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Teichert will not run for re-election to School Committee

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Ted Teichert will not be running for re-election on the School Committee this spring.

Teichert was elected for to the School Committee in Spring 2015. It was his first term. Before joining

"I'm just good," Teichert said. "It's time to move on, there is no particular reason."

the School Committee, Teichert had also served on the Board of Selectmen.

Teichert was elected to the committee after campaigning for transparency and cost cutting, but while on the committee he found himself deeply involved in special education issues as well.

"I hope they continue to help solve the learning disability issues and keep working to solve that," Teichert

said. "There is a long way to go. They need to make sure they address all grade levels all through 12th grade and everyone that has disabilities or dyslexia issues I am hoping they continue to work on

that and get it solved so that everyone gets the services they need."

Teichert told the Andover

Townsman that he is proud of the work he was able to do involving dyslexia and other similar concerns.

"I am glad I was able to bring the whole dyslexia issue to the forefront," Teichert said. "I never thought I would be that involved in special education, but it is a huge part of the school department

and I don't think people realize how big the issues are. I am really glad we were able to have that parent forum back in May to hear from parents themselves. I didn't think I'd be going that route when I started, I was also trying to bring out transparency about issues. I hope that

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Honoring a visionary



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Performing "Hallowed Be Thy Name" are members of the Combined Choirs: The Choral Majority and Andover Baptist Church Unity Choir during Andover Baptist Church's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

During closing remarks and prayer from the Rev. Lyndon A. Myers, attendees hold hands during the celebration. See story, more photos on Page 8.



Officials vow to find replacement for Philips

Town to seek corporations to fill Minuteman Road site

By KIERA BLESSING
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ANDOVER — Just 24 hours after learning that Philips Healthcare is removing its corporate headquarters from Andover, town officials had begun discussing how they would fill the space left by company.

The manufacturer — known as Hewlett-Packard before it was acquired by Philips — has been a mainstay of the Andover business community for more than two decades.

Thursday, it announced to its employees in a town hall-style meeting that Philips will move its headquarters to Cambridge and transfer nearly 2,000 jobs there and to Nashville, Tennessee.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia said Daniel Felton, the director of state government relations for Philips North America called him Thursday to give him advanced warning about the announcement.

"This had been on the corporate plan for quite some time," Salafia said. "He did say there was nothing we could do to change (their plans), but he was very emphatic to say there was nothing Andover had done. They are consolidating in Cambridge because

... they already have a lot of resources there and want to be close to those resources."

The move is not expected to be completed until 2020, allowing the town two years to plan and prepare for the shift.

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Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia

jobs and very good community partners — that's the bad news, we're losing them," Salafia said. "The good news is we have two years to plan."

Salafia said he and Town Manager Andrew Flanagan have already begun discussing the next steps to bring another company into the site Philips will leave behind off Minuteman Road. Flanagan did not return requests for comment Friday.

Also involved in preliminary discussions were Deputy Town Manager John Mangiaratti, state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, state Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash, Philips' Felton, and local entrepreneur Sal Lupoli.

"We vowed, all of us, not to squander those two years but to work very hard to make them work for us," Salafia said. "I'm going to work really hard to make this a win, not a loss."

Salafia said Felton promised that Philips would "stay very close" to the town, providing building information and other updates to help

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Lupoli pitches his Dascomb Road project

Developer derides selectman for questioning him on financing

By KELSEY BODE
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Sal Lupoli doesn't understand where the mistrust for the Dascomb Road project is coming from.

"I'm not new to the town of Andover," Lupoli said. "I came to Andover many years ago. I purchased where Salvatore's is. I did exactly what I said I was going to Andover, and we purchased do: I produced a family-style the last piece of adult entertainment restaurant that has been an asset to the community. I said when we purchased

the real estate that we were going to become ingrained in the community and support local projects. I had a vision to build a medical space in Andover, and we purchased

to put the medical space

I said when we purchased

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Sal Lupoli talks about the proposed Dascomb Road project in his Lawrence office.

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continues that they are always transparent and continue to address the shortfalls and talk about them."

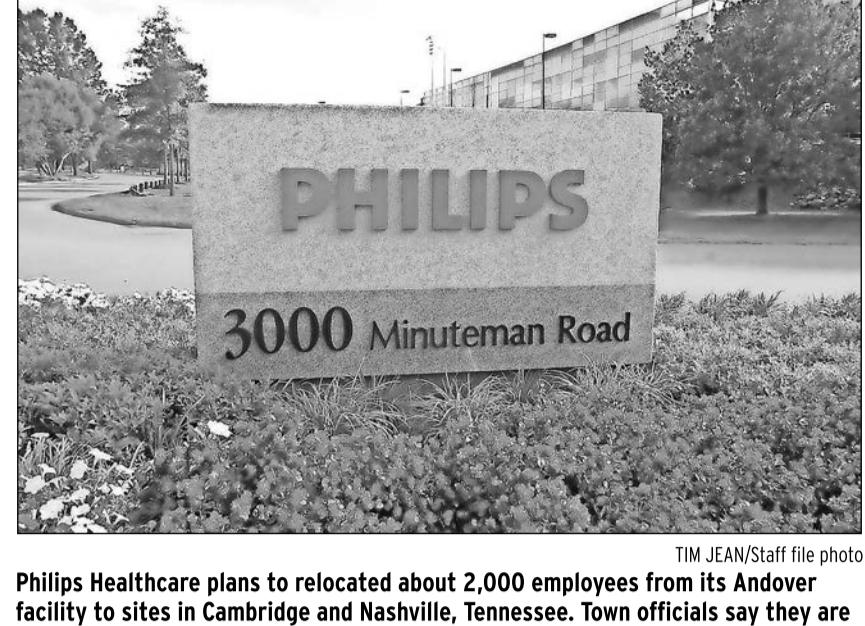
When asked if he had any advice for his successor, Teichert said to feel free to ask as many questions as you can. In addition to Teichert's seat, Chairwoman of the School Committee Susan McCready's seat is also up for re-election this spring.

McCready announced that she will be running for re-election in December and pulled papers earlier this month.

Two newcomers, Tracey Spruce of 23 Woodhaven Drive and Shishan Wang of 10 Brady Loop, have also pulled papers for a seat on the committee.

"I am glad I did it," Teichert said. "I appreciate the people's support."

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Philips Healthcare plans to relocate about 2,000 employees from its Andover facility to sites in Cambridge and Nashville, Tennessee. Town officials say they are seeking a new occupant for the site.

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Andover bring a new business to the site.

L'Italian, D-Andover, said the community leaders have their sights set forward: "Clearly that decision's been made, so then you have to accept the decision on focus on the next best use of that space over the next two years."

Salafia and L'Italian said it was too soon to speculate about what company they might try to entice to move to town, but L'Italian said she is "sure we will all be putting our heads together and working together to figure out what the next step is."

With a special town meeting just around the corner, Salafia said he and other community leaders are "still in the hot seat," but that discussions about the Philips site will likely begin in earnest following the meeting.

"At this point we don't have a plan but we do have a resolve to make this work well for the community," he said.

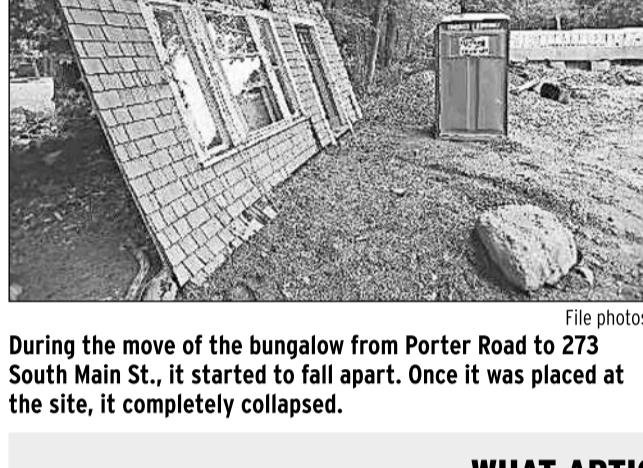
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for the Jan. 29 Special Town Meeting to prevent the event from repeating in the future.

"This article strengthens areas of the bylaw that are specifically related to relocating a historic house through use of the special permit that is approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals," Chairwoman of the Andover Preservation Commission Karen Herman told Selectmen on Jan. 11. "The amendments clarify the review and approval process by the Preservation Commission, they establish criteria for the successful relocation of the historic buildings, they protect the building's architectural features, define site preparation, and set the penalty for non-compliance."

She went on to say that the goal is to prevent future building collapses.

"This is an important tool for the Preservation Commission to have in place as soon as possible," Herman added. "It



During the move of the bungalow from Porter Road to 273 South Main St., it started to fall apart. Once it was placed at the site, it completely collapsed.



This old house at 33 Porter Road fell apart after being moved to a new location.

File photos

WHAT ARTICLE 11 DOES:

The article seeks to amend the Zoning Bylaw Dimensional Special Permit so that the design of any new structure to be built on land where a historic home was moved from will be required to be submitted to and approved by the Preservation Commission before a building permit is issued.

The article also lays out a list of conditions for moving a historic building: Selectmen must approve the timing and route of the move; the existing building must be kept in good condition until the move; a structural engineer will be brought in by the applicant to ensure the building can be moved without harm; the Preservation Commission will approve any changes to the building; the land the building was formerly on can only be subdivided or made into new lots if the building is moved successfully. Finally, if the historic building is destroyed in the move, the applicant will not be permitted to build on the land where it previously stood.

not only helps the Preservation Commission, but it helps the Building Department do

their jobs in a more efficient and appropriate way so that we can avoid this kind of thing

in the future."

"It closes some loopholes and gives us the tools to prevent an incident like the one that occurred," Building Commissioner Chris Clemente

told Selectmen on Jan. 11.

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend Article 14 unanimously at its Jan. 11 meeting.

A few historic buildings are in the works to be moved in the coming months. Even if passed by town meeting, the standards laid out in Article 14 would not apply to those moves.

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there. That was very strategic and took the ability for any adult entertainment off of the table in Andover. We did exactly what we said we were going to do. So people that feel that there is any kind of concern or dishonesty or mistrust, I don't know what we did wrong."

Lupoli is the founder and CEO of Lupoli Companies, the 11th largest developer

in Massachusetts. He has been holding public forums and going door-to-door to answer questions about the Dascomb Road project for months. Lupoli Companies has also been working with the town on the development project for years.

Part of the problem, he said, is NIMBY, or Not in My Back Yard.

