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Town, Lupoli making headway on Dascomb Road project

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Sal Lupoli

After weeks and months of delays and inaction, the town and developer Sal Lupoli finally seem to be getting the ball rolling on the pizza magnate's multi-million dollar proposal for a housing, office, retail and hotel complex at 146 Dascomb Road. On Monday night, Lupoli announced to the Board of Selectmen that he would be filing a private warrant

article for the Jan. 29 meeting seeking approval for 225 units of over-55 housing at the site. Currently, he is permitted to build a commercial/retail complex, but has said he needs the housing component to get bank financing. Meanwhile, the town, after

months of delays, finally got around to appointing a task force to review and study Lupoli's proposal, including its impact on traffic, schools, property taxes and other issues. Finally, another warrant article, filed by Dascomb Road resident Connie Bassilakis, may also appear on the Jan. 29 warrant and could also have an impact on the final shape of the project. Lupoli, in brief comments to selectmen, said he had

been trying to communicate with the town but was running into problems. "I am doing my best to communicate," Lupoli said. "It has been a real challenge. I am a developer in your town that is confused right now. But hopefully after tonight with the Task Force being able to ask me questions, I am looking forward to it. That's why I have started my own conversations in people's homes to talk about this project. There are a lot

of lies out there being said about this project and I look forward to talking about it." **Task force deadline** Lupoli had been invited to the Monday night selectmen's meeting by Selectman Dan Kowalski. There was nothing on the agenda, however, that would have allowed Lupoli to speak. Selectman Bob Landry said the presentation should have been listed on the board's agenda so that members of

the public who are interested in hearing Lupoli's update would have known to attend. Lupoli will be back to present to the selectmen on Dec. 18. Before being cut off, Lupoli stated that plans for his project would be submitted to the Planning Board on Dec. 5, enabling that board to make its own assessment of the proposed project. Meanwhile, selectmen continued to express reservations about the fact that See **DASCOMB**, Page 2

Lighting up the night



ABOVE: Hundreds of people gather around the Christmas tree after the lighting ceremony to have their pictures taken. Andover held their annual Holiday Happenings downtown and at the town park Friday night. This year's theme was "Light up the Night!"

RIGHT: Emma Ham, 4, of Andover plays with her color light toy at the annual Holiday Happenings Friday night.

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Selectmen approve 4.6 percent tax hike

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It's official: the average single family in Andover can expect an average increase of \$421 to their tax bill this year. The Board of Selectmen approved a 4.6 percent increase to residential taxes on Monday night. Commercial taxpayers can expect a 5.3 percent increase at \$2,931 on average. Industrial tax payers will see a 6.2 percent increase on average at \$6,997. Selectmen voted to use \$443,428 in overlay surplus funds to help alleviate the impact of the tax increase to taxpayers. Selectman Bob Landry was the only board member to vote against using overlay funds. "I am against the concept of using this overlay," Landry said. "We always talk about voter apathy in this town, the anemic voters at Town Meeting. I think using these funds is inappropriate and a bad See **TAXES**, Page 3

Retirement Board seat finally filled

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The saga of filling the fifth, open Retirement Board seat is finally over. After months of accepting applications, interviewing candidates, going back to the drawing board, accepting a second wave of applications, and interviewing a second set of candidates, the Board of Selectmen finally appointed Gary Coon to the seat. Coon grew up in Andover and in the 1990s represented the town in the state House of Representatives. Today, he is the managing director and chief operating officer at Finer Wealth Management. "I appreciate the confidence the selectmen have in me as demonstrated by their See **BOARD**, Page 3

Selectmen, firefighters OK new contract

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After nearly four years without a contract, the end is in sight for Andover firefighters. On Monday night the Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 in favor of a pair of contracts spanning five years and which give firefighters \$1.5 million in raises. The contract will now go before Town Meeting voters on Jan. 29 for final approval. The only vote against the package was Selectman Bob Landry, who said the town continues offering contracts the town can't afford. "I voted no because I refuse to be complicit in a process that results in

If the agreement is approved, it will be the first time since 2014 that Andover firefighters have had a contract.

collective-bargaining agreements that taxpayers cannot afford," he said. "Andover is facing cumulative budget deficits close to \$15 million over the next five years and the cost of escalating collective bargaining agreements, especially the teacher's contract, are the primary cause." The first, so-called memorandum of agreement, addresses fiscal years 2015

and 2016. The second encompasses fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The firefighters would see a retroactive, 1.5 percent increase in 2015, a 1.57 percent retroactive increase in 2016, a 2 percent retroactive increase in 2017, a 1.5 percent increase in 2018, and a 2 percent increase in 2019. The town also negotiated to increase the contributions of new hires to the health plan to 30 percent. In addition, the town negotiated a fixed amount for education benefit toward fire service education instead of a percentage-based benefit. Finally, the contract calls for a reduction in vacation time and terminal leave for new hires.

Firefighters ratified the contract Nov. 7. According to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, the town's initial proposal for the agreement was to pay \$1.3 million to the firefighter's union for the fiscal years 2015 through 2019. The firefighters countered with \$4 million. The two parties, after years of negotiating including mediation, settled on the \$1.5 million figure. The process is not over, however. A Town Meeting vote is required to supply the agreed upon \$1.5 million. Flanagan expects to bring the contract to the Jan. 29 Special Town Meeting for voters to consider. If shot down, the town and the firefighter's See **CONTRACT**, Page 3

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the task force, which met for the first time this week (on Tuesday night), may not have enough time to do the homework necessary to truly vet the project.

This timeline is getting awfully tight," Landry said at a previous, Nov. 27 selectmen's meeting. "There will be little time for peer reviews and all the things that go with that. Mr. Lupoli has committed to a dual track, one track without residential and the other with it."

"Mr. Lupoli is a private developer and has the right to seek a private warrant article, but that doesn't mean that a Task Force set up by this board in this community, against my wishes I might add, should facilitate that," Landry added. "In fact,

I would argue that the Task Force ought to be encouraging Mr. Lupoli to target a May Town Meeting so that there is time for all of this to unfold."

Kowalski also expressed his concern at the Nov. 27 meeting, particularly that it took so long for the Task Force to be appointed.

"I am a bit disappointed that the Task Force has not yet been seated," Kowalski said last month. "I think that this has been a failure on our side. We are failing Mr. Lupoli at this point. This is a public-private partnership and we need to light a fire under ourselves to do whatever we can expedite as many meetings as possible so that the most appropriate time frame, whether it is January or whether it is May, is supported."

Residential?

According to Lupoli, a residential component will

benefit Andover and make the overall development a much better project.

"I'd like to go before the town of Andover with a by-right project that has been zoned to create office and retail," Lupoli said. "I think that's a good project, but I think I have a better project that I would like to present to the town that will have 225 units for senior housing, with 15 percent of it that I would like to make affordable."

According to Lupoli, he has received feedback from townspeople that senior housing, especially affordable senior housing, is a need in Andover that has yet to be fulfilled.

It remains unclear how a residential component might impact the \$6 million MassWorks grant the town of Andover was awarded in April to help facilitate the Dascomb Road project by paying for sewers, sidewalks,

and traffic lights. Lupoli has claimed that he will fund what is needed if the grant does not pay for improvements the town is responsible for in supporting the project, however.

"Whatever the MassWorks grant does not pay for, the Lupoli family will pay all permitting fees, all infrastructure needed," Lupoli said.

Basilakis article

At least one warrant article has already been filed regarding the Dascomb Road project. Connie Basilakis of 33 Dascomb Road said he filed an article because he is afraid the traffic situation may worsen along and already oversaturated highway system in town.

Like many residents, Basilakis is concerned about the traffic issues at the Route 93 and Dascomb Road interchange, one of the worst in the state. Basilakis also lists

public safety conditions and negative impacts to downtown businesses as fodder for his warrant article.

"This unacceptable traffic situation will only get worse as additional parcels of property are developed in Tewksbury and Andover," Basilakis wrote in an explanation of his warrant article. "These parcels include, for example, the remaining 30 acres in the Dascomb Road ID2 district and the 80 acres that is part of the HP facility across the street from the Dascomb Road ID2 District that is now under consideration for future development by our town leaders"

His article proposes to rezone the ID2 district bounded by 193, Tewksbury, and Dascomb Road back to an ID district. This area was rezoned to an ID2 zoning district at the 2013 Town Meeting to allow for commercial development with permits

from the Planning Board including personal service establishments, retail sales establishments, convenience stores, grocery stores, dry cleaning operations, sit down restaurants, fast food restaurants, and indoor commercial recreation establishments.

The article would not impact the Lupoli Companies project at 145 Dascomb Road, but rather grandfather that project into the mix and force other developers to file a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to obtain town approval for targeted zoning requirements.

Basilakis wrote in his warrant article application that, if approved, this warrant would "restrict the unchecked creation of a mix of retail, convenience, personal service, office, grocery stores, and recreation establishments permitted under its current ID2 zoning classification."

Series of forums slated on Dascomb Road project

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ANDOVER — Lupoli Companies is planning to hold three forums for residents to come and ask questions about the Dascomb Road project.

There will be an assembly

on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Bancroft Elementary School, on Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at High Plain Elementary School, and Jan. 13 from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at South Elementary School.

There will be a presentation available to be viewed

by anyone who wants to see it, but the event will mainly serve as a venue for residents to have their questions answered. Townspeople will be able to talk to Lupoli team members about their concerns — whether it be traffic, questions about what retail stores may move into the

development, engineering questions, or questions specifically for Sal Lupoli himself.

According to Director of Brand Strategy at Lupoli Companies, Jaime Chemaly, a forum held last year by the company was very successful, and so it made sense to hold more to inform curious

and concerned citizens.

"Clearly people want this information," Chemaly said. "Sal really wants to alleviate traffic concerns by including 55-and-over housing. I think there is a big misconception that people are voting no to the project happening, but the fact is that he can build a

project as we speak. He can build it without residential housing. It is a better project for the town with residential housing — it will eliminate traffic, increase tax revenue, help downtown, and 55-plus living is a need of the town."

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Ethics Committee opens Rosenberg investigation

By MATT MURPHY
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BOSTON — The Senate Ethics Committee opened its investigation into former Senate President Stanley Rosenberg Tuesday, promising complete confidentiality to anyone with information about sexual misconduct by Rosenberg's husband Bryon Hefner and taking steps toward hiring an independent investigator that one senator says will come from out of state.

The six-member committee, including four Democrats and two Republicans, was empowered by the full Senate on Monday night to begin the investigation. Rosenberg stepped down as Senate president for the

duration of the investigation with the hopes of returning to his post when it's complete.

The Boston Globe last week published allegations by three anonymous men that Hefner had grabbed their genitals in social settings related to their work on Beacon Hill, and a fourth accused Hefner of kissing him against his will. The men also said that Hefner boasted about his influence over Senate policy decision-making, which will be a focus of the ethics probe. Rosenberg denied that Hefner has any influence on Senate business and said that if he suggested he did, he should not have done that.

Sen. Michael Rodrigues, a Westport Democrat and

the chair of the Ethics Committee, said the first order of business for the committee will be to hire the outside investigator who will be "carefully screened and scrutinized by the Ethics Committee to ensure a comprehensive and impartial investigation."

Sen. Eileen Donoghue, who sat through an hours-long caucus Monday where the investigation process was debated, said she expects an investigator without local ties.

"It is expected that it will not be somebody from Massachusetts or somebody who may have had dealings with the Senate or know the players involved," Donoghue, who does not sit on the Ethics Committee, told WCAP radio Tuesday morning.

The Ethics Committee has indicated it plans to hire the investigator within two weeks.

While Rodrigues would not initially commit to making the ultimate findings of the investigation public, the committee had previously agreed to the public release of any reports produced by the investigator or the committee, with safeguards for those who require



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The Senate Ethics Committee — including, from left, Vice Chairman Will Brownsberger, Chairman Michael Rodrigues, and Minority Leader Bruce Tarr — on Tuesday opened an investigation into former Senate President Stanley Rosenberg.

confidentiality. Gov. Charlie Baker said he'd like to see an investigator named this week.

