson reflects on the many donors whose generosity makes it possible for the Professional Center for Child Development to provide such targeted services to children with disabilities.

RICHARD SNYDER/ Staff photos



Veryl Anderson stands with Regional Consultation Program Director Rachel Daniels as they display a digital reader tool that teachers use to help children with disabilities learn to recognize words.

designed and lovingly decorated. In warmer months the broad criss-crossing pathways carry riding toys and there are enough toy houses, benches and other structures to keep any kid entertained.

There is a garden maintained by volunteers from the local Spade and Trowel

Garden club, and a mural designed by a parent volunteer features characters from children's stories.

Curious George is there, the Very Hungry Caterpillar, Bill Martin's Brown Bear and others.

"We try to keep things colorful," Anderson says.



Of the center's many rooms, this room focuses on improving children's motor skills with various objects and exercises.

### Changes to field

Through educational and medical research and improved understanding in areas such as the role played by pre- and post-natal nutrition in human development, there are disorders which thankfully no longer present in quantity.

"We no longer see very much spina bifida anymore, because that's related to folic acid; now we know that. Some of the genetic disorders are controlled by dietary means, and some conditions are diagnosed in utero and treatments are started right away."

There seems, however, an endless supply of new challenges.

"Right now what I'm concerned about is Zika. I don't know exactly what its impact is going to be but microcephaly is microcephaly; it's not curable. We've had one Zika baby referred so far."

While their thrust is local, the reach is global.

"Our primary area is Greater Lawrence, Andover, North Andover and Methuen," Anderson said. "But our Regional Consultation Program serves the whole Northeast region of Massachusetts, down to Cambridge and north to the border." In this area alone, according to Regional Consultation Program (RCP) Director Rachel Daniels, "we serve 14 different Early Intervention programs."

The Center's global reach includes an annual teacher training program for over 30 students from Shanghai through a partnership with the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and in addition to sponsoring continuing education for its staff the Center offers a number of graduate and undergraduate internships.

## TOWN BRIEFS

### Applications are now being accepted for Crafts in the Park

Now entering its 42nd year, Andover's Crafts in the Park will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, at Central Park, 34 Bartlet St.

Crafts in the Park is a fundraiser sponsored by Christ Church Andover. Proceeds from the fair are 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. 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.

For more information, email jury@crafts-inthepark.com or visit craftsinthepark.com.

### Dog licenses for 2017

Dog license renewal notices have been mailed to residents.

The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$13 with proof from a veterinarian. Intact dogs are \$14. All dogs must have proof of a current rabies vaccination. The town's renewal notice will indicate the information on file regarding rabies vaccination expiration and gender. Current supplemental documentation from a veterinarian is required if the information is not accurate. All supporting documents will be returned to the pet owner.

Residents may now renew their dog's registration at the Town Clerk's office, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Renewals will also be accepted through the mail by sending a check made payable to the Town of Andover and required documentation to the Town Clerk's Office, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA 01810.

Renewals received after Feb. 28, will be assessed a cumulative administrative fee of \$5 per month.

Residents may call the Town Clerk's office at 978-623-8230 or email townclerk@andoverma.gov if there are any questions.

### Second Sundays at Andover Historical Society

Andover Historical Society's research library and archives will be open on the second Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m., except July and August.

Located at 97 Main St., members of the community are invited to follow the walkway to the library entrance near the barn, open the door, and get ready explore Andover's history, family genealogy, and more. Volunteer staff will be on hand to help guide one's

research and answer questions.

For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit [www.andoverhistorical.org](http://www.andoverhistorical.org).

### Andover Chess Club

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

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

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

### Andover Public School preschool screenings

The Special Education staff conducts screenings for 3- and 4-year-olds on the third Friday of every month. If there are concerns about your child's development, call Mary Kay at 978-247-8200 to schedule an appointment.

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To submit an item for the Town Briefs, email [townsmen@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:townsmen@andovertownsmen.com).

## 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. 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 include "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 Soul-WorksRhythm. 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 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.

**Serenity Yoga:** Thursdays through Feb. 9, 7:15 p.m. Active, calming practice of flowing postures with 15

minutes of meditation. Beginners are always welcome. Instructor Sheila Wescott combines the traits of gentleness, spirituality and a genuine "teacher's heart"; \$65.