"I think there are people that, because this project may be in their backyard, they inherently don't want

the project there," Lupoli said. "There are people who have said to us that they are against this project because they live in the area (they say) 'I love this project but can you build it on the other side of Andover.' It's always going to be affiliated with somebody in their backyard."

By right, Lupoli can apply for a special permit for commercial and retail development to the Planning Board at 146 Dascomb Road. However, Lupoli has proposed two articles for Special Town Meeting on Jan. 29 that would allow another option.

Article 11 proposes that all of the ID2 district, Dascomb Road and River Road, be re-zoned to also allow for 55-and-over residential housing. The article lays out a process that a developer would need Town Meeting approval to move forward with senior housing on an ID2 site. The article also mandates that the developer would then need to get a special permit for the housing from the Planning Board.

"We are asking people basically one question," said Richard Friberg, an engineer and regional office manager for The Engineering Corp. (TEC). "We put together our master plans, we explain what the project is to people, and we ask them: does senior housing make sense on this site, yes or no? And that's really the vote. That's all we're trying to do at Town Meeting."

The current article does not explicitly ask for a majority vote, but Lupoli and his team plan to amend the article to make it clear that a majority vote is needed as per suggestion of Town Counsel Thomas Urbelis.

Some selectmen and residents expressed concern at a waiver included in the article that would allow the Planning Board to adjust dimensional restrictions to the site like the number of levels the building could have.



Sal Lupoli talks about his proposed Dascomb Road Project in his office with Richard Friberg of TEC.

AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

The Planning Board already has the ability to waive certain requirements of the bylaw," Friberg said. "All we wanted to do was clearly outline what the Planning Board has the authority to do and give the Planning Board flexibility if they thought it was in the town's interest to reduce a setback to provide more greenspace in the middle for public use or more green space along Dascomb Road."

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval of article 12 at a Jan. 11 meeting in a 3-2 vote. Selectmen Bob Landry and Alex Vispoli voted against the articles.

Selectmen voting for it were Chairman Paul Salafia, Dan Kowalski and Laura Gregory.

Article 12, the second article proposed by Lupoli and his team, then asks townspeople to approve 55-and-over residential housing on Dascomb Road. If approved, Lupoli Companies will also need to require a special permit from the Planning Board in order to build residential housing.

The selectmen voted to recommend the approval of article 12 in a vote of 3-1, with Landry voting against it and Vispoli abstaining. The other three voted in favor of it.

Vispoli, who abstained from the vote, said that he felt taking a position on the article undermined the work of the Dascomb Road Task Force, which was set up to study the project but still hasn't issued an opinion.

Whether townspeople approve senior housing or

not for Dascomb Road, Lupoli said he is moving forward with the project. The Planning Board is already reviewing the commercial project plan, and if the residential component is approved at town meeting, they will begin reviewing the residential project as well.

Either way,

Lupoli expects

the permitting process will

take approximately six

months for whichever project moves forward, and anticipate that construction could begin in late fall 2018.

At a previous Board of

Selectmen meeting,

Landry

questioned

Lupoli

about his

financing

for the

commercial-

only

project.

"As of today, I would like

to move forward on the Dascomb Road project," Lupoli said. "I've never looked at the 80 acres at the HP site. I have no affiliation with it. I have no desire to purchase it. The answer is simply no."

Meanwhile, Lupoli Companies sold its 323 Lowell St. Andover Medical Center property this November. The company transferred equity from their Andover Medical Center property to GRE Andover Medical Center LLC on Nov. 1 for \$49,170,000.

"In every project that I do as a developer, I take advantage of the opportunities that best fit at that moment what the direction of the company is," Lupoli said when asked if the sale had anything to do with the Dascomb Road project.

"Andover is a very exciting town. The people that purchased that real estate were extremely excited about the quality and look and feel of the building. We made a decision to exit that property. There are many properties that I continue to own in Andover."

Lupoli also says that his company is particularly interested in mixed-use developments these days, like the Dascomb Road project, not the Andover Medical Center.

"Lupoli Companies is in the business of building mixed-use, transit-oriented projects that strengthen communities through a variety of uses," Lupoli told the Townsman.

"The Andover Medical Center is an outstanding project that supports the town of Andover and the Merrimack Valley through exceptional healthcare services. As an organization, we have over 20 years of success acquiring, redeveloping and developing assets across the Merrimack Valley and beyond. We acquire real estate and invest in communities for the long term as we have in Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill and here in Andover at two other sites."

"We assess each project on their own merits and at times we use them to leverage capital to help with other projects within the Lupoli Companies strategy," Lupoli added.

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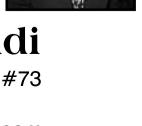
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Local leaders focus on collaboration at breakfast

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ANDOVER — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announced \$2 million in community grants across the state at an annual Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce breakfast Friday morning, with nearly \$300,000 to be disbursed to services throughout Essex County.

She handed a \$50,000 Community Compact Cabinet grant to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission to further their efforts to market the region as a "great place to do business."

Polito mentioned her and Gov. Charlie Baker's dedication to the places and people of Massachusetts.

"As former local officials, Governor Baker and I understand the importance of continuing to support our cities and towns through this effective grant program," said Polito, chairwoman of the Community Compact Cabinet. "We are committed to using these grants to work with cities, towns, and school districts to better serve their residents and make Massachusetts a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

The Community Compact Cabinet's Efficiency & Regionalization grant program provides financial support for communities interested in regional cooperation.



Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito speaks during the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce annual mayors and town managers breakfast in Andover. Polito presented a grant check to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission to further its efforts at regional marketing.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

It was started by the administration in 2016 to assist municipalities and school districts interested in providing services to their constituents in a more cost-effective way. In fiscal year 2017, the administration awarded \$2 million to over 110 municipalities and 18 school districts.

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission covers Amesbury, Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Lawrence, Merrimac, Methuen, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover, Rowley, Salisbury, and West Newbury.

Danvers, Essex, Hamilton, and Wenham also received \$100,000 for regional information technology services,

and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, which serves Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, Peabody, Salem, and Swampscott, received a \$125,300 grant for regional transportation.

At the chamber-sponsored breakfast, mayors and town managers provided the business community with snapshots of their municipalities' economic landscape for the upcoming year.

Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan spoke of capital investments to come. He recommended a \$1 million investment to Town Hall "for the sole purpose of making it a more user friendly experience." Town Meeting will vote on the proposal in the spring.



Attendees listen as Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito speaks during the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual mayors and town managers breakfast in Andover.

Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera said 2017 was a year of progress for the city, despite a contentious election and an uptick in murders.

"I think people wanted to write the story 'look how bad Lawrence is, they're going to go back,'" he said, referring to his electoral bid against former mayor William Lantigua.

And, despite a number of high profile murders, Rivera said commercial crime had plummeted.

"This has been an awful

year for homicides, but there is basically zero commercial crime," he said. "This is a safe place to do business, a safe place to come and do business, not just have a business here."

Rivera focused on collaboration, repeating a sentiment he shares often about the vibrant work force in the Merrimack Valley.

"If you site your business anywhere from Newburyport to Lowell, someone from Lawrence is going to work there," he said.

North Andover Town Manager Andrew Maylor focused on the partnership between selectmen and school committee members, which has put the town on the path to submitting a consensus budget for the sixth consecutive year.

Newly elected Methuen Mayor James Jajuga, Newburyport Mayor Donna Holaday, and Amesbury Mayor Ken Gray also gave remarks, as well as Haverhill Mayor Jim Fiorenzini's chief of staff, Allison Heartquist.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

6 Andover Country Club Lane: Robert A. and Michelle M. O'Neil to John L. and Grace M. Greeno, \$1,362,450

16 Balmoral St., Unit 409: Nancy J. Martorano to Evan Tines, \$235,000

12 Bradley Road: First Moorhead FT and Marna A. Moorhead to Adam and Alexa Soll, \$585,000

58 Brown St.: Barbara L. Derosa to Anthony and Kate Villa, \$505,000

9 Crescent Drive, Unit 1: Marjorie Hainal to Prashant Ganji, \$208,000

109 Elm St.: Lauren R. Dearborn Estate and Sandra L. Dearborn to Sandra L. and Melissa Dearborn, \$440,000

1 Francis Drive: Pulte Homes of New England to Marie F. Hickey, \$537,535

1 Francis Drive: Pulte Homes of New England to Daniel J. and Kathleen F. Gunnery, \$478,845

108 Greenwood Road: Michael A. and Susan C. Wartman to Alireza V. Amirkhizi, \$585,000

4 Hidden Road: Kimberly A. Foley to William and Elizabeth McCullom, \$575,000

7 Hood Drive: Pulte Homes of New England to Michael A. and Susan C. Wartman, \$729,000

30 Taylor Cove Drive, Unit 30: Peter and Beth Hill to Frank Chow and Sangmi Lee, \$710,000

115 Abbot St.: Sarah B. Finch to Adam Memont and Marion Haber-Memont, \$699,900

117 Bailey Road: Jane Axelrod to Steven J. and Kristina M. Donahue, \$630,000

24 Boardwalk Drive, Unit 24: 69 North Street LLC to Vasudevan Kannan, \$584,900

60 Center St., Unit 4: Pamela A. Toohey and Bayview Loan Servicing to Elsa Y. Liu, \$144,565

1 Francis Drive, Unit 210: Pulte Homes of New England to Jean E. and Louis D. Musinski, \$420,680

141 North St.: Tina McCarter and Derrick Beasley to Bella RET and Amit K. Rai, \$570,000

22 Railroad St., Unit 307: Elizabeth M. McAuliffe Trust and Elizabeth M. McAuliffe to Penny P. Joel, \$310,000

5 Reservation Road, Unit 5: Michael S. Brownson to Julio C. Coiscou and Hairoline J. Jimenez, \$395,000

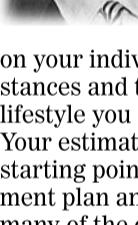
261 Salem St.: Timothy B. Desutter to Jason L. McDufee, \$713,000

23 Topping Road: Lyle E. and Elizabeth R. Morgan to Michael and Erin Cunningham, \$390,000

33 W. Parish Drive: Alvin R. and Ellen H. Ohlenbusch to Matthew D. and Rebecca C. Fagan, \$650,000

Financially Speaking

John Spoto



Retirement is expensive. How much money you will need each year when you stop working depends on your individual circumstances and the kind of lifestyle you expect to live. Your estimate will be the starting point of your retirement plan and will drive many of the other planning decisions you make, including those regarding Social Security benefits, your retirement date, and how much you need to save in the interim. There are two ways to arrive at this important number.

