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Conservatives lament loss of Jim Lyons

BY CHRISTIAN WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Jim Lyons grew up in a working-class Irish Catholic family with a father who headed a police union and told him never to vote Republican.

Lyons heeded his father's advice, for a while, and even ran for elected office a few times as a Democrat.

But he eventually realized that his values and Christian faith were more in line with the platform and politics of the

Republican Party.

"For me, the election of President Ronald Reagan really personified the ideals of entrepreneurship, that 'shining city on the hill,' and the role of personal responsibility," Lyons said in a recent interview, reflecting on his legislative career. "I think the Democratic Party has become too left-leaning and socialist, and that doesn't resonate with me any longer."

For the past eight years, the Andover Republican, who steps down in January after four terms

representing the 18th Essex District in the state House of Representatives, has been one of the most vocal critics of Democratic leadership on Beacon Hill.

In a deep-blue state where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by a 3-to-1 margin and control both the House and Senate, Lyons has taken on thorny social issues that even members of his own party, including Gov. Charlie Baker, have sought to avoid.

He opposes same-sex marriage and abortion, and he hasn't been

shy about expressing his conservative views on those issues in the Legislature, where he has voted against protections for transgender individuals, opposed a bill that would have banned "conversion therapy" used by religious groups to change teens' sexual orientation, and blocked attempts to add a neutral "Gender X" classification on driver's licenses.

He has railed against state laws and policies aimed at shielding illegal immigrants



FILE PHOTO

State Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, speaks to reporters about his efforts to impeach a Salem judge.

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Hundreds flock to Holiday Happenings



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Teenagers gather around Olaf the Snowman for a photo during Andover's annual Holiday Happenings.

Long lines to see Santa, music, dance and much more

BY PAUL TENNANT
Staff writer

The goal of Holiday Happenings was to build "a great sense of community," according to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan.

With large numbers of couples bringing their young children to the merry-go-round in the park in front of the Town Hall and to the second floor of the Welcome Center on Main Street to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus, it sure seemed as though that goal was achieved.

The low 30s temperature may have given some residents second thoughts about coming out for the celebration. However, Ann Ormond, the town's director of business, arts and cultural development who organized Holiday Happenings, said she was thankful neither a blizzard nor freezing rain visited the area Friday evening.



The Park glows red and green as people enjoy Andover's annual event.

"I'll take the cold," she said, as she watched the long line of parents and children waiting to be photographed with the jolly one. Many a parent was pleasantly surprised when he or she found out there was no charge for the

photos. "I thought we were going to have to pay for it," said Michael Bruno, who posed for a photo with his wife Katie Bruno and their 8-month-old daughter Zoe, who will be celebrating her first Christmas. The Brunos

live in Andover.

Gregory and Joanne Hannigan, also of Andover, brought their three children, Beatrice, 8, Jacob, 6, and Joseph, 5, to a session with Mr. Claus, who of course asked each of them

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Property taxes go up nearly 4 percent

BY JESSICA VALERIANI
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The Board of Selectmen set the new tax rate for the 2019 fiscal year at their meeting Wednesday night.

The residential tax rate will be \$15.27 dollars per \$1,000 of value, a 3.98 percent increase from last fiscal year. Board of Selectmen Chairmen Alex Vispoli said the increase is less than the increase in the previous fiscal year, and below the 10-year average.

At the meeting, the board was largely focused on applying the increase equally across commercial and residential taxes.

"Given the impacts of the gas crisis, you can never say one side or the other when you are looking at whether residential or industrial should

have a higher impact this year," said Selectman Annie Gilbert. "Both sectors are struggling."

In agreement with Gilbert, Selectman Chris Huntress said it makes the most sense to keep the increases evenly distributed across the three revenues.

Residential taxes make up 82 percent of the collected taxes in town, said Vispoli. The total value of the town is currently \$8.32 billion.

The board voted not to adopt an open space discount, which would exempt up to 25 percent of the value of land that falls under the category of open space, if approved. Additionally, the board voted not to adopt a residential and a commercial exemption.

Bills for the taxes will go out in late December.

Lawmakers press for details about gas line safety

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Natural gas company executives were grilled Tuesday about leaking pipes and a lack of staff, training and procedures for dealing with gas disasters.