**Reflexology with Uli Kapp:** Thursdays evenings starting at 6 p.m., by advance appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals. Kapp will massage pressure points that correlate to Qi in the body, offering a refreshing, healing therapy for hands or feet. Must register by the day before to hold a spot.

**Everyday Mindfulness with Chip**

**Carter:** Fridays, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Connect mindfulness with one's "everyday life" in a very real and practical way; \$5.

All events are held at The Center at Punchard and are open to the community. Space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 978-623-8321 for information or visit [www.andoverseniorcenter.org](http://www.andoverseniorcenter.org) for complete listings. Registration can now be completed online as well.

# Andover man to serve as director of Boston-based marketing firm

STAFF REPORT

BOSTON — Dan Beder of Andover has joined the advertising and marketing agency Allen & Gerritsen as managing director of its Boston office, the company announced last week.

Beder joins A&G from Epsilon, where he was senior general manager.

Previously, he was the executive vice president and managing director at Isobar, and has held executive-level leadership roles at agencies including Digitas, Modem Media and D'Arcy. Beder also brings client-side expertise to A&G from his tenure at the e-commerce retailer SmartBargains, where he was the vice president of marketing.

Beder's experience includes work with such brands as General Motors, Citibank, 3Com, AT&T, 3M, Tyco Toys, Compaq and Motorola, adidas, The

Home Depot and Procter & Gamble.

"I have always admired A&G's work, leadership and culture," said Beder. "When the opportunity arose to join A&G as its managing director in Boston, I jumped at it. I'm so excited to join the team, particularly at this time in the agency's history: it's continuing to win globally recognized clients and is constantly evolving its portfolio with an eye toward creating work that's purpose-driven. I couldn't ask for anything more in a role, or in an agency."

"Dan brings an awesome array of experience," said Andrew Graff, CEO of A&G. "He's worked with some of the world's leading brands, and has a rare skill set — he's an integrated strategic marketer who emphasizes the intersection of data analytics, digital expertise and business outcomes. He's a



Dan Beder of Andover has joined the advertising and marketing agency Allen & Gerritsen as managing director of its Boston office.

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leader of the highest caliber and I can't wait to see him in action as our Boston managing director."

Beder steps into the

managing director role following A&G veteran Scott Sneath's move to the agency's new consultancy practice. Beder joins A&G on

the heels of several exciting new business wins for the agency, including work with GE Digital, The TJX Companies, Inc., Citrix Systems, Inc. and petMD.

Beder, his wife and son live on Summer Street. He earned his B.S. in marketing from Syracuse University.

## Etiquette Boot Camp comes to Andover

STAFF REPORT

Get your kids in shape for the next family dinner, social gathering or formal event at Etiquette Boot Camp on Sunday, Feb. 5 at Courtyard Boston Andover.

The course is designed for kids 7 to 17 and will teach them how to start and maintain conversations with adults and peers, how to introduce themselves, when to interrupt and much more.

Children will learn how to set the table, use their napkin, pass food and use utensils the European and American way. The four-hour program is taught in

an entertaining setting with their peers, and is specifically developed for two different age groups targeting the social challenges affecting today's youth.

Etiquette Boot Camp for ages 7 to 12 will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Etiquette Boot Camp for ages 13 to 17 will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. The fee is \$199. Give your child the gift of manners this year -- a gift that will last a lifetime.

Courtyard Boston Andover is located at 10 Campanelli Drive, Andover.

For more information visit [TheEtiquetteAcademy.org](http://TheEtiquetteAcademy.org) or call 617-608-3920.



This young man gave high marks to the last Etiquette Boot Camp.