The most popular method is called the Income Replacement Ratio. It is the percentage of your working, pre-tax income needed to maintain your standard of living in retirement. It is based on industry and academic studies of retirees and generally indicates that most seniors need between 70 percent to 90 percent of their pre-retirement income. The assumption being that income and FICA taxes, and retirement savings contributions that consume 10 percent to 30 percent of a person's income, will be reduced or end in retirement.

It also assumes that

work-related expenses that decrease in retirement will be offset by expenses such as health care that will likely increase. For example, if you have an annual gross (pre-tax) income of \$50,000 before retirement, using the 90 percent rule of thumb would indicate you will need \$45,000 per year in retirement.

The advantage of this approach is its simplicity, since it eliminates much of the work required to make projections about future expenses. Although it can be used as a starting point for those in their 20s and 30s, for those nearing retirement, this "one size fits all" approach is seriously flawed because it does not account for your individual circumstances. Some people with modest incomes may need 100 percent while others with larger incomes may need less. Some are content with modest hobbies while others plan for expensive travel.

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There are those who enter retirement debt free, while others may still be carrying mortgages and other liabilities. The point is using this approach can cause you to save too little or even too much for retirement.

The second and more rigorous approach requires more work but should result in a plan more tailored to your personal situation and lifestyle. Start by preparing a cash flow statement that identifies your current spending and then adjust for expenses you anticipate will change when you enter into and transition through retirement. Because it is impossible to estimate with accuracy many future expenses including health care costs, use your best estimates and avoid getting caught up in the details.

Whichever approach you use, be sure to account for inflation and taxes. Inflation presents one of the greatest threats to a retiree's lifestyle because it significantly reduces their purchasing power over time. If \$50,000 provides a comfortable retirement today, assuming an annual inflation rate of 3 percent, you'll need over \$67,000 in just ten years to maintain the same lifestyle.

While your taxes may decrease once you stop working, they will still consume a portion of your income and investments. If you need \$50,000 to pay your bills and you estimate your effective tax rate (federal and state) at 25 percent, you'll need to earn over \$66,000 from your retirement income

and investments.

Being able to retire on your own terms is a dream for most Americans. This first step to turning that dream into a reality requires just a little of your time and a few calculations. You will find it is worth the effort.

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The cost of retirement

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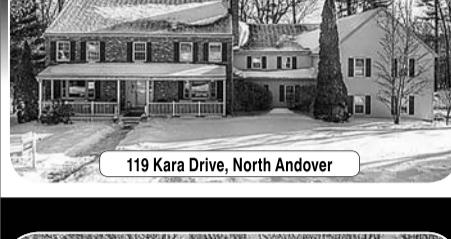
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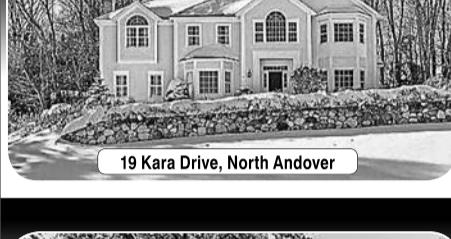
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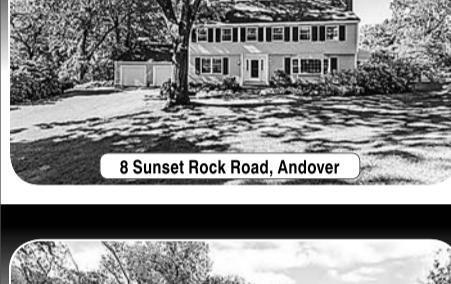
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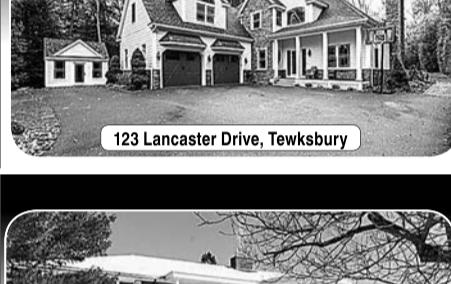
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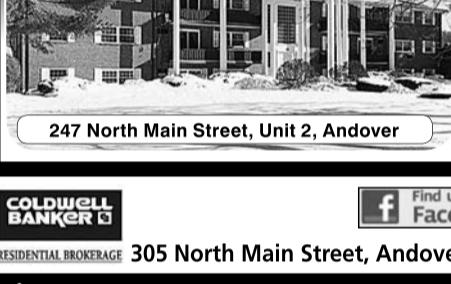
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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:

Townie Trips: Thursdays, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Center offers in-town traveling for those who want to get their hair done, go out to lunch, to a friend's house or to the library. A one-hour minimum stay at the destination is required. The cost is \$4 one way or \$7 round trip. Travel plans should be arranged by Tuesday at noon. Call 978-623-8323 to schedule transportation.

Wellness Clinics: Stop in for a blood pressure and weight check with trained nurses Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Get help with day-to-day health needs. This service is free and confidential.

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Bereavement Support Group:

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The Merrimack Valley, Boston Food Bank and The Center at Punchard, are expanding the Brown Bag program. This free program is for anyone 60 and over with an income less than \$21,978 for a single person or \$29,637 for a couple, on Mass Health, Chapter 115, food stamps or fuel assistance.

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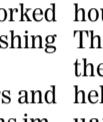
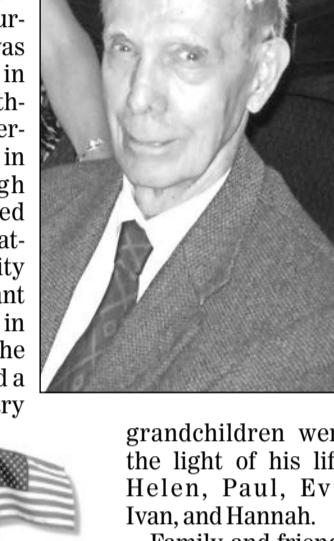
James L. Bright

December 11, 1929 - January 14, 2018

NORTH ANDOVER-James L. Bright, 88, of North Andover passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at home surrounded by family. Jim was born December 11, 1929 in Massena, NY the son of Kathleen (Berry) Bright and Herbert Bright. He graduated in 1948 from Massena High School, and then attended Harvard College and graduated from Stanford University in 1952. Jim was a Lieutenant in the US Navy and served in the Korean Conflict on the USS Essex. Jim later earned a masters degree in Forestry from the University of Michigan and worked as a forest ranger for the US Forest Service in Colorado before moving to Massachusetts where he worked for many years in publishing and as an author.

Jim loved the outdoors and spent the warmer months immersed in his garden, returning to the house with armloads of vegetables. He enjoyed bird watching and playing tennis, and was a talented photographer. In his later years he enjoyed meditation and Japanese flower arranging.

Jim cherished his family, especially his loving wife of 57 years, Susan, and his children, Susie, Patricia and her husband Paul, Robert and his wife, Angela, and Diane. His 5



grandchildren were the light of his life: Helen, Paul, Evy, Ivan, and Hannah.

Family and friends are invited to calling

hours from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 18th and the funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 19 at Conte Funeral Home at 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Donations may be made in his name to Lazarus House, PO Box 408, Lawrence, MA 01842, info@lazarushouse.org or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. For online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhome.com.

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Olivia Horvath, 10, and Sreekar Inturi, 8, play Uno during the after-school program.



From left, Mia Rosenbaum, 5, Devin Eracar, 6, Hazel Thibault, 6, front row, and Anna Guerette, 8, and Kendall Banfanti, 9, dance to "Just Dance" during a new after-school program at South School in Andover.

Aarav Shah and Maya Bourdon, 6, spend some time coloring.

New after-school programs a hit

Parents, students, staff praise activities at Bancroft and South elementary schools

BY KELSEY BODE

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When the Andover School District got a push from parents to develop more after-school programs at the elementary level, two new programs were created over the summer.

The Director of Community Services, Joseph Connelly, developed a town-run program at Bancroft Elementary, and the schools developed a program at South Elementary, an effort spearheaded by principal Tracy Crowley.

The Bancroft program serves 39 students, and registration filled up within 20 minutes once it was opened up. The South Elementary program has 51 students, but attendance fluctuates daily.

Tuition for five-day-a-week

day care through both programs is \$345 monthly. For four day a week care the program costs \$288 monthly, and for three days a week costs \$234 monthly.

Both programs have been smash hit among parents, kids and staff alike.

"It has gone beyond expectations," Connelly said of the Bancroft program. "I give the on-site coordinator of the program, Michaela McIver, and the rest of the staff the credit. It has been an overwhelming success. We receive comments from parents thanking us for putting this together. It's really helping them out, and that's what we were hoping for."

Crowley agreed. The South Elementary program is going just as well.

"We are so excited about the program," Crowley said.

"Parents love it. They are so happy, the kids are happy. So far we have had all positive feedback."

"And the kids have formed some really great friendships," she added. "They get along so well."

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are in the program at South, and according to Crowley, it has given them the opportunity to make friends with students outside their grade level.

Another benefit of the South Elementary program, according to Crowley, is that the students see the teachers who supervise the program all day at school and are able to form relationships with them as a result. High school students also work with the children, who enjoy getting to know the older students.



Camryn Leithead, 8, and Lukas Bourdon, 8, have fun playing a card game.

Children in the program get to use the gym for physical activity, work on homework, do crafts, and more.

Crowley developed the

program after a number of parents approached her, citing a need for a more affordable option for after school care.

Crowley worked with Director of Community Services Joseph Connelly to synchronize her program at South Elementary with the program at Bancroft Elementary that Connelly developed through the town. The two programs are nearly identical, from the ratio of staff to children, to their prices.

The only significant difference is that the Bancroft program needed licensing because it is town-run, where as the "in-house" program at South Elementary needed no licensing because it was a school.

initiative.

According to Crowley, she'll be meeting with Superintendent Sheldon Berman in late January or early February to talk about the success of the programs and what the next step will be.

Parents at West Elementary and Sanborn Elementary have made it clear that they too are in need of a school based, affordable after school care option, and it is anticipated that the schools and town will work to address their need in the near future.

A successful after school program has also been run by the schools for years at High Plain Elementary.

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Opinion

Lupoli must be prepared for skeptics at Special Town Meeting

The upcoming Special Town Meeting, scheduled for Jan. 29, has a relatively short agenda. But the items on that agenda are significant and could have a long-lasting impact on Andover.