"I think it's really important that this gets started," Baker said Tuesday. "It's going to be really important for (Acting Senate President Harriette) Chandler and for

all of the members of the Ethics Committee to demonstrate by both who they choose and what the rules are that whoever it is that's conducting this investigation has the latitude and the independence to provide comfort to those people who are going to come forward who

were victimized — that they won't suffer repercussions for doing so."

In addition to Rodrigues and Tarr, the committee membership includes Democratic Sens. Cynthia Creem, William Brownsberger and Cindy Friedman and Republican Sen. Richard Ross.

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The Brady watch ... in Andover

Local jeweler has watch designed by Patriots QB

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ANDOVER — You've seen it on the sidelines. You've seen in the huddle of late drives during Super Bowls. Tom Brady is nothing if not charismatic, with a passion that's infectious.

He's also a TAG Heuer loyalist — an "ambassador" of the brand — with a power of persuasion up there with the best of them.

Steven Leed, of Royal Jewelers in downtown Andover, saw Brady's charisma firsthand at a recent post-game event in Foxborough.

The Swiss luxury watchmaker was unveiling a limited edition of its Heuer 01 Chronograph in honor of the Patriots quarterback. Leed's store is among the TAG Heuer retailers that signed on to sell the exclusive watch.

"We were excited to have the opportunity to sell these incredible watches," said Leed. "But then I met Tom — what a special guy. The way he conducts himself on and off the field, with the level of class, is a bit overwhelming. Tom got me so excited that when I left that event I decided we were going to sell the most watches of anyone," said Leed.

The watch is a unique timekeeping piece, designed by Brady and TAG Heuer. It's made from the same material and color as the Patriots uniform. "Brady 12" is prominent on the top. "Even the box is cool," said Leed. "The strap is a pigskin design — rather than calf, crocodile or rubber — for obvious reasons."

Only 466 of the watches were made. If the number rings a bell, it's because Brady threw for 466 yards in the Patriots' thrilling overtime win over Atlanta, 34-28, in the last Super Bowl.

The timepiece sells for \$5,600. Leed has been a big Patriots fan his entire life and said he rarely misses a



Courtesy photo

Steven Leed, of Royal Jewelers, holds the Brady box and watch.

game. "I was able to watch the game in a wonderful suite earlier this season at Gillette Stadium," he said. "But personally, I prefer to be home, watching on our large screen, seeing replays. I also like the convenience of not waiting in line at the restaurant and getting goodies whenever I want them."

Leed said he's hoping Royal Jewelers' sales of the exclusive watches will inspire a visit from Brady to downtown Andover sometime next year.

"I would love people to meet Tom and see the guy I got to see," he said. "He's a special guy. We've thrilled to be associated with him and his watch."

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Forum next week on proposed high school renovations

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A community forum about the Andover High School renovation project is going to be held next Wednesday. The Dec. 13 forum is being put on by the Andover High

School Facility Study Committee at 7 p.m. in the J. Everett Collins Center. During the forum the current state of the high school will be described in a presentation, as well as the challenges the current facility poses, such as limited space.

Possible solutions will also be presented that were created by HMFH architects, a firm that has been working on a feasibility study for the proposed high school project. There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers.

“We see this project as not just a school project but as a community project,” said the chairwoman of the committee, Annie Gilbert. “The high school is a resource that is used around the clock, not just by students and teachers, but after school for all

kinds of programs.” Gilbert and others that have been working on the project with the hope that the renovated high school could be used for senior citizens to walk around the track and for townspeople to access a makerspace after

school to utilize technology that might not otherwise be accessible. “At the end of the day it is the community’s money to be investing in this so we want as much of the community as possible to attend,” Gilbert said.

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practice. I just get a little concerned about covering our tracks after the fact as opposed to saying, ‘Hey, if we are going to spend that kind of money, it’s time to pay.’”

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan first proposed using overlay surplus funds, an annual fund the town sets aside for property tax abatements, to lessen the tax increase at the Nov. 27 selectmen’s meeting.

A number of factors played into the tax increase, including previously incurred debt from when the town partnered with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) on the Bancroft Elementary School

project. The MSBA paid annual contributions toward that debt until its portion of the cost was covered. Now that the MSBA has paid off its portion, Andover still has to pay the bill for the project and has to pick up the amount the MSBA had previously been paying, an amount that amounts to approximately \$443,000 per year — almost exactly the same amount selectmen are using from overlay surplus funds.

Other factors listed by selectmen and townspeople alike at the meeting that contributed to the tax increase include the school budget, pension funds, and health care.

Unlike Landry, however, the other selectmen stood in favor of using the overlay surplus funds to compensate this year for

the unanticipated added expense from the MSBA project.

“I think the \$443,428 is reasonable,” said Selectman Alex Vispoli. “I did not want to use overlay funds last year because that was for the operating budget, but I think this matches the situation. I am very concerned about the rate of increase because it is systemic and it compounds.”

Landry maintained his sentiment from past meetings that town spending is the primary force behind the tax hike, however.

“The reality is the spending,” Landry said. “How did we get here in terms of the amount of money? We’re trying to find this financial Band-Aid, but we are not having a conversation about what happened here.”

The board also voted to

use a tax shift that benefited residential taxpayers by giving them a smaller percentage tax increase than commercial and industrial tax payers. Selectman Bob Landry was the only board member who voted in opposition to a bigger shift that benefited residents above commercial and industrial taxpayers.

Selectwoman Laura Gregory stated that next year the board should discuss working to balance the the impact of the tax shift on commercial and industrial taxpayers more, out of concern for the business community and economic development.

Overall, many citizens present were concerned about town spending and how the tax increase may impact those living on a fixed income.

“In general, I think it’s a

shame that the taxes are going to increase so much,” said Barbara Morache, a former Andover resident, a former town employee and daughter to two current townspeople. “I do think Mr. Landry has a point that the town might be spending too much, but then again everybody has their own priorities. My thing is don’t take it out on the retirees and that’s one of the big costs to the town. But personally, being a previous resident of Andover and having worked for the town for years, I do feel there are places that Andover should scale back.”

Others pointed to voters as being a large part of the problem.

“It’s people that go to town meeting — we voted probably an extra million dollars at town meeting above what the budget was,”

said Jane Gifun, a member of the Board of Directors for the Senior Center. “A lot of it was the schools. The people that went to town meeting were the ones that added this on. We now have to pay for what they have done. More people need to go to town meeting and pay attention to what is in the Finance Committee vote. We’re just stuck with this.”

Joan Fox, also on the Board of Directors for the Senior Center, agreed.

“In one way, I think if we went higher it would wake up some of the voters to come out, but as a taxpayer, I am happy it’s at a lower amount,” Fox said.

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vote and I hope to reflect well on that decision by doing a good job,” Coon said. “Starting with the first meeting I will be very much in the listening and learning mode. There are folks on the board that have a lot of experience going back in some cases multiple decades and so I look forward to learning from them as well as delving into the data and information to learn about the challenges and opportunities facing the Andover Retirement Board.”

The appointment was approved by the selectmen in a 4-1 vote, with Selectman Laura Gregory voting against Coon. Gregory was concerned that Coon was not prepared during his Nov. 27 interview with the selectmen. For instance, Coon stated that he was unprepared to discuss Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) during his interview.

“I have some concerns that I didn’t feel like Mr. Coon was very well prepared at the interview.”

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union would be forced to go back into negotiations.

If the agreement is approved, it will be the first time since 2014 that Andover firefighters have had a contract. Contract negotiations between the town and firefighters began on June 5, 2015.

Firefighters union president Eric Teichert could not be reached for comment.

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TOWN BRIEFS

Andover preschool screenings

The Special Education staff conducts screenings for 3- and 4-year-olds on the third Friday of every month.

Parents who have concerns about their child’s development may call Mary Kay at 978-247-8200 to schedule an appointment.

Second Sundays at Historical Society

Andover Historical Society’s research library and archives are open to the public on the second Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m., except July and August.

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Gregory said. “He had weeks to be here and he couldn’t answer some questions about the Retirement Board and how some things work. That made me concerned about his commitment to the job.”

Selectman Bob Landry countered that Gregory ought to recuse herself from the vote entirely because of a disclosure of appearance of a conflict of interest Gregory filed earlier this fall in regard to a previous Retirement Board candidate, Daniel Turco. Turco is connected to an organization that gave Gregory a \$300 campaign donation on March 24.

Gregory did not recuse herself.

“I am not going to recuse

myself from this vote,” Gregory said. “I stated in my disclosure that I would not vote in regard to Mr. Turco. I had actually disclosed correctly the donation through my campaign finance documents which had been filed months before. There was no violation. The disclosure was in an abundance of caution to make it clear and I did state in that I would not vote if there was a motion on him for the position, which there has never been.”

For Chairman Paul Salafia, the other candidate, Wilhelm Kremer, had a perceived conflict of interest as an OPEB beneficiary whose wife is a retiree of the town. The potential bias was too significant for Salafia to ignore.

“I was very staunch in my insistence that this be an unbiased, independent, and objective candidate,” Salafia said. “I have stood by those principles throughout this process. I thought Mr. Kremer was absolutely impressive, his life of experience, his ability to answer the questions was very good. The problem is that I cannot get behind his perceived or actual conflict of interest. I am unable to vote for him.”

Kremer did not take the loss lightly. He accused Landry of creating a smear campaign against him by issuing an email to supporters that claimed Kremer’s wife’s status as a retiree was a major conflict of interest.

“I am fine with losing the

vote, that’s your prerogative,” Kremer said. “I am sick and tired of this conflict of interest nonsense. So my wife is retired. I called the State Ethics Commission and they said it was a non-issue. This was just a smear campaign. Go ahead, keep smiling Mr. Landry. Fine by me, your smear campaign worked.”

Kremer wasn’t alone in being disappointed with the selectmen’s conversation. Barbara Morache, a former Andover resident, employee of the town, and daughter to two current residents, had been hoping Kremer would be appointed.

“I am very disappointed,” Morache said. “I have nothing personally against Gary, but because he is a

former very active politician. I am concerned that he is going to be more political in the Retirement Board. Obviously there’s a lot of stake. For me personally, it’s a matter of the cost of living.”

For Jane Gifun, a member of the Board of Directors for the Senior Center, David Workman from the first round of candidates would have been the ideal person for the fifth seat, but she is content with the appointment of Coon to the role.

“I think Mr. Workman would have been the absolute best person, but I don’t think some of the selectmen had the guts to stand up and say that,” Gifun said. “But I think this is the better of the two votes. I think he will be fairer.”

TODAY:

DAMARYS IS 100 POUNDS LIGHTER AND 4 INCHES TALLER



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Physicians meet and greet at new Andover Medical Center

STAFF REPORT

Lawrence General Hospital hosted a reception last month for area physicians to show off its beautiful new rehabilitation therapy space in the Andover Medical Center complex on Route 133/Lowell Street in Andover.

The Thursday, Nov. 17 event also gave attendees an opportunity to hear about Lawrence General's innovative new partnership with Orthopedics Northeast and Associates in Orthopedics, which enables the hospital to work more closely with these orthopedic surgery practices to improve patient service.

Andover Medical Center is a collaboration between



Lawrence General president and CEO Dianne Anderson addresses the crowd of physicians gathered for an open house at the new facility on Lowell Street.

Lawrence General Hospital and Pentucket Medical Associates, along with a

growing list of partners. The first building in the complex opened in 2014 and features

ExpressCare, women's health imaging, and obstetrics and gynecology.



Speakers at the event included, from left, Drs. Xavier Simcock, Nikhil Thakur and Joshua Pletka.

A second building opened this fall featuring orthopedics, rehabilitation therapy, weight loss and bariatrics, laboratory services, and adult and pediatric primary care. In the coming

months the services will grow to include other surgical specialties and MRI services, among others. A new parking structure on the site is currently under construction.

