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Getting in the holiday spirit



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Gavin Seng, 4, of Andover, is all smiles while pretending to drive a front end loader during the Touch-A-Truck event that was part Small Business Saturday in downtown Andover.

Ballardvale Fire Station approved

BY JESSICA VALERIANI
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ANDOVER — In more than a two-thirds vote, the construction of a new Ballardvale Fire Station was approved by voters at a special Town Meeting.

More than 350 Andover residents and visitors filled the Collins Center at Andover High School for the meeting, with one warrant article on the agenda - the Ballardvale Fire Station.

Following a series of presentations and PowerPoints, pros and cons, a hand vote was made around 9 p.m. in favor of the article.

"We are here tonight to ask for your approval to complete the last step of a public process to move forward with the project of a fire station," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan.

That last step being the authorization of the purchase of 161 Andover St., the adjacent parcel of land to the current fire station, and the construction of a new Ballardvale Fire Station, which would cost \$8 million, a combination of \$7 million from bond authorization and \$1 million from free cash.

Flanagan said the current station, built 128 years ago, is failing.

"If it was a private residence, it would be condemned," Flanagan said, adding that it's only a matter of time until it is condemned.

Within minutes of the meeting's start time, 7 p.m., a motion was made by Andover resident Steve Cotton for an amendment that would increase the discussion time for speakers on the floor from three minutes to five minutes. In a vote of 144 to 189, that amendment failed, keeping discussion time at its usual three minutes.

Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield addressed the crowd with a presentation on the current structure of the Ballardvale fire station and the needs that have to be met with the construction of a new one.

"In my humble opinion, the current building has given value to the community for a long time, and it is time we move on and try to replace it," Mansfield said.

The proposal for the project is for an 11,383 square foot, two-story, three-bay fire station. Mansfield said the question is whether the proposal meets the needs of the people and the fire staff today and for the next 75 years, adding in confidence that answer is yes.

Ellen Keller, a resident in the historic Ballardvale area, spoke in favor of the project. Keller recalled a time 26 years ago, when she stopped into the Ballardvale Fire Station with her toddler to use the bathroom and immediately noticed the poor conditions.

"This structure is an embarrassment," Keller said, adding that the town has been there for Ballardvale residents, and it was now time for the residents to be there for the town and support the article.

Becci Bachman, a vocal resident throughout the planning process, voiced her concerns about the size of the proposed site. Bachman stated her concern with the size of the bays where the fire trucks would be housed, noting how critical that component is.

Richard Bowen and Don Robb, two figures in town who previously held leadership roles; as Town Manager and school committee and committees respectively, both spoke in favor of the project.

"With my experience as a Town Manager, I believe that postponement of construction would serve no useful purpose and probably increase its cost substantially," said Bowen.

Robb facetiously said the two were probably the only individuals in the auditorium who were around when the project was discussed back in 1981. Robb added that they would both like to see it constructed in their lifetime. Bowen noted with applause that in February 2019 he will be turning 92 years old.

The meeting adjourned following applause from the crowd as the majority were in agreement with the vote.

Small Business Saturday a big success

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While perusing the rack at the Andover Thrift Shop on Saturday afternoon, Victoria Johnson was elated to discover a white Ralph Lauren down jacket for a price that could not be beat.

Johnson, 24, was thrilled about her new winter jacket find and other small items piled in her basket. She said she visits Andover Thrift Shop at least once a week, and thinks it's important to shop locally to keep Andover's local businesses and downtown alive.

Local businesses did not get forgotten in the shuffle of the Black Friday weekend, as they were celebrated on their own day this year — Small Business Saturday.

A day to celebrate and support small businesses, many people headed to downtown Andover to peruse through local shops, enjoy lunch at popular eateries, and participate in giveaways and a "touch a truck" event held behind Old Town Hall.

"This is what Andover is all about — coming together to support our businesses and celebrate our community," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "It's going to be a busy season for Andover and I look forward to showcasing our community. It's a great place to work, live and visit."

Ann Ormond, director of business, arts, and cultural development in Andover, spearheaded Saturday's event.

"Now is more important a
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THE BIG CHILL Participants race amid frigid temps

BY BILL BURT
Staff Writer

Due to frigid weather reports, which proved to be spot on, there was no Kids K and no 5-mile race in Andover Thanksgiving Day morning.

But there were over 4,000 runners and walkers who participated in the 2018 Feaster Five Road Race, which consisted of a 5K race.

In other words, the weather, including windchill temperatures in the single digits, didn't win.

While most of the annual Thanksgiving Day high
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PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

Race organizer Dave McGillivray addressed the runners before the start of the Feaster Five road race Thursday morning in Andover.

Local man puts tradition of countdown Santa to market

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Now that Thanksgiving is over, that nagging holiday question that drives parents crazy has probably started in many homes with young children. "How many more days until Christmas?" the kids want to know.

Now, a married local man with two children has begun to market a 50-year Christmas tradition that quells the question chaos. Dic and Roberta Pierce of Haverhill had their hands full back in the 1960s as they had five youngsters asking, "How many more days until Christmas?" Plus, they took in several foster care children over the



COURTESY PHOTO

Kevin Pierce, 51, of Andover, has begun manufacturing this Santa doll that can be used as a countdown calendar to help kids keep track of the days until Christmas.

years. A handmade Santa doll became the family's countdown calendar. Roberta did the sewing while Dic did the design. There were actually
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School holds 40th Harvest Festival

BY JESSICA VALERIANI
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In light of the Thanksgiving holiday, students at Sanborn Elementary school took the stage in the auditorium dressed in a variety of reds and browns with khaki pants.

The students hosted a musical assembly at their 40th annual Harvest Festival. In addition to the assembly, the entire Sanborn community came together the Friday before to deliver 300 gift bags to senior citizens in Andover. Through the distribution of gifts and joy to the senior community, they got to learn the true value of giving back.

Under the direction of Sanborn's Music Specialist Diane Waddell, students showcased their creative talents in a musical presentation based on the book "Calvin Can't
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AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Students perform during the 40th annual Harvest Festival at Sanborn Elementary School in Andover.

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Neal Darmody of Bow, NH was the first place men's finisher in the Feaster Five road race on Thanksgiving.



Cat Beck, former Brookline NH resident and current Clinton, NY resident, is the first woman to finish the Feaster Five on Thursday.



Marathon legend Joan Benoit Samuelson runs the Feaster Five road race on Thursday in Andover.



Carter Sullivan, left, and Christian Miller, both 7 of Haverhill, were ready to run the Feaster Five road race on Thursday morning.



Pike School teachers, from left, Stephanie Santella, Emeric Viani, Elisabeth Venetiou and husband Alex Venetiou pose for a photo before the start of the Feaster Five road race.



Adrian Loria-Alicea, 9, of Salem, NH, was bundled up for the start of the Feaster Five.



A runner sports a turkey hat at the start of the race.



Race volunteers from the Merrimack Valley Striders posed for a group photo at the Feaster Five starting line.

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school football games were moved to Wednesday night, and the Feaster Five went as scheduled.

"It was cold, sure," said women's 5K champion yesterday, Catherine Beck, who usually runs the 5-mile distance at the Feaster Five.

"But honestly, this was familiar face, Bow, N.H.'s like running in January," she said. "It's not easy, especially the wind. But you just dress warm and deal with it."

Beck did. And she outlasted Andover's Allana McDonough, who has won other times, by four seconds.

"We were together for most of the race," said Beck, who is from Brookline, N.H. but resides in Clinton, N.Y. with her husband and 18-month-old son Harper.

"We were laughing about how cold our faces were," said Beck. "It was great. We pushed each other and I just got away."

In the men's race, another familiar face, Bow, N.H.'s Neal Carmody, of Whirlaway Racing, made it three straight 5K wins with a convincing 24-second win (15:45), 12 seconds faster than his close win last year at finish line.

"The funny thing is I usually do better the hotter it is," said Carmody. "It was



Wearing face buffers from the race, Jett, 16 on right and brother Luke Stad, 13, of North Andover pose for a photo before the start of the Feaster Five road race.

cold, but I felt pretty good. I really wanted to win three in a row."

Carmody is a native of Maryland and starred at High Point (N.C.) University. He is coming off a very good year in the New England Grand Prix circuit, finishing third overall to Whirlaway teammate Ruben Sanca, who has dominated the 5-mile distance at the Feaster Five. Sanca, who has six straight 5-mile titles opted not to race the 5K event yesterday.

Carmody said his season is officially done with the Feaster Five, next preparing for the New Bedford Half-Marathon in March.

But there are more important family matters in about a month. He and wife, Michaela, are expecting their first child.

Ben Pare, of Huntsville, Ala., finished second at 16:09, while Scott Mindel of Burlington was third at 16:14. The guy Carmody edged out at the finish line last year, North Andover's Jacob Johns, finished fifth at 16:26.

"I think we made the right decision," said Feaster Five race director Dave McGilivray. "We didn't want to expose too many people for too long. I think most people were happy."

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Victoria Johnson, of Andover, checks out a like new down jacket in the Andover Thrift Shop.



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Ed Christie and his daughter Sophie, 7, of Andover, test out the seats in an all-wheel-drive rescue gator, during the Touch-A-Truck event in downtown Andover.



Charles Clermont, of Andover, was excited to find some dirt inside the bucket of a front end loader during the Touch-A-Truck event that was part of family-friendly Small Business Saturday in downtown Andover.



Sumi Dolben, of North Andover, checks out dresses on the sales rack at Max & Riley during Small Business Saturday.

SUCCESS

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time than ever to raise awareness for small businesses in Andover," said Ormond. Following the Sept. 13 gas explosions and fires that forced many local businesses to close for extended periods of time, Ormond said now is a crucial time to help them get back on their feet.

Though Andover residents celebrate and support their downtown, Ormond added a few events to add a new level of attraction to the area on Saturday.

A "touch a truck" event behind the Old Town Hall gave children the unique opportunity to sit inside vehicles from the Andover Police and Fire Departments — including a police cruiser and motorcycle — as well as Department of Public Works equipment, like a dump truck and a backhoe.

Alyson Hall, 18, a student at Andover High School, spends two or three days a week volunteering at Andover Thrift Shop.

"The downtown's local businesses are what makes Andover, Andover," said Hall. "People come here for the downtown and everything it has to offer."

Susan Roussilhes and her daughter, Hope, owners of Max & Riley on Elm Square, said it's easy to get swallowed up by malls and online shopping, which is why shopping local is so important.

The co-owners, who named their store after their two dogs, said sales have been very low since the September gas disaster. With popular area restaurants out of business for months, people weren't popping into their store while waiting for their dinner reservations.

"We came to Andover just over a year ago thinking business would be better than our location in Boston, and then this happened," said Hope, adding that the store celebrated their one year mark located in Andover on Nov. 9. The two are caught up on orders, but say they are still behind in their sales.

Susan said Andover's downtown is a beautiful place with considerable charm, and she hopes people will continue to shop locally and support businesses like her own.

Ormond was grateful for the nicer weather despite the frigid temperatures that arrived the past couple days, and said she was happy with the good turnout of shoppers

and diners that came out to support downtown.

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Students perform during the 40th Harvest Festival at Sanborn Elementary School in Andover.



The Sunrise Singers perform during the 40th Harvest Festival at Sanborn Elementary School in Andover.

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Fly.” Through song and dance, as well as a combined finale performance with the Sunrise Singers, the hundreds

of students captured the attention of all those in attendance.

Mary Guziejka, founder of the Harvest Festival, was in attendance at the event. Guziejka was honored by a plaque which was hung in the music room where she

taught more than 40 years ago.

“The festival let’s the fifth-graders leave something behind before they move on,” said Guziejka. “The kids and I love each other, and I’m glad to see the festival still taking place.”

Guziejka said she was happy to see her event continue, as well as the great meaning that goes along with it.

Guest speaker Haley Traub joined the students to deliver a

speech to those in attendance.

Traub, a senior at Andover High School and former student at Sanborn Elementary, said it felt great to be asked to speak at the assembly.

Traub has two older brothers who also attended Sanborn, and she said she maintains a very close relationship with her fifth-grade teacher Ms. Crowley.

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three versions of the doll with the final version completed around 1970.

Considered more hands-on fun than a regular calendar, a great addition to a family’s Advent calendar and less stressful than today’s trendy Elf on the Shelf, which has to be moved around the house every night, this Santa doll is pretty simple to use.

One of the Pierce’s sons, Kevin Pierce, lives in Andover.

Now 51 years old and laid off from his graphic designer job, he poured \$40,000 of his own money into the making and marketing of his “Countdown to Christmas Doll” with the full support of his family as he went public with a family tradition.

“It’s been a family tradition for 50 years but I’m getting good comments from today’s families as they want this doll,” said Pierce, a married father of two who lives on Candlewood Drive. “My parents also took in foster kids. We’re all adults now but everyone always asks if we still use the doll at

Christmas.”

The 18-inch fabric doll costs \$59.99 and comes with 12 pieces of clothing — a T-shirt, two socks, pants, a jacket, two boots, two mittens, a belt, a hat and a sack. The clothes are hung on a clothesline with cute little pins — all provided with the doll — and the clothesline is typically hung on a fireplace mantel.

Starting Dec. 12, children take turns dressing Santa in one piece of clothing each day. Children can count how many days until Christmas by counting the number of clothes left on the clothesline.

“It’s fun to do and kids just love it. Santa gets fully dressed by Christmas Eve,” Pierce said. “My family used to fill Santa’s empty sack on Christmas Eve with candy or little gifts. “We got more

excited each night after one more piece of clothing was added.

Christmas Eve was the best part when each kid wrapped a small present and placed it in Santa’s sack.” He has manufactured 1,000 dolls and sold 300 of them, he said.