By far the item drawing the most interest is the Dascomb Road project rezoning. Pizza and real estate entrepreneur Sal Lupoli is seeking a change in zoning that would allow him to build 225 apartments in addition to a fairly large retail and office complex. He says the housing component will actually reduce traffic at the site. Some residents are not so sure. In fact, many residents seem not to trust Lupoli. It's unclear exactly why. Some think that he needs the housing to get the financing. He claims that's not true. But even if it were true, so what? What's so bad about residential?

What's getting mixed up in this debate is the thought that by rejecting the rezoning, town meeting voters will be shooting down the whole plan. That, says Lupoli, couldn't be farther from the truth. He claims that he's going to build a huge office and retail complex, complete with a hotel and other amenities, whether he gets the rezoning for housing or not. He just wants the housing because it will make the project more profitable. He's a businessman, why wouldn't he want to make more money? That's his job.

So why the constant questions about what he's really up to? Some are even suggesting that this development is just a ruse to gain access to much more valuable land near the proposed development.

commercial/office/mixed-use project Lupoli originally envisioned. He came in, proposed his project, and everyone initially seemed pretty thrilled by it. But then the state stepped in, promising a \$6 million grant, but somehow linking it to residential. So that further muddied the waters. Now some people are looking askance at the state for linking the two. And the project needs that \$6 million for roadway and sewer improvements. Although again, Lupoli says he'll do the project even without the grant, and that he'd pay for the roadway and sewer line improvements himself if he has to.

Lupoli is, more than anything, a larger-than-life character with a big smile and a firm handshake. He's got grandiose ideas and the money to spend on them. He's turned part of Lawrence that was once dilapidated and marginally functional into a thriving, modern business park along the Merrimack River. He even opened up a high-end restaurant in Andover called Salvatore's.

So why the constant questions about what he's really up to? Some are even suggesting that this development is just a ruse to gain access to much more valuable land near the proposed development. It's a ruse Lupoli vehemently denies in a Page 1 story by reporter Kelsey Bode.

He also denies that he needs the housing to get financing, an accusation that seemed to aggravate Lupoli during his conversation with Bode and with selectmen. His frustration is not without justification. For some reason, the town dragged its feet in appointing a Dascomb Road Task Force. The result is that the all-volunteer panel is having a hard time meeting its obligations of vetting the project in advance of the Jan. 29 town meeting.

There are many more questions that keep cropping up about Lupoli and his project. He would be wise to consider all the of those questions, and more, before he goes to Special Town Meeting in less than two weeks to make his case to the voters.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

Andover is holding a special town meeting on Jan. 29. There are many interesting and important items on the agenda. **Do you plan on attending?**

Yes. I want to do my part as a voting member of a democratic society.

Yes. I feel strongly about some of the items on the agenda.

No. They should have held it on the weekend during the day when elderly could attend.

No. I have kids and other obligations. How am I supposed to drop everything in the middle of the week? They should create electronic voting from home. Then I could watch it on my computer or iPhone or tablet.

Last week's question:

The Essex Street train crossing gate has been a source of safety concerns for local residents for some time. Due to a timing glitch, the crossing gate indicating an oncoming train would sometimes go up when a train was coming then abruptly drops again as the train gets closer. Keolis claims to have fixed the problem. **Do you trust the train crossing?**

Yes. It's better since Keolis fixed it. 5 votes.

No. I avoid it at all costs. 12 votes.

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Andover meets Ma Bell

Andover Stories

Tom Adams
Andover Historical Society

Since its incorporation in 1646, Andover has embraced the impacts of life-changing technology. The incandescent bulb brought light to our homes. Central heating made our homes more comfortable. Telegraphs and radio began to shrink our world. And the mobility of the automobile brought the wider-world ever closer.

In the early 20th century, Andover was enjoying the afterglow of remarkable economic growth, innovation, and expansion. The mills were booming. Employment was strong. Local movie houses featured films by D. W. Griffith with stars like Mary Pickford and Tom Mix. Other venues offered theatre, dancing, and entertainment. People were enjoying inventions such as traffic lights, refrigerators and gas stoves. Alexander Graham Bell's new telephone, while imagination-stirring, was considered a passing novelty. It quickly turned out to be far more lasting.

Several key patents held by American Telephone and Telegraph Company expired in 1894. It was a seminal event. Competition flooded the market place and the number of telephones exploded. The



"Live" operators in the Musgrave Building

telephone moved from novelty to necessity. Andover's first telephone exchange came to town in 1899 with over 60 subscribers. It was newsworthy. The Aug. 12, 1898 Andover Townsman noted that, "The public telephone has been removed from George Carlyle's store this week and placed in the drug store of Arthur Bliss." By 1900, Andover had 75 subscribers.

By 1907, the United States had an extensive system of six million telephones with service available practically anywhere in the country. Mill owner Samuel Stevens had phones installed connecting his Marland, North Andover and Haverhill mills. Those were among the earliest, if not the earliest, telephones in Andover. Early on, demand far outweighed the supply of new telephones and the infrastructure necessary to connect them.

Public (pay) phones were more readily available – some were actually staffed with a clerk to collect the money for your call!

By 1908 there were 12 public stations around town including the Phillips (now Andover) Inn and at the Boston & Maine railroad station. The supply of new telephone equipment increased over time allowing more and more private residences to install service. New England Telephone & Telegraph, Andover's arm of Ma Bell, even offered a "trial" telephone to first-time customers promising the convenience, practicality, and affordability of having their own telephone. The public, however, grappled with complicated rate structures.

A long, drawn-out battle ensued between the town and Ma Bell addressing rate inequities. With business

flourishing in Lawrence, they argued over the cost of tolls charged for calling Lawrence exchanges. Point and counter-point, the debate went back-and-forth for months.

The early 1940s brought an even bigger challenge. World War II and the needs of the war effort profoundly impacted the telephone business and the availability of their product. Redirecting key components, like the copper used in the manufacture of telephones along with AT&T's network-design expertise, greatly reduced the supply of new equipment and the development of additional infrastructure.

Party lines, phone numbers shared by multiple households, became more prevalent. While presenting their users with its set of challenges, party lines helped keep new service available during the war.

Those sacrifices ultimately paid off, our veterans came home and a period of unprecedented prosperity and growth began.

The telephone's story is not over. It continues to evolve connecting people in their daily lives. Party lines are a thing of the past and with the explosive growth of the cell phone, land lines are likewise becoming passé. Today there are some 6.8 billion cell phone subscribers worldwide. There are 7 billion people on earth. That evolution took 20 years. One can only imagine what changes the next 20 years will bring.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dascomb Road residences will create less traffic

Editor, Townsman:

My fellow neighbors in the Dascomb Road area are justifiably concerned about the Lupoli project in that area, and how the approval of the residential component warrant article will impact an already difficult traffic situation.

The developer, however, seems to have fully addressed this problem, via a revised traffic pattern involving additional camera-controlled stop signals, additional exit/turning lane onto Dascomb Road from Northbound 93 and other mitigating steps which have purportedly secured at least tentative approval from the Commonwealth and federal traffic agencies, even in view of anticipated additional visits to the project when completed.

From information given, if the residential component is approved at the Special Town Meeting (Jan. 29), the count of additional visits is reduced from approximately 7,500 per day to approximately 5,000 per day. It seems clear that the portion of the site given for residential occupancy would generate far less traffic and trips than full office/retail use that will be made of that space if the Town Meeting vote should not carry in favor of the Lupoli Companies.

The Lupoli Companies have made it clear that the project will move forward regardless of the outcome at Town Meeting; but that considerable enhancement will result if a portion can be allocated to quality, over-55 residential use; and

that the prospects of securing blue chip retailers and restaurants will be greatly improved if there are adults residing on site.

It seems difficult to imagine a retailer signing a long-term lease with Lupoli Companies for a location at the site without being fully assured that the clientele will be able to gain reasonable access to, and egress from, the Dascomb Road Project, after significant infrastructure changes have been put in place.

I urge all to vote in favor of the Dascomb Road Project at Town meeting, as residential use of a portion of the site will enhance and improve this development in all major respects.

DAVID F. BERNARDIN
Lovejoy Road
Andover

Andover doesn't need 'frantic, over-the-top' development

Editor, Townsman:

As of now I plan to vote against this private re-zoning article for the following reasons:

The facts and justifications presented in favor have so far come mainly from a private developer. In my opinion and experience, private articles submitted by developers invariably pursue personal or corporate priorities rather than what's necessarily good for the citizens of Andover.

There are clear indications that for various reasons Andover's Planning Board staff and board members have not had sufficient time to analyze and report back to Andover's official and citizen community on the far-flung and lasting impact of this private proposal on our

town and its citizens.

My personal opinion is that we are better off concentrating on attracting companies for the substantial acreage currently zoned for business but as yet undeveloped, rather than adding housing components. But I realize there are pros and cons. My opinion is confirmed by recent visits to major combined housing and commercial mall projects in nearby communities. I urge all interested Andoverites to do the same.

The Lynnfield Market (off Route 128 at Walnut Street) has obviously been financially successful (the frantic, over-the-top, automobile traffic alone indicates that it's a bonanza).

Nevertheless, I hope this type of development isn't in Andover's future.

ALAN FRENCH
17 Moreland Ave.
Andover

Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley says: "Thank you!"

Editor, Townsman:

On behalf of the Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley Board of Directors, we want to extend our sincerest thanks to everyone for their heartfelt support and generosity that will give comfort, joy and warmth to many children who live in foster care.

It may have taken 10-plus years, but our dream to establish a vibrant, engaged and growing agency is now a reality because of the immeasurable investment of time, talent and commitment made by people who believe in our mission to create positive change and advocate for those who have yet to find their voice.

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We remain grateful for the support of our board, community partners and loyal supporters who continuously demonstrate their passion and commitment to the children we have committed to serve.

It does take a village and Magic Johnson was spot-on when he said: "All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them." That someone continues to be you. There is no way to measure how much your support is appreciated. However, we do believe there are no two words more powerful or more important than, thank you.

Many of us find our own special way to enrich our lives by giving. Please know that those of you who supported Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley made a life-changing difference for many children in foster care and for some who have aged out. One's greatness is not in what you keep, it is in what you give.

Happy New Year!
LARRY AND EILEEN GIORDANO
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Townspeople

Celebration of values

Merrimack Valley NAACP hosts MLK Day breakfast

By KRISTEN GIDDINGS
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assist in achieving King's values of equality and acceptance.

"So much time has passed, and so much and so little has changed," said Johnson.

She questioned why today's culture seems so far away from King's dreams for the country and for African-Americans.

Johnson called on everyone to find how they can mobilize and collaborate with their community to make the changes they want to see happen.