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### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- 38 Argilla Road: Jon B. and Lucia Archibale to Michael and Emily K. Gastaldo, \$640,000
- 28 Boardwalk Drive, Unit 28: 69 North Street LLC to Raghava Panguluri and Sirisha Pochiraju, \$569,900
- 1 Colonial Drive, Unit 4A: Feiyan Zhao to Egidijus Kurdeika, \$160,000
- 9 Granada Way: Smith RT and Jeffrey H. Smith to Kelci and Kevin Valorz, \$550,000
- 140 Main St.: Duda RT and Susan G. Duda to James F. and Christine Moulton, \$789,600
- 71 Rattlesnake Hill Road: Krey FT and Nancy Catalini-Chew to Fang Zhao and Geliang Song, \$581,000
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# Sports

## THE BIG MAN

Finally healthy, Beati emerging as a key piece for boys basketball

By MAC CERULLO  
Staff Writer

Max Beati is huge. At 6-foot-8 and 315 pounds, the Andover center is exactly the type of player who typically strikes fear into the hearts of opposing frontcourts.

Yet despite his enormous size, Beati came into his senior basketball season somewhat under the radar. Known more for football, he'd been limited by injuries for most of his career, and coming into the season he wasn't looked at as a potential impact player the way teammates E.J. Perry IV or Devon Beasley were.

But now, that's starting to change.

"He took the summer off to really focus on getting stronger for football and healing up, so we didn't get a chance to see him in the summer or fall, so on the first day back the expectations were low," said Andover coach Dave Fazio. "We didn't know where he was physically and emotionally, but every day since the Monday after Thanksgiving he's gotten stronger every day.

"He's moving better, he has great hands, he rebounds well and he obviously takes up a lot of room in the paint," Fazio continued. "We're at a point now where we just lost E.J. and we're trying to run things through him and get as many minutes out of him as we possible can."

Now healthy and in the best shape of his career, Beati has emerged as a critical piece for Andover. With Perry's departure to enroll early at Boston College, Beati is now second on the team in scoring with 12.6 points and more than 10 rebounds per game. He was also named to the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic All-Tourney team,



Andover 6-foot-8 center Max Beati has always been big. Now his game is playing a huge role in the Golden Warriors' success.

PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

and his ability to attract attention from defenders under the basket has helped free up Andover's stable of shooting threats around the arc.

"You have to game plan for him," Fazio said. "We've always been a 3-point shooting team and he gives our guards a lot of room. He gives our guards the ability to do what they love to do, which is shoot the ball. Him being available in the post gives an extra option offensively."

Beati hadn't been able to contribute as much earlier in his career due in large part to a broken wrist he suffered as a sophomore and then a

broken leg as a junior, both of which occurred playing football. He also needed time to grow into his own frame and work on his quickness. Now he's reached a point where he's able to maximize his impressive physical attributes.

"For me, my only real job is to run up and back from the paint, and for a guy my size that's not the easiest feat," Beati said. "So that's been the key this year."

As an offensive lineman in football, Beati has spent a lot of time working on his footwork and his ability to battle for position with opposing defenders. Those skills transition well to basketball,

especially in a role like the one he has.

"My feet are the most important part, and that transitions well to basketball," he said. "Even when I have to catch the ball, you have to shoot your hands up, which is like blocking in football."

While his future is definitely in football — he plans to play in college but doesn't have any set plans just yet — Beati said he hopes to get the most out of his last season of basketball. Even without Perry, he said the team is more than capable of making a run and he hopes to play a big part in that.

### Local Roundup

## Denoncourt opens ski season with a bang

### BOYS SKIING

Jason Denoncourt took first overall in 20.55 as Andover beat Austin Prep 117-18 but lost to Masconomet 87-48 last Tuesday. Greysen Mitchell was next best for the Warriors in 12th.

Jason Denoncourt took second overall in 20.45 to help Andover beat Manchester Essex 85-50 last Thursday. Golden Warrior Greysen Mitchell took 15th.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Webber back with a bang

Jillian Webber, with ice in her veins, knocked down two clutch free throws near the end of the game to put Andover in front of Central Catholic for the eventual 47-46 victory on Friday. Webber finished with 10 points, and Alyssa Casey led all scorers with 20.

Back from injury, Jillian Webber scored a game-high 16 points to lead Andover past Chelmsford 48-27 last Tuesday. Alyssa Casey added 14 points for the winners.

### BOYS HOCKEY

### LaChance breaks through

Jake LaChance scored his first career varsity goal to help Andover top Westford Academy 5-1 last Wednesday. Caeden Dillman, Patrick Hughes, Andrew King and Jeff Hunt each added a goal for the winners.