A recent appearance on a Connecticut television show about the doll was extremely successful as he sold 50 dolls as a result of his appearance. The doll is for sale on Amazon. Also, Simply Smashing Helen Thomas on Main Street sells the doll and so does The Nest in Amesbury, formerly located in Andover.

“He decided to pursue an idea that has been stewing for years. He wanted to manufacture this Christmas tradition that started in his family in the 1960s and make it available for other families of our generation. We are so excited about this,” his wife, Chrissy Pierce, wrote in an email.

The couple’s daughters, Violet, 10, and Evangeline, 2, love their Santa dolls and cuddle with the doll often. That makes their dad feel good.

“Paying homage to my parents’ original vision still shines through in this new design,” Pierce said.

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Family of man killed in gas explosion testifies at hearing

Lawmakers aggressive in questioning company leaders

By KIERA BLESSING
Staff Writer

State delegates grilled the presidents of both Columbia Gas of Massachusetts and its parent company, NiSource, Inc., during a U.S. Senate committee hearing held in a Lawrence middle school Monday morning.

U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, who chaired the meeting, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep.

Seth Moulton were particularly aggressive in their questioning of the presidents of the two companies, suggesting that the men step down from their leadership roles. The delegates also questioned what they characterized as the companies' "woefully insufficient" preparation for such an emergency.

The gymnasium at South Lawrence East Middle School

held a crowd of hundreds of local officials and residents affected by the Sept. 13 disaster, who periodically applauded as the senators and representatives posed their questions. Among the residents were the parents and sister of Leonel Rondon, the 18-year-old Lawrence man killed in one of the gas explosions.

"The grief we feel is unbearable, but we know

Leonel would want us to stay strong. We will stand with the community on his behalf," said his sister, Luciana Rondon.

She continued through tears: "We hope there will be justice for him and the community." The family received a standing ovation.

Steve Bryant, president of Columbia Gas, and Joe Hamrock, president of NiSource, apologized and said they accepted responsibility for the failings of the companies. Both men also apologized directly to the Rondon family, who sat prominently in the front row, next to Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera.

"I will carry that in the heart for the rest of my life," Bryant said to the Rondons about the death.

In addition to recommending that Bryant and Hamrock relinquish their posts at the helm of Columbia Gas and NiSource, the delegates questioned the company culture that was allowed to flourish under their leadership.

"You posted a notice at 9 p.m. that evening. Five hours after the two alarms were recorded at your facility (in Ohio)," Moulton said, referencing the evening of Sept. 13. "That does not strike me as a culture of safety."

Both Moulton and Rep. Niki Tsongas asked Hamrock to pledge that the cost of the disaster — an estimated \$800 million — will not be passed on to customers. Hamrock refused.

"I'm not in a position today to make such a commitment," he said. Tsongas told him she took "great exception" to his response.

Warren demanded to know Bryant's and Hamrock's annual compensation — \$550,000 and \$5 million, respectively — and if they would see financial losses as a result of the disaster. Both men said they had recommended that they not receive their incentive bonuses for the year.

The committee also questioned the responsibility of the state and federal regulators in charge of holding gas utility companies accountable. Markey lamented the "regulatory black hole" that

allowed a critical error to be made on Sept. 13 and that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration had become "a lapdog for this industry" rather than a watchdog.

Richard Kuprewicz, president of Accufacts Inc. and a professional with 45 years of experience in the industry, said "the biggest problem" is "a shift away from prescriptive" laws and regulations on pipeline safety and infrastructure "to what we call the more risk-based performance movements."

"Performance gives a lot of wiggle room, and it's tough for a regulator to enforce," Kuprewicz said.

Markey also called for higher caps on fines for companies that cause disasters like the one that affected Lawrence, Andover and North Andover. He said the maximum that NiSource can be fined — \$2 million — is equivalent to "a parking ticket" for the company.

A second panel with Rivera, Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield and North Andover business owner Tina Messina was held Monday afternoon.

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Opinion

Tracking hate crime is a group effort

One year ago this month, Gov. Charlie Baker re-constituted the Hate Crimes Task Force, which was disbanded in 2003 when Gov. Mitt Romney vetoed \$100,000 in state funds for the panel. As it got back up to speed, the task force of representatives from law enforcement, universities, religious and advocacy groups held a series of "listening sessions" around the state.

Their work led to a recommendation by Baker this week that all police departments in Massachusetts name at least one officer to serve as point person for hate crime reports. Baker also recommended those designated officers report any criminal act that appears to be motivated by bias to a new website being developed by the state Executive Office of Public Safety.

Such sharing among police and the public is commendable. One of the surest ways to address hate-motivated crimes is to put it out into the open.

Hate crimes and incidents of bias have always been with us, of course. The most recent state survey on hate crimes found reports had actually dropped from 411 in 2015 to 391 in 2016. A public safety spokesman said last year's report is still being finalized. It's likely to show a rise in reports of hate crimes, mirroring the national trend since the divisive national elections of 2016.

Evidence of an increase has already surfaced elsewhere. Data from the Anti-Defamation League's 2017 audit shows the number of anti-Semitic incidents has grown dramatically in Massachusetts – an important indicator of growing problems. The audit cited 177 anti-Semitic acts reported in the Bay State last year, a sharp increase from the 50 incidents of vandalism, harassment or assault reported in 2015.

Nationally, reports of hate crimes have been on the rise in the past two years, cutting across many communities.

Earlier this month the FBI issued its annual report showing more than 7,100 hate crimes in the U.S. last year, with an increase in attacks motivated by racial or religious bias or because of a victim's sexual orientation. That same report cited an increase in religion-based hate crimes of nearly 23 percent nationwide, with the biggest spike in anti-Semitic hate crimes of 37 percent. The bureau also said the number of law enforcement agencies reporting hate-crime data went up, something that makes the data more a reflection of reality.

Even that may be a limited picture, however. National groups such as the Anti-Defamation League, Arab American Institute, Sikh Coalition and Southern Poverty Law Center maintain the FBI undercounts hate crimes, noting its 2017 report doesn't include the May 26 slashing deaths of two men who came to the aid of Muslim women being harassed on a train in Portland, Oregon, or the death of Heather Heyer, who was run over and killed Aug. 12, 2017, during the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Even if the veracity of national data is in question, reactivating the state Hate Crimes Task Force and following up on its recommendations shows the Baker administration making a positive step to get Massachusetts cities and towns on the same page. If each police department is involved in keeping up a database of those incidents, the consistency and accuracy of reporting will improve.

Last year, when Baker swore in the 17 members of the task force, he included Kelly Nee, chief of the Boston University Police Department. At that time Nee, a former deputy superintendent of the Boston Police Department, told BU Today, "I wholeheartedly believe that everyone should be able to go about their day-to-day lives without fear of being targeted for harassment or violence because of ignorance and hatred."

"All you have to do is look at events across the country to see divisiveness. It's extremely important that we protect the rights of individuals, even those we disagree with. This task force can explore ways to accomplish this safely and help formulate ways to improve prevention, investigation, and prosecution of hate crimes," she said.

These divisive times call for this kind of focus on hate crime reporting and awareness. Bringing together police for education, enforcement and data collection is essential to maintain that focus.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

Last Saturday was Small Business Saturday. **Did you shop local?**

Yes. In light of the gas disaster as well as the overall economics of malls and online shopping, it's important to support our Main Street businesses so they continue to thrive.

No. There aren't enough good stores downtown for a full day of Christmas shopping. We need more choices.

Yes and no. I went to a couple stores but reserved the bulk of my shopping for Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Last week's question:

A committee plans to recommend the town adopt electronic voting for upcoming town meetings, beginning in spring 2019. It will hold a demonstration after the Special Town Meeting on Nov. 27. Moderator Sheila Doherty says residents should decide whether they want to use the devices, though electronic voting could improve the accuracy and efficiency of Town Meeting and will also preserve residents' privacy.

What do you think of plans to put a clicker in the hands of every Town Meeting voter?

Let's do it. Voting in 15 seconds is far better than the 20 minutes it sometimes takes to count every standing soul in the Collins Center. 50 votes.

Maybe. Faster, electronic voting maybe a good thing but leave the clickers to the dog trainers and look for something even more efficient — like a Town Meeting app. 14 votes.

Not so much. Town Meeting is nothing if not a tradition, and standing to be counted in front of our neighbors is at the core of Andover's deliberative process. 12 votes.

GAS DISASTER GRILLING



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

From left, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Congressman Seth Moulton, D-Salem, during the opening of Monday morning's Senate committee hearing at the South Lawrence East Middle School on the gas disaster.

Mass shootings less common than many believe

John Lott Jr.

"This doesn't happen anywhere else on the planet," California Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom said. "We stand alone in the world in the number of mass shootings," said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. These were typical comments after a shooter killed 12 people in Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks, California.

People have been acting for a long time like the United States is the world's hotbed of mass public shootings. After a 2015 mass shooting during his administration, President Barack Obama said: "The one thing we do know is that we have a pattern now of mass shootings in this country that has no parallel anywhere else in the world."

This belief is constantly used to push for more gun control. If we can only get rid of guns in the United States, we will get rid of these mass public shootings and be more like the rest of the world, gun-control supporters preach.

But America doesn't lead the world in mass public shootings. We're not even close.

Just last month, a school shooting in Crimea, Russia, killed 20 people and wounded 65 others. But Americans usually don't hear about such events.

The Crime Prevention Research Center, of which I am president, recently finished updating a list of mass

public shootings worldwide. These shootings must kill four or more people in a public place. Following the FBI definition, the shootings we list are carried out simply with the intention of killing. We exclude gang fights because they tend to be motivated by battles for drug turf. Killings that arise from other crimes are also excluded.

Then there are politically motivated attacks, either by or against governments. Some shootings occur in the course of guerrilla wars for sovereignty. These attacks do not meet our definition. This meant excluding a lot of very deadly shootings such as those in the Russian-Chechen conflict. The Russian Beslan School siege of Sept. 1, 2004, killed 385 people and wounded 783. In a three-day siege of the Dubrovka Theater in Moscow in 2002, 130 were killed and more than 450 were wounded.

Over the course of 18 years, from 1998 to 2015, our list contains 2,354 attacks and at least 4,880 shooters outside the United States and 53 attacks and 57 shooters in this country. By our count, the U.S. makes up 1.49 percent of the killings worldwide, 2.20 percent of the attacks, and less than 1.15 percent of the mass public shooters. All these are much less than America's 4.6 percent share of the world population.

Of the 97 countries where we identified mass public shootings, the U.S. ranks 64th per capita in its rate of attacks

and 65th in fatalities. Major European countries, such as Norway, Finland, France, Switzerland and Russia, all have at least 25 percent higher per capita murder rates from mass public shootings.

While Americans are rightly concerned by the increased frequency and severity of mass public shootings, the rest of the world is experiencing much larger increases in per capita rates of attack. The frequency of foreign mass public shootings since 1998 has increased 291 percent faster than in the U.S.

The media bias on this is overwhelming. Even after President Donald Trump again raised the danger of gun-free zones, the news media still refuse to mention this fact in its reporting of mass shootings. The attack earlier this month at Borderline Bar & Grill occurred in a gun-free zone. Unlike in 39 states, concealed handgun permit holders in California are banned from carrying permitted concealed handguns into bars. The mass shooting Monday at Chicago's Mercy Hospital & Medical Center was at a place where law-abiding citizens were banned from having guns.

Most gunmen are smart enough to know that they can kill more people if they attack places where victims can't defend themselves. That's one reason why 98 percent of mass public shootings since 1950 have occurred in places where citizens are banned

from having guns.

The national media tend to ignore case after case of mass public shootings being stopped by armed private citizens. Just a couple of days before the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, a concealed handgun permit holder stopped an alleged killer who was shooting blacks at a grocery store in Louisville, Ky.

National media outlets such as ABC and NBC covered the attack, noting that the alleged gunman told another white man that: "Whites don't kill whites." It sounded as if the gunman was merely reassuring a bystander that he had nothing to worry about. But reporters left out the crucial first part of the quote. The killer said: "Don't shoot me. I won't shoot you. Whites don't shoot whites." The other white person was pointing a permitted concealed handgun at the killer.

It is understandable that the media don't cover most mass public shootings in other countries. But as much as it might not fit the media's narrative, the U.S. is a relatively safe place from these shooting attacks. Still, we need to let people protect themselves and each other. We need to get rid of gun-free zones.

John R. Lott Jr. is president of the Crime Prevention Research Center and the author most recently of "The War on Guns." He wrote this column for the Chicago Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thanks for hard work in tough times

Editor, Townsman:

It is with our deepest gratitude that we write this letter on behalf of the Andover Community Services Department and the Division of Elder Services. Over this past year, Andover has endured multiple power outages and a one-of-a-kind gas disaster.

Through these difficult times, we have provided services to the community in the form of a warming place, shelter, drop-in location, meal site and resource center. Our ability to provide these services is directly due to the generosity of the community in the donation form of volunteer time, goods and services, and financial assistance. We want to extend our heartfelt thank you to all of those who have helped us serve the community to the best of our collective abilities.

JOSEPH CONNELLY
Director of Andover
Community Services and
ANNMARY CONNOR
Director of Andover Elder Services

Town needs renovated senior center

Editor, Townsman:

As the residents of Andover now know, the town manager has proposed the renovation of the senior center as one of the town's two top priorities in the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. Seniors and boomers are forecast to grow to represent 38 percent of Andover's population by 2030.

Today's active older adults are redefining quality of life and healthy aging. The Senior Center at Punchard empowers our older citizens and enhances their quality of life and feeling of self-worth by promoting healthy aging, independence, life-long learning and the physical, social and emotional well-being of adults age 50 and over and those with disabilities.