"What are you dreaming about and what are you going to do about it?" asked Johnson.

As a spiritual leader, Johnson inspired the room to continue to have hope and to have a vision, and most importantly, to act on it.

"The problems that we are facing now will not be conquered by the same old routines," said Johnson.

The Merrimack Valley Branch of the NAACP also honored three people with awards for championing equality.

Tsongas received The June Miles Gonsalves Award for Advocacy; Mark Rivera, a Pastor of Riverside Church in Haverhill, received The Bennie Armstrong Award for Community Strength; and Corine Rice, a lifetime member and executive board member of the NAACP, received The Samuel Crayton Award for Community Service.

As many of the honorees and guests addressed the room, they spoke about how the work to achieve King's



Members of Andover Baptist Church Unity Choir and The Choral Majority perform "Stop By A Church" during Andover Baptist Church's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.



Pastor Lyndon A. Myers gives the opening prayer and welcomes guests and dignitaries to the church's celebration.

progress he has seen in Lawrence, particularly the diversification of the police department, and recognized that there is still a long way to go as the country strives for equality.

Vargas said that the American value of inclusion is under attack today and that everyone must peacefully fight the battle for justice on all fronts. He spoke about a broken immigration system "sustained by ignorance" as well as the efforts of women also fighting for equality.

In commemorating King's reach for freedom and dignity, Vargas said that today's society sees the same struggles.

Echoing the perseverance of King, the disposition at the breakfast celebration was enthusiastic for a bright future ahead.

Devoe said that the community that attended Monday's breakfast has the power to be the voice of change.

"Everyone has a role, everyone has a vision, and together we can act on it," Devoe said.

vision is not over, and how today more than ever the community must unite to reach those goals.

Tsongas spoke about the "grotesque examples" of political leaders steering America in the wrong direction, towards divisiveness.

She said that King's values of equality, acceptance and

unity were not only timely but are timeless.

"Many of the rights Dr. King stood up for are under threat in Washington," said Tsongas.

As Cofield reflected on the impact of King and on his legacy, he said that it is astounding that the nation is having a conversation

about whether or not President Donald Trump is a racist.

"But let's not get hung up on whether he's a racist or not, let's work on maintaining the vision of our great country, one of bringing the country together and not of divisiveness," he said.

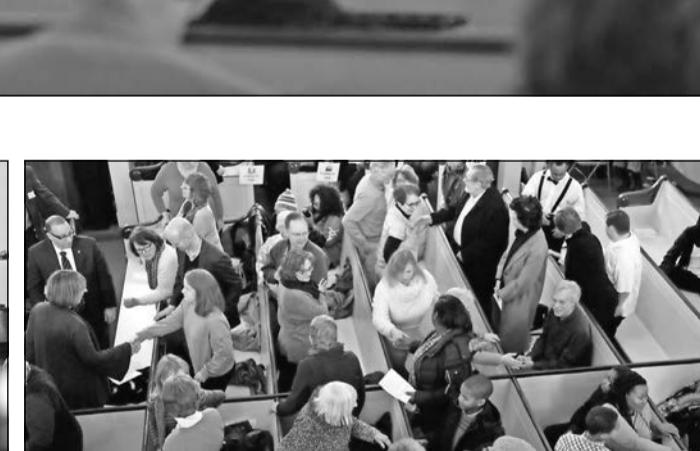
Rivera celebrated the



Members of My Own Voice/Young Choir perform.



Cantor Idan Ireland of Temple Emanuel performs "Return Again."



Attendees shake each others hands and greet one another in between performances.



Keynote speaker Carole Copeland Thomas speaks during the MLK celebration.



Attendees listen to Carole Copeland Thomas speak.



Ralph Cornelius Bledsoe does a recitation of the Martin Luther King Jr. speech "I have a Dream."

Members of the Andover Baptist Youth Liturgical Dancers perform "Break Every Chain." They are, left to right: Alexis Belizaire, Liseidy Bedward, Alana Myers, Andrea Belizaire and Arkida Saiwai.



Attendees applaud after listing to Ralph Cornelius Bledsoe's recitation of the "I have a Dream" speech.



Attendees listen to Carole Copeland Thomas speak.



Ralph Cornelius Bledsoe does a recitation of the Martin Luther King Jr. speech "I have a Dream."

Talented TV stars perform at Bancroft

STAFF REPORT

Two members of the nationally known novelty act Recycled Percussion visited the Bancroft School Wednesday afternoon and wowed hundreds of students and staff gathered in the auditorium for the show, titled "Chaos and Kindness."

Recycled Percussion aptly describes the act, which uses recycled materials and other, everyday items such as drills and hammers, as percussion instruments.

The musicians dance, climb ladders, and bang on just about anything with drumsticks, including themselves, to make noise.

The two members who performed Wednesday were Justin Spencer, lead percussionist and group founder, also known as "Mr. Red," and Ryan Vezina, also lead percussionist as well as a "body percussion specialist," who sometimes goes by the name of "Mr. Blue."

The group was formed in 1994 when Spencer and his friends performed during a talent show at their high school in Goffstown, New Hampshire.

They continued playing smaller venues until they got their big break with a cover story on USA Today in 1999. They became even more famous by appearing on the TV show "America's Got Talent," coming in third place on the popular show. The band continues to perform in Las Vegas.



Recycled Percussion drummer Ryan Vezina continues to beat on a ladder as he leaps from its peak as Justin Spencer plays backup during a performance at Bancroft Elementary School in Andover on Wednesday afternoon.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos



Recycled Percussion's Ryan Vezina, left, watches closely as bandmate Justin Spencer delicately taps his drum during a "drum-off."



Spencer flips his drum sticks around during the performance.



Students cheer during a performance from "junk rock" band Recycled Percussion at Bancroft Elementary School.



Vezina drums on his own body as Spencer holds up a microphone for him.



Students react to the "junk rock" performance.

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago

Jan. 18, 1918

Miss Ruth Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Saunders, was seriously injured last Saturday evening, while coasting. She sustained two breaks in the bone of her leg near the ankle. She was taken to Lawrence General Hospital for treatment, and at latest reports was resting comfortably.

Last Sunday morning at 1:10 the window of the Candy Kitchen was smashed by an auto driven by Harry Adams of Haverhill. In

addition to demolishing the large pane of glass, about twenty dollars' worth of candy was destroyed. There was no reckless driving, the accident being attributed to the skidding of the machine on the car tracks.

Chief of Police Smith has received instructions to register all German aliens here. All interested in this notice will report at the police station.

75 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1943

A marked improvement in condition was reported this morning at the Lawrence General hospital of two local men confined there with serious injuries after a bad automobile on South Main Street last Friday evening. Donald

Gillespie of 32 Elm Street, previously reported as having a fractured skull, has apparently escaped that danger, although further x-rays are to be taken. Nelson Gloddy of South Main Street, also believed to have suffered a badly fractured skull, is also confined.

Miss Miriam Putnam, librarian at the Memorial Hall Library has announced the opening of the 1943 Victory book campaign, whose purpose is to provide suitable reading for the men in the armed forces. Books may be left at the Memorial Hall library.

Don Lundgren, who used to have that nice collection of phonograph records here, has made the jump from private to sergeant in

the quartermaster corps at Camp Lee, Va. He finished his studies last week, and got the new stripes Saturday. Don had the highest marks in his class.

50 Years Ago

Jan. 18, 1968

Town manager Richard Bowen will receive a salary of \$17,500 in 1968, an increase of \$2250. The pay raise was approved by Chairman Philip K. Allen, Roger W. Collins and Robert A. Watters. Selectmen William Stewart and Sydney P. White cast negative votes. In addition to his salary, the manager received a \$1500 allowance for automobile expenses.

About 48 percent of the total tentative budget (tentative until Town Meeting)

is allocated for operation of public schools. In addition, about 60 percent of the town's debt service requirements for 1968 will be the result of school construction projects.

Mrs. Beatrice Stevens, head of the English department at Andover High School, will have room for the 5,000 books that are stacked in the aisle of the departmental library. Students are expected to occupy the building on Feb. 5.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 21, 1993

When Tennessee neurosurgeon and Native American art collector Arthur Cushman learned that an artifact he hoped to add to his collection was stolen

from Andover's Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy, he knew what he had to do. He arranged to return the engraved shell neck ornament, called a gorget. He arrived at the museum last Saturday to return the artifact.

When a female school department employee was caught last spring making \$2,900 of phone calls to psychic, tarot, sweepstake and adult talk lines from her phone during office hours, she reimbursed the town for the full amount. At the same time, the superintendent of schools promised she could keep her job and would not be identified. "It was a judgement call" not to fire her said Superintendent Mark McQuillan.



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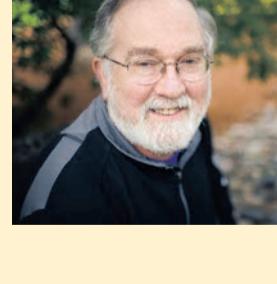
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TownsBeat

FUN IN THE SNOW!

200 kids in town's ski program at Bradford Ski

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

For the past 40 years, the town of Andover has run a successful ski program for kids at Bradford Ski Area.

This year is no different.

The Bradford Snow & Snowboard Club has 200 kids from Andover enrolled this year and they ski or snowboard after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bradford Ski Area in Haverhill. The six-week program is held starting in January and is for kids in grades three to eight. Those kids are from every elementary and middle school in town, including St. Augustine and Montessori schools.

The program is so popular spots are reserved three months in advance.

Sign ups are held in the fall and seats were filled this year by Oct. 16. The cost ranges from about \$300 to \$500, depending on rentals. Abilities range from beginner through advanced and the program offers lessons and open skiing/snowboarding.

Students are picked up by



Kids from Andover Recreation's ski club wait at the base of the hill for a ski lesson to start at Ski Bradford in Haverhill on Tuesday.

a bus at their school at the end of the school day, taken to Bradford Ski Area, and brought back to by about 6:30 p.m. There are high school and college-aged monitors along with adult supervisors helping out.

"Kids just love this program. They have so much fun," said Recreation Director Kim Stamas, a serious skier herself who has served as the go-to adult at Bradford for Andover's program for the past 22 years.

Stamas said the program's success is two-fold: Beginners can try skiing by renting equipment while experienced young skiers can bring their own equipment.

"It's a program that works for families," Stamas said.

Stamas said older kids, like middle school skiers, often sign up for ski trips to big mountains, like Loon and Waterville Valley, through Andover Youth Services. Some of them were introduced to skiing through the town's program at Bradford.