Brendan Croston, Caeden Dillman, Tom Ross, Nate O'Neil, Matt Croston and Patrick Archambault each scored single goals as Andover rolled over Acton-Boxboro 6-0 last Monday. Nick Penta and Matt Belluche each added two assists and Zach Laramie made 15 saves for the shutout.

### BOYS SWIMMING

### Arifovic paces Warriors

Adi Arifovic won the 200 IM in 2:10.28 and swam on the winning 200 medley relay as Andover beat Belmont 92-76 last Tuesday. Tom Galligani added a victory in the 500 freestyle and swam on the winning 400 freestyle relay.

Sean Bradshaw won the diving with a 203.10 as Andover beat Haverhill 97-80 last Thursday. Tucker Blanch took the 100 freestyle, Adam Madjama won the 500 freestyle and Charlie Sun took the 100 breaststroke for the Warriors.

### GYMNASTICS

### McDonald keeps dominating

Kaitlyn McDonald won the beam (9.4), was second in the floor exercise (9.25) and won the all-around (34.85) to help Andover take first in a tri-meet. Maddison Quill won the vault and was second in the bars for the winners.

### GIRLS SKIING

### Lawler leads the way

Olivia Lawler (21.67) and Anna Soutter (21.81) were fourth and fifth overall as Andover beat Manchester Essex (81-54) last Wednesday. Golden Warrior Cailey Denoncourt took ninth overall.

Olivia Lawler finished a team-high sixth overall in 22.31 as Andover beat Austin Prep (91-44) but fell to North Andover (80-55) last Monday. Amanda Leung was best for the Golden Warriors in eighth.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

### Beati stays hot

Max Beati scored a team-high 18 points and Devon Beasley added 17 points as Andover rolled past Chelmsford 76-58 last Tuesday.

Despite 26 points for Devon Beasley, Andover lost to Central Catholic 76-69 on Friday. Brandon Witten added 11 points for the Warriors.

## Andover's O'Brien, Perry earn rave reviews from Houston Texans star

By DAVID WILLIS  
dwillis@eagletribune.com

Houston Texans tight end Ryan Griffin may be playing professional football roughly 1,900 miles away from his New Hampshire home. But he doesn't have to look far for a duo that share his New England roots.

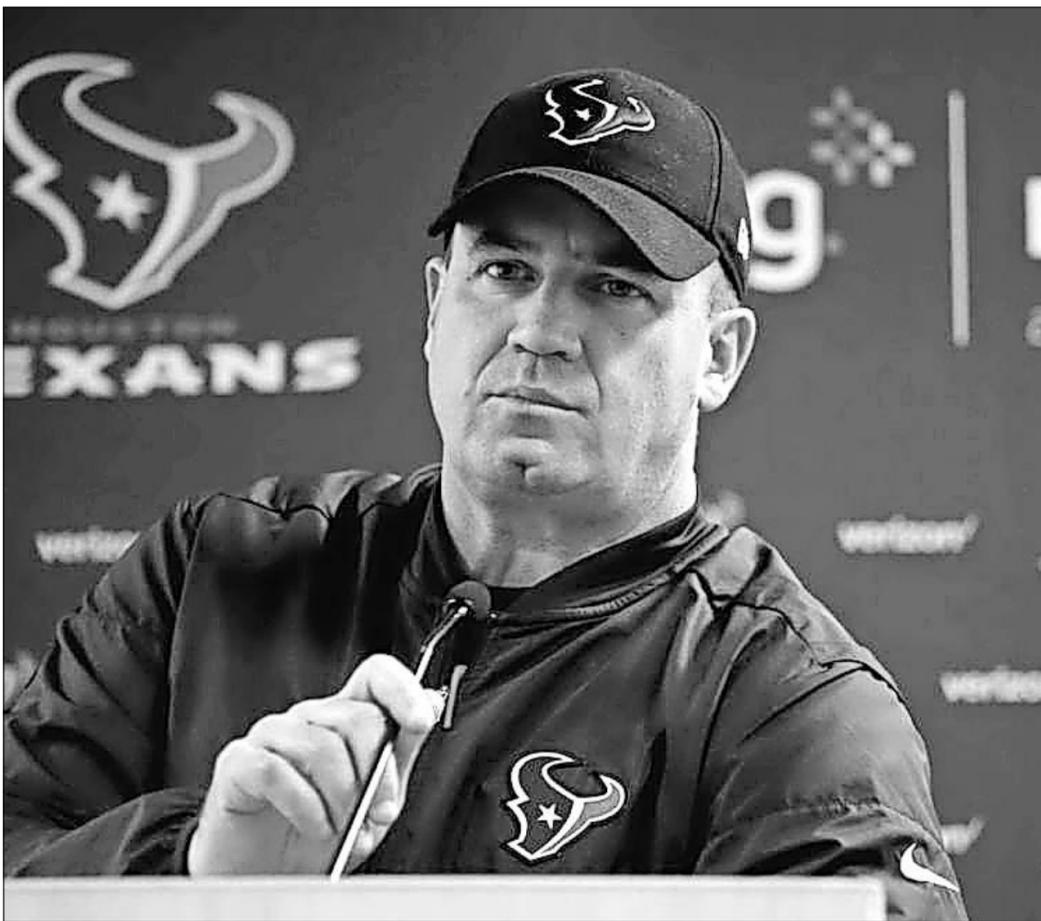
After all, Texans head coach Bill O'Brien and tight ends coach John Perry both grew up in Andover before embarking on their coaching careers.