The center improves and enriches their lives through caring service with opportunities for social interaction among their peers and the community, recreation, basic support and needs, services,

culture, entertainment, education, volunteerism and community activism.

I've heard a number of residents ask, "Is this renovation really necessary?"

In my opinion it is. Putting aside the fact that the building itself is over 82 years old and was converted from a school to a senior center operation more than 35 years ago without major renovation, the center has maxed out its ability to add programming. It simply cannot add more classes, groups or events to its calendar of activities. There is no more space. In light of the forecast increases over the next 10, 20 and 30 years in the population it serves, the center will

be unable to accommodate the expected increase in demand.

The proposed renovation would add 33 percent more floor space to the center as well as reconfigure all the existing space, making it much more useable. The proposed renovation and expansion will enable the center to deliver services much more effectively and efficiently to this very important segment of our population for many decades to come.

Don't you think our seniors deserve a renovated senior center?
I do.

PAUL MACKAY
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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

December events in the Children's Room:

Chinese Language Story-time on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 11:15 a.m. for birth to age 6 in Activity Room - Chinese stories, songs and simple crafts. Email andover-ma@chinesestorytime.org for more

information. Make It Take It Tuesday for ages 3 and up and an adult, on Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and 11 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Join us for a new drop-in craft program. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Reading with Annie on Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and 18 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children able to read on their own. Annie is a therapy dog who loves to be read to. The sessions are

15 minutes long and only the child who is reading is allowed in the room with Annie and her handler. Register online at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Dads and Donuts on Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 29 at 10 a.m. for ages 2-5. A story time targeting dads and children ages 2-5 (although all are welcome). After stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, share coffee, juice, and donuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

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

Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Friends' Holiday Book Sale

The annual Holiday Book Sale is Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This smaller sale features gift quality books for all ages, and many different genres, including fiction, nonfiction, oversized books, and seasonal favorites, all at bargain prices. Shop for the holidays and support the Friends and programs for all ages at the library.

The Friends' Concert Series: Terri Kelley & Bill Donelan: Songs America Loves

On Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m., Andover residents Terri Kelley and Bill Donelan, a piano/vocal duo, will perform a program that includes a collection of American songs from 1850-1970, along with seasonal favorites. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Kelley and Donelan, known as

Singular, have performed for public and private gatherings around the Merrimack Valley, including a popular Celtic concert at the Lawrence Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

Other December events at MHL:

MVMTA Winter Recital on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of piano music performed by the students of the Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Adult Board Games @MHL on Monday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Activity Room - Enjoy board games with other adults. Bring your own or play one of ours. Facilitated by Andover resident, John Totten.

Conversational English on Mondays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 from 10 a.m. to noon - For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members welcome. To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

Computer Users Group on Monday, Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Activity Room - facilitated by MHL librarians. A collaboration of MHL and the Center at

Punchard. Make@MHL Tech Tuesdays on Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from 10 - 11 a.m. - Come and learn to use our 3D printer, vinyl cutters, poster printer and more. Meet at the Reference Desk. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Make@MHL: Beads & Buttons Workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Led by staff members, Vicki Murphy and Gerry Deyermond in our new Makerspace. All supplies included. Space is limited. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. Meet at Reference Desk.

Career Networking Group on Thursday, Dec. 6 and 20 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in Friends Alcove 1, Ground Level - Join this free group to expand your network of business contacts, to share ideas, and to learn about effective job search strategies. Facilitated by certified career coach Arleen Bradley.

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 10-11 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8430. Unless specified, programs are held at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, MA.



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Hundreds of seniors attended the annual Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 14.

Turkey lunch serves 150

Over 150 people joined Andover Elder Services for their annual Thanksgiving luncheon a week before the actual holiday.

Held on Nov. 14 at the Senior Center, the well-attended lunch is always a hit.

"This is one of those wonderful holiday events that we look forward to every year," stated Elder Services Director Annmary Connor, "Not only do we serve anywhere between 150-200 people annually for this luncheon at the center, but we also provide Meals-on-Wheels Thanksgiving dinners that are delivered to those who cannot make it into the center."

The dinner contained all the fixings: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas & onions, squash, and of course, cranberry sauce. Everyone finished their meals with a slice of pie.

She said, Frank Melendez, the Senior Center's chef, outdid himself with the fantastic meal.

"We always know that the meal will be delicious, Frank and his [kitchen] staff are outstanding," said Renee Baker, Program Coordinator for Elder Services, who helped coordinate the event and served meals throughout the luncheon.

The entire Elder Services staff was on hand to help with

the event, cooking, making up plates, serving meals, and cleaning up, along with greeting and spending time with all the luncheon visitors.

"As usual, Elder Services did a wonderful job with the Thanksgiving lunch," Director of Community Services, Joe Connelly said, going on to share, "We are also so grateful to the other Town Employees that came down during their lunch breaks to volunteer and ensure a smooth running of the event."

In addition to the meal, all of the guests received a free emergency relief bag at the event, filled with items such as a LED lantern, flashlights, toothbrushes, and other

necessities. Elder Services has been working continuously to provide services to all the victims of the recent gas disaster in the community, and this was just another way to provide some additional services.

The Senior Center will also host a Thanksgiving Lunch on Thanksgiving Day, in partnership with Columbia Gas. Those who would like to enjoy this delicious Thanksgiving lunch are asked to sign up at ColumbiaGasMA.com/Thanksgiving or call 1-877-399-0506.

To learn more, or to help, please contact the Andover Elders Services Division at 978-623-8320.



Many people enjoyed a full Thanksgiving meal.

Jewish film series leads with "Sammy Davis Jr. I've Gotta Be Me"

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation Spotlight is presenting Merrimack Valley Premiere Night with a showing of the movie, "Sammy Davis Jr. I've Gotta Be Me" on Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel.

The event is part of the Federation's Spotlight on Jewish and Israeli Culture Series.

The evening will include a champagne red carpet reception and "It's a Wrap" dessert party. Participants are encouraged to come dressed in their finest "Rat Pack" attire.

Tickets cost \$36 per person and are available at mvjf.org or by calling 978-688-0466.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Everybody wanted to have a picture taken with Santa, including, from left, Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan; Holiday Happenings master of ceremonies Ted "Entertainment" Teichert; selectmen Laura Gregory, Paul Salafia and Alex Vispoli,



Nathan Piva, then six months old, of Andover, has his picture taken with Santa at last year's Holiday Happenings.

Holiday Happenings set for Dec. 7

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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What better way to kick off the holiday season than at Holiday Happenings?

The town of Andover will host the second Holiday Happenings on Friday, Dec. 7. Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m., taking place throughout Main Street and the Park at Town Hall.

The park will feature food vendors, a carousel ride, entertainment and the

holiday tree lighting. New this year will be additional activities on Main Street such as photos with Santa at Old Town Hall, carnival rides, live music coordinated by the Free Christian Church, roaming railroad train rides, a holiday stilt walker, and arts and crafts at the Senior Center.

Many downtown shops and restaurants will also be open to welcome those looking to shop and dine.

The evening will conclude with fireworks, where the

town will "Light up the Night" at the playstead behind the Andover Youth Center.

"The gas disaster of September 13th greatly impacted our community, which is why I felt it was so important for our community to come together," says Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "We have been a resilient town and Holiday Happenings is a time when we can take a moment to celebrate each other and spread some holiday cheer."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER NOV. 30

UPLIFTING KABBALAT SHABBAT MUSICAL SERVICE, 7:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.; \$10 per person, \$25 maximum for families, free for children 12 and under, free for those attending the service only, and free for those attending their first Shabbat Chai event; reservations are requested; 978-474-0540, email office@BethIsraelMV.org, www.bethisraelmv.org.

NOVEMBER 29

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 6 p.m., Bridges by EPOCH, 254 Lowell St., family caregivers can socialize, share stories and get expert advice and information from dementia care professionals who understand. A complimentary lunch will be served for attendees and their loved one with memory loss (RSVPs are required). Caregiver support groups are facilitated by Kim O'Connell and are held on the last Thursday

of each month.

NOV. 30 TO DEC. 29

FESTIVE FIRS PROGRAM, Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St. Take part in the ever-popular Santa Story Time and other holiday events surrounded by a display of decorated trees inspired by unique objects from the historical society's collection; this year's theme, "A Season of Giving," highlights items given as gifts to others; local community groups, businesses, families and individuals are encouraged to sign up to decorate a tree; 978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

NOV. 30, DEC. 1, 7, 8

SPOTLIGHT PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS HOLIDAZE, 6 p.m., The Galleria at Maria's Restaurant, 85 Essex St., Haverhill. The annual dinner theatre cabaret showcases traditional and non-traditional Broadway and holiday songs and stories. This year Spotlight Playhouse presents the talents of 30 performers including the

ever popular Stag Party barbershop quartet. Directed by Beth Yuskatis of Merrimack, with musical direction provided by Gina Naggar of Cambridge, Broadway on Essex: HOLIDAZE is sure to be a treat for all. Seating is limited. Ticket price is \$38 per person, \$35 for members or senior citizens and includes a full dinner buffet, coffee and tea. A cash bar is also available. Performances will begin after dinner is served with a dessert buffet at intermission. Tickets are available at spotlightplayhouse.org, tickets@spotlightplayhouse.org, or by calling the box office at 617-470-2175.

DECEMBER DECEMBER 1

RED BOW FAIR, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of North Andover, 190 Academy Road, Old Center, North Andover. 60th annual fair. Free admission. The fair will feature several juried crafters and artisans. In addition the church will feature an array of holiday

arrangements, wreaths, swags, boxwood trees; crafts; silent auction; gift baskets; quilt drawing; instant wine cellar drawings; gently used and vintage housewares, holiday décor, books and toys; kids crafts and activities; jewelry boutique; breakfast and coffee served from 9 to 11 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Check out northparish.org for more information or on Facebook: The Red Bow Fair. All proceeds benefit the North Parish Church and its mission.

MERRIMACK VALLEY PREMIERE NIGHT, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Sammy Davis Jr. film "I've Gotta Be Me," presented by the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation. Event includes red carpet, champagne reception, and dessert party. Take a picture with Sammy on the red carpet. Come dressed in your finest "Rat Pack" attire. For more information please call 978-688-0466.

HAND TO HAND CRAFT FAIR, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Church 41 Central St., featuring local artisans selling

jewelry, pottery, local honey, quilted/sewn items, greeting cards, portraits, handmade soaps, hand-knit items, antique tableware and much more. For more information call: 978-475-0321, ext. 101.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for Performing Arts, North Andover, featuring The Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra. Discounts for seniors/students/military. For more information, call Donna Vose, 207-361-4221 or email: donna@heart-of-boston.com

ABC OPEN HOUSE, 1-3 p.m., 134 Main St., Andover, A Better Chance of Andover's Holiday Open House. Learn more about Andover's longstanding educational non-profit program. Meet the motivated young women in the program and tour their dormitory home. Visit with board members and friends for treats and good cheer.

BALLARDALE TREE LIGHTING, 5 p.m., BallardVale Green. Emcee will be Richard Bowen,

originator of the tree lighting 18 years ago. Singing will again be led by Brian Major with his charisma and fabulous voice. Battery candles and glow sticks will be provided. Enjoy hot chocolate, cider and treats provided by the BallardVale Historic District Commission members, past and present, and BallardVale friends and neighbors. Dress warmly and bring singing voices and holiday spirit. Dogs are welcome, on a leash. 978-475-0125.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES, 7 p.m., Osgood Landing, 1600 Osgood St., Media Room, (front entrance) North Andover, "Jewish Art and Artists," Bible's greatest hits through visual Midrash. Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's artist-in-residence Shirah Rubin will examine visual interpretations of the Tanach's greatest hits, such as crossing the Sea of Reeds, receiving the Ten Commandments, the Book of Ruth and Moses's last words to the Children of Israel as they

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Getting into the holiday spirit — musical style

Church to host annual concert

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Who knew that we would be thrust so suddenly into winter and the feel of the holiday season, with the first snowfall well before Thanksgiving?

A traditional chamber music holiday concert is ready to greet the season as well.

The turn of the calendar page to December means that Mistral's annual Baroque bash is just around the corner, heralding the festivities to come, said the artistic director of the group that faithfully performs a holiday concert at a local church every year.

For many years, Mistral audiences have enjoyed the annual holiday concert of glorious Baroque concertos performed without a conductor, with soloists taking turns in the limelight.

As usual, the concert will take place in West Parish Church in Andover. It's Mistral's 22nd season and the holiday show will feature Baroque masterpieces by J.S. Bach, Scarlatti and Vivaldi, and two works which look

towards the early classical era.

Mistral founders Michael Brower and his wife, Julie Scolnik, formerly of Andover, say the concert has always been one of their most popular.

"Warm and fuzzy doesn't begin to describe the flood of love we feel when we walk out onto the stage each year," said Scolnik, the artistic director of Mistral. "The venue is filled to capacity with the smiling faces of music lovers who have put aside their long lists of holiday chores to come together with friends, family and community to listen to this glorious, uplifting music."

Among the varied offerings this season: Scarlatti Two Sonatas for solo harpsichord; J.S. Bach Chaconne from Partita No. 2 in a new arrangement with string quartet accompaniment, and Grammy-nominated violinist Irina Muresanu as soloist; Boccherini: Cello Concerto No. 2; with Russian/New York cellist Adrian Daurov; Concerto for Violin & Oboe in C minor with Boston Symphony principal oboist John



Julie Scolnik welcomes a capacity audience to a musical performance at West Parish Church.

Ferrillo and BSO violinist Julianne Lee; Vivaldi Double violin concerto in D minor with Mistral members Sarita Kwok and Julianne Lee. C.P.E. Bach: Flute Concerto in d minor

with flutist and artistic director Scolnik.