Andover kids are having tons of fun in the snow with this program, enough fun to keep Stamas involved after she retires in March.

"I would like to be an adult supervisor next year because being around the kids in this program is so much fun. I really enjoy it," she said.



Elisia Ledran, 9, looks for a place to stash her bag in the lodge during the ski club trip.



Dante Berger, 9, slides toward the ski lift.



Kids from Andover Recreation's ski club head off to a ski lesson.



Andover Director of Community Services Kim Stamas helps Ishaan Naik, 9, keep his skis locked on.



Daniel Shneer tries to keep his balance during a ski lesson with instructor JP Ouellette



Emily Waters practices her pizza wedge as she glides down the hill.



Sam O'Neil speeds down the slope.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY THURSDAY, JAN. 18

"HOW TO GO TO COLLEGE... WITHOUT GOING BROKE," 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Chateau, 131 River Road. College Planning Services will present the dinner seminar; attendees will learn how to qualify for the most financial aid, lower their college tuition bills, and reduce stress.

and anxiety; admission is free, but reservations are required; 978-462-1666, www.collegeplanningservices.org.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 1:30 to 7 p.m., Saint Augustine Church, 35 Essex St. Schedule an appointment to donate blood by using the free Blood Donor App; 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), www.redcrossblood.org.

JAN. 18, 23, 25 AND 30

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, JAN. 19

BAROQUE CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main

St. The free concert, sponsored by the Abbot Academy Fund, will include Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F major; BWV 1047; Alison Gangler (baroque oboe), Lisa Brooke (violin) and Andrus Madsen (organ, harpsichord clavichord and fortepiano)

will be the featured soloists; handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

SENIOR SOLOIST CONCERT,

7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus,

180 Main St. Lucy Jung, violin, will perform Dvorák's Violin Concerto in A minor,

Op. 53; Kaitlin Kan, oboe, will perform Vaughan Williams' Oboe Concerto in A minor; Aditi Kannan, violin, will perform Saint-Saëns'

Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28; Yixuan Zhao, flute, will perform Charles T. Griffes' Poem for Flute and Piano; admission is free and the venue is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

ROAST PORK DINNER, 5 to 7 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road. The

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Queen salute concert benefits breast cancer fight

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Eight teenage performers at an upcoming "Tribute to Queen" benefit concert in Andover may be too young to know much about the 1970s band. But they surely know two of the band's megahits as Queen rocked radio and sports stadiums alike with the booming anthems "We Are the Champions" and "We Will Rock You." Both songs often still play at Andover High School's sporting events.

On Jan. 27, a 13-member ensemble from The Real School of Music in Andover, is performing a tribute to the band, Queen, on stage at Veterans Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School. It's a fundraiser concert for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which raises money for breast cancer research.

The school has several ensembles but is most proud of their "Tribute to Queen" ensemble as the adults in the group remember how the English quartet used elaborate sets, including smoke bombs, to captivate the audience.

"Their shows were so theatrical and there were just four members who mixed their voices so well," said Jim Zaroulis, lead piano instructor at the school and a "Tribute to Queen" ensemble member.

Zaroulis said his ensemble is comprised of five faculty members and eight of the school's strongest vocalists, all between the ages of 15 and 18. They will perform the greatest hits of Queen at



ABOVE: Matthew Condon-Rivera (left), vocal instructor and lead singer at the Real School of Music in Andover rehearses with high school students from Andover and North Andover known as "The Queen Ensemble." From left, first row: Jenna Holiday, Jackie Pallazola, Ivanna Zamora, Lauren Brennan and Zephyr Flannigan. Back row: Colby Stack, Emily Dunbar and Alex Vassilopoulos. The Queen tribute concert will be Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Doherty Middle School in Andover, to benefit the fight against breast cancer. **BETWEEN:** Jim Zaroulis, the lead piano instructor at the Real School of Music/Andover, accompanies the students.



the concert.
"One of our student

members is Jenna Holiday of Andover, who won the

Diane Heffner (bass clarinet), Michael Weinstein (French horn) and Neil Fairbairn (bassoon); admission is free and the venue is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

JAN. 21 AND 28

OVERTEATERS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Anyone who struggles with food is encouraged to join; 781-641-2303.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Puncard, 30 Whittier Court. Join Paul Wayne for a sing-a-long; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

JAN. 23 AND FEB. 6

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS, 10 a.m., Blanchard House and Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains and give in to that irresistible urge to look behind the "staff only" and "no entry" signs; tour the attics, closets, nooks and crannies and hear stories about the items in rarely seen collections; admission is free, but registration is required; <http://andoverhistorical.org/> behind-the-scenes.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

SILENT FILM SERIES WITH LIVE MUSIC, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. A program of Charlie Chaplin's best short comedies will be screened; musical accompaniment for the movie will be performed live by silent film composer Jeff Rapsis; the show is part of the Tambakos Film Series, which aims to recapture the magic of early Hollywood by presenting silent films as they were intended to be shown: in restored prints, in a theater on a big screen, with live music, and with an audience; free admission; 978-837-5355.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

ATLANTIC BRASS QUINTET CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Members include Andrew Sorg and Thomas Bergeron

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- Snubs someone
- Where kids bathe
- One might be in distress
- Chair
- Music industry honors (abbr.)
- Dash
- Owed

CLUES DOWN

- Skater Lipinski
- Data
- Single step
- Destroyed financially
- Fail to interpret correctly
- Fava d'__: tree found in Brazil
- Vehicle
- Limited
- Old English
- Aussie golfer Norman
- Job
- Loose-fitting undergarments
- Protected by balancing
- Give up
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Extravagantly bright
- Takes dictation
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Rounded knob (biology)
- French philosopher Pierre
- Mothers

- Dardic ethnic group
- Supports the rudder
- An ugly evil-looking old woman
- Of a fasting time
- Filled with passengers
- Below the ribs and above the hips
- Binary-coded decimal
- 51 is a famous one
- Goes into a funk
- Chief O'Hara actor
- Videocassette recorder
- Scored perfectly
- Type of tree
- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Popular commercial "pet"
- Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians
- Room in a home
- __ and behold

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IF YOU GO

WHO: A 13-member ensemble from The Real School of Music in Andover, performing a tribute to the band Queen; also a fundraiser concert for the Susan G. Komen Foundation

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street, Andover

TICKETS: \$12 - \$15; will be sold at the door

practicing musical scales on an instrument for hours alone in a room are long gone as the school's music teaching style goes way beyond scales repetition. The lesson room looks like a music studio with many instruments, computers, production equipment and a lot more as students prepare for today's technological world of music.

There are ensembles, bands and a cappella groups rehearsing in the school's rooms and lots of opportunities for students to perform. "Andover Cares" battle of the bands," Zaroulis said. "We have performed on a few occasions, most notably on the main stage at Andover Day."

The school, located in Dundee Park, opened in April 2013 and teaches some 650 students, Zaroulis said. The popularity of successful television shows about music, such as Glee and Pitch Perfect, plus the appeal of Andover's popular show choirs at many schools, have likely helped the school's success. And so has the accomplished music faculty, Zaroulis said. The old approach of

Always a fan of Sondheim, this show is a particular treat for Wackowski. She has met a whole new group of cast mates and new theater friends.

Kathleen Wackowski, an Andover resident, is a featured singer in Colonial Chorus Players production of "Side by Side by Sondheim."

She has previously appeared in "Working," "A My Name is Alice" and "Curtains." She has appeared locally with Quannapowitt Players, Burlington Players, Winchester Players, Next Door Theater, Emerson Umbrella and Arlington Friends of the Drama. One of her biggest thrills was appearing at Symphony Hall as a featured singer with Voices of Hope.

"Side by Side by Sondheim" performances will be Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11 at the Old Hose House, 1249 Main St., Reading. Tickets are available at Ticketstage.com or 781-944-9780 or cepticketbooth@gmail.com.

of intimate gathering became known as a "Schubertiade," which Mistral will emulate in honor of Valentine's Day; Robyn Bollinger (violin), Cornelia Gartmann (violin), Jan Müller-Szeraws (cello), Sasha Scolnik-Brower (cello), Stephan Fong (viola), and artistic director Julie Scolnik (flute) will be the featured performers; tickets are \$35; group and student rush tickets available; 978-474-6222, email sales@MistralMusic.org, www.mistralmusic.org.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

SILENT FILM SERIES WITH LIVE MUSIC, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. "Metropolis" (1927) will be shown; musical accompaniment for the movie will be performed live by silent film composer Jeff Rapsis; the show is part of the Tambakos Film Series, which aims to recapture the magic of early Hollywood by presenting silent films as they were intended to be shown: in restored prints, in a theater on a big screen, with live music, and with an audience; free admission; 978-837-5355.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

DEATH CAFÉ, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St. Join Richard Davis of Andover and other adults for an open, lively and insightful discussion about death; while not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject; come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share one's thoughts, feelings and questions; socializing, refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; registration is requested as seating is limited; details, www.deathcafe.com and registration, www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Puncard, 30 Whittier Court. Roman Music Therapy Services, based in Wakefield, will offer a Drum Circle as a form of music therapy; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

■ 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:

Calling all parents, tweens and teens

Cheryl Todisco, Andover health teacher and YA librarian, will facilitate a discussion of "Posted" by John David Anderson on Thursday, Jan. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Parents and teens/tweens are invited to read and discuss the book.

This program is sponsored by Parent to Parent Andover and Memorial Hall Library.

Winter book sale set

The Friends' Winter Book Sale will open with a Preview Night on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission to the Preview Night is \$20 per person and free for current Friends' members.

The sale will continue on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1, the Rev. Julie A. Mavity

26 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 28, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, shoppers will be able to fill a bag for \$5 to \$7, DVDs and CDs will be four for \$1, and teachers can collect unsold books for their classrooms after 3 p.m.

Educational forums offered

Courageous Conversations and Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) are collaborating for a second year with

Memorial Hall Library to create educational forums for the Andover community.

Recent events from Charlottesville to the NFL to the White House have raised awareness about white supremacy and how it operates in today's society. It

has raised an opportunity to examine what it means to be white, and to participate in a system that supports white supremacy. During the "Examining Whiteness" workshop, from 6:30 to

8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, the Rev. Julie A. Mavity

Maddalena will explore the history and construction of whiteness, what it means to be white in today's world, and how people who are white can disrupt racism and whiteness personally, interpersonally, and systemically.

"Alice's Ordinary People," a documentary by filmmaker Craig Dudnick, will be shown on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. The film tells the story of Alice Tregay, an unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement. Tregay's story spans the historic period from the marches of Dr. King to the election of Barack Obama.