Keeping a critical eye on 'expert' financial advice

John Spoto

Financially Speaking



Last week, I talked about the book written by self-help coach Tony Robbins,

"Money: Master the Game." A portion is dedicated to his human performance and achievement philosophy as it relates to financial success. Another section offers useful information including spending less than you earn, starting a savings program early and allowing compound growth to work its magic.

It's the last part where Robbins offers specific investment advice that I would like to address. He refers to how the investing "secrets" of the ultra-wealthy can be applied to even the smallest portfolios. Robbins also claims to be able to show the average person how to take minimal risk and still reap big rewards. To get what Robbins calls the "upside without the downside," he proposes investment vehicles including structured notes, market-linked CDs and fixed indexed annuities. Investors are likely to encounter these products in various forms, each with different terms and conditions and potential risks and will share the following characteristics:

1. Complexity. This means they are good for the seller but bad for the buyer. David Swensen, the head of Yale's endowment fund sums it up by saying "As a general rule, the more complexity that exists in a Wall Street creation, the faster and farther investors should run."
2. The subject of numerous investor alerts from concerned federal and state regulators.
3. Marketed aggressively by investment firms and their salespeople during down markets when investor anxiety is high.
4. Loaded with commissions and fees that investors will pay for in one form or another leading to potential sales practice abuses.
5. Almost universally misunderstood. If everyone applied the basic rule of investing "If you don't understand it don't invest in it", sales of these products would disappear.

Simply, in most cases, an intelligently constructed portfolio of broadly diversified, low-cost funds will provide investors a superior solution at a fraction of the cost.

Robbins delivers a portfolio allocation recommended to him by his friend, billionaire hedge fund manager, Ray Dalio. Robbins calls it the "invincible, unsinkable, unconquerable, all-seasons strategy" because of its ability to "perform well in good times and bad — across all economic environments." The portfolio consists of 30 percent stocks, 55 percent bonds and 15 percent in commodities and gold. Although investors could do worse, there are a few reasons why they should be wary about modeling that approach.

First, every investor's personal and financial situation is different as is

their emotional and financial ability to handle the downturns in the markets. A 55 percent allocation to bonds may not be right for everyone.

Second, the author uses back testing, a process of applying historical returns to a hypothetical portfolio to support his case. This can show how the portfolio has performed but not how it will perform.

Third, this is a bond-heavy investment plan that benefited from a 30-year period during which the Fed drove down interest rates pushing up bond values. Since rates are near record lows, it's very possible that the All-Seasons portfolio will not be as productive going forward.

Fourth, the recommended portfolio includes a small allocation to gold and commodities. Both of these assets are volatile, generate no dividends or

interest, and have long-term expected returns equal to the inflation rate. Their benefits to a portfolio are unpredictable at best and questionable at worst and take up room that could be used to generate better long-term returns.

I applaud anyone for attempting to tackle such an important and complicated topic like money and investing. However, I think that in trying to cover as much breadth as he did, Robbins may have undermined some of the important and valid points he did make. Remember, all personal finance-related literature targeted at consumers should be read with a critical eye.

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\$219,000
18 Dale St., Unit 10D: Ethan Gorsuch and Jennifer Sammataro to Dongmei Gu and Boon P. Ng, \$395,000
165 Elm St.: 165 Elm Street Trust and Sheila A. Lane to Michael P. and Emily J. Squillacioti, \$426,000
12 Hidden Road: Bride RT and Katherine B. Reed to Stacy Glancy, \$1,100,000
45 Juliette St.: Richard S. Gorzela to Jaffa A.

Sharfudeen and Mohamed A. Jaffar-Ali, \$440,000
9 Leah Way, Unit 9: Dawn R. Rinehart and Stephen Stanwick to Liwen Zhang, \$839,000
190 River Road: Shenbo Yu and Airon Sun to Teye G. Leykune, \$550,000
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OBITUARIES

Mark Tucker

1969 - 2017

WEST PALM BEACH, FL - Mark passed of heart failure on November 3, 2017, while vacationing in Florida. He was born at Lawrence General Hospital, and grew up in Andover, a town he loved. At Andover High School, Mark was a very talented baseball and basketball player. He helped win many games and trophies for Andover, and he always spoke with deep respect and fondness for the many coaches and teammates he played with over the years.



Mark continued his baseball career at Dennison University in Ohio where he graduated with a communication major. In college, as in high school, Mark was a charismatic leader with a fun sense of humor and a loyal friend to many. Following college graduation, he enjoyed living in Australia where he played semi-pro baseball.

Mark moved to Los Angeles with the goal of acting and producing movies. Like many he discovered that it was a hard road. However, he stayed with it, always believing his big break was around the corner. Through it all he maintained his optimism, sense of humor, and relationships with family and friends he loved.

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Mark will be deeply missed. He is survived by his parents, Mike and Senator Sue Tucker of Andover; a beloved brother, David; sister-in-law, Sabine; and nieces, Secoya and Autumn of Se-

bastopol, Calif.; Uncle Ed Tucker and wife, Syou Syou of Delaware; Aunt Jane Maran and husband, Jim of Georgia; Uncle Dr. Bill Mantle of Arizona; and many loving cousins, from Finland to South Africa.

For the past several years, Mark's favorite hobby was fishing. He spent hours in a canoe or a large ocean boat, enjoying nature and the water. It brought him much peace and happiness.

With his love for the outdoors in mind, the family requests that any donations in Mark's memory be made to AVIS, a non-profit organization in Andover devoted to preserving over a thousand acres of open space, trails, and ponds - AVIS, P.O. Box 5097, Andover, MA 01810.

Arrangements: The family will hold a private memorial for Mark at a later date.

Ruth E. Godin, 94

November 25, 1923 — December 1, 2017

ANDOVER — Ruth E. Godin, age 94, formerly of Andover, passed away on December 1, 2017, at Prescott House in North Andover. She was born November 25, 1923, in Lawrence, Mass., to the late Andrew J. and Ruby E. (McGrath) Dunn. Ruth moved to Andover in 1944 and was an Andover resident for 70 years.



Ruth was a graduate of Lawrence High School. She attended St. John's School of Nursing and was employed in medical records at Clover Hill Hospital until its closure in 1972. After Clover Hill Hospital closed, Ruth performed record audits at both local and Boston areas hospitals. She was an active troop leader with Girl Scouts of America who served on the board of directors for the Merrimack Valley Girl Scout Council for many years. Ruth sang for many years the Newburyport Choral Society making several trips to Europe to perform with them in France, Italy, and Portugal. In retirement she began painting and during her 80s she studied art at Merrimack College.

Ruth most enjoyed camping and traveling with her late husband, exploring the local shops and yard sales for antiques, and taking care of her much loved kitties. She was an avid reader and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruth was the beloved widow of the late F. Kenneth Godin. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Westaway and husband, William of Andover; daughter-in-law, Jill Godin and her fiancé, Rock Dower of Groveland; grandchildren, Adam Westaway and his wife, Melissa, Erin Westaway and her partner, Michael Mathis, Rachael Fletcher and her husband, Michael, Jessica Karp and her husband, Jason, David Godin, and Stephen Godin

and his wife, Johanna. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, Amanda Holmsten, PJ Holmsten, Tyler Westaway, Ethan Westaway, Liam Fletcher, Josephine Karp, and Noah Mathis. Ruth was predeceased by her son, David K. Godin.

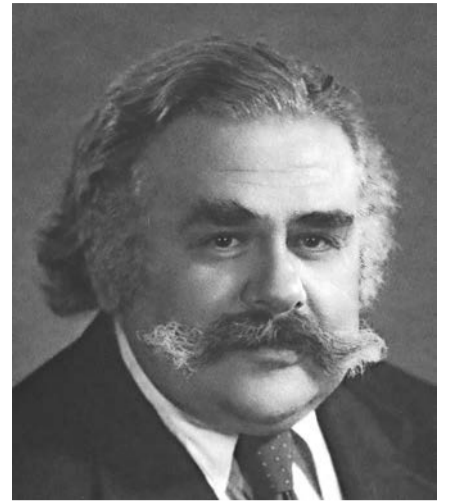
Ruth's family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the staff at Prescott House in North Andover for their loving care and companionship to Ruth over the past three years.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to calling hours on Tuesday, December 4, 2017, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m., December 5, 2017, at St. Patrick's Church, Lawrence, MA. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in North Andover, Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the MSPCA or the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. For online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



William Maren, 88

June 24, 1929 — November 30, 2017



ANDOVER, MA — Maren, William B., age 88, of Andover, on Thursday, November 30, 2017, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of the late Barbara "Bunny" Maren. Loving father of Michael Maren and his wife, Dani Shapiro, Jonathan Maren, and Meredith Verdone and her husband, Joseph. Adored grandfather of Tyler, Jackie, Marc, Jacob, Lucy and Zoe. Admired uncle to his many nieces and nephews.

William "Bill" Maren was the son of the late Maishe and Sally Maren. He grew up in Cambridge, Revere and Winthrop. He served in Japan as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Along with his beloved Bunny he founded the Victor Company, Inc Realtors in the mid-1960's. Working together, they grew their business to be the dominant real estate force in the Merrimack Valley. He served as president of the Greater Lawrence Board of Realtors, and was active in a wide range of civic and cultural activities in Andover. When his children were young he was an enthusiastic supporter of the Cub Scouts. Later he served on the political cam-

paigns of Sen. Paul Tsongas and Rep. James Shannon. One of his proudest achievements was sponsoring a performance by violinist Itzhak Perlman at the Collins Center. His generous philanthropic activities benefitted a wide range of causes and charities.

Bill Maren was a well-known presence in Andover. With his white beard and boisterous style, he never failed to make an impression.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services at Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover on Sunday, December 3rd at 1 p.m. Burial at Temple Emanuel of Andover, Lawrence. Following burial, all are invited to return to the Temple for a meal of consolation until 4:30 p.m. Shiva will continue at his late residence on Monday 4 to 8 p.m., and again Tuesday at the home of Meredith and Joseph from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mass General Hospital, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 or to Planned Parenthood, 123 William Street, 10th floor, New York, NY 10038.

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Peter P. Trespas

September 6, 1928 - December 2, 2017

YARMOUTH PORT - Peter Trespas of Yarmouth Port, Mass., formerly of Andover, passed away December 2, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 89.

Born in West Warren, Mass., Mr. Trespas enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school and served from 1946 to 1948 on the destroyer USS McKean in the waters off Japan and China.



After the service, he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Connecticut, which launched him on a long and successful career in advertising and marketing with companies in the Boston area. He retired from Bank of America in Manchester, N.H., where he was vice president of marketing.

After retirement he worked for the U.S. Census

Bureau and was on the board of the Lowell Quilt Museum. He was a communicant and volunteer at St. Augustine's church in Andover, where he and his family lived for 30 years.

He had a love of outdoor activities, especially skiing; opera and the theater, travel, and good food, which he shared with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Paula; a daughter, Emily Trespas of Andover; and a son, Timothy Trespas of Brooklyn, N.Y.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X church in South Yarmouth at 11 a.m. on December 19. There will be no calling hours and burial will be private.

Notes of comfort may be made to his family at www.MorrisOConnorBlute.com.

Jay Leno buys \$13.5M mansion in Newport, R.I.

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno and his wife have purchased an oceanfront mansion in Newport, Rhode Island.



Jay Leno

Leno paid \$13.5 million for the 18,000-square-foot home, called Seafair. It has eight bedrooms and 11 bathrooms and comes with a pool, a tennis court and a private beach.

Lucky for Leno, who collects cars, it also boasts a six-car garage.

The house sits on 9 acres and was built in 1936. It was previously owned by Denver

mining heir Verner Zevola Reed Jr., who was an American banker and diplomat. Reed served as U.S. ambassador to Morocco from 1981 to 1985.

Leno, originally from Andover, is a frequent visitor to the seaside resort town, where he has been known to stop in at the city's Audrain Automobile Museum.

POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, NOV. 28

Railroad gates were reportedly stuck on Burt Road at 8:31 a.m. The MBTA was made aware of the problem.

Jayne Mejia, 36, of 365 Hampshire St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant. Mejia was approached by police on Brickstone Square at 9:35 a.m.