Tickets are \$35 at www.mistralmusic.org or by calling 978-474-6222 or e-mailing sales@mistralmusic.org.

IF YOU GO

What: Mistral presents "The Baroque Big Band (& Beyond)" Holiday concert
When: Saturday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m.

Where: West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover
Tickets: \$35

'A Better Chance' to host holiday open house

Visitors are welcome to stop by the holiday open house at A Better Chance Andover Dec. 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the program's dormitory on Main Street.

ABC Andover has been closing the education gap for students of color for 50 years. Dormitory residents

attend Andover High School.

Visitors will learn more about Andover's longstanding educational non-profit program, tour the dormitory and meet the board members. Refreshments will be available.

The ABC dormitory is located at 134 Main St.



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enter the Promised Land. For more information, please call 978-688-0466.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

'EVERGREENS, HOLLY AND JOY,' 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St. The Andover Garden Club announces that tickets are now available for "Evergreens, Holly and Joy: A Tour of Andover Homes in Holiday Dress"; the tour will feature approximately a half dozen decorated Andover homes, as well as a holiday boutique; attendees will receive a map for the tour at the church and find a holiday boutique with holiday décor, handmade arrangements, wreaths, coffee, light refreshments and more; advance tickets are \$30 and are available from garden club members and online; tickets may also be purchased at the church on the day of the tour for \$35; email tgridwood@verizon.net, www.andovergardenclub.org.

MISTRAL CONCERT, 4 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, annual showcase of chamber concertos with soloists, featuring Grammy-nominated violinist Irina Muresanu, Russian/New York cellist Adrian Daurov, Boston Symphony principal oboist John Ferrillo, BSO violinist Julianne Lee, Mistral member violinist Sarita Kwok and flutist and artistic director Julie Scolnik. Tickets \$35. Subscriptions of 3, 4, or 5 concerts, save \$5 off each concert. Free student rush tickets with ID at the door. Contact about group and family discounts. Order securely online at www.mistralmusic.org or call 978-474-6222 or e-mail sales@mistralmusic.org

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

HOLIDAY BALL, 6 to 10 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover. Dance instruction by Tom Webster of Dance New England from 6 to 7 p.m., music by D.B.'s Orchestra; hosted by Andover Senior Community Friends and sponsored by Ashland Farm North Andover, Atria Marland Place Andover and Bright-View North Andover; tickets available at The Center at Punchard or the Andover Bookstore for \$15 per person, \$25 per couple or \$15 per person at the door; complimentary refreshments; black tie optional; free parking behind the building.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES, 7 to 8 p.m., Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St. Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains, and explore behind the scenes in the Blanchard House and the History Center; tour the Blanchard house attics, closets, nooks and crannies and hear stories about rarely seen collections items; free and open to the public; registration is required; 978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

'GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS' BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Andover

Holidays can be stressful for those who have lost a loved one; this two-session workshop will address dealing with old traditions, creating new traditions and learning new coping strategies; the meetings are offered as a free service to the community; the location will be revealed at the time of registration; 978-837-3333.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

'REINVENTING RITUAL OBJECTS,' 2:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301. Presented by Artist in Residence Shira Rubin, attendees will learn about Israeli and American artists who are imaginatively reinterpreting Jewish ritual objects; the program will feature a recent exhibition at the Israel Museum called "To Go: New Designs for Jewish Ritual Objects," where artists from around the world were tasked with creating a collection of objects together with a case, essentially a travel set for a Jewish holiday or life cycle event; \$20 per person; sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation; 978-474-0540, email office@BethIsraelMV.org, www.bethisraelmv.org.

JANUARY

JAN. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

AVIS 125th ANNIVERSARY HIKE: 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Start the new year off with a hike and begin the year-long AVIS 125th Anniversary. No registration required. No pets. Leader: Jeff LaFountain, jefflaf@comcast.net. Hike will take place at Skug River Reservation, 315 Salem St.

THROUGH JAN. 20

ADDISON'S FALL EXHIBITION, Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave. "From Starfield to MARS: Paul Manship and His Artistic Legacy" considers Manship's work and influence through two interconnected components: "Art Deco at Andover" examines Addison's connection with Manship, while "Starfield through Contemporary Lenses" presents the work of contemporary photographers Barbara Bosworth, Justin Kimball, S. Billie Mandle and Abelardo Morell, who served as the first artists-in-residence in the Manship Artists Residency + Studios (MARS) program in Gloucester; free admission to the gallery and all programs; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

MARCH

THROUGH MARCH 3

ADDISON'S FALL EXHIBITION, Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave. "Contemplating the View: American Landscape Photographs" highlights images of the American landscape, both natural and manmade, through works by photographers such as Ansel Adams, Robert Adams, Lois Conner, Marcia Resnick, Carleton Watkins, Edward Weston and Katherine Wolkoff; free admission to the gallery and all programs; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

ONGOING

MERRIMACK VALLEY CAMERA CLUB, based in North Andover, and in its 82nd year, has about 150 members hailing from the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, and Southeastern and Seacoast areas of New Hampshire, ranging from beginners to professionals. The club and its members have been garnering recognition and awards throughout New England and beyond for decades. The club, which meets almost every Wednesday evening, holds frequent hands-on workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public. The club meets at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Socializing starts at 7 p.m., and programs run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Find more at www.mvcameraclub.org.

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

FELLOWSHIP/WORSHIP MEETING, Sundays, 5 p.m., North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 244 Lowell St. Hosted by the Mosaic Christian Movement, everyone is welcome to enjoy food, fellowship and a relaxed worship service; registration is requested; email aaronkrue@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE'S VAN, will be in the Penguin Park parking lot on Burnham Road from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. Donations of gently used baby gear and in season children's clothing will be collected. All donations will go to children in the Merrimack Valley and North Shore. At this time, there is an urgent need for infant clothing (0 to 3 months) and infant car seats under five years old. For a complete list of acceptable donations, visit www.communitygivingtree.org.

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

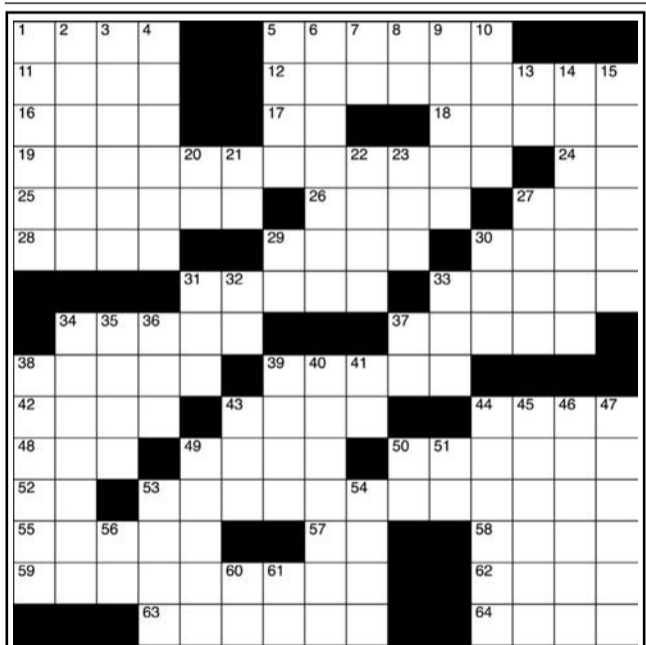
PALMERS RESTAURANT, live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; no cover charge; 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

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

KARMA, live band music, Thursday through Saturday, 209 N. Main St. (Shawsheen Plaza); 978-809-3075, www.karmaandover.com.

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, free admission to the gallery and all programs; located on the Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave.; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

GELB GALLERY, located in George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 7 Chapel Ave.; open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; parking is available on Chapel Avenue and in the lot next to the Andover Inn; www.andover.edu.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

- Birds
- Quills
- Coniferous tree
- Type of vessels
- Used for baking or drying
- Promotion of product or service
- Many wombs
- "On the Waterfront" actor
- Air conditioning
- Heart condition
- Curved shapes
- The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Let it stand
- Famous actor
- Mated
- High and low are types of these
- Marsupial

CLUES DOWN

- Olfactory sensations
- Bon
- Turn up
- Bright
- Thick piece of something
- Cause to absorb water
- Morning
- 0 degrees C.
- Dull, heavy sounds
- Eisaku, Japanese Prime Minister
- Tellurium
- In an angry way
- Homopterous insect
- Above
- Sodium
- Aoris' father (Greek myth.)
- They ring receipts
- Periods of history
- South Dakota
- Mammal genus
- Scotland's longest river

Solution in Classified Section

- African nation (Fr.)
- Huge
- Mountainous area in Puerto Rico
- Crooked
- Canadian law enforcers (abbr.)
- Neat and smart in appearance
- Intent
- Reptile genus
- A way to make full
- Merchant
- Michigan
- Manifesting approval
- Melancholic music
- Massachusetts
- Membrane of the cornea
- Calendar month
- Exam
- Commission
- Old English letters

- Potato state
- City, OK 74641
- Connected with touch
- Molding
- High-energy physics
- Of I
- Small pieces of bread
- Third day in Armenian calendar
- They accompany the leader
- 1,000 grams (kilogram)
- Felis domesticus
- Large, flightless birds
- Felt deep affection for
- Suffer death
- Private rezevous (pl.)
- Not the winner
- Touchdown
- Ancient Egyptian sun god
- Portuguese parish
- Aromatic oil
- Not down
- Mister
- Barium

OBITUARIES

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES

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

Eunice R. Campbell, 96

September 14, 1922 - November 26, 2018

ANDOVER, MA — Eunice (Remick) Campbell formerly of Andover died November 26, at Prescott Nursing Home in North Andover where she resided for the past two years. Born in Methuen in September, 1922, daughter of a Scottish mother Christina Baillie Brown and a Yankee father Joseph Remick, she benefited from exposure to both cultures. Educated in the Methuen school system, she was a 1940 graduate of Edward F. Searles High School.

A civilian romance and a World War II wedding united Eunice and A. Morris Campbell in marriage on October 14, 1943. After a 2 1/2 day honeymoon, Morris, a wartime member of the U. S. Coast Guard, shipped out to an unknown destination. Eunice returned to her wartime effort, the essential but little-known job of making parachute cords for U.S. airmen. Forty-two years later, Eunice became a widow when Morris died July 9, 1986. An Andover resident from 1946 to 2016, for many years Eunice wrote publicity for organizations in which she, her husband, and her children were active including Camp Fire Girls, Clan MacPherson Bagpipe Band, Shawsheen Village Woman's Club, and the South Congregational Church of Lawrence.

Eunice was an original member of the Andover Senior Center Writing Group, joining in 1993. The group prided itself in writing on a wide variety of topics. The President of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation used Eunice's work as the basis of one of his quarterly "Message from the President" pages. He quoted Eunice's essay "We Hold These Truths" extensively in his article published in the Spring 2002 issue of "Colonial Williamsburg," the national journal of the CW Foundation.

Following September 11, 2001, the American Quilter's Society announced "The Anchor Project." AQS asked each member of the organization to create and submit a patriotic nine-inch block depicting the quilter's anchor in time of

crisis. The blocks were to be assembled into quilts and auctioned to provide post 9/11 aid. Eunice created and submitted a block. In addition to the 138 quilts ultimately assembled, quilted, and auctioned, AQS volunteers created a quilt entitled "We The People" for presentation to President George W. and Mrs. Bush. This exceptional quilt showcases the embroidered face of each of the past 42 presidents, a center medallion with embroidered images of George W. and Laura Bush, plus 37 patchwork blocks selected from the over 6,000 individual "anchor" blocks received from all 50 states and 17 countries. Eunice's block, a classic red, white, and blue "Log Cabin," featured a beaded crystal heart outlined on the "chimney" and the message, "Home is where the heart is and where I turn in time of crisis." It was one of the 37 blocks included in the quilt presented to the President and First Lady.

Eunice is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Alison and Jerry Wetterskog of Haverhill (formerly of Andover) with whom she lived for 27 years, Lynne Ellen and Walter Joncas of Cazenovia, NY, daughter Nancy Koza of Columbia, MD, son Bruce Campbell of Andover, brother Laurence Remick of Haverhill (formerly of Methuen), seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a niece, and a nephew. In addition to her husband Morris, she is predeceased by brother James W.W. Brown, sister-in-law Rebecca Remick, and son-in-law Frank Koza Jr.

ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements are under the direction of Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, MA.

At Eunice's request, there will be no calling hours. Her ashes will be interred at her husband's gravesite at Spring Grove Cemetery at the convenience of her family.

Donations in her memory may be sent to Braille and Talking Books Library, Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Margaret V. (Kivell) McCallion, 91

March 29, 1927 - November 25, 2018

ANDOVER, MA — Margaret V. (Kivell) McCallion, 91, of Andover passed away on November 25, 2018 at the Academy Manor.

Margaret was born on March 29, 1927 to the late John and Cora (Wheeler) Kivell. She was raised in Fitchburg, A and graduated from Fitchburg High School. Later she worked as a buyer for Gilchrist Store in Boston and then as an office manager at the Andover Water Treatment Plant.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward D. McCallion in 1970 and by her daughter, Margaret L. McCallion in 2017. She is survived by her daughter Susan M. McCallion of Andover as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call on Friday from



10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence street, Andover MA 01810. A funeral service will begin at 12 Noon at the funeral home. Burial of ashes will follow in St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover.

Rita Sheila Martin, 81 Years

August 10, 1937 - November 22, 2018

ANDOVER — Rita Sheila Martin, of Andover, passed away on November 22, 2018, at the Academy Manor Nursing Center in Andover, following a lengthy illness. Rita was born on August 10, 1937, in Woburn, Mass., the daughter of the late Hugh Edward Martin and Anna Gertrude (Dolan) Martin. She was a graduate of Woburn High School.