And her contribution in the field of politics connects the two. Dudnick will be at the screening and lead a discussion after the film.

A panel discussion of "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Coates' book pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son. Panelists will discuss

their experience reading the book, the significance of Coates' message, the lived experience of black men and boys in America, and how people can support them. Facilitated by Shaunielle McDonald, director of diversity initiatives at Brooks School, panelists will include Michael Eatman, director of community life at Pike School, Martin Henson from Black Lives Matter, Boston and Linda Carter Griffith, assistant head of school for equity, inclusion and wellness at Phillips Academy.

The community is welcome to attend one or all of the forums. Registration is requested. Visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to learn more or to sign up.

Art gallery lecture

Stephanie Sparling Williams, assistant curator at the Addison Gallery, will present "Snow: American Impressionism and John Twachtman" on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

Williams will focus on two of Twachtman's

winter scenes, "Hemlock Pool" (1900) and "Country House in Winter" (1901), both of which are part of the gallery's permanent collection.

The lecture will begin in the lobby of the Addison Gallery of American Art, on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

This presentation is sponsored by the Addison Gallery and Memorial Hall Library.

Space is limited and registration is requested. Go to www.mhl.org/calendar to reserve a spot.

Italian genealogy with Jenny Tonks

Jenny Tonks, a professional genealogist, will present a program on Italian genealogy on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m.

The program will focus on Italian emigration to the U.S., the relevant demographic patterns that help break through brick walls, and strategies for corresponding directly with Italian jurisdictions and records repositories to find records

not available online. Italian civil jurisdictions and vital records practices will also be discussed.

Tonks has worked as an accredited genealogist for Italian Research for nearly two decades. She is fluent in Italian and has lived in Italy.

She has worked as a genealogist for Ancestry.com, as an adjunct instructor in genealogy for Brigham Young University—Idaho, and as a forensic genealogist sub-contractor for the U.S. Army, in addition to freelance genealogy for private clients.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Register at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Pub Trivia at Andolini's

Bring a team and compete against MHL librarians at Pub Trivia night on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at Andolini's Restaurant, 19 Essex St. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the winning team, courtesy of the Friends of MHL.



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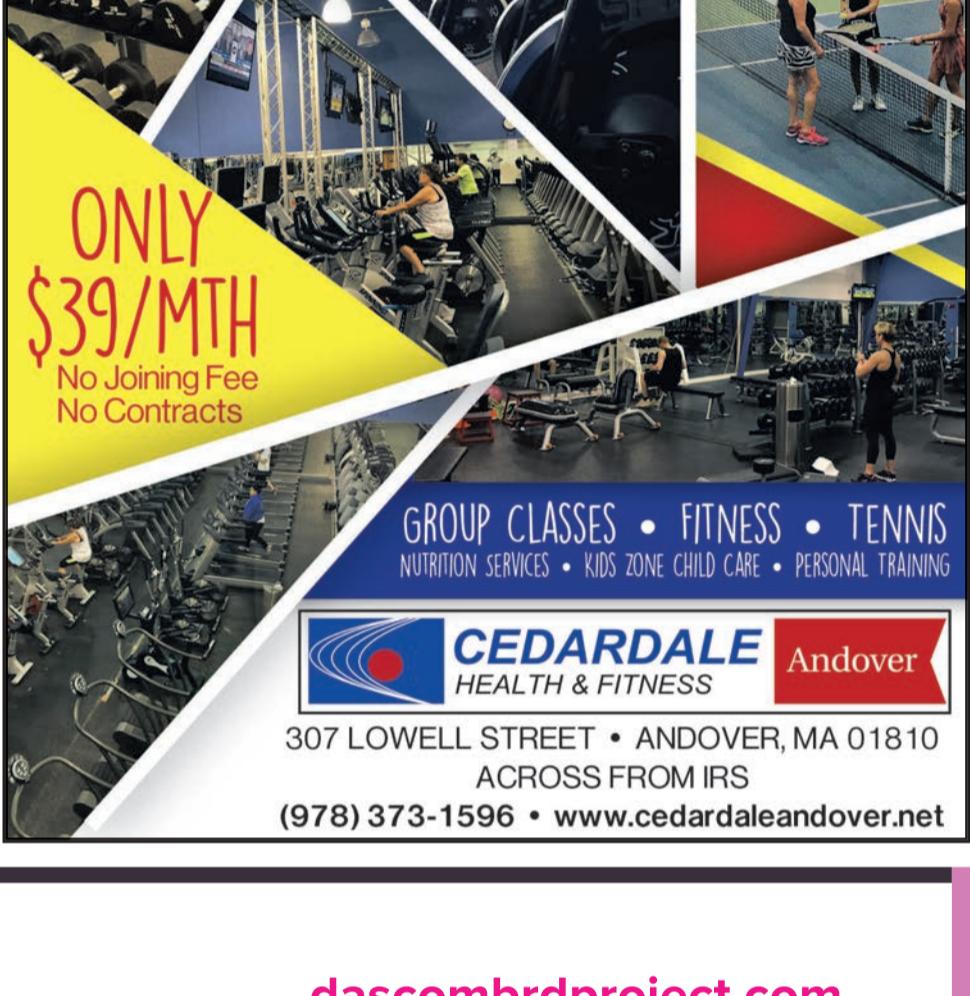
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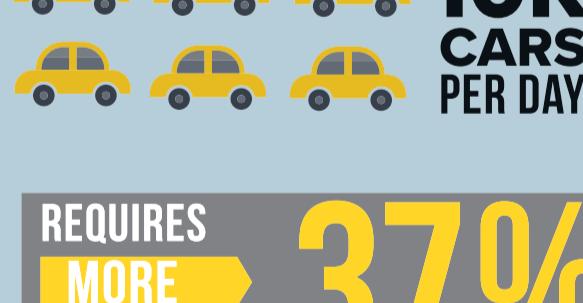
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BUSINESS BRIEFCASE**The Savings Bank promotes Barton**

Matt Barton has been promoted to branch manager of The Savings Bank's Andover office. He previously worked as the assistant manager.

Barton has been with The Savings Bank for the past eight years.

Matt Barton He serves in the Army Reserves and resides in Derry with his wife.

Three Andover nonprofits in the running for \$100,000

Andover Committee for A Better Chance, Challenge Unlimited, Inc., and Creative Living, Inc., are being considered for Cummings Foundation \$100K for 100 grants.

The Andover-based organizations received email invitations to apply for one of 100 grants of \$100,000 each to be awarded by Cummings Foundation. They are among 223 invitees selected after a thorough review of the 597 letters of inquiry that were submitted for the \$100K for 100 program.

Each grant proposal was carefully reviewed by two members of a six-person committee made up of outside volunteer professionals, according to Joyce Vryiates, deputy director of Cummings Foundation. The scores were then combined and averaged. The nonprofits with the highest average scores are now advancing to the next and final stage of the application process.

"We are most grateful for the significant time and thought that the committee members dedicated to the evaluation process," said Vryiates. "They, along with more than 50 other volunteers who will make determinations about the full applications, bring diverse, valuable experiences and insights to the decision-making process."

Full applications for these sought-after grants are due by Thursday, Feb. 15, the recipients will be announced in mid-May, and the Grant Winner Celebration will be held in early June.

First offered in 2012, \$100K for 100 annually awards multi-year grants of \$100,000 each to 100 nonprofits that are based in and serve Essex, Middlesex and Suffolk counties. For more information about the Cummings Foundation, visit www.cummingsfoundation.org.

Simms named to the Super Lawyers list

Adam Simms, an Andover resident and partner at Pierce Davis & Perritano LLP, was named to the 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers list in the area of State, Local & Municipal law.

Simms has been named to the list for the past six years. No more than five percent of the lawyers in Massachusetts are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor.

Simms' law practice is centered on civil rights and employment litigation in defense of individuals and Massachusetts towns and agencies in both State and Federal court. He also represents public employers in defense of charges of discrimination before the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Merrimack College breaks ground on Welcome Center

In December, Christopher E. Hooley, Ph.D., president of Merrimack College, was



Courtesy photo

Taking part in the groundbreaking ceremony at the Dr. Alfred L. Arcidi Center at Merrimack College are, from left, Diane Tran, civil engineer at VHB; Brianne Belschner, civil engineer at VHB; Bob Beauchemin, PROCON; Lynn Kramer, PROCON; Jim Loft, PROCON co-president; Felipe Schwartz, Merrimack College chief of staff; Lance Bennett, PROCON co-president; Marc Lehoullier, Trident Group; Todd Hooper, PROCON; and Jeff Koetteritz, civil engineer at VHB.



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A Londonderry man was the raffle winner during a drawing at Samel Insurance in Andover, part of the company's 75th anniversary celebration. Jim Sievert, middle, won a 60-inch LED television. With Sievert, at left, is Robert Bedrosian, owner of Paramount Insurance in Merrimack, N.H., a sister company, and Jonathan Samel, owner of both Samel Insurance in Andover, and Paramount Insurance in Merrimack, N.H.

joined by members of the board of trustees, officials and colleagues for a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off construction on the Dr. Alfred L. Arcidi Welcome Center. Longtime partner, PROCON of Manchester, New Hampshire, is the architect and construction manager for the 16,000 square foot two-story building.

The Dr. Alfred L. Arcidi Center will house the undergraduate and graduate admissions, the O'Brien Center for Career Development, and provide specialty meeting spaces for the entire campus. The center will border the recently opened Crowe Hall, and will support the college's goal of transforming the North District into the focal point of the campus.

The center's key features will include nine interview/advising rooms, administrative offices, a student interview preparation space, a boardroom and five conference rooms. Large groups will be able to assemble in a 1,100 square foot presentation room to learn about the college. The first floor lobby area will have floor-to-ceiling windows for a sophisticated first impression.

The welcome center is expected to open in the fall.

DCU to award up to \$137,500 in scholarships

With the costs of college steadily rising, DCU (Digital Federal Credit Union) understands that getting accepted into college isn't the only hurdle for college-bound students and their families.

Paying for college can be difficult, and the DCU Annual Memorial Scholarship Program can help with college tuition costs.

Students in their senior year of high school who will be attending a state or nationally accredited college or university in the fall of 2018, can now apply for a DCU Annual Memorial Scholarship. This program is open to DCU members and nonmembers. DCU employees, volunteers, and their immediate family members are ineligible.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit, teachers' references, an original essay, awards, recognition, extracurricular

activities and community service.