Railroad gates were reported as being stuck down on Lowell Junction Road at

11:13 a.m. The MBTA was notified and went to the scene.

A crash hit and run from the previous night on the Andover bypass on Route 125 near the North Andover line was reported at 12:13 p.m.

Elvin Gomez, 27, of 9 Fallon St. Apt. A, Lawrence, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, having no inspection sticker, and for having two outstanding warrants. Police stopped Gomez on Union Street at 2:04 p.m. One vehicle was towed.

Emily Veilleux, 19, of 11 A Twin Meadow Drive, Hudson,

N.H. and Michael Quattrochi, 22, of 25 Taschereau Boulevard, Nashua, N.H., were both charged with possession of a substance believed to be heroin after being stopped by police on River Road at 6:25 p.m. One vehicle was towed.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

A motor vehicle trailer was reported stolen on River Road at 11:50 a.m.

Charles DeMarkis, 43, of 31 Shawsheen Road, Andover, was charged with having an outstanding warrant. DeMarkis was approached by police on Lowell Street at 7:45 p.m.

One vehicle was towed.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Edward Cruz, 45, of 9 Stouffer Circle, Andover, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and resisting arrest. Police responded to a hit and run at 2:18 a.m. A motor vehicle with heavy front end damage was towed from Bellevue Road. It is unknown where the original crash took place.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

A package was reported stolen on South Main Street

at 1:29 p.m.

A crash between two motor vehicles that resulted in injury occurred on Lowell Street and was reported at 6:04 p.m. On motor vehicle was towed.

Railroad gates on Pearson Street were reported broken at 6:59 p.m. The MBTA was made aware and responded to the issue.

A package was reported stolen from a lobby on River Road at 7:24 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

A motor vehicle crash resulting in injury was reported on Shattuck Road

at 7:05 a.m. One motor vehicle was towed.

An 88-year-old man was found deceased in his Oriole Drive home. The death was reported to police at 3:34 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 4

A man and a woman in a Nissan on Somerset Drive called police after taking LSD and reportedly "tripping out." Police received the call at 6:43 p.m. A Fire Department ambulance took the pair to Lawrence General Hospital.

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Conservation Commission volunteers needed

The Andover Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to help with the Retelle Reservation Interpretive Project. The goal is to create a self-guided tour of the property to highlight its history, flora and fauna, and wildlife relationships through numbered stations, QR codes and descriptive/interpretive panels.

The commission is seeking volunteers with skills in graphic design and art to create maps and interpretive

panels; mapping and GIS; historical research; naturalists to help identify the flora and fauna and their interrelationships; and QR coding.

The project is the initiative of Kevin Porter, the commission's vice chairman and overseer coordinator, and Willow Cheeley, a conservation overseer, is the project leader.

Anyone willing to volunteer their time and skills is encouraged to email cheeleyw@gmail.com for more information.

Andover Community Trust seeks support for recycling program

Through its partner FundingFactory, residents' recyclables can be turned into affordable homes in Andover for Andover Community Trust. The funds raised will go toward building homes that people can afford. Andover Community Trust projects create opportunities, train students and change lives in the community.

Andover Community Trust's recycling program is easy to implement and

entirely free. Simply encourage colleagues, friends and family to drop off their used name-brand toner (Brother, Canon, HP and Lexmark) and inkjet printer cartridges (Canon, HP and Lexmark) at 2 Dundee Park, Suite B02A.

Businesses can register as official "Business Supporters" of Andover Community Trust. FundingFactory provides Business Supporters everything they need for free, including prepaid shipping labels and/or boxes. The volume and value of business-related toner cartridges can give a tremendous boost to Andover Community Trust's fundraising balance. Business owners can go to www.fundingfactory.com/register/support.aspx for more information.

Andover Chess Club

The Andover Chess Club meets on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Augustine's Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover.

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Opinion

Rosenberg should step aside, for good

Stan Rosenberg, president of the Massachusetts Senate, had no good choices Monday amid the scrutiny of his colleagues into claims that his husband had sexually assaulted or harassed four men working on Beacon Hill. Rosenberg agreed to step down from his leadership job — a decision that, had he stayed, might have been made for him.

Rather than quit outright, however, Rosenberg characterized his departure as a “leave of absence... for the duration of the investigation.” His implication is that investigators will do their job, the dust will settle, and he will return.

It’s so much wishful thinking and unnecessary qualification. For the good of most everyone involved — the men who’ve accused Rosenberg’s husband, investigators, his Senate colleagues and the citizens of the state — the Democrat from Amherst should resign the presidency. A more assertive exit would do much to spare everyone confusion and uncertainty — at a time when the Senate is mired in it.

It’s easy to feel sympathy toward Rosenberg, 68, who has been a member of the Senate since 1991 and assumed its top job three years ago this January. Unlike dozens of figures in politics, entertainment and media who’ve been accused of sexual assault these past few months, Rosenberg isn’t accused directly.

Instead, the allegations target his husband, Bryan Hefner, who is accused of assaulting or harassing four men who worked on Beacon Hill over a period of years. Allegations were detailed last week by the Boston Globe, which described Hefner, 30, as using his connection to Rosenberg as leverage with the men.

The newspaper reported no indication that Rosenberg knew what was happening, even though he was said to be “mere feet away” when several incidents occurred. Rosenberg has said he is heartbroken. For his part, Hefner has said he was “shocked to learn of these anonymous and hurtful allegations.”

A vocal advocate of the Senate’s zero-tolerance policy toward sexual harassment, Rosenberg has embraced calls for an investigation. That exercise doubtlessly will explore what, if anything, he knew, particularly in light of an earlier controversy over his husband’s social media bragging about his influence on Beacon Hill.

No matter what investigators find, it can’t reflect well upon the Senate president. In the worst case, he knew of the accusations and didn’t act. Even if he was clueless, it suggests he wasn’t asking many tough questions following criticism over Hefner’s boasts about his sway in the Senate.

Then there is the reason that Rosenberg himself gives for stepping aside, even temporarily. He is doing so, he announced in a message to other senators on Monday, “to ensure that the investigation is fully independent and credible, and that anyone who wishes to come forward will feel confident that there will be no retaliation.”

How can anyone take seriously those assurances if he intends to return to the president’s chair and, presumably, reclaim the power to settle the score?

Sen. Barbara L’Italien, D-Andover, was the only member of the 40-person Senate to publicly advocate for Rosenberg to step aside as president, saying it was necessary for lawmakers to go about their business. It’s worth noting that L’Italien isn’t running for reelection next year but instead plans a run for Congress.

“It pains me to say this, but for the sake of the institution, with a very ambitious agenda for next January, I just don’t see how we can accomplish any of this while this cloud is hanging over his head,” L’Italien said Monday. That was before Rosenberg issued his statement about a leave of absence.

The fact is, the distraction described by L’Italien will linger for as long as Rosenberg is in the picture — even if he’s waiting on the sidelines. Rosenberg can still serve his Amherst constituents through his Senate seat. The presidency is another matter.

Sometimes the hardest part of leadership is knowing when to go. If Rosenberg doesn’t submit his unqualified resignation, his colleagues should demand it from him.

WEB QUESTION

This week’s web question:

Black Friday is behind us, as is Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday.

How did you start your holiday shopping this year?

Online only. I hate big crowds and long lines.

Black Friday. It’s a tradition, it’s fun, and you can save a lot of money.

All of the above. I like to support local businesses, but I also like to watch my wallet with big savings online and in stores on Black Friday.

Last week’s web question:

The town is proposing to spend \$8 million on a new Ballardvale Fire Station.

Do you think that’s a good idea?

Yes. The existing station is falling apart and needs to be replaced. **12 votes**

No. The old station should be demolished a new station put somewhere else. That’s an awkward spot and trucks have a hard time coming and going from that location. **9 votes**

Maybe. If the old building could be torn down and a new building reconfigured in such a way that it improves access to the building, then it’s probably a good idea. We need a station there. **8 votes**

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

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Historical Society

100 Years Ago—Dec. 7, 1942

Edwin L. Perley of Wilson’s corner has resumed his duties as station agent at the local Boston and Maine station. Fred W. Cardinal has been acting agent.

A call from Box 41, corner of Central and

Phillips streets this morning at 11 o’clock was answered by Combination No. 1 and ladder truck. The fire was in a chimney of Mrs. George Ripley’s house on Central Street. The fire was easily extinguished with chemicals.

The annual Bessie Goldsmith prize — speaking contest will be held Friday evening, Dec. 14.

Mrs. J.P. West has opened a bakery shop on Barnard Street.

75 Years Ago—Dec. 17, 1917

The Price Ceiling Panel of the local rationing board is now actively functioning, and meets every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the rationing office in the town hall. Every retailer selling “cost of living” commodities should have filed with the board, by now, a statement of his maximum selling prices. Cost-of-living articles are defined as goods sold over the counter, or those whose

prices reflect business conditions noticeable and promptly.

In conformity with the now dim out regulations, Father Leonard Bacigalutpo, O.F.M Superior of St. Francis Seminary, has announced that the Seminary will not be decked out in the annual colorful dress of Christmas lights.

Teenage registration for selective service has proceeded this week at a much slower pace than had been previously expected.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Courtesy photo

What was once a pretty fairy forest now appears to be a bunch of litter in the woods.

Dismantle the Fairy Forest; it’s now a ‘Fairy Junkyard’

Editor, Townsman:

It’s taken me a long time to publicly express my profound displeasure at the (apparently) permanent installation of the Fairy Forest next to the Shawsheen River near Penguin Park. I guess I felt a complaint was a bit petty, that I was in the minority anyway, and that there were currently more important issues — local, state, and national — to protest. However, now that the Fairy Forest looks like a Fairy Junkyard, I cannot remain silent.

This is the place I go to walk my dog and escape the ills of the world. But sadly, I’m no longer soothed by the trees and birds and the river, because I must look at the dumping ground for someone’s rotten pumpkins, old shell collection, irritating platitudinous signage, and long-neglected toys. I am also offended by the fire-engine red arrows and mailbox I must pass. Wouldn’t fairies want to protect themselves from trolls like me with a little camouflage? Didn’t those who installed this current eyesore worry that drilling holes into a healthy tree might then threaten it with an infestation of insects? And that eventually the mailbox would make a perfect nesting place for wasps?

I’m all for encouraging a child’s imagination. I’m a writer and more recently a pastel artist. I have taught creative writing to children and adults for over 30 years. I even used those same trees once, to encourage a 10-year-old student to write a short story. I did not, however, impose that project on the general public who also have the right to use the same space.

I have already written directly to the Conservation Commission to make what I felt were reasonable requests: to dismantle the Fairy Forest for the winter, if not permanently. And if they could not agree to do that, I suggested that they at least maintain it... every day.

Clearly, I am not satisfied with their response.

PEGGY RAMBACH
1 Arundel St.
Andover

Thanks to Wendy Adams for Holiday Happenings

Editor, Townsman:

Many individuals, groups and businesses were involved in the Holiday Happenings on Friday, Dec. 1 in the town center, park and nearby grounds which delighted hundreds of attendees

of all ages.

Based on the number of cars trying to find parking spaces, it had to be the best-attended event of this type ever! Although there were many hands contributing their time and talents, one person’s contribution stands out. A big shout-out to Wendy Adams, the executive assistant in the town manager’s office, who worked many hours contacting individuals and organizations, making arrangements for food, entertainment, activities, safety and crowd control that made it a fun evening for all.

She helped create an occasion that makes us appreciate our town as a community rather than just a location where we happen to live. In the midst of these rancorous times, that is certainly welcome.

NANCY MULVEY
104 High Plain Road
Andover

Don’t turn center into a place for adults

Editor, Townsman:

Open letter to Mr. Andrew P. Flanagan, Andover Town Manager.

Dear Sir: I have lived in Andover for 18 years. My three kids have benefited tremendously from this community, including the many programs at Andover Youth Services. AYS is a blessing to this town and the neighboring communities. To think that there is a push to turn the Cormier Youth Center into a Town Hall run by town officials is just sickening.