After 17 years working for the telephone company, Rita spent the next 26 years in business. With her good friend, Annette M. Doyle, she operated the Towne Gift Shop in the Shawsheen Plaza, retiring in 1998. Rita enjoyed playing golf in Andover and Florida and vacationing in Aruba.

Surviving Rita are her siblings; Hugh Martin of Coventry, Rhode Island, Robert Martin of Woburn, Anna Louise

Buscemi of Woburn, Claire Murphy of Burlington, and Richard Martin of Bedford, N.H. She was predeceased by her brother, Francis Martin of Arkansas and her sisters, Marie Martin of Medford and Evelyn of Ipswich. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Rita's family is grateful for the many months of loving care given to Rita by the staff at Academy Manor.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her Funeral will be celebrated in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover on Friday, November 30, 2018, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Interment will be held in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford. For additional information, please visit, www.burke-magliozi.com.

Andover family displaced following house fire

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Andover fire rescue responded to a call for a house fire early Sunday morning at 66 Osgood St.

At 3:49 a.m., a call came in from an occupant of the home stating the house was on fire, according to Andover Fire Chief Mike Mansfield.

Seven minutes after the call, Mansfield said fire rescue responded to the scene of the two-and-a-half story wood frame structure, and found heavy smoke billowing from the house. Heavy fire was found in the basement of the home.

All off-duty personnel were brought in after a second alarm was transmitted, as well as mutual aid from Lawrence, Tewksbury and Methuen.

Mansfield said all firefighters and occupants of the home - the mother, father and their seven-year-old daughter - were uninjured and safely escaped the blaze.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover house fire at 66 Osgood St. early Sunday morning.

Firefighters rescued a cat, and a dog made it out on its own. One cat perished in the fire.

Mansfield said the fire was under control in about an hour and 15 minutes, leaving significant damage to one

portion of the home, with smoke damage throughout the rest.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the State Fire Marshall's office.

The house is currently inhabitable, Mansfield said,

estimating the fire caused about \$150,000 in damage to the home.

The Red Cross and Trauma Intervention Program of the Merrimack Valley, or TIP, were called in to support the family.

Couple from Tewksbury charged in cocaine bust

By PAUL TENNANT
Staff writer

Andover police arrested a man and woman Nov. 21 and charged them with trafficking a large amount of cocaine.

Detectives John Delaney, Matthew Hughes and Michael Lane seized about a kilogram of cocaine from their vehicle, according to police Chief Patrick Keefe. The detectives were

conducting surveillance of River Road at around 4 p.m. when they saw activity that was consistent with drug distribution, Keefe said.

The detectives stopped the suspects' vehicle and discovered the cocaine, the chief said. Felipe Fernandes, 34, and Lidiane Brasileiro Fernandes, 24, both of Tewksbury, were arrested and charged with trafficking more than 200 grams of a Class B



ANDOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

Andover Police narcotics detectives seized approximately 1 kilogram of cocaine after a traffic stop on Wednesday.

substance.

Felipe Fernandes' bail was set at \$500,000 while

Lidiane Fernandes was ordered held in lieu of \$150,000.

4-year-old boy badly hurt in I-93 crash

By PAUL TENNANT
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ANDOVER — A 4-year-old boy suffered serious injuries in a two-car crash on Interstate 93 northbound Friday afternoon and was airlifted to a Boston hospital, state police said.

Three other people were also injured.

The boy was in a car seat in the back seat of a 2007 Chevrolet HHR that was stopped in the breakdown lane near the River Road exit. The Chevrolet, operated by a 28-year-old Nashua, New Hampshire woman, was disabled, state police said.

A Ford Escape, driven by a 22-year-old Bow, New Hampshire man, struck the rear of the Chevrolet, according to preliminary investigation by Trooper David Hanafin of the Andover state police barracks.

Both the child and the driver of the Chevrolet suffered serious injuries and were transported by ambulance to Lawrence General Hospital, according to state police. The child was later taken by helicopter to a Boston hospital.

The driver of the Ford and his passenger were also transported by ambulance



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

This Chevrolet HHR and a Ford Escape collided on Interstate 93 northbound Friday evening.

to Lawrence General. The driver was then transferred to Beth Israel Hospital in Boston by ambulance.

The impact of the crash pushed the Chevrolet to the far left lane of the highway. A large amount of debris was left on all lanes of the highway.

The entire northbound

side as well as one southbound lane were closed during rescue and investigation efforts. Traffic was backed up for several miles even though there were not many commuters on the road the day after Thanksgiving.

Hanafin and other troopers were sent to the

accident at 3:02 p.m. Massachusetts State Police are investigating the crash. Andover firefighters were assisted by the Methuen and Tewksbury fire departments and Lawrence General Hospital paramedics.

Andover, Methuen and Tewksbury ambulances transported the victims.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY JESSICA VALERIANI

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

Jari R. Plaud, 25, of 25 Magnolia St., Lawrence, was arrested on Main Street at 10:37 a.m. for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding in violation with special regulation.

At 10:54 a.m., a large contractor trash bag was reportedly found on Crescent Drive filled with deer intestines.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

A male was reportedly walking in and out of traffic on Lowell Street at 3:25 p.m. and appeared to be intoxicated.

Felipe Fernandes, 34, of 18 Yorkshire Dr., Tewksbury, was arrested on Route 93

South at 4:04 p.m. for trafficking cocaine. Lidiane Brasileiro Fernandes, 24, also of 18 Yorkshire Dr., Tewksbury, was arrested for trafficking cocaine and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

A tree was blocking Wildwood Road at 10:45 a.m. The tree department was notified and cleared the road.

Around 8:18 p.m., a possible 14-year-old male was reportedly walking in the middle of River Road.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

Jason R. Rachmaciej, 36, of 89 Hermon St., Winthrop, was arrested on North Main Street at 12:12 p.m. for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, revoked registration, uninsured

motor vehicle, failure to signal, and not having an inspection sticker.

Multiple injuries resulted from a crash on Route 93 North at 3:09 p.m.

Lesley A. Maudsley, 61, of 5 Crest Drive, Apt. 10, Methuen, was arrested on Chandler Road at 4:14 p.m. for a second offense of operating under the influence, an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle, and a marked lanes violation.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

Kevin R. Doherty, 60, of 2 Kirlin Place, Apt. 102, Pelham, was arrested on South Main Street at 4:56 a.m. for operating under the influence of drugs and the negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

A gray Toyota Corolla was reportedly crossing

the double yellow lines to pass vehicles on North Main Street at 11:06 a.m. Police checked the area but it was clear.

A water main break was reported on Blueberry Hill Road at 6:43 p.m. The water department was notified and gathered a crew to work on the break.

Taylor Marie Dee, 30, of 42 Summer St., Haverhill, was arrested on a warrant on Florence Street at 7:31 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

A dead deer was reported on River Road at 9:42 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Michael R. Cook, 60, of 68 Central St., Andover, was arrested on a warrant on North Main Street at 4:14 p.m.

Mixed emotions after bitter Thanksgiving

By ZOE MATHEWS
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For many in the Merrimack Valley, this Thanksgiving was bitter — not just in temperature, but in sentiment.

As the near record-breaking cold crept into homes left unheated in the wake of the Sept. 13 gas disaster, it brought out the exhaustion and frustration of many who still have to jump through hoops to perform daily tasks like cooking and showering.

Desiree McDonough of North Andover, her husband, and their three children, had settled into RV for a few weeks, after initially being placed in a hotel.

"It's isolating," she said. "When we first went over there, it was a little bit warmer, you'd see people walking to and from their cars, but right now, we don't see anyone ... you kind of just survive the trailers at this point."

Even though the family had their gas service restored last Saturday, McDonough said her children are still dealing

with the emotional effects from the trauma of the disaster, and don't feel safe enough to sleep at home.

All three of them, 10-year-old Connor, 9-year-old Emma, and 7-year-old Kayla, have autism.

So, McDonough and her family go back and forth between the RV and their house, just minutes from the trailer park, to check on their pets and to try and make the children feel like their home is where they should stay.

On Thanksgiving, the McDonoughs were one of thousands who accepted Thanksgiving meals from Columbia Gas — a gesture by the company to mitigate some of the suffering caused by explosions and fires on Sept. 13 in their natural gas pipelines that destroyed homes and disrupted lives across three communities.

They ate at home — and declared a pajama day.

"It was definitely emotional, it took a toll on us ... Thanksgiving day was spent in pajamas," she said.

Andrea O'Donnell drove a

boxed turkey dinner up from North Andover to her mother's house in East Kingston on Wednesday, then back to her home to check on her pets, and back up to New Hampshire on Thursday for Thanksgiving.

"It's an added level ... it's more stressful, but it's also just another list of things you've got to keep track of," she said. "It's mixed emotions."

In the weeks after the initial incident, Columbia Gas said it would restore gas to everyone by Nov. 19. Then, they pushed back their deadline nearly a month, to Dec. 16. As of Thanksgiving, 75 percent of meters have been turned back on, but thousands of dwellings remain without gas service.

Thursday was one of the coldest Thanksgivings on record.

Bitter winds nipped at the hands and noses of volunteers distributing meals to affected residents, mostly grateful of the gesture.

At the South Common in Lawrence, one of a few RV

parks set up for residents to seek heated refuge as they await gas restoration, residents sat down in a heated tent to partake in a buffet-style communal Thanksgiving meal, as crews put pink insulation around the trailers to buffer them against the frigid cold.

Evelyn Corona enjoyed a pork meal — a Thanksgiving tradition among the area's Latino community.

Her three sons, triplets who just turned four, were dressed neatly in matching salmon-colored button up shirts.

For most of their meal, they ate silently, a tired look in their eyes.

Corona's entire family includes her six children, from ages 23 to four, and they are all split between two trailers.

"Living here, with three little boys, in the tight space, it's difficult," she said.

Christina Rodriguez was told she won't have service restored until Dec. 8, and faced the bitter cold nights in her south Lawrence apartment.

She's managing with "big pajamas, fuzzy socks, robes," and sometimes an electric blanket, when her 19-year-old son doesn't sneak it from her bedroom when she works nights.

Just Wednesday, she had a generator installed in her apartment, so when she picked up a Thanksgiving meal from the Elks Lodge on Thursday, she was able to enjoy it in warmth and comfort.

Despite the circumstances — the bitter cold, the inconvenience of being out of the



Workers move insulation brought in for the bottom of trailers.



Workers add insulation Saturday to the bottom of a trailer set up for area residents displaced by the Merrimack Valley gas disaster.

comfort of home, and the lack of personal touches of a self-cooked meal — many residents chose to see the silver lining.

For O'Donnell, despite the stress of additional travel, she was grateful to be able to spend more time with her family.

"The other part of it, the nice side of it, is there's more time I'm going to spend with

my mother than I probably would have on Thanksgiving," she said.

And for McDonough, Thanksgiving was a much welcomed day without stress: they didn't have to cook and they were happy in their own home.

"We just laughed, and played games, and were completely engaged with each other," she said.

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Steps to take toward your retirement goals

Financially Speaking

By John Spoto



Planning for retirement is perhaps the most pressing financial issue facing most Americans in their 40s, 50s and 60s today. Although most people believe that realizing a secure retirement is their most important financial priority, few have taken the steps necessary to reach this goal. Perhaps they are intimidated by the process itself, including sorting out what is useful from the vast amount of conflicting information available, or the prospect of facing an unpleasant reality.

It is true: Planning for retirement involves many variables and unknowns. When do we want to retire? What kind of a retirement do we expect? What sources of income will we receive? The answers to these fundamental questions will have substantial financial implications and will serve as the starting point for developing an effective plan, including:

- How much money

will I need each year to enjoy a comfortable retirement? In other words, how much income will I need at retirement to maintain the standard of living that I want? Is there a simple formula that I can depend on, or do I need to make projections based on my circumstances? What risks do I face regarding my retirement expenses, and how do I account for them?

- How large will my investment fund have to be to support my needs, and how much can I afford to spend from these investments during retirement without running out of money? How do I factor in my other sources of income such as Social Security or my employer's pension plan? How do I account for the effects of inflation?
- How much do I need to save each year so that I will have a large enough portfolio when I am ready to retire? What is the most effective way to save and invest toward building an adequate portfolio? How should I allocate my savings between my employer retirement plan, IRAs, and taxable investments? What are the advantages and disadvantages of Roth accounts? Do they make sense for me?
- How should my portfolio be invested to permit me to withdraw

the maximum possible amount, while providing me with a high degree of confidence that I will not outlive my money? How important is my asset allocation? How much risk should I take? Which kinds of investments should I put in my taxable accounts, traditional retirement accounts, and Roth accounts?

-- Since I have taxable accounts, employer retirement plans, traditional IRAs, and Roth IRAs, what is the most sensible and tax-efficient withdrawal strategy that will allow me to get the most out of my portfolio, while still complying with IRS rules for required minimum withdrawals?

-- Should I consider using annuities? If so, what

kinds should I consider, and which should I avoid?

Being able to retire on your own terms and live comfortably is a fundamental part of the American dream. The goal is to focus on the above issues simply and sensibly, so you can make that dream a reality.

This article is for general information purposes only and is not intended to provide specific advice on individual financial, tax, or legal matters. Please consult the appropriate professional concerning your specific situation before making any decisions. John Spoto is the founder of Sentry Financial Planning in Andover and Danvers. For more information, call 978-475-2533 or visit www.sentryfinancialplanning.com

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Chic Consignment hosting, promoting local businesses

Chic Consignment located at 44 Main St. will be hosting several local businesses every Saturday for the next four weeks to help Andover shoppers support small businesses. Each Saturday from until Dec. 15, Chic will welcome local businesses and artisans into the shop to promote and sell their goods and services. Each Saturday will have a theme to help shoppers searching for special gifts ranging from hand painted jackets to bejeweled children's shoes. Supporting small businesses involves more than shopping on Small Business Saturday. It brings the community together by offering a diverse selection of goods with personal service.