DCU will award up to \$137,500. Scholarships will be available at various levels up to \$2,500. Applications and all supporting materials are due on or before Friday, March 2, at 3 p.m. and must be submitted electronically via the DCU Online Scholarship portal.

Scholarship winners will be notified in early May and funds will be distributed through the DCU for Kids Foundation.

To apply, visit www.dcu.org/scholarships or www.dcforkids.org.

Andover Landscape named Best of Boston

Boston Magazine awarded Andover Landscape Design and Construction as the 2018 Best of Boston in its industry in recognition of quality and excellence.

Owners, John Nardozza and Russell Stott, were honored to be presented with this prestigious award. With more than 25 years in the industry, clients trust Nardozza and Stott's expertise to transform properties with respect to the surrounding environment, architecture and style of the home, and materials used to complete each project.

Andover Landscape Design and Construction's focus is to provide elegant designs matched with superior craftsmanship for an outdoor space that's both functional and beautiful. To view Andover Landscape Design and Construction's portfolio, visit www.andoerlandscape.com.

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.

BNI Merrimack Valley networking meetings

BNI Merrimack Valley chapter meets on Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club in Andover.

To submit an item for the Business Briefcase, email townsman@andovertownsman.com.

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Founded in 1947, UNICO is the Italian word for "unique" or "one of a kind." In later years, UNICO has become an acronym for Unity, Neighbornliness, Integrity, Charity and Opportunity. Members of the organization engage in charitable works, support higher education, perform patriotic deeds, and retain a connection to their Italian heritage.

Since its inception in 1990, the Merrimack Valley chapter has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving area students and has donated more than \$800,000 to local charities.

Candidates shall be of Italian heritage, seek to pursue their education at a four-year college or university, and shall have demonstrated strong achievement in academic studies and extracurricular activities. Prospective applicants should visit www.unicommackvalley.org to access, complete and submit the scholarship application as well as to review applicable instructions and information. The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, March 15.

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Sports

THE SHEA WAY

Forced to step up, Andover's Krekorian continues to set new expectations

KYLE GAUDETTE
Staff Writer

Shea Krekorian isn't one to deflect hard work. It's just not in her nature.

So when former Andover coach E.J. Perry III told the freshman she would be starting in last year's Commonwealth Christmas Classic first round game literally 10 minutes before tip, her response was simple.

Bring it on.

"I mean, it was my goal last year to just get some minutes. So it was surprising to be in the mix so soon," said Krekorian, a 5-7 guard.

"We had a couple of injuries, so we knew that someone who wasn't expecting to start was going to have to.

But every since that day, precisely 10 minutes before Andover tipped off against Londonderry, Krekorian has never left the mix.

In fact, she hasn't come out of the starting lineup since.

"I tried to stay (in the starting lineup) just by working hard," she said.

"There was a lot of experienced players last year who helped me."

Now a sophomore, Krekorian is a mainstay in the Andover starting five.

She set a career high against Tewksbury with a 16-point performance, and has averaged 6.7 points per game, which is good for third on the team.

Perhaps Krekorian's best quality, though, is her defense, where she routinely accepts the task of covering the opposing team's top scorer.

A talented athlete, she also plays midfield for the lacrosse team.

"She might not even know who this is but I picture her as a Kawhi Leonard type of player for us," said Andover coach Alan Hibino. "She is someone who can impact the game defensively and offensively."

NEW CHALLENGES

A lot has changed for Andover this year.

With All-Merrimack Valley Conference picks Alyssa

Casey and Jillian Webber off at college, new players make up a third of the roster and a new coaching staff is running practices and patrolling the sideline on game day.

The young Warriors have one senior on the roster in Caroline McDonald, who is the team's sole captain.

"There's been a bunch of new changes but it's been great," said Krekorian. "Our record is not great right now, but I still think we've been playing pretty well."

Strictly based on record, Andover (heading into the week 3-6) is not off to the start it was anticipating.

"Obviously it's been a little frustrating, but we've played some really good teams and have come close each time," said Krekorian.

"We definitely keep our heads up though. We all work well with each other and listen to each other."

YOUNG LEADER

Everyone had to step up with the graduation Casey and Webber. You just don't replace that type of



Andover's Shea Krekorian looks to pass the ball around Billerica's Kelsey Leverone. Krekorian's gritty play is one of the reasons she is a leader for the Warriors.

production with the snap of a finger.

That has been magnified with the "rough" start to the season.

While still young, Krekorian already has a year's worth of experience that's been key to her development into a leader on the court. She's increased her scoring average by more

than four points (2.2 ppg as a freshman), and her defensive tenacity hasn't slipped at all.

"Attitude-wise, I'm trying to be more of a leader," said Hibino. "But basketball-wise, I'm just trying to eliminate mental mistakes and be more of an offensive player."

The future certainly looks bright for this Golden

Warrior, who in over just a year and a half has already proven that she's willing to defy expectations.

"She sets high goals and standards for herself," said Hibino. "She is extremely coachable, has a great attitude and brings a positive energy every single day."

"She exhibits a lot of traits of a future leader."

Andover girls win Division 1 State Relays

BY DAVID WILLIS
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Andover girls track sent a dominant message to the rest of the state last week.

The Golden Warriors won four events and placed second in two others, surging to the Division 1 State Relays title at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury on Friday.

Andover finished with 62 points, outdistancing No. 2 Wachusett (52) and No. 3 Newton North (40).

"We're on Cloud 9," said Warriors coach Peter Comeau. "To win this in the dominant way we did is incredible. It's easy to win states with three or four stars. But to win relays, it takes a whole team. And this shows how special this girls track team is. We won four of the 10 events, and scored in seven of the 10. That's amazing."

There were plenty of stars for the Golden Warriors on their way to the title.

The most impressive performance for Andover came in the shuttle dash. The Golden Warriors took first (Julia Sergeant, Delia Barbanti, Hannah Lansberry, Ally Bennett) in 24.35, while their 'B' team was fourth (Hope Joel, Julianna Kennedy, Grace Dunn, Audrey Tarbox) in 24.35.

"Taking first and fourth in the dash is amazing," said Comeau. "That shows that we have eight of the fastest girls in the state. That was huge."

Also earning titles for the Warriors were the shuttle hurdles (Alyssa Greico, Anna Vroutas, Charlotte Guterman, Kassie Brink) in 28.57, the 4x200 (Lansberry, Bennett, Barbanti, Joel) in 1:45.34 and the 4x400 (Lansberry, Joel, Barbanti, Kennedy) in 4:03.17.

"We're so psyched because it is a true team win. We are balanced and everyone contributed."

This marked the second victory in two weeks for the Andover girls. They won the elite Dartmouth Relays last Saturday. Now, the Warriors have their eyes set on adding to that collection.



Kassie Brink helped Andover to the Division 1 State Relays championship on Friday.

Cochiaro) with a combined distance of 94-6.

"I'm very happy with the performance of our shot putters," said Comeau. "They exceeded expectations, and our long jump relay took fifth. And our sprinters and hurdlers are performing at a very, very high level right now."

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"We're going to rest this weekend then get into training mode," said Comeau. "Come February, we'll try to win our conference, then we want to win an indoor state title. We've won the last three girls outdoor titles, but this year we want an indoor title."

Division 1 Girls State Relays

Top team results: 1. Andover 62, 2. Wachusett 52, 3. Newton North 40

Andover placers: Shuttle hurdles: 1. Andover (Alyssa Greico, Anna Vroutas, Charlotte Guterman, Kassie Brink) 28.57; Shuttle dash: 1. Andover (Julia Sergeant, Delia Barbanti, Hannah Lansberry, Ally Bennett) 24.35, 4. Andover (Hope Joel, Julianna Kennedy, Grace Dunn, Audrey Tarbox) 24.35; 4x200: 1. Andover (Lansberry, Bennett, Barbanti, Joel) 1:45.34; 4x400: 1. Andover (Lansberry, Joel, Barbanti, Kennedy) 4:03.17; Sprint Medley: 2. Andover (Dunn, Sergeant, Kennedy, Joel) 4:16.42; Shot Put Relay: 2. Andover (Toni Kobelski, Hannah Wilen, Kassie Brink, Bennett, Sara Folan) 94-6; LJ Relay: 5. Andover (Kassie Brink, Bennett, Sara Folan)

Andover pushed archrival Central Catholic to the limits before falling 70-65 last Thursday. Kyle Rocker led the Warriors with 19

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Partly sunny

High: 33°**Low: 22°****FRIDAY**

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High: 37°**Low: 25°****SATURDAY**

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High: 45°**Low: 30°****SUNDAY**

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Teen musician performs accompanied by BSO

Andover eighth-grader Somin Virmani has been selected to perform in Mahler's 3rd Symphony at Symphony Hall on Jan. 18, 19 and 20.

Accompanied by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by BSO Music Director Andris Nelsons and coached by BSO Choral Director



Somin Virmani

James Burton, the choir will sing alongside the Women of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and will be joined by international opera singer Susan

Graham. Nearly 200 students auditioned from the greater Boston area and 60 students in grades 5 to 9 have been selected to sing in the children's choir. Somin is the only Andover resident in the group. Somin attends Doherty Middle School.

He is an avid musician as he sings in the Youth Chorus and Concert Choir with the Handel + Haydn Society, plays the piano, and his instrument is the flute. He participates in the Junior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble at New England Conservatory, and in Northeast Massachusetts Youth

Orchestra's Select Flute Choir (advance group of high school flutists), and loves to be involved in theater.

He will be in Doherty Middle School's upcoming play, Mary Poppins, this April.

The BSO group has a rigorous rehearsal schedule gearing up for the show

with evening rehearsals at Symphony Hall. Many pieces are in German and the students have been quick to learn the new lyrics.

There are three performances: Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.; Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. and Jan. 20 at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at bso.org.

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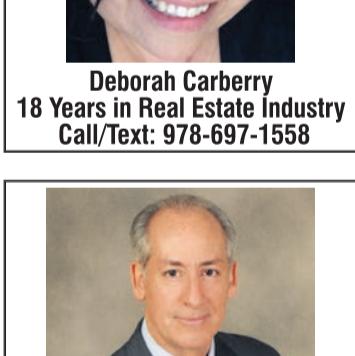
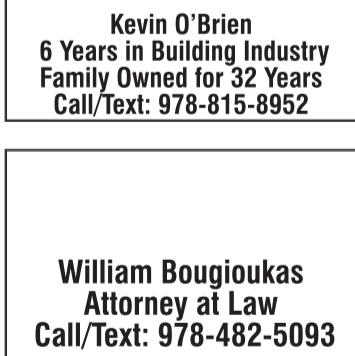
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