The Cormier Youth Center is a place for kids to learn, become more empowered, and participate in many diverse programs. The Cormier Youth Center is not supposed to be a Town Events Center for Adults.

That was not its aim. It took work and a special town meeting vote on Dec. 5, 2011, to pave the way for the center. I was at that meeting. I voted for a youth center, not an adult run, for-profit venue. Mr. Flanagan, I strongly urge you let Bill Fahey and his remarkable staff continue to do the job they do day-in, day-out, much to the benefit of this town you manage. Please, do not place currency and authority over youth, humanity, and community.

JAMES FLYNN
29 Canterbury St.
Andover

Rep. Lyons is ‘stuck in the past’

Editor, Townsman:

Last week, Republicans and Democrats alike celebrated the signing of a bill protecting access to no-copay birth control for Massachusetts women. Unfortunately, our state Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover) voted against this critical, commonsense law that will help women stay healthy and plan their families.

Rep. Lyons has spent much of his career crusading against safe, legal abortion and is leading the charge for a politically motivated campaign to restrict abortion access in Massachusetts.

If Rep. Lyons were not so distracted by his own anti-women agenda, he might have realized that this new law will help reduce the need for abortion by ensuring that all women have the ability to prevent pregnancy. As a self-proclaimed fiscal conservative, Rep. Lyons should also have realized birth control saves patients and taxpayers money by preventing unintended pregnancies and costly reproductive health issues. And as a devout Catholic, he should have realized the new law

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contains important exemptions for religious institutions, earning the vote of many of his Catholic colleagues.

Ultimately, Rep. Lyons had no good reason to vote against this bill. Much like the Trump Administration, he’s not actually working to reduce the need for abortion, govern in a fiscally responsible way, or preserve religious freedom. He’s only concerned about restricting women’s rights.

Massachusetts is pushing forward with smart public health policy. Rep. Lyons is stuck in the past.

TRAM NGUYEN
1 Brookfield Road
Andover

North Andover also having electrical outage issues

Editor, Townsman:

After having lost my power 4 to 5 times in the last 6 weeks (beginning before the October Nor’easter) and inquiring of my neighbors and neighborhood, I have found out it is a widespread issue. Selectman Chris Nobile assured me inquires have been made by the Board of Selectmen who have been told it is an infrastructure issue thus not a quick or easy or cheap fix.

Mr. Nobile reassured me they will continue to pressure and demand transparency. So what to do about it? Do we keep paying the same rates while resetting our clocks and other timed appliances? Do I need to use my phone alarm to prevent being late to work like I was last week. Or is the electric company going to reconcile this problem. Lower rates? Better service? Anybody out there have other suggestions? Frustrating!

YVETTE BONIN
99 Raleigh Tavern Lane
North Andover

Landry needs to stop ‘unproductive whining’

Editor, Townsman:

I’m really tired of Selectman Bob Landry’s unproductive whining. Don’t get me wrong, I think his thoughtful analysis of the town’s fiscal situation is very valuable.

However, his presentation is so corrosive, that it’s hard to see how it can lead to meaningful dialogue.

“Have you stopped beating your wife yet?” is not a good starting point for marriage counseling, similarly.

“Are you still committed to wasting the taxpayer’s money?” is unlikely to be productive in a Selectmen’s meeting.

I also want to credit S.I. Hayakawa (deceased Republican Senator from California) who’s “Language and Thought in Action” suggests an effective semantics for reaching agreements.

JOHN WEISS
30 High St.
Andover

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ON CAMPUS

Alexander Hanscom participated in Emerson College's stage production of Michael Hollinger's "Incorruptible," which ran Oct. 19 to 22, at the Robert J. Orchard Stage/Paramount Center. The farcical comedy is rich

in verbal and physical humor that explores the fragility of faith in the face of survival, the slippery slope of temptation, spiritual vs. material ideals and this age-old ethical dilemma played out in today's news: do the ends justify the means? The cast and crew, composed of Emerson College students, gained valuable professional experience during the production. Hanscom is a senior majoring in acting at Emerson. Tyler Anastasi earned second honors during the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year at Malden Catholic High School.

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TownsBeat



Chris Lyndsey of North Andover does a little window shopping with 15 month-old Ayden on his shoulders in front of the Chic Consignment store.



Fireworks followed the Christmas tree lighting at Andover's Holiday Happenings, where the theme was "Light up the Night."



Nathan Piva, 6 months, of Andover has his picture taken with Santa at the annual Holiday Happenings event.

Andover begins Christmas season by lighting up the night

BY PAUL TENNANT
Staff Writer

The theme for Friday evening's Holiday Happenings celebration was "Light up the Night" and indeed, the town lit up the night.

While most communities in the area have or will illuminate huge Christmas trees, Andover went further. Right after the lights on the tree in the Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets were turned on, a fireworks display brightened the sky.

So instead of Christmas in July, it may have looked like they were celebrating Independence Day in December.

Hundreds if not thousands of people converged on downtown Andover, from which motor vehicles were barred from entering. Courtesy of the Department of Public Works, dump trucks and sanders blocked side streets leading into Main.

Two sanders stood guard at Main and Elm streets.

A choir from the Free Christian Church sang Christmas carols in front of the old Town Hall, which is now the Town House Welcome Center, on Main Street.

Children were busily writing letters to Santa Claus on the first floor of the old Town Hall while long lines of parents with kids waited on the stairs to have pictures taken with Jolly St. Nick.

At 46 degrees, the temperature was a tad on the chilly side, but the group from Free Christian Church must have sung almost non-stop for nearly an hour.

"We wanted to celebrate the good news of Christ with the town," explained Fernando Castro, the choir director who accompanied the singers with an electronic keyboard.

Most if not all of the downtown businesses were open. Greater Boston Running Co., 45 Main St., sold several pairs of gloves, according to Olivia Marshall, the manager. Ordinarily, the store is open until 7 p.m. but during the holiday season, it stays open until 8, Marshall said.

After Thanksgiving, the road race schedule in these parts slows down, but Marshall said a few people inquired about the various "jingle bell" races that are run in December.

Several people were checking out the merchandise at Royal Jewelers, 58 Main St. The store had a couple of inquiries about engagement rings, according to Giao Nguyen, executive vice president of the business.

Buying an engagement ring during the holidays sounds romantic, does it not?

Rides in two horse-drawn wagons along Main and Bartlet streets were very popular. Each wagon was pulled by two large



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Santa dances with the kids during the Ted "Entertainment" Teichert dance party before the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Andover held their annual Holiday Happenings downtown and at the town park Friday night. This year's theme was "Light up the Night."



Lou Poulo of Andover helps his grandchildren, Ruby, 8 and her brother Dylan, 4, make Christmas wreaths in the old Town Hall. Andover hosted its annual Holiday Happenings downtown and at the town park Dec. 1.

Belgian draft horses from Krochmal Farms in Tewksbury.

Over at the Park, a merry-go-round and a miniature train attracted dozens of riders. The combination of food vendors and rides along with the cool, crisp air may have reminded some folks of the Topsfield Fair — except the rides were all free.

Holiday Happenings drew a number of enterprising folks. Kallia Archambault and other members of the Andover High

School girls hockey team were selling scarves to raise money for their team. The Knights of Columbus Mother of Good Counsel Andover Council 1078, led by grand knight Philip D'Agati, were handing out decals proclaiming "Keep Christ in Christmas."

The annual Christmas celebration came close to not happening. Phyllis Riordan, acting president of the Andover Business Community Association,

which has run previous celebrations, said the organization did not have the manpower to continue the tradition.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan and the selectmen stepped in to help, she said. With the town and the Andover Business Community Association working together, Holiday Happenings survived.

It was an especially lively night for dogs, many of whom were adorned with Christmas decorations. Cosmo, a golden retriever that accompanied

Eileen Cantone of Plaistow, New Hampshire, wore a red sweater along with Christmas lights.

Enzo Fossella, longtime owner of the Enzo of Andover tailor shop and clothing store, and his wife Lena were among the hundreds of residents who attended the celebration. Enzo serves on the committee that organized the festivities.

"This is fantastic," he said. The town made "the right decision" by keeping Holiday Happenings on track, he said.

"This will grow," he predicted.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER THURSDAY, DEC. 7

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, 1:30 p.m., The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court. Offered through the Andover Council on Aging, the meeting will focus on coping with the holidays and special days after the death of a loved one; meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month; all are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways to carry on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions; registration is requested; 978-552-4537.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR, 7 to 9 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston-Andover,

123 Old River Road. Learn how to protect your home, assets and life savings from the costs of probate, taxes and long-term care; Atty. Matthew Karr, who specializes in estate planning, will present information in a way that is easy to understand; a Q&A session will be held at the end of the presentation; registration is requested; 617-714-9434, www.heritagelaw.eventbrite.com.

CREATING TERRIFIC TERRARIUMS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. Bring the garden indoors for the winter and create a succulent terrarium during this social and hands-on workshop; an instructor will guide participants through the process;

recommended for newbies and experts alike, with BYOB welcome and music playing; \$32 for Trustees members, \$40 for nonmembers; space is limited, preregistration is required; a parking lot is located across the street; www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/.

DEC. 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 AND 28

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 4:30 p.m., Saint Michael Parish, 196 Main St., North Andover. Anyone who struggles with food is encouraged to join; 781-641-2303.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, 6:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St. Adults can watch "Saint Ralph" while

the kids see "Despicable Me 3"; 978-475-4059, www.faith-andover.org.

FREE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CONCERT, 1 to 2 p.m., Veterans Memorial Hall, next to Town Hall. The concert will feature mezzo soprano Joanna Porackova and pianist Peggy Allen, a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music; Parackova has soloed with the Berlin Philharmonic, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle, and has sung at operatic events in Washington, D.C., New York City and Boston; presented by The Center at Punchard and the town of Andover, the concert will combine holiday music and opera; handicap parking entrance is through the Doherty Middle School, 50 Bartlet St.; 978-623-8320.

DEC. 8 TO 10, 15 TO 17, 22 AND 23

ILLUMINATION NIGHTS, 5 to 7 p.m., Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. See the splendor of the property's illuminated winter gardens, explore the grounds, sing holiday songs, or warm up with hot cocoa and s'mores around the outdoor fire pit; \$5 for Trustees members, \$10 for nonmembers, free for kids; preregistration is encouraged; a parking lot is located across the street; www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

HOLIDAY CONCERT, 2 p.m., St. Louis School, Chapel Hall, 77 Boisvert St., Lowell. The Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra

will perform lively classical and pop music; refreshments at intermission; \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children and students with ID; the venue is handicap accessible; ample street and lot parking; www.lowellphilharmonic.org.

DEC. 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 AND 30

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 6 p.m. on Mondays and 8 a.m. on Saturdays, North Andover Senior Center, 120R Main St. Anyone who struggles with food is welcome; 781-641-2303.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Get up close with ice harvesting tools and view photographs See **CALENDAR**, Page 10

Kelsey Bode

Education Notebook



Andover High students have a unique chance to show off their smarts on the big screen.

Andover High is one of 16 schools that will be participating in WGBH's ninth annual "High School Quiz Show" tournament. The schools with the highest scores from a Super Sunday oral test given to students earlier this month were chosen to compete. The show will start being filmed in January 2018 and will start to air on Feb. 3, 2018, at 6 p.m., on WGBH.

Phillips Academy will also compete in the tournament, for the first time.

"Congratulations to the schools advancing in the High School Quiz Show competition and thank you to all of the schools that came to Super Sunday!" said Billy Costa, host of the show. "Each year I look forward to seeing Quiz Show veterans again and to welcoming new participants at the tapings, and this year is no exception. I'll see you in January!"

This season, the show will

lead to a multi-state competition between the High School winners of similar PBS high school competition shows from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Rhode Island.

Schools involved in the tournament include: the Advanced Math & Science Academy, Andover High School, Belmont High School, Bromfield School, Brookline High School, Foxborough High School, Hingham High School, Lexington High School, Mansfield High School, Natick High School, Needham High School, Newton North High School, Phillips Academy, South High Community School, Thayer Academy, and Wellesley High School.