"We joke about it all the time that we grew up so close together, although they are older than me," Griffin, whose Texans fell to the Patriots in the AFC Divisional Round on Sunday. "I feel extremely fortunate to be coached by both of them. They are amazing coaches."

O'Brien, 47, spent 13 years coaching in college (1993-2006) before earning acclaim with the New England Patriots, first as quarterbacks coach then as offensive coordinator.

After a two-year stint as Penn State football coach (2012-13), O'Brien was hired as Texans head coach prior to the 2014 season.

"Coach O tells it like it is," said Griffin. "He cares about winning, and he also really cares about the guys. But he is not going to sugarcoat things. He is tough and intense and I think that exudes through our team. We are a tough team. I am thrilled he is our coach."



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The Houston Texans love playing for head coach Bill O'Brien and fellow Andover native John Perry.

Perry, a member of the legendary Andover Perry athletic family, began his coaching career at North-eastern in 1993. Memorable stops during his career included as quarterback coach the University of New Hampshire, helping

Chip Kelly develop his revolutionary spread offense, and as head coach at Merrimack College from 2008-12.

"I work closely with coach Perry every day and he has been really crucial to my success," said

Griffin. "He is a great Yin to coach O's Yang. They are best friends, but their coaching style could not be more different. Coach Perry likes to keep things light. Coach O is tough on you, then you can bounce ideas off coach Perry, who

is a little more relaxed. But I love being coached by both."

Reach sports writer/ videographer David Willis on Twitter at @DWillisET

# Champions



The Andover Squirt 2 team recently won the Waterville Valley Deep Freeze 2017 hockey tournament. Posing on the ice after their win are, bottom row, left to right: Drew Tisbert, Alex Hubler, Casey Michael, Andrew Melly, William Rice and William Conner. Middle Row: Kevin Vaughan. Top row, left to right: Nate Hemman, Cameron Brosnan, Ryan Lachance, Brooklyn Pizzimenti, Cole Robinson, Brandon Falzone and Liam Roe Kozorovitsky. Not Pictured: Head Coach Rick Falzone, assistant coaches Scott Lachance, Anthony Pizzimenti, Chris Rice and Brian Tisbert. Congratulations!

## ROUNDUP

Continued from Page 14  
**WRESTLING**

### Quick pin for Meagher

Matt Meagher scored a pin in 0:43 at 152 pounds but Andover lost to Haverhill 57-18 last Wednesday. Jack Ruthazer added a pin in 1:53 at 195 pounds.

Peyton Heidtke (285) and Matt Meagher each scored two victories but Andover dropped three matches in a multi-team meet. Matt Donahue (113 pounds), Josh Paige (120), Grant Long (126), Matt MacGreggor (126) and Sam Huntress (132) added wins for the Warriors.