Schedule of Events:

Dec. 1: Andrea Skin Care will give mini makeovers and skin care consultations.

Dec. 8: Katie Blue Art will be selling hand-painted jackets and accessories with a live demonstration. Also, Perry Wears will be selling handmade pet accessories including bandanas, bow ties and collars.

Dec. 15: Mini Emporium will have fashionable and trendy kid's clothing from the mobile children's boutique. Hearts and crystals by Swarovski will include crystal-embellished sneakers for children and adults.

For more information, call May Doherty at 978-474-1755 or email: Mail@chicconsignment.com.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

8 Apollo Circle: Kumar LT and Prashant Kumar to Tamar B. and Thomas J. Driscoll, \$576,000

15 Blueberry Circle: James A. Hackett and Sharon Atwood-Hackett to James A. and Noelle J. Statires, \$1,300,000

900 Brookside Dr., Unit G: Sang G. Lee and Sung J. Jeong to Frontline Realty Inc, \$295,000

8 Greenwood Road: Arthur F. and Umporn Cannon to Jeffrey and Cherry A. Vicente, \$540,000

55 High St., Unit 3: Cheryl A. Mackay to Holly D.

Garabedian, \$225,000

4 Landau Lane: E Mei Shen and Joseph S. Hsieh to James and Marygrace Coglia, \$595,000

237 No. Main St., Unit 3: Julian A. Cobino to Jaime R. and Leslie S. Macasaet, \$225,000

18 Olde Berry Road: Timothy and Grace L. Chu to Andrew R. and Elizabeth A. Duca, \$501,000

22 Reservation Road: Edward J. and Pamela B. Saras to Michael J. McCluskey, \$775,000

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Students from Tiny Tunes appear in the Santa Parade on Sunday in downtown Andover.

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Grand Marshal Kim Stamas, former director of the Andover Recreation Department, waves to the crowd.



Mark Ramsey of Andover and his daughter Molly, 5, watch the parade.



Members of the Andover High School band march down Main Street.



Students from Dance Infusion perform Sunday for the crowd.

Santa Claus comes to town

Hundreds of children and their families lined Main Street Sunday afternoon to catch a glimpse of the season's most celebrated celebrity: Santa Claus.

The rotund, red-garbed St. Nick, perched in the basket of the Andover Fire and Rescue ladder truck, waved to eager onlookers as he rode jovially down the thoroughfare.

Many youngsters, eagerly anticipating his Christmas Eve arrival, waved back, screaming enthusiastically and occasionally asking for gifts while promising to continue being good, a standard prerequisite for the receipt of presents.

The grand marshal of the parade was Kim Stamas, who served the town for 30 years, most recently as the director of the Recreation Department, before retiring in early 2018.

The parade, hosted by Andover firefighters and with a tropical theme, was sponsored by a number of local businesses and organizations, including: Elm Street Automotive, F.P. Reilly & Sons, Doherty Insurance, Andover Periodontics, Woodworth Chevrolet, Andover Pediatric Dentistry, Enterprise Bank, Ferris Tree Service, Karma, Ultimate Perk, T & B Landscape and Irrigation, Andover Classic Wines and Woodard & Curran.

Other sponsors included: Andover Sportsmen's Club, Main Street Mobil, Bagnall Family Dentistry,



Seven-year-old Mateo Glynn of North Andover watches the Santa Parade.



Michelle Glynn of North Andover and her daughter Malina, 4, enjoy the festivities.

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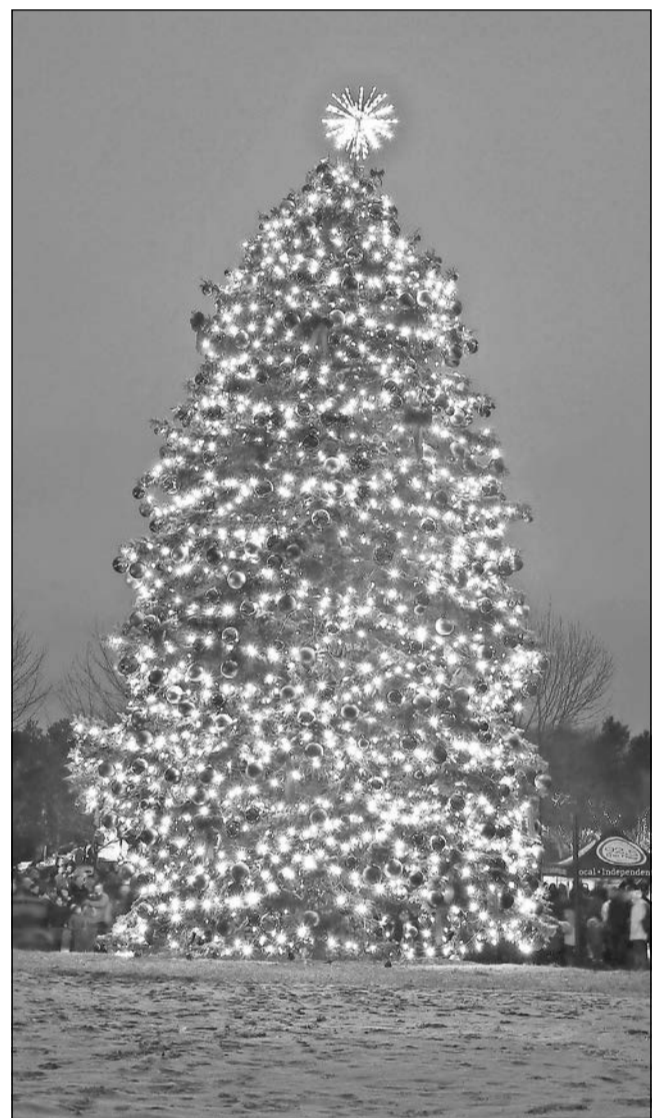


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Two-year-old Declan Bradley of Andover is star-struck upon meeting Santa Claus during the tree lighting ceremony Sunday at Brickstone Square in Andover.



An ice sculpture of a Christmas tree with presents underneath, created by Brilliant Ice Sculpture of Lawrence, is on display.



The lights shine brightly immediately following the ceremony at Andover Landing.

The return of a tree-dition

A long-time local tradition, which disappeared 13 years ago, returned Sunday evening when a giant Christmas tree was lit up at Brickstone Square, now known as Andover Landing at Brickstone.

Following the firefighters' annual Santa Parade on Main Street the same day, families made their way over to the Shawsheen Square complex for the late-afternoon event.

The Brickstone tree lighting was a big event for local people for years. Attending the 100-foot tree lighting was a family holiday ritual for many. One could see the big tree's lights for miles – even while driving on Interstate 495.

The Brickstone property was sold in 2005, and the holiday tree lighting ceremony was ended. A small, 12-foot blue spruce was planted at Brickstone with the hope it would grow tall enough one day to reinstate the popular tree lighting ceremony someday.

Over the years, that little blue spruce has indeed grown, and is now more than 50 feet tall.

The Brickstone property was sold again in 2007 and is now named Andover Landing at Brickstone. The property's owner is a national commercial real estate development company, KS Partners. The company said it was the perfect time to reinstate the tree lighting as so many local families have struggled through the gas crisis for the past two months.

"We've wanted to bring back this beloved tradition at Brickstone for some time. We're overjoyed to bring



Ann Cobleigh conducts the Andover Choral Society during the tree-lighting ceremony.



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Gena DeGioia, center, and sisters Natalie and Madeline Johnston, sing with the Andover Choral Society during the tree-lighting ceremony.



Members of Lydian, an A Cappella ensemble of 6th, 7th and 8th graders from West, Wood Hill and Doherty middle schools, performs during the tree lighting ceremony.

together the residents of Andover and neighboring towns to lift the community's spirits, especially after the recent Merrimack Valley gas fires and resulting aftermath," said KS founder and President Kambiz Shahbazi.

The event included holiday treats, trackless trains, police

and fire vehicles, kids crafts, a live ice sculpture demonstration and beer and wine refreshments. There were also musical performances by both the Andover Choral Society and Lydian, an a cappella group of students from the West, Doherty, and Wood Hill middle schools.



From left, Gena DeGioia, Janet Barnes and Eileen Lorenzo sing with the Andover Choral Society during the tree lighting ceremony.

Andover's first public menorah will light up The Park

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Chabad Lubavitch will light Andover's first public menorah on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

The menorah will be one of 10,000 public menorahs ignited worldwide, and will symbolize universal religious freedom, said Rabbi

Asher Bronstein of Chabad Lubavitch.

The community-wide celebration will take place at The Park at 4 p.m.

Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe will begin the celebration by lighting the helper candle, known as the "shamash" in Hebrew. Following the menorah lighting

ceremony, Chanukah songs will be sung and sufganiyot (fried dough) and hot chocolate will be available.

"The Menorah serves as a symbol of Merrimack Valley's dedication to preserve and encourage the right and liberty of all its citizens to worship freely, openly and with pride," said Bronstein.

"Specifically in America, a nation that was founded upon and vigorously protects the right of every person to practice his or her religion free from restraint and persecution, the Menorah takes on profound significance, embodying both religious and constitutional principles." Bronstein said the

menorah is one of thousands of large public menorahs sponsored by Chabad throughout the world, helping children and adults of all walks of life discover and enjoy the holiday message.

Chanukah will begin the evening of Sunday, Dec. 2 and end the evening of Monday, Dec. 10.

Lazarus House gala has 440 guests

STAFF REPORT

A packed house of more than 440 guests attended the Lazarus House Sharing our Bounty Gala recently, raising a record-breaking total that will provide emergency services to those in crisis this holiday season.

Held on Nov. 17 at the Andover Country Club, there was lots of entertainment plus silent and live auctions. Musical performances were by Sons of Serendip (America's Got Talent finalists) and the students of Tiny Tunes in Andover. Tiny Tunes was the premier sponsor of the event. As a special attraction, the students performed during the welcome reception with an repertoire of songs as well as a unique rendition of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" later in the evening.

Julie Zavrl, owner of Tiny Tunes, said she has renewed appreciation for the Lawrence based non-profit.

"Growing up in Andover there were so many of us sheltered from the sad reality of the people living in poverty so close to home," she said. "Even now, many of our neighbors in the Merrimack Valley are struggling and need a helping hand during these challenging times. I have been so lucky to have witnessed the many successes that the guests at Lazarus House have achieved and sincerely hope my contribution will continue to allow their victories, both big and small, to be possible."

"Lazarus House does an incredible job restoring dignity for people during their darkest times. With the involvement of the children and families of Tiny Tunes, I have made it my personal mission to offer them the chance (as I had at a young age) to see what amazing things are possible when they get involved in their communities."

Lazarus House Executive Director Bridget Shaheen thanked everyone who



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera, Miss Massachusetts and Lawrence native Gabriela Tavares, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, and his wife, Lauren Baker, enjoy the recent Lazarus House gala at Andover Country Club.



Students of Tiny Tunes of Andover perform at the Lazarus House gala.

participated and donated.

"There are no words for the gratitude we have for the people whose goodness and generosity make the work of Lazarus House possible," she said. "From our donors to our guests, to our staff to our volunteers, every piece is equally important in making a better life for those we serve."

Gov. Charlie Baker addressed the room with a heartfelt talk celebrating the spirit of the people of Massachusetts and exclaimed with outstretched arms to a generous community gathered to help neighbors less fortunate.

"This is what I love most about my job," Baker said.

Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera presented Shaheen with a "Certificate of Appreciation," celebrating her uplifting spirit, inclusive nature, compassionate character and the excellent work she has done in the Lawrence area. It's Shaheen's last Sharing our Bounty Gala

as executive director as she retires next June.

One of the Lazarus House guests, Erone, shared her story of struggle, strength and ultimate success through the support of the team and programs at Lazarus House.

Dr. Rev. Paul Burton of WBZ-TV News was the emcee and Ed Harding of WCVB Newscenter 5 was the auctioneer. A guest appearance by Lawrence native Gabriela Tavares, Miss Massachusetts, delighted the crowd.

Doug Cook, president of the board of directors of Lazarus House, also spoke, noting: "My heart is so full of joy and gratitude for the generosity exhibited at the gala this year and in that same moment, my heart is heavy for the increased need surrounding us in the Merrimack Valley as we navigate the gas crisis, the continued need that is always in our midst and the cold winter months upon us."

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:

Friday Night Special: Chinese American Association of Andovers and Andover Elder Services host free activities at The Center on Fridays, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., including Zumba, yoga, ping pong, Mah Jong, board and card games, and other social activities. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Monday Movie Matinee: Free movies are shown Mondays at 1 p.m., with popcorn and sodas available for purchase.

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

What's for Lunch: Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50. Prior day registration is requested.

Bereavement Support Group: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry

on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions. To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

Pain Management Support Group: This intimate and confidential group meets on the second Monday of the month, September through June. Open to anyone dealing with chronic pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to register.

Computer Users Group: Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at Memorial Hall Library.

Council on Aging board meetings: The COA meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

Parkinson's Support Group: Meetings are held on the

second Thursday of the month, 1:30 to 3 p.m., September through June, and are open to all. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

Brown Bag: Elder Services of 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. The grocery bag is available on the fourth Tuesday of the month and must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call Annmary Connor or Kristine Arakelian to check eligibility or to sign up.

For outdoor programs, any cancellations or changes will be communicated by email and/or phone to those registered. All participants need a health release form on

file at The Center, updated annually. Bring binoculars, water, bug spray, a walking stick and wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Hikes are subject to change due to weather and conditions. Preregistration is requested; swipe in before going.

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

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

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check The Center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseiorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8320.

All Those Years Ago

By Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago - Nov. 29, 1918

The following is from a letter recently received from Private Harold Larkin of Battery F, 102nd Field Artillery, in France: "The good health still continues with the old Andover bunch, and in fact there is very little sickness in the entire battery, outside of colds of course, which cannot be helped where one is constantly surrounded by such dampness. At this time of the year, especially, one has to take all the precautions that are possible in order to avoid sickness, and it is no easy job where one inhabits the wood as we do, with nothing but a mere shelter tent to protect us from wind and rain."

M. Joseph Bonnet, who will dedicate the rebuilt organ in the chapel of Phillips Academy on Thursday evening, December 12, at eight o'clock sharp, was born in Bordeaux where his father was organist of the church of St. Eulalie.

75 Years Ago - Dec. 16, 1943

One local physician said yesterday that the influenza epidemic is much more widespread in Andover now than it was at this time last year, though the cases are generally less severe. Though whooping cough cases are the chief offenders, chicken pox, measles and German measles are also going unreported.

A children's Christmas party which will probably draw an attendance of 300 boys and girls will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the Andover Guild. The Guild committee, with Sister Superior of St. Augustine's school, Miss Catherine Barrett of the Andover schools, and Miss Jane Fitzhenry of the Bradlee school, are now arranging the invitation list.

A photo shows a Spitfire airplane "The Andoverian" towards whose purchase the Andover and North Andover residents subscribed generously two years ago. A committee headed by Roy Hardy, chairman, and Edward A. Anderson, treasurer, raised \$4,214.50 in Andover at that time, and the money was sent to Andover, England, to aid in the purchase of the Spitfire.

50 Years Ago - Dec. 5, 1968

The new Bancroft school is crammed with workmen these days working feverishly against a time schedule which would insure opening of the school on January 6, following the Christmas recess.

Advertisement for Liggett's in the Plaza: Rose Essoian, Liggett's trained cosmetologist is eager to assist you in making the correct choice from this, the largest Perfume and Cosmetic selection in the entire Merrimack Valley.

25 Years Ago - Dec. 9, 1993

The Massachusetts legislative redistricting plan that divides Andover into two house districts became law Saturday. This means Andover will be represented by two state legislators beginning in January 1995. Precinct Five in West Andover will likely be represented by a state representative from Lowell.

Kenneth Testa, the man whose alleged crime spree included at least seven alleged incidents in Andover, continues to be held in jail on \$100,000 bail.

Phillips Academy has received a \$2.2 million donation, one of the largest single gifts in the school's 215-year history, to fund renewal of its Arts and Communication Center. The gift was made by Elward E. Elson of Atlanta, Ga., newly named U.S. ambassador to Denmark.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

There's a ton of fun in store for teens at MHL in November

Upcoming events at the library include:

Winter Reading Club for All Ages

From Dec. 1 to Jan. 2, patrons of all ages can participate in our first Winter Reading Club. Pick up a winter reading bingo board at the children's, teen and reference desks and fill out a row in any direction to win a free book. Patrons who complete the entire sheet will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card from the Andover Bookstore. Visit https://mhl.org/winter-reading-club-2018 for more information and to

download the bingo board and reading lists.

Make a Photo Tile

On Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m., teens can transfer a photo to a ceramic tile for a gift or art piece.

DIY Hot Cocoa

On Monday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m., teens can make their own hot cocoa blend with candy and other mix-ins.

DIY Emoji Stress Relief Balloon

On Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m., teens can make their own emoji-stress-relief balloon. Just in time for finals.

MHL events are for teens in grades 6-12. Unless

otherwise specified, no registration is required. Check out the blog for news, events, book recommendations and more at http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.

Other December Events for Teens:

Mondays, Dec. 3 and 17 at 4 p.m. - Volunteer Advisory Board meeting: Talk about teen programming, help the librarians with crafts and other projects, and get volunteer hours.

Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at 6 p.m. - Teen Movie Nights: Watch a movie in the Teen Room. Call the Teen Room desk at 978-623-8463 for each night's title.

Thursdays, Dec. 6 and 20 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Create a character and learn about tabletop RPGs at 2:30 p.m. or come for the campaign's start at 3 p.m. All in grades 6 through 12 are welcome; no RPG experience or registration necessary.

Fridays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Freeform Fridays: Join us in the Activity Room to play Super Smash Brothers.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. - Decorate a Sugar Cookie: Decorate and then eat some yummy sugar cookies!

Thursday, Dec. 26 at 3 p.m. - Craft Buffet: Missed a craft this month or just want to use our craft supplies?

Sample our supplies and let your creativity run wild.

All programs for teens are sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

For more information, call 978-623-8432 for more information.

All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12, and are free to attend. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.

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Announcements

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G/C BUILDER'S LICENSE COURSE Register by Jan 4th, for Danvers, Lowell, Haverhill, MA 1-888-833-5207 www.StateCertification.com

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LOST CAT (Tuxedo) male, name Johnny Missing since July 6th, Tewksbury St., Andover. \$500 REWARD! Call Debbie (978) 566-5626; Rick (781)789-2241

Real Estate

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AMESBURY - Get in now before the interest rate increase! Merrimack River views and Powwow River frontage for this character-filled 1800 home in Point Shore. 4 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 2 acres, new gas high-efficiency heating system. New clapboards/new paint, new wood double glaze Marvin windows, full insulation, wide pine floors - this is a beautiful home in a great spot!

NEW PRICE! \$475,000

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Gloucester- Stunning Back Shore custom designed colonial built by well-known contractor. Perfectly sited on a spacious private manicured lot with granite hardscapes, mature plantings and landscape lighting, perched on an elevated knoll. This high quality home invites you through iron gates to a home with pristine hardwood floors, polished tile, marble and solid oak doors and trim throughout. The spacious rooms take full advantage of an open airy feel filled with sunlight. Highlighting the home, an updated kitchen that opens to a two story vaulted-ceiling family room w/ full-height granite fireplace opening to an expansive game room w/bar. The home also features a finished basement, two-car tiled garage, multiple decks and patio. A tranquil sanctuary setting! Near beaches!

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J Barrett & Company
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THE MERRILL HOUSE - 1791 elegance and space with period features. 4 fireplaces, raised field paneled mantel walls; double staircases, cornice moldings. Formal dining room, library, private second floor deck, heated sunroom looking out on 1/2 acre of lawn and gardens. All systems updated, SS kitchen, Master Bath, two story carriage barn. Kept meticulously by caring owners. \$799,000

RIVER VALLEY RE
Call Joanie Purinton 978-462-6898 or office, 978-363-8851 for more information or to arrange a showing

NEWBURYPORT
One of Newburyport earliest! 1657 Saltbox with direct views out across the expansive Mouth of the River. Two bedrooms, giant fireplaces, flower garden. Country kitchen with picturesque pantry room. Upgrades are left for the new owners; the period character remains. The other side of this duplex is also for sale, enabling a new owner to possess a single family residence. Sunrises are your daily excitement. \$419,000

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The District has a comprehensive and competitive benefits package. EOE

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ELIZABETH OLTMAN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 11/22, 11/29/2018

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by Sleeping Dog Properties Inc. for a Modification to a Special Permit for Planned Development in the Ue (SP13-07), pursuant to Section 7.2. of the Zoning By-Law for the demolition of a portion of Andover Village Square, formerly Old Andover Village, and construction of a new structure in its place for the construction of a business professional and administrative offices to a 9,053 s.f. site down rebranding. The property is located at 89-93 Main Street and is more specifically identified as Lot 125 on Assessors Map 55. The application and associated documents may be examined in the Planning Department Monday through Friday during normal business hours

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Zachary Bergeron, Chairman AT - 11/22, 11/29/18

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18SM004837 ORDER OF NOTICE To: The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Ruth Willis Dana J Willis Sua n Reicert and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq. Santander Bank NA claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 6 Porter Road, given by Ruth Willis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation, dated March 21, 2006, and recorded in Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10090, Page 80, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 29, 2012, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 12957, Page 303, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 8, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13826, Page 92, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 31, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 15, 2018. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 11-005698 AT - 11/29/18

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ELIZABETH OLTMAN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 11/22, 11/29/2018

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by Sleeping Dog Properties Inc. for a Modification to a Special Permit for Planned Development in the Ue (SP13-07), pursuant to Section 7.2. of the Zoning By-Law for the demolition of a portion of Andover Village Square, formerly Old Andover Village, and construction of a new structure in its place for the construction of a business professional and administrative offices to a 9,053 s.f. site down rebranding. The property is located at 89-93 Main Street and is more specifically identified as Lot 125 on Assessors Map 55. The application and associated documents may be examined in the Planning Department Monday through Friday during normal business hours

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Zachary Bergeron, Chairman AT - 11/22, 11/29/18

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18SM004837 ORDER OF NOTICE To: The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Ruth Willis Dana J Willis Sua n Reicert and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq. Santander Bank NA claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 6 Porter Road, given by Ruth Willis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation, dated March 21, 2006, and recorded in Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10090, Page 80, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 29, 2012, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 12957, Page 303, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 8, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13826, Page 92, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 31, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 15, 2018. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 11-005698 AT - 11/29/18

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Town of Andover OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the lists committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover, by the Board of Assessors of said Andover, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Andover, on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged

Paul G. Ballou.
Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 69 River St., shown as Lot 47 on Assessor's Map 140, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1364, P. 443.

2016 tax (bal) \$3,357.36
2016 water Lien \$590.00
Belvidere Hill Group LLC.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, 6 Fraser Dr., shown as Lot 2 on Assessor's Map 216, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 15423, P. 214. Supposed subsequent owner: Fraser Drive Homeowner's Association.

2016 tax \$66.69
Eytan Berman and Sarah Berman.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 363 Lowell St., shown as Lot 15B on Assessor's Map 175, being Lot 3 on Ld.Ct.Pl. 41275B, described in Ex. No. Dist. Cert. of Title, 17007.

2016 tax (bal) \$4,014.86
Robert J. Conneaney and Carol R. Conneaney.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 17 Abbot Bridge Dr., shown as Lot 90 on Assessor's Map 75, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1209, P. 577.

2015 tax \$7,681.11
2016 tax \$7,930.18
Elaine S. Driben.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 10 Poplar Tr, shown as Lot 56 on Assessor's Map 111, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1733, P. 66.

2013 tax (bal) \$3,039.22
2014 tax \$6,372.56
2014 water lien \$690.39
2015 tax \$6,646.68
2015 water lien \$210.53
2016 tax \$6,892.78
2016 Water Lien \$469.79

Roberta Jean Hansen, Life Estate, Keith Douglas Weightman and Dana Cameron Weightman, Remainder.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 9 Crescent Dr., shown as Lot C905 on Assessor's Map 16-C905, being Unit 5 of the Andover Gardens Condominium, shown on Ld. Ct. 14928-I-1, described in Ex. No. Dist. Cert. of Title, U02-585.

2016 tax \$2,282.28
Andrea L. Heffron.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 15 Rennie Dr., shown as Lot 35 on Assessor's Map 112, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 12928, P. 330.

2014 tax (bal) \$11,248.46
2014 sewer lien \$272.72
2014 water lien \$258.13
2015 tax \$14,477.49
2015 sewer lien \$131.13
2015 water lien \$119.28
2016 tax \$15,249.78
2016 sewer lien \$259.38
2016 water Lien \$220.51
Judith W. Hough.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 22 Railroad St., shown as Lot 57-A109 on Assessor's Map 54, being Unit 109 of the Andover Condominium, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 13072, P. 87.

2016 tax (bal) \$1,874.57
Kathleen D. Absalom, Trustee of the Kathleen D. Absalom Revocable Trust.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 5 Porter Rd., shown as Lot 11-103 on Assessor's Map 57, being Unit 103 of the Phillips Estate Condominium, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 14317, P. 178. Supposed subsequent owner: 5 Porter Road Realty, LLC.

2016 tax (bal) \$2,984.73

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Vilinis G. Kreismanis and Iveta G. Kreismanis.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 17 County Rd., shown as Lot 20 on Assessor's Map 83, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 13591, P. 36.

2015 tax (bal) \$1,875.04
2016 tax \$10,024.25
Christine J. McCarthy.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 5 Sleepy Hollow Lane, shown as Lot 45 on Assessor's Map 101, being Lots 7 and 7A on Ld. Ct. Pl. 32408-A, sh. 3, described in Ex. No. Dist. Cert. of Title 9283.

2013 tax (bal) \$3,450.73
2013 sewer bett. \$464.66
2014 tax \$6,955.48
2014 sewer bett. \$464.66
2014 sewer bett. int. \$348.50
2015 tax \$7,052.37
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2015 sewer bett. int. \$325.26
2016 tax \$7,295.89
2016 sewer bett. \$464.66
2016 sewer bett. int. \$302.03

96 North Main Street Condominium Trust.
Land in said Andover, at 96 North Main St., shown as Lot 30 on Assessor's Map 38, being Units 1, 2, 3, 4 of the 96 North Main Street Condominium, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 10566, P. 22 and 34, B. 15116, P. 341, B. 10682, P. 50, B. 10566, P. 111, B. 15129, P. 58.

2015 sewer lien \$2,248.79
2016 sewer lien \$984.78
Susan E. Odle.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 38 Michael Way, shown as Lot 4-24 on Assessor's Map 93, being Unit 24 of the Abbott's Pond Condominium, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 14275, P. 296. Supposed subsequent owner: Reem Property LLC.