The ninth season of WGBH's "High School Quiz Show" is being dedicated to Mitchell Chester, former Massachusetts Commissioner for Elementary and Secondary Education.

West Middle School receives Community Spirit Grant

The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation gave West Middle School a \$250 Community Spirit Grant this fall. The grant is a part of the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation's Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant program. The grant program seeks to

memorialize Harvard Pilgrim members who died on Sept. 11, 2001. Any Harvard Pilgrim or NTT Data employee can award a grant between \$250 and \$500, annually, to a local charity of choice.

The program began in 2002 and has since donated over \$5.2 million in grants to New England organizations.

"We are so fortunate to have generous and dedicated employees who enrich our company and the communities in which we all live and work," said Karen Voci, President of the Harvard Pilgrim Foundation. "The Mini-Grant program is a wonderful way to support our employees as philanthropists and to help them make an impact in their own cities and towns."

The grant is intended to pay for seminars, lectures, performances, and/or library books for West Middle. West Middle was nominated for the grant by Jia Ke, employee of NTT Data Services.

Greater Lawrence Tech

Greater Lawrence Technical School students competed in a Massachusetts leadership conference this fall.

A group of students from Greater Lawrence Technical School (GLTS) went to a

Marlborough leadership training from Nov. 19 until Nov. 21. The session prepared the students to compete in future SkillsUSA competitions. GLTS students Ahlyia Leclerc, of Methuen, Scarlette Santos, of Lawrence, Tyler Davis, of Methuen, Peter Finch, of Lawrence, Josh Breen, of Methuen, Kiaraliz Gonzalez, of North Andover, Chris Garcia, of Lawrence, and

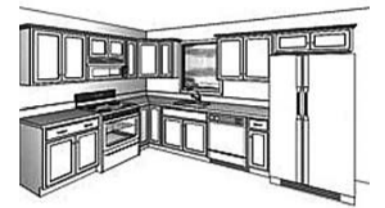
Ivana Perez, of Lawrence, all attended the session.

SkillsUSA works to provide students in high school and in college, as well as professionals, with experiences in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development. The goal of the organization is to help hone the leadership skills of future professionals.

"This was a great opportunity for students to refine

their leadership qualities, meet their peers from throughout the state, and put their talents to the test," said Superintendent John Lavoie. "The Skills USA competitions are something students look forward to each year and our GLTS representatives were able to bring back additional information on how to best perform in the district competition this spring."

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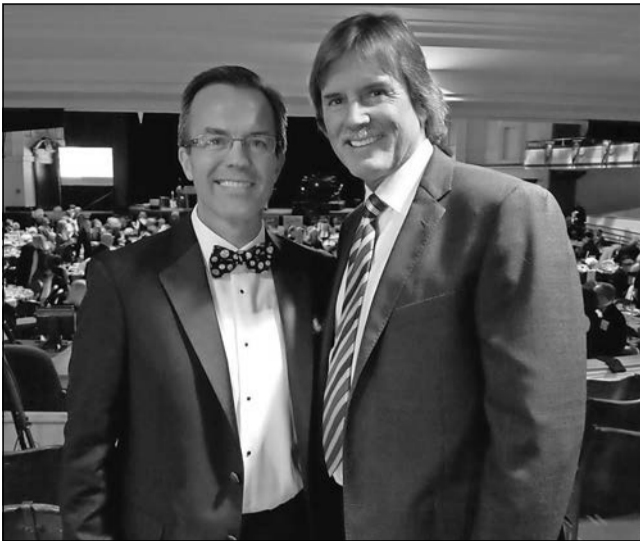


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Townspeople



Tom Caron served as the master of ceremonies of the Ironstone Farm gala honoring his NESN-TV buddy and Hall of Fame pitcher-turned-expert-analyst Dennis Eckersley.



University of Massachusetts-Lowell students Thalia Persia and Elle Cooper were among the "hawkers" bringing around baseball-park inspired appetizers to start Ironstone Farm's Spirit of Giving Gala, honoring the charitable support of Dennis Eckersley and Bob Lobel.



Daniel Koh and Amy Sennett of Andover were among the 440 people at the sold-out gala to support Ironstone Farm. Koh is running for Congress in the Third Congressional District.

SPIRIT OF GIVING

Dennis Eckersley, Bob Lobel honored as baseball-themed fete helps Andover nonprofit

STAFF REPORT

Dennis Eckersley and Bob Lobel helped Ironstone Farm pitch a gem at its annual fundraising bash, the Spirit of Giving Gala.

The Nov. 4 sold-out event honoring both the Hall-of-Fame pitcher and iconic Boston TV sports anchor delivered more than \$290,000 for Ironstone Farm on Route 133 in Andover. The money raised will support Ironstone Farm's nonprofit therapy and therapeutic programs for children and adults with special needs, people diagnosed with cancer, veterans who have experienced trauma, families at risk, elders with memory issues and others. Ironstone uses more than 200 volunteers each week to serve up to 500 weekly clients.

NESN-TV Red Sox anchor Tom Caron served as master of ceremonies and auctioneer for the live auction at Ironstone's gala. Boston TV journalist Susan Wornick led the Sponsor a Child program to provide funds for families who might otherwise be unable to afford their children's therapy. Actor William Shatner, a longtime supporter of the type of equine therapy offered at Ironstone Farm, taped two video messages asking people to support Ironstone and its sister farm in Israel.

Known for its willingness to take a big swing at fun and reinvent itself each year, Ironstone Farm's gala embraced a "vintage baseball" theme this year. During the cocktail hour, people tested their pitching arm at the radar gun. Hawkets delivered baseball-park inspired appetizers such as steak-and-cheese spring rolls, while guests also filled baskets at French-fry and nacho stations. Vintage baseball artwork by Lowell-based artist Joe Farnham of Salisbury graced the venue. The crowd sang "Sweet Caroline" and "Take Me out to the Ballgame." People also bid on 60 silent auction items and high-end international vacations before the dinner and live auction. The night ended with a full Billy Joel tribute concert by Jon Abrams and his Billy Joel Rock 'n' Roll Band.

Tom Jones of Andover gave the Spirit of Giving Award to Eckersley, who first came to Ironstone in 2005 and spent a day talking and signing autographs for people with special needs who ride at the nonprofit farm. Dennis and Jennifer Eckersley are now members of the Ironstone Farm Leadership Committee that is helping to spearhead an ongoing



A sold-out crowd enjoyed a wealth of entertainment, and helped bring in over \$290,000 for the Andover nonprofit Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm.



Ironstone Farm honorees Bob Lobel and Dennis Eckersley share a laugh while they talk to the sold out crowd about the ups and downs of their careers, overcoming failure and the future of the Red Sox.

capital campaign to renovate the farm's buildings and expand its programs.

Drew Weber, former owner of the Lowell Spinners, presented the Joann Weber Award to Bob Lobel. Lobel served as the Spirit of Giving auctioneer in 2015 and has returned to the farm this

year to offer support and even take a therapy ride of his own. He received the award for his lengthy support of charitable causes throughout New England that pursue missions similar to Ironstone's, including Children's Hospital and the Genesis Fund. The Spirit of Giving gala for

Ironstone Farm is organized by Andover's Lauren Hajar, owner of the event planning and concierge business Errands and Events by Lauren, and a committee of volunteers, led by co-chairwoman Nancy Greeley, also of Andover. One of the main efforts of the



Sarah Oppenheim and Beth Scagnoli, both of Andover, check out silent auction items at Ironstone Farm's Spirit of Giving Gala, honoring Dennis Eckersley and Bob Lobel.

night is to raise money for Ironstone Farm's Sponsor a Child Program that provides money for children whose families might otherwise not be able to continue their therapy. It also allows Ironstone to offer its Early Intervention program that provides therapy for its youngest clients, children aged 9 months to 3 years old who have difficulty with movement and speech.

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:

Jazzy family concert

Bring the whole family for a seasonal celebration and concert for all ages on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m.

Faculty members from the Merrimack Valley Community Music School will perform old and new favorites, spanning centuries of cherished and varied repertoire, with plenty of opportunities to sing along. The program will include solos, duets, trios and more. Audience participation is encouraged.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information or to sign up, go to www.mhl.org/calendar.

Search even more issues of old Andover newspapers online

Memorial Hall Library is making history even more accessible to patrons by digitizing old Andover newspapers.

The latest phase of this endeavor gives researchers online access to a searchable

database of Andover Townsman issues dating from 1887 to 1967.

Visit <http://www.mhl.org/historical-newspapers> to take a look and try a search.

Museum passes available

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library has passes to three additional cultural attractions in Massachusetts.

Plan outings to the Concord Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, and be sure to visit the Peabody Essex Museum, as MHL has a second pass to this ever-popular destination.

The Friends sponsor passes to 22 different cultural institutions. Take photos of visits and tag #mhlmuseumfun on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for a chance to win a family-friendly prize. Visit www.mhl.org/museum-passes for details. To join the Friends, go to www.mhl.org/friends.

Other events at the library include:

MHL Movie, Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. Visit www.mhl.org/movies for the title.

Adult Board Games, Monday, Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. Play board games with other adults. Bring one from home or

choose one from the library's collection. Facilitated by Andover resident John Totten.

Tech @ MHL: Tech Drop-In, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m. in the Teen Room. Bring simple technology questions to this drop-in session. Get help with the basics for iPads, cellphones, laptops, Kindles and other e-readers. Be sure to bring chargers and pertinent usernames and passwords. Assistance is limited, depending on the number of people attending, but a one-on-one session can be scheduled for more specific questions.

Career Networking Group, Thursday, Dec. 14, 10 to

11:30 a.m. in Friends Alcove 1, ground level. Join this free group to expand your network of business contacts, share ideas, and learn about effective job search strategies. Facilitated by Arleen Bradley, a certified career coach.

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club, Thursday, Dec. 14, 10 to 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

All events take place at the library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, and are sponsored in conjunction with the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

■ BUSINESS BRIEF CASE

Merrimack College welcomes Bouchard to board of trustees

Bruce A. Bouchard, of Andover, has been appointed to the Merrimack College board of trustees.

Bouchard is co-founder and managing partner at Pleasanton Pharma Ventures (PPV), a private equity fund, in conjunction with SFJ Pharmaceuticals, to invest in the development of biological compounds that are in late stages of the clinical trial process in order to facilitate earlier regulatory approval of these potentially life-saving drugs. PPV partners with the world's top pharmaceutical companies to introduce new indications to maximize the value of the asset and accelerate the development and introduction of promising new therapies held back due to pharma budget constraints. He is also serving as interim chief financial officer of SFJ Pharmaceuticals Group, managing a portfolio of collaborations with various global pharmaceutical companies to strategically fund the late stage development of oncology compounds.

Prior to joining PPV, Bouchard was a partner with Ernst & Young (EY) in their Boston office and served as the tax sector leader for the firm's global biotechnology and medical device practice. During his 32 years with the firm, he advised many global biotechnology and medical

device companies on life science industry related matters including the structuring of transactions, collaborations, joint ventures, and license arrangements, intellectual property planning and migration, and global and domestic supply chain planning. Bouchard was the leader of EY's annual health sciences industry conference and was a frequent speaker at numerous EY-sponsored client events, as well as industry organization events sponsored by BIO and the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council.

He has been involved with the community including serving as chairman of the board of a state affiliate of the American Heart Association and president of the board of a local affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association. Bouchard received a

Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Merrimack College in 1979 and his MBA from Bentley University in 1984. He is a licensed CPA in Massachusetts and earned the MSCPA Certificate of Achievement for passing the CPA exam at first sitting.

Merrimack Valley networking meetings

Merrimack Valley Networking Group, a free business networking group, meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Atria Marland Place, 15 Steven St., Andover. Bring business cards to hand out. For more information, call Paul Lambert at 978-609-6420 or email PDLLAW@comcast.net.