### GIRLS TRACK

### Bennett, Shea run to wins

Ally Bennett won the 55 dash (7.75) and Sammy Shea took the 55 hurdles (9.20) to help Andover edge Central Catholic 48.5-46.5 last Thursday. Julianna Kennedy added a victory in 600 and Nicole Major won the mile for the Golden Warriors, who also took the 4x400.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

### Wright sparks offense

Allie Wright, Emma Gilmartin and Emily Wagner each scored a goal to give Andover a 3-1 win over Billerica on Saturday. Sean D'Urso made 14 saves for the victory.

## SEND US YOUR TOWN SPORTS NEWS

The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover's local sports teams and athletes.

We're asking coaches, players, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights from all the week's sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team, a spectacular play or sports milestone or even some candid shots from a game or practice.

We also want to hear ideas for stories on athletes or a big game that The Townsman should feature in its pages.

Send your photos, highlights and story ideas to [townsman@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:townsman@andovertownsmen.com) or call 978-475-7000, ext. 8733. We look forward to hearing from you.

# Merrimack College honors veteran at hockey game

STAFF REPORT

Merrimack College honored a veteran of the Global War on Terror, and father of a Merrimack student, at the Jan. 7 home hockey game against Cornell.

Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Robert Dunne of Peabody, was recognized in a brief ceremony at center ice

Jan. 7 in the Lawler Rink, before he dropped a ceremonial puck to start the game. His daughter Sarah, a Merrimack junior, sang the National Anthem.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Constitution Division, of Haverhill posted the colors in Lawler Rink.

Lt. Dunne, a graduate of the Naval War College, has

served on active duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, and is currently with the Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa, based in Djibouti. Holder of the Defense Meritorious Service Award, Navy Commendation Medal and Iraq and Afghan campaign medals, he is chair of the Peabody Veterans Council.



Merrimack College honored Lt. Cmdr. Robert Dunne before the Jan. 7 home hockey game. From left: Merrimack junior Jared Kolquist of Hermantown, Minn.; Merrimack Athletic Director Jeremy Gibson of Andover; Lt. Cmdr. Dunne of Peabody; his daughter, Sarah Dunne, a Merrimack junior; and Cornell senior Jake Weidner of Grand Valley, Ontario.



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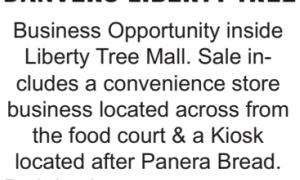
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WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

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

Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

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.

Local resident hosts Death Café

Join Richard Davis of Andover and other adults at the Death Café, an open, lively and insightful discussion about death, Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.

While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity and a willingness to share one's thoughts, feelings

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Refreshments and socializing from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Registration is requested. For more information about Death Cafés, visit www.deathcafe.com. Call 978-623-8400 or go to www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to register.

Other events at Memorial Hall Library:

**Adult Board Games**, Thursday, Jan. 19, 5 to 8:45 p.m. Play board games with other adults. Bring a game from home or select one at the library. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8400.

**Career Networking Group**, Thursday, Jan. 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.

**Conversational English**, Mondays, Jan. 23 and 30, 10 a.m. to noon. For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members are welcome. Call 978-475-4602 to join.

**Friends' Winter Book Sale**, Jan.

26 to 29. Preview Night will be held on Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person and free for members. The sale will continue from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Fill a bag for \$5 to \$7 on Sunday. DVDs and CDs will be four for \$1. Teachers are welcome after 3 p.m. to collect unsold books for their classrooms.

**Introduction to Facebook**, Thursday, Jan. 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. Learn how to make an account, develop a profile and connect with friends by posting photos and messages. Bring a laptop or mobile device if possible; if not, practice with one of the library's. Space is limited. Sign up online.

**Tech @ MHL: eBook How-To Session**, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m. in the Circulation Area. Bring a charged device, login, password, library card and questions for hands-on sessions with OverDrive. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar; participants are asked to email gdeyermond@mhl.org to indicate which device they will be bringing.