2015 tax (bal) \$1,397.35
2016 tax \$5,917.63
Steven T. Reef and Susan H. Reef.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 3 Partridge Hill Rd. shown as Lot 13 on Assessor's Map 180, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 5085, P. 149.

2016 tax (bal) \$2,632.27
2016 water lien \$347.96
Robert G. DeCristofaro, Trustee of the Robert G. DeCristofaro Revocable Living Trust.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 2 Greenbriar Circle, shown as Lot 3H on Assessor's Map 214, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 13718, P. 214.

2016 tax (bal) \$3,662.67
Jacqueline H. Rogers, Irving E. Rogers, III and Stephen H. Rogers, Trustee of the Rogers Family Foundation.

Land in said Andover, at 4 West Hollow, shown as Lot 16 on Assessor's Map 98, being Lot 65 on Ld. Ct. 1462-11, described in Ex. No. Dist. Cert. of Title 12494.

2016 tax \$1.48
Janice B. Sylvester.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 96 Dascomb Rd., shown as Lot 12 on Assessor's Map 156, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 11818, P. 293.

2016 tax (bal) \$6,568.33
2016 water lien \$427.75
2016 sewer lien \$503.15
Nelson E. Townsend and Eva V. Townsend.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 24 River Street, shown as Lot 63 on Assessor's Map 139, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 737, P. 505 and Essex Prob. 18P2924. Supposed subsequent owners: Judith M. Sargent, Ellen M. Gagnon and Patricia E. Alpert.

2014 tax (bal) \$4,481.14
2015 tax \$4,821.84
2016 tax \$5,015.09
William F. Sharkey, Edward Doherty and Kevin Hill, Trustees of the Wiled Realty Trust.

Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, 11 Christian Way, shown as Lot 5N on Assessor's Map 231, being Lot 25 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 14506-E, described in Ex. No. Dist. Cert. of Title 15914.

2016 tax \$34.09.

Michael Morse
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover
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Sports

Fall Fantastic

Looking back at another big fall for the Golden Warriors

DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

The frigid temperatures that hit the Merrimack Valley are a clear indication that winter is nearly here, and the arrival of the holiday season marks the end of the fall sports season at Andover High.

And it was another thrilling fall for the Golden Warriors.

The state powerhouse Andover field hockey team may have been going through a

■ **More Fall sports action. Page 20.**

“rebuilding year,” but that didn’t stop them from shocking the field and making it all the way to the Division 1 North final.

Andover’s swim dynasty was at it again, rolling over the state on the way to another Division 1 state championship in typically dominant fashion. Once again. It wasn’t even close.

We saw a 14-year-old take the reigns of the football team’s offense and shine, and the Joel twins display their abilities on the soccer pitch.

There were plenty of memorable moments, so lets take a look back at some of the best from Andover’s 2018 fall season.

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A year after a dominant run to the Division 1 state title, the Andover field hockey team was supposed to be in rebuild mode, returning just three starters from last year’s championship team.

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The Golden Warriors finished 13-3-5 and advanced all the way to the Division 1 North championship, dropping a double-OT heartbreaker to Masco in the North final.

The Warriors were led by offensive MVP **Hanna Medwar** (9 goals, 22 assists), star midfielder **Joanna Archambault** (6 goals) and goalies **Allison Gasperoni**, **Paige Gillette** and **Chiara Holton** who sacrificed a great deal to help one another.

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Emma had a more defensive mentality, but she did score her first career goal in a win over Lowell.

And the scary thing is, both may be even better at track!

Speaking of track/soccer stars, **Julianna Kennedy** was also a force on the pitch with seven goals, including a dramatic game-winner with a minute left against Haverhill.

For boys soccer it was **Evan Arpin** and **Jackson Gress** (five goals each) leading the way.

THE KID IMPRESSES

At 14 years old, **Victor Harrington** regularly took the football field against opponents 4 and even 5 years older than he. But the youngster never backed down.

Harrington, a freshman, finished the year with 1,427 yards and 15 touchdowns. He completed all 11 of his passes in a win over Lawrence and orchestrated a last-minute, game-winning drive against Lowell.

His favorite target was 5-foot-4 speedster **Brendon Moody**, who finished the season with 546 receiving yards and six touchdowns.

After losing his junior year to a knee injury,



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Hanna Medwar led an Andover team that was supposed to be rebuilding back to the North final.



JOSEPH PREZIOSO PHOTO

Victoria Ambrose celebrates as Andover takes its fifth straight Division 1 state title. Ambrose was also an individual champ.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

It was a third straight big season for Andover golfer Mac Lee. He was once again one of the top teams in Massachusetts.

Phillipus Menihtas returned to lead Andover in tackles (73) while **Tommy Duncan** may have had the craziest half of the season when he intercepted three passes in just two quarters against Methuen.

Then there was kicker **Shamus Florio**, who booted five field goals and — more

importantly — was 23 for 23 on extra points this fall.

MAC ATTACK

It was another big year for Golden Warrior golf phenom **Mac Lee**.

The junior won MVC co-MVP, his third year on the All-MVC team. He went



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Andover’s Alexis Mancha closed out another huge season in a prolific career.

13-2-1, finished in a tie for second at the Division 1 North sectionals with a 3-over 75 and was third at the MVC Championship with a 77.

Also starring for the Warriors were the likes of senior **Tyler Trapp** and freshmen **Cade Cedorchuk** and **Nick Ventura**.

UNSUNG STARS

Alexis Mancha finished her prolific volleyball career in style this fall, taking home Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 MVP honors. She finished the season with 205 kills, 47 aces, 124 service points and 82 digs.

Right beside her was All-MVC pick **Hailey Halverson**. The junior finished the season with 215 kills, 35 aces, 151 service points and 53 blocks. The two were major reasons for Andover’s success under interim head coach **Kerri O’Dea**.

In cross country, **Sarah Cain** was the steady standout. She steadily led the pack all season, including a first overall in a win over Methuen and a second in a team win over Central Catholic.

But it was **Emma Griffin** who led the Warriors at the MVCs, placing 20th in 21:07. Now it’s onto the winter.

Andover falls to surging North Andover on Thanksgiving Eve

HECTOR LONGO
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Cold, wind and ice all presented late November obstacles at Lovely Field on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving.

North Andover High’s speed and explosiveness negated them all.

The unbeaten Scarlet Knights rolled up a 28-0 half-time lead and finished off rival Andover High, 41-27.

North Andover moved to 11-0 on the year, evening the Turkey Day series with the Golden Warriors at 2-2 and setting its sights on King Philip Regional and the Nov. 30 Division 2 state championship at Gillette Stadium.

“Come out, put points on the board, get out healthy and get ready for the next game. That was the plan,” said Darren Watson, following his three-touchdown night.

For the most part, North Andover did just that, although some gritty play from Andover, plus some creative inside kick work by Shamus Florio forced the Knights’ starters back on the field after thinking their night was complete.

The outcome in this one was clear early.

“Their speed was very evident, and you can see why they’re so good,” said Andover coach E.J. Perry, whose club



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Andover’s Tommy Duncan moves with the ball against North Andover on Thanksgiving Eve.

finished at 3-7. “We gave up three big plays on special teams to them, and that was the difference. You just can’t do that against a team like that.”

Fourth down simply was not Andover’s friend.

On the Knights’ opening drive, facing a 4th-and-4, Jake McElroy got things started with a 25-yard TD pass to Watson.

Andover went three-and-out, then on fourth, Gabe DeSouza hauled in a punt and dashed 82 yards on the return. In a blink, it was 14-0.

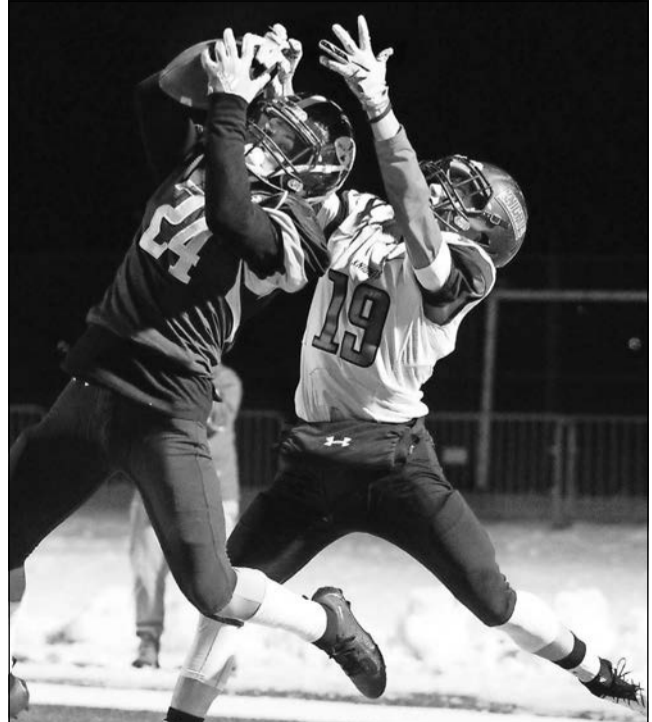
Another Warrior punt, and this time it was Watson, speeding 88 yards to paydirt.

“We haven’t had any kind of returns for touchdowns this year,” laughed Watson. “Gabe was calling for me to reverse but I thought I saw something.”

What Watson saw was a patch of green and ultimately the end zone.

The final fateful fourth down wasn’t a score, but it set up the fourth TD of the first half, just before the intermission.

On fourth-and-10 on his own 41, DeSouza, from punt



Andover’s Tommy Duncan intercepts a pass in the end zone intended for North Andover’s Jack Walsh on Thanksgiving Eve.

formation, chose to tuck it and run, racing 31 yards down the left sideline.

Four plays later, Freddy Gabin got into the act, with a 13-yard TD.

The dominance continued into the third when McElroy hit Ryan Slattery for 4 yards and a 34-0 lead.

That sent the regulars to the bench.

Andover wasn’t done, though.

Freshman QB Victor Harrington (13 for 34, 266 yards, 4 TDs) and the Warriors got on the board late in the third with a 65-yard strike to senior Nick Zalanskas.

Harrington would add a 9-yarder to Zalanskas and a 30-yard hookup with Brendon Moody, slicing the margin to 34-21 and forcing the Knight regulars back into action.

A Watson 12-yard interception return for touchdown

finally put it away, although Zalanskas did catch his third score with a minute to play, allowing for the final margin.

The senior ended his career in style with seven catches for 126 yards.

“Zalanskas was excellent, and I was impressed with Harrington again,” said Perry. “Under the pressure and stress in a game like this, the freshman handled himself well. He’s the real deal. Now, we need him to keep working harder and improving his game.”

North Andover 41, Andover 27

No Andover (11-0) 21-7-6-7 — 41
Andover (3-7) 0-0-7-20 — 27

First Quarter
NA — Darren Watson 25 pass from Jake McElroy (Gabe DeSouza kick) 7:56
NA — DeSouza 82 punt return (Gabe DeSouza kick) 4:45
NA — Watson 88 punt return (Gabe DeSouza kick) 2:46

Second Quarter
NA — Freddy Gabin 13 run (Gabe DeSouza kick) 1:10

Third Quarter
NA — Ryan Slattery 4 pass from Jake McElroy (kick blocked) 2:02
AND — Nick Zalanskas 65 pass from Victor Harrington (Shamus Florio kick) 1:06

Fourth Quarter
AND — Nick Zalanskas 9 pass from Victor Harrington (Shamus Florio kick) 8:46
AND — Brendon Moody 30 pass from Victor Harrington (Shamus Florio kick) 3:56
NA — Darren Watson 12 interception return (Gabe DeSouza kick) 2:29
AND — Nick Zalanskas 3 pass from Victor Harrington (Shamus Florio kick) 1:19

Statistical Leaders
Rushing
NORTH ANDOVER: Darren Watson 2-6, Freddy Gabin 9-32, Jake McElroy 4-60, Gabe DeSouza 1-31
ANDOVER: Tommy Duncan 7-34

Passing
NORTH ANDOVER: Jake McElroy 10-18-2, 141
ANDOVER: Victor Harrington 13-34-2, 266

Receiving
NORTH ANDOVER: Watson 7-117, Slattery 1-4, Matt Chico 1-7, DeSouza 1-13
ANDOVER: Zalanskas 7-126, Moody 3-95, John Gemmill 2-41, Duncan 1-4

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Andover high senior cheerleading captains brave the cold to cheer for their team. From left, Alice Burke, Abi Tavener and Julia Parziale.



Andover High School fans brave the cold in a colorful way. From left, Valerie MacDonald and Riley Lowe, both sophomores, and freshman Lauren Adams.

Fans, unbowed by cold, cheer on Golden Warriors

It was a frigid night at Lovely Field under the lights as the Andover Golden Warriors took on the North Andover Scarlet Knights on Thanksgiving Eve. The Nov. 21 game, held a day early because of even colder temperatures forecast for Thanksgiving Day, was a mostly lopsided affair, as the

neighbors to the north took a commanding 28-0 halftime lead which they never gave up, ultimately winning the contest 41-27. Hundreds of fans, friends and relatives from both towns showed up at Lovely Field in Andover for the traditional standoff, despite the brisk, wnter-like chill.



Andover cheerleader, freshman Charlotte Stella, fights the cold weather while giving a cheer.



Andover quarterback Victor Harrington passes the ball.



Andover's Shamus Florio punts the ball away.



Andover's Tommy Duncan, 24, intercepts a pass in the end zone intended for North Andover's Jack Walsh.



Andover's Tommy Duncan, 24, intercepts this pass in the end zone intended for North Andover's Jack Walsh.



Andover's Aneudy Moreno, 50, tackles North Andover's Freddy Gabin.



Andover defenders take down North Andover's Freddy Gabin.

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