Bruce Bouchard

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More than 350 people attended Lazarus House's annual Sharing Our Bounty gala at Andover Country Club. The crowd applauded and eventually gave a standing ovation to the event's guest speakers, a couple who got back on their feet with the help of the local non-profit.

Lazarus House raises more than \$400K, faces financial strain

STAFF REPORT

Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence held its 34th annual Sharing Our Bounty Gala at Andover Country Club on Saturday, Nov. 18, raising more than \$400,000. More than 350 people attended the event, which included silent and live auctions, passed hors d'oeuvres, and live entertainment.

Dr. Rev. Paul Burton, a reporter for CBS Boston, served as the event's Master of Ceremonies. Burton spoke to the crowd about the ministry's heightened need in all areas, including food, clothing, and financial support.

Longtime local radio and TV personality Mike Morin was the auctioneer for the evening. Morin is known for co-hosting New Hampshire in the Morning, hosting Morin in the Morning, penning a humor column for the Nashua Telegraph, and authoring a memoir.

Morin started the auction off with a loaf of bread baked from his grandmother's "famous" recipe. The crowd was so eager to start the auction off on a high note that two loaves of bread were sold for more than \$1,000 each.

Christmas Eve Patriots tickets, New England getaways, concert tickets, and once-in-a-lifetime experiences were auctioned off during the event.

"It was incredible to see people's enthusiasm for raising money for Lazarus House," Director of Communications Gabby Cruz said. "It was easy to see people weren't simply interested in awesome auction items; they were bidding high for a purpose."

As the live auction came to an end, Andover Country Club owner and local real estate mogul Yvon Cormier made a surprise donation to the ministry.

Cormier pledged to match up to \$50,000 of donations during Fund



Ian O'Connor of Andover raises his bid paddle during the live auction.

The Mission, a portion of the evening where guests make monetary pledges to the non-profit.

Cormier stunned Lazarus House staff and gala guests alike. He noted that one of his motivations for his donation had to do with the ministry's financial shortfall.

As a result of the many natural disasters around the country and other factors, the ministry is currently facing a \$200,000 deficit. Cormier said it was times like this, when he and those in the room have so much, that he felt compelled to help those in need.

"Seeing Yvon step on stage and announce his gift was honestly a little breathtaking," Cruz said. "We're facing a shortfall this year,

so seeing one of our greatest prayers answered right in front of us was amazing. We're so thankful to Yvon."

But, Cruz said, the need is still present.

"With Yvon's generosity, and the total amount raised during Sharing Our Bounty, we took a big step toward closing our funding gap," Cruz said. "But there's still a ways to go. The need we're experiencing is great and we continue to hope and pray that members of our community will be inspired by Yvon's example."

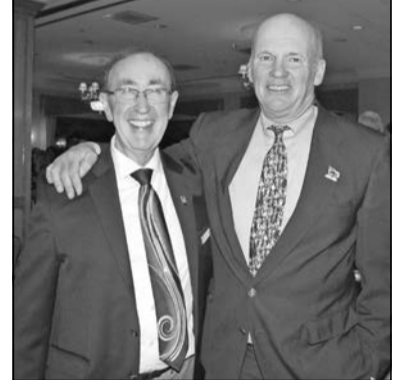
"No matter what," Cruz added, "we will continue serving those in need in our community and make every effort to break the stubborn bonds of poverty."



Lazarus House Executive Director Bridget Shaheen, left, poses with guest speakers Nefertiti Kelly-Farmer, Deray Willis, and their son, Deray Jr. The family shared its story during the gala of going from homeless to apartment owners.



Lazarus House Board Vice President Claire Bishop and her daughter Courtney O'Connor, both of Andover, pose during the cocktail hour at the non-profit's annual fundraising gala at Andover Country Club.



Lazarus House Major Gift Officer Dennis McCarthy, left, catches up with Bill Pennington, of Andover, after enjoying a three-course meal at the non-profit's annual Sharing Our Bounty gala.



Guests admire the silent auction items at Lazarus House Ministries' annual Sharing Our Bounty gala at Andover Country Club. By the end of the night, the nonprofit raised more than \$400,000.



Radio and TV personality Mike Morin served as the auctioneer during the annual Lazarus House Ministries' Sharing Our Bounty gala. Morin started the auction off with two loaves of bread baked with his grandmother's recipe. The loaves were sold for \$1,200 each.



Former Lazarus House Board member and longtime supporter Jeannie Dunagan, left, and current board member Linda Benjamin, both of Andover, stand together after perusing the silent auction items at the non-profit's annual gala.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:

Bereavement Support Group: The meeting, held on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1:30 p.m., will focus on coping with the holidays and special days after the death of a loved one. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions. To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

Equifax Security Breach: On Friday, Dec. 8, at 9:30 a.m., Robin Cataldo, the Andover Police Department's Elder Services liaison officer, will provide firsthand information on what seniors need to do to

protect themselves from the security breach. Registration is requested.

Holiday Festival Concert: A free concert, featuring mezzo soprano Joanna Porackova, will be held on Friday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, next to Town Hall. Presented by The Center at Punchard and the town of Andover, the concert will combine holiday music and opera. Parackova has soloed with the Berlin Philharmonic, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle, and has sung at operatic events in Washington, D.C., New York City and Boston. She will be accompanied by Peggy Allen, a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music.

Civil Defense Interviews with Gail Ralston: As part of her ongoing research on life in Andover, Gail Ralston, from the Andover Historical Society, will conduct interviews on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. at The Center at Punchard. People who have memories

of, or were involved in, public safety efforts during the World War II era, are invited to share their stories. Call 978-623-8320 if interested in participating.

Computer Users' Group: The group will meet on Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month from September through June.

Pain Management Support Group: This intimate and confidential group will meet on Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. Open to anyone dealing with chronic pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome to the meetings, which are held on the second Monday of the month, September through June. Call to register.

Holiday Lunch: Roast beef and all the fixings will be on the menu on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at noon. Tickets are \$5 and are available at The Center.

Council on Aging Board Meeting: All are welcome to attend the meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a.m. The COA meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Parkinson's Support Group: The group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, September through June, 1:30 to 3 p.m. This group is open to all. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

TRIAD Program: Triad, a joint collaboration between The Center at Punchard, Andover Police Department, Essex County District Attorney's Office and the Essex County Sheriff's Department, will meet on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. Designed to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons through crime prevention and education programs, the TRIAD group is

seeking volunteers to assist with identifying, developing and initiating programming.

Andover Senior Community FRIENDS: All are welcome to join the Friends at their next meeting on Friday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m., as they support many of The Center's free programs. Visit www.andoversef.org for details.

Happy Birthday to You: December birthdays will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 15, at 11:45 a.m. Sing Like A Bird, the lively pianist/singer duo of Dove Morissette and Susan Donahue, will provide entertainment, courtesy of Andover Senior Community FRIENDS Inc.

Ask the Lawyer Legal Clinic: Atty. Joseph Moran will give one-on-one consultations on Monday, Dec. 18, beginning at 10 a.m., to answer basic legal questions and refer seniors to the appropriate resources. The 10- to 15-minute consultations will be held on a first come, first served basis that

day, but advance registration is required. Call 978-623-8320 to preregister.

Fix-it Shop: Bring lamps, small appliances, chairs, small tables and anything that needs fixing on Monday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. The cost is \$4 plus parts for seniors (ID required); \$10 plus parts for non-seniors or nonresidents; \$2 diagnostic fee.

Memory Café: This fun and supportive program, funded by the Department of Developmental Disabilities, will be held on Monday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. with entertainment by Russ McQueen. Contact Linda Lambert for more information.

Shopping Trip to The Loop: Start your holiday shopping with a bus trip to The Loop in Methuen on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stores include Target, Walmart and Mann Orchard. The cost is \$10 and preregistration is required to reserve a seat on the bus.

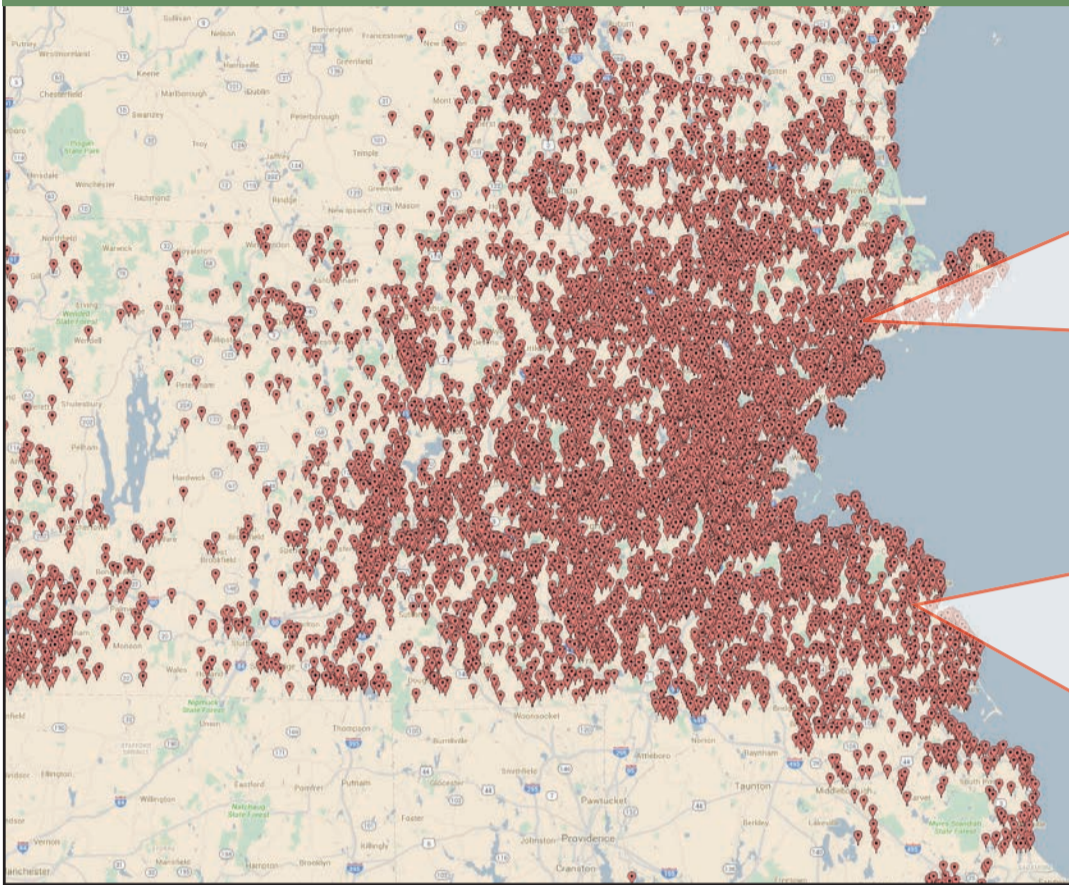
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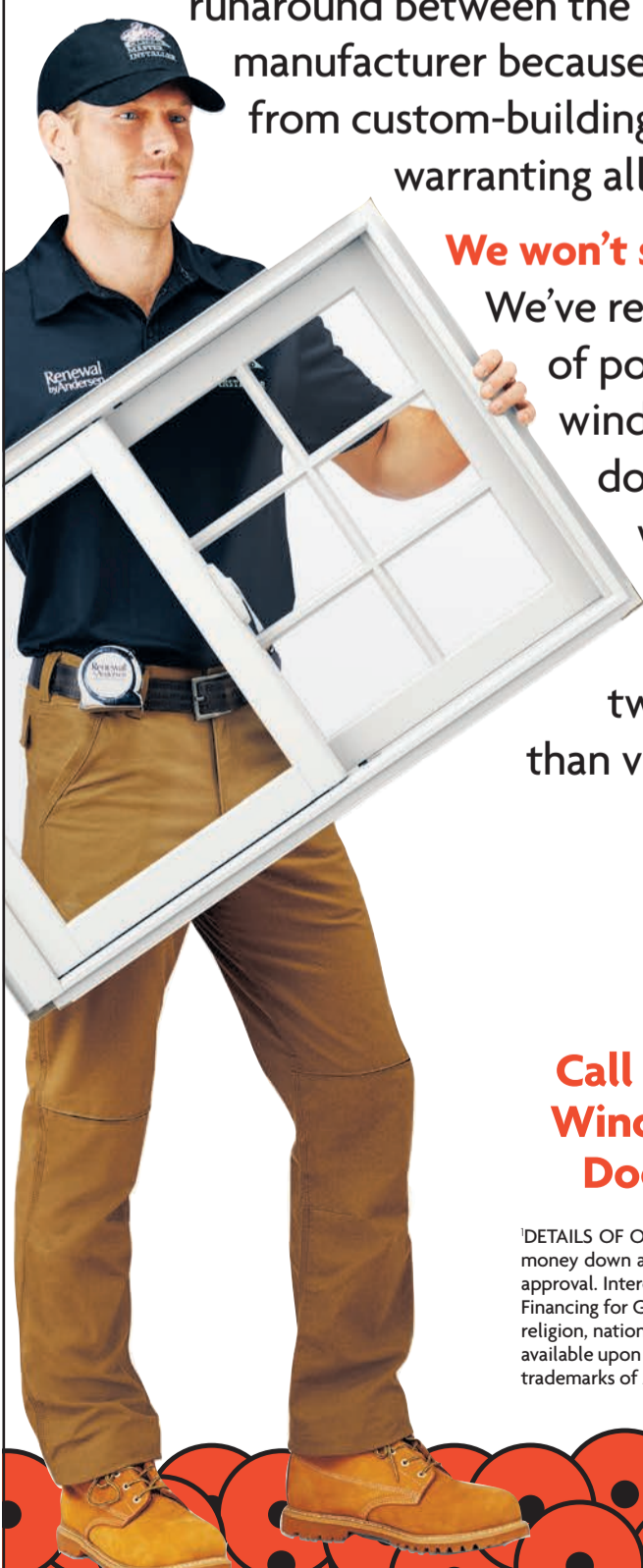
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Sports