**"Fish On!" series stays in February**

The free fishing series,

sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, will take place on Tuesdays in February. The series, in its 18th year, features free fishing publications and fishing videos from 6 to 7 p.m., door prizes, and a weekly seminar at 7 p.m. Here's the lineup:

**Fly Fishing & Light Tackle for Fishing Boston's North Shore**, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. Joe Gugino and Matt Zimmermann will discuss gear and methods for fly fishing for striped bass from shore, kayak, SUP and boat. They founded Why Knot Fishing in 2014, after several years of fishing together. They've made many connections locally on the North Shore and all over New England; whyknotfishing.com.

**Wicked Chinking: Surf Edition**, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Chinking is smelly, messy and unattractive, but done properly it's a method that will produce striped bass from keepers to cows on a consistent basis. Julio Silva will share field-tested tips and tricks that will help fishermen land more quality fish in less time. He's an all species, all methods angler who fishes via shore, boat, kayak and skishing.

**Fishing the Great Woods of**

**New Hampshire**, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Dave Kolesar, a licensed New Hampshire fly fishing guide and partner in New Hampshire Rivers Guide Service and the Northeast Fly Fishing School, will use Errol, New Hampshire as a base of operations to explore the upper Androscoggin River, one of the few that can be fished from a drift boat.

**Top Water Fishing the Rocks: Tactics, Tides & Gear**, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Learning from some of the best rock fishermen on the East Coast, Brian O'Connor has sharpened his skills on the treacherous shores of Cape Ann by perfecting new skills he learned over the years to make fishing the rocks pleasant and enjoyable. He will discuss how to pick rock, fishing tactics, location, time and tide, equipment and lure selections. A Massachusetts native, he started fishing at age 7.

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- Interested Trade Contractors may obtain a full copy of the RFQ from the Town website located at www.andoverma.gov/bids or at the Office of Central Purchasing beginning January 18, 2017, by contacting: Thomas P. Watkins, Purchasing Agent, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA 01810, Phone: 978-623-8951, twatkins@andoverma.gov.
- The responses to the RFQ will be due **February 3, 2017 @ 1:00 PM.**
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- The Awarding Authority anticipates completion of evaluation of the responses to the RFQ by **March 1, 2017.**
- The project includes construction of a pre-engineered building to support the operations, including an office area, employee facilities, workshops, vehicle maintenance, wash bay, and vehicle storage. The facility will also include a salt shed and fueling island. The site development work will include, but is not limited to, earthwork, grading, drainage, paving for circulation/parking, curbing, site lighting, landscaping, and a material storage bin area. The building is located at 5 Campanelli Dr., Andover, MA. The anticipated schedule for the building project from the time a notice to proceed is issued is approximately fourteen (14) months.
- The estimated construction cost for the project is \$15,000,000.. Trade Contractor Statement of Qualifications Forms from interested trade contractors are sought for the following categories of Work: **Masonry (\$475,000.), Roofing & Flashing (\$230,000.), Metal Windows (\$110,000.), Waterproofing, Dampproofing, and Caulking (\$250,000.), Miscellaneous Metals (\$390,000.), Acoustical Ceiling Tiles (\$50,000.), Tile (\$30,000.), Resilient Floors (\$60,000.), Glass & Glazing (\$30,000.), Painting (\$195,000.), Plumbing (\$650,000.), HVAC (\$1,315,000.), Electrical (\$1,200,000.), Fire Protection (\$350,000.), and Elevator (\$140,000.).**
- Prospective Respondents shall not communicate with any person or entity participating on the Prequalification Committee at any time during the RFQ process except through written questions submitted in accordance with the process outlined in the RFQ.
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Designer: Weston & Sampson  
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AT - 1/19/17

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Other events in the Children's Room:

**Thinking Thursday**, Jan. 19, 3:45 p.m. Participants, ages 5 to 8, will share a story, do some

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**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

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**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

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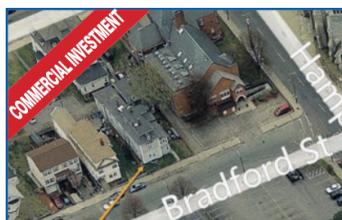
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