Members of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy peppered representatives of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, Eversource and National Grid with questions about the overall safety of hundreds of miles of natural gas pipeline in the wake of September's gas explosions and fires in the Merrimack Valley. "We've always known about the inherent risk of natural

gas, and the House, Senate and successive administrations have worked to address that, particularly in regard to leaks," said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester. "But now we have seen a systemic failure that has caused indescribable hardship and a tragic loss of life."

Steve Bryant, president of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, said the company has accepted responsibility for the incident and is committed to ensuring it won't happen again. But he declined to answer numerous questions from lawmakers about the company's policies, citing ongoing state and federal investigations.

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Local cable stations face deep cuts under FCC rule

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — A proposed federal rule expected to take effect next month could drastically cut funding for community cable television stations, possibly forcing some of them off the air.

Local access stations get a percentage of their revenue from cable companies, which are required by law to give up to 5 percent of their gross income to support public access.

Under the Federal Communication Commission's proposed rule, cable providers like Comcast and Verizon could deduct so-called "in-kind" costs — such as the value of local access channels

— from franchise fees that are paid to cities and towns. If those fees are substantially reduced, financial support from municipalities for public access stations could dry up.

Erich Archer, executive director of 1623 Studios in Cape Ann, said the changes would translate to drastic cuts in funding for local public, educational and government programming.

"It has the potential to completely wipe us out," he said. "If that happens, the communities that we represent would lose a vital, hyper-local information resource."

The station, which serves Gloucester, Rockport, Essex and Manchester, provides coverage of municipal meetings, school events and youth

sports. It also offers educational programs.

Archer said cable companies have marginalized local cable stations, putting them in a higher, less visible tier in channel lineups and not listing their content in program guides.

"They've been chipping away at this issue for long time," he said. "They are obligated to fund us, but they would rather not."

Darlene Beal, executive director of Haverhill Community Media, said the rule change would dig deep into her \$900,000 operating budget, lopping off about 20 to 35 percent cut.

"It would be a huge cut," she said. "We're looking at our budget, reviewing the

programs and services that we deliver and figuring out how we are going to weather this storm."

Beal said she hopes that the FCC will understand the potential impact of the rule change on communities like Haverhill that depend on the programming.

"We're hoping for the best but believe that it probably will go through, which is unfortunate," Beal said. "Hopefully, it will be overturned on appeal."

Municipal associations and other groups have flooded the FEC with letters warning them about the detrimental effects of such a decision.

"We are the last outlet for youth sports, government meetings and other local programming," said Melinda

Garfield, president of MassAccess, a nonprofit trade group representing about 200 community media stations in Massachusetts. "So this would be absolutely devastating to the communities that these stations serve."

If the rule goes through, she said some stations might be absorbed by local governments, but many others will be forced to close their doors. Representatives of Verizon and Comcast declined to comment on the proposed rule change.

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The Sunset Tappers entertain the crowd on stage in The Park during Andover's annual Holiday Happenings.

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A holiday stilt walker high fives the children downtown during the annual event.



Brett Haggerty, 3, of Andover, waves from the carousel in The Park, while riding it with his grandmother Joan Devlin.



Dancing around the Christmas tree are from left to right, Alana Shields, 4, her sister Slynana, 2, Dylan McCool, 7, and his brother Colin, 5, all of Andover.

HOLIDAY

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what they wanted for Christmas. Beatrice and Jacob both said they wanted hoverboards while Joseph asked for a Nerf gun.

Wise old Santa said hoverboards can be dangerous – they're also very expensive – and suggested he might bring Beatrice and Jacob other presents that they would find "very special," according to their relieved mother.

Timothy Barrett, a professional photographer from Westford, said he had taken nearly 200 photos. The line of parents and children extended across the room and down the front stairs of the Welcome Center at that point.

Flanagan and Ormond said another goal of Holiday Happenings

was to bring people to downtown Andover. The town has a vibrant business center, said Ormond, who headed the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce for several years before coming to Andover.

She and other local leaders, however, want to make the downtown even more vibrant. The jazz band from the Free Christian Church, just around the corner from the downtown at 31 Elm St., was working hard at doing just that.

The band played Christmas songs almost nonstop from 4 to 7 p.m. The church rented a stage that was set up across Main Street from the Welcome Center – which used to be the Town Hall.

"We want to be a blessing to the town," said Fernando Castro, head of the music ministry at First Christian Church. The pastor, the Rev. Jon Paul, said the church is eager to

help bring the community together, especially in the wake of the Sept. 13 fires and explosions that left many residents without gas, meaning they had no heat, hot water or the ability to cook food.

The kitchen at First Christian Church is still not operational, Paul said.

The Andover High School girls ice hockey team was out in force selling hats and scarves to raise money for their team.

They're getting ready for the first game of the season, against Westford Academy on Dec. 15.

So where was the boys hockey team?

"They're probably sleeping," one of the girls said with a laugh.

Holiday Happenings was concluded with the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Park and a fireworks display.

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or free video services to local governments" hurts consumers by discouraging new companies from entering the cable market and existing companies from renewing franchise agreements.

"The commission's proposal to count cable-related in-kind contributions as part of the statutory cap on franchise fees will help keep in check consumer video prices by limiting the costs and fees imposed on cable operators," the company wrote.

Conservative groups like the Washington D.C.-based Citizens Against Government

Waste have lobbied for the changes, arguing that the franchise fees drive up cable bills.

"These costs are being passed onto consumers," said Deborah Collier, the group's director of technology and telecommunications policy. "And not everyone watches these channels."

She said many communities are "unfairly" charging above the 5 percent fee allowed under federal regulations, in some cases using licensing agreements to bolster municipal coffers.

"These in-kind contributions are what the FCC is seeking to address," she said.

"But I really don't know that it's this doomsday scenario

everyone is making it out to be."

Massachusetts Sens. Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren recently sent a letter to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai urging him to reconsider the rule change.

"In an era of media globalization and consolidation, (local cable) access stations continue to give viewers critical information about their communities and offer an important platform for local voices," read the letter, which was signed by several lawmakers. "They catalyze civic engagement and they provide invaluable educational services."

Archer said cutting funding to local stations would

eliminate one of the few remaining non-commercial free-speech media platforms on cable TV.

"This is a model that has been working for three decades and something that communities need," he said. "Corporate greed shouldn't be allowed to come in and take that away."

The FCC is accepting public comment on the proposed rule change until Dec. 14. Comments can be submitted here: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>

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The Sept. 13 disaster killed a teenage boy, injured dozens of other people, damaged more than 100 homes and left thousands without heat or hot water in Lawrence, North Andover and Andover.

Columbia Gas and its parent company, NiSource, face federal and state investigations as well as class

action lawsuits.

A preliminary report by the National Transportation Safety Board determined that the company's failure to account for sensors in a routine pipeline replacement project in Lawrence led to the explosions and fires.

Lawmakers grilled company executives about why Columbia Gas seems to be hiring outsiders for work on gas line repairs, instead of hiring new staff, and why the gas companies are exempt from a state law requiring engineers to sign off on construction plans.

Gov. Charlie Baker has filed legislation that would require all natural gas work be approved by a professional engineer.

Union leaders representing gas workers told lawmakers that part of the blame lies with the state Department of Public Utilities, which only has a handful of gas safety inspectors.

"There are not enough inspectors out there," said Joe Kirylo, president of United Steelworkers Local 12003, which is embroiled in a dispute with National Grid over locked-out gas workers.

"It's nothing less than impossible to expect DPU to cover over 1 million households, distribution mains and regulator stations with only two pipeline inspectors," he said.

Under a 2016 state law, gas companies are required to accelerate efforts to find and repair thousands of leaks along more than 20,000 miles of pipeline across the state, but Kirylo and even some members of the committee suggested the industry has essentially become "self-regulating" amid a shortage of state gas safety inspectors.

"It isn't good enough to have you folks policing yourselves," said Sen. Michael Barrett, D-Lexington, the

Senate co-chair of the committee. "Nothing I have heard today assures me that the situation is likely to change, and that leaves our utilities without a watchdog."

Matt Beaton, secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, said the number of inspectors is adequate and pointed out that the Baker administration has taken a number of steps since the Merrimack Valley disaster to ensure the safety of the state's gas pipelines, including hiring a private consultant to review the systems.

He said DPU's pipeline safety division has six certified inspectors and