BIG MAN BEATI GOING TO BROWN

Wild recruiting journey ends, will play football for Brown University

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Max Beati isn't going to lie. College recruiting was a very rough experience.

"The recruiting process beat me up worse than football ever has," said Beati. "I went through a lot of long nights and got burnt by a few coaches. It definitely wasn't always smooth or fun."

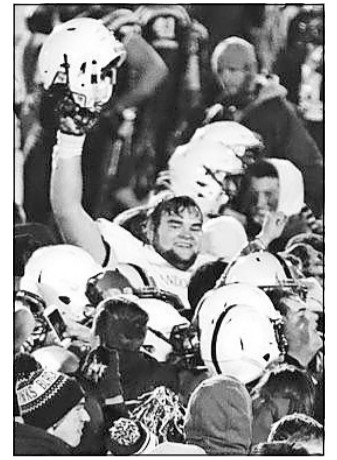
But, through those trials and tribulations, Andover's Beati has found the school where he wants to continue his football career.

The 6-foot-8, 340-pound mountain of an offensive lineman has announced that he will play his college football at Brown University starting next fall.

"I'm so excited that I found the right place," said Beati. "Brown has been the school I've been working with for two years. I knew I wanted to play at an Ivy League school, and Brown checked all the boxes for a team I wanted. It's close to home, an amazing school and a great football program. I can't wait to start playing football at Brown."

A former Andover High standout, Beati recently closed out at postgraduate year at Phillips Academy, and his Big Blue head coach feels like he found a perfect spot.

"Brown is a great fit for Max," said 31-year Phillips coach Leon Modeste. "Max is a bright kid, a great leader and he is only getting better as a football player. He has a fire to compete in his belly, and he was great for us this fall. I think he will be great at Brown."



Courtesy photos

LEFT: Andover's Max Beati picks up a Phillips Academy teammate after a touchdown this fall. TOP: Beati holds his helmet in the air after a victory for Phillips Academy.

The decision ends a roller coaster recruiting ride for Beati.

While his impressive size — the average measurement of an NFL offensive lineman is 6-foot-5 and 312 pounds — drew attention, Beati's early high school career was plagued by injuries. He lost his sophomore season to a broken wrist and half of his junior year to a broken tibia bone in his left leg.

Beati remained healthy as a senior for the Golden Warriors, earning

All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors. But recruiting remained a challenge.

"It was tough because I was waiting for offers, then when I finally did receive some I felt like it was too late," he said. "I felt like I didn't have time to react, and that wasn't what I wanted. I didn't click with a lot of the coaches. I didn't feel like a lot of them really communicated with me. I felt like a lot were stringing me along and not telling the whole truth."

"Finally Brown called me. As a junior I didn't have the grades, and as a senior I didn't have the SAT scores at first. But they told me if I took a postgrad year, they would offer me."

Beati didn't have to leave his home town for the perfect place for a PG year, electing to play for Phillips Academy this fall.

"At first I didn't really know," he said. "Everyone wants to get out of high school and I was doing another year. But I told

myself that if it was going to help me, I needed to look at the positives. After that I became more and more excited. By the time the season arrived I was stoked."

As starting left tackle, Beati did not allow a sack all season for a Big Blue squad that finished 6-3 this fall. He also contributed on the defensive line.

"Max has a very quick first and second step and has very good feet," said Modeste. "He was already very strong, and now he is

really seriously working out and is getting even stronger. Plus, he has that tenacity to play the game and win."

As the season ended, Beati was thrilled to lock up his plans to Brown football.

An Eagle-Tribune basketball All-Star last winter, Beati recently kicked off the hoops season with Phillips. He will then turn his focus fully to preparing for 2018 football season.

"Anyone who has the chance to play football at Brown would be crazy not to," said Modeste. "They have treated my guys well over the years like (New York Giants captain) Zak DeOssie (of North Andover.) And I think Max will do great."

HISTORY OF GREATNESS

Brown-bound Max Beati is following in a rich tradition of Andover standout that went on to star for the Bears.

Name	Position	Graduated from AHS	Graduated from Brown	Brown highlights
Robert Farnham	WR	1973	1977	Brown Hall of Fame class of '83. Caught 108 career passes for 1,390 yards.
Mark Farnham	WR	1976	1980	Brown HOF class of '86. Led Bears with 555 receiving yards as a senior.
Paul Farnham	WR	1979	1983	Finished career as No. 7 receiver in Brown history. Team-high 550 receiving yards as senior
James Perry	QB	1996*	2000	Set Ivy League records for career passing yards (9,294) and TDs (74).
Buddy Farnham	WR	2006	2010	229 career catches for 2,895 yards and 27 TDs. Played two seasons on Patriots practice squad.
Andrew Coke	RB	2012	2016	Rushed for 1,026 career yards and 9 TDs at Brown despite battling injuries.
Dan Gemmill	WR	2017	2021 (projected)	Freshman on the roster this fall.

*- Perry is from Andover but attended Malden Catholic

Ex-Andover hoops star Casey already a force for Merrimack

KYLE GAUDETTE
Staff Writer

NORTH ANDOVER — There was a short pause when Merrimack College women's basketball coach Monique LeBlanc was asked if she expected the breakout freshman season Andover's Alyssa Casey is having.

It was followed by a gentle chuckle, almost as if she knew the response she would give on Second Sundays at Historical Society.

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

Follow the walkway to the library entrance at 97 Main St., near the barn, to explore Andover's history, family genealogy and more. Volunteer staff will be on hand to help guide researchers and answer questions.

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as about to give defied the typical answer to that question.

"Yes, in fact," she laughed. "We don't always get it right. But I remember watching her when she was a sophomore at Andover and saying that she could help us now."

Yeah, certainly different than the

"No, she's come out of nowhere!" answer you here on about 99 percent of these cases.

But LeBlanc's response was warranted given Casey's introduction to Division 2 collegiate basketball — which has resembled less of a typical freshman struggling and more of a superstar emergence.

Going into Wednesday's home game against Stonehill, former high school All-Scholastic was leading Merrimack in scoring at 17.8 points per game. That's good for fourth in the entire Northeast-10.

She's done that by shooting an efficient 47.4 percent from the field and 32 percent from beyond the arc (8-25).

And she certainly kept it rolling with a season-high 28-point outburst on Sunday in a 62-60 loss to Stonehill, moving the Warriors to 3-3 on the year.

Did Casey even expect to be not only a starter, but the team's leading scorer, averaging 31.2 minutes per game?

"Oh, no way," she said. "I was praying that I would play, but I didn't expect this at all. I worked for it, but we also have some injured players. So I feel like it may have been different if they were playing, and I wish they were playing so bad because



HADLEY GREEN/Staff photo

Merrimack's Alyssa Casey (0) shoots while Stonehill's Samantha Hyslip (21) plays defense at the Merrimack vs. Stonehill girls basketball game, Nov. 29, at Merrimack College.

we miss them."

A key cog for Merrimack that has been absent is sophomore Denia Davis-Stewart. A 6-foot-1 center, Stewart averaged a team-best 2.8 blocks per game last season.

That has played some part in Casey's minutes, but she wasted little time establishing herself as a

presence to be reckoned with.

Casey dropped 19 points in the team's opener against Georgian Court and then followed that with 21 points on 9 of 17 shooting against Caldwell.

"My goal coming into this year was to start," she said. "I wanted to set goals prior to the year. I like setting goals, it's how I push myself to

achieve things."

Now, six games is not the biggest sample size. But it's been hard for LeBlanc not to get too excited about Casey's potential.

"We were really excited to sign her. We want to keep our local talent home," said LeBlanc. "She's a great kid, great student and it's been an easy transition for her so far."

"I try to have high expectations for her, but she already has them herself."

What are those expectations, Alyssa?

"Those are for me," she said with a smile.

Playful history

Andover's Alyssa Casey isn't the only talented freshman for Merrimack College. Guard Marissa Gattuso was an 1,000-point scorer at Woburn High.

If that name sounds familiar, it's because Casey and Andover actually faced Gattuso in last winter's Division 1 North Final.

The once rivals are now the best of teammates.

"That still comes up now!," laughed Casey, who is always quick to remind her new comrade of that game's outcome.

"We won, by the way."

Football players give back



Courtesy photo

During Thanksgiving week, the Andover High football team gave back to the community by helping deliver meals to the homeless.

Northeastern completes Warriors sweep

By MIKE McMAHON
Staff Writer

NORTH ANDOVER — Discipline was the theme of the weekend for the Merrimack men's hockey team. In short, after a weekend sweep at the hands of the Northeastern Huskies, Merrimack head coach Mark Dennehy said that the Warriors need more of it.

"At the end of the day, we need to be more disciplined than we were," Dennehy said last night, following a 3-1 loss to the Huskies at Lawler Arena. "I thought we got drawn into a lot of penalties, some dumb ones that hurt us."

"There are very few reasons to take any penalties. Maybe to stop a goal? But I don't think many of

those situations were warranted. I thought we were undisciplined on a lot of the penalties."

The Huskies went 2 for 4 on the power play.

Adam Gaudette scored two goals for the Huskies. After he gave the Huskies a 1-0 lead late in the first period, Logan Coomes came back at the 5:07 mark of the second period and tied the score. Gaudette found the net seven minutes later to give the Huskies the lead for good.

"Their better players — they got two guys who could probably be in the NHL right now (Gaudette and Sikura) — and they were excellent," Dennehy said. "Their goalie played really well. We had plenty of chances. I thought we dominated large

stretches of that game. But at the end of the day, they scored three, we scored one."

Drew Vogler (17 saves) was back in net for the Warriors for the first time since Oct. 27.

"(Northeastern's) first goal hit the crossbar post, that's an NHL shot," Dennehy said. "The second one got tipped. He made some point-blank saves on them. The one he'd want back is the third one but I thought he battled."

Merrimack's been wildly inconsistent when it comes to goal scoring. In five of the Warriors' last seven games, the Warriors have scored just one goal. Yet, in the other two games, Merrimack scored five and six goals each. Merrimack has been held to two goals or less in 10 of 14 games this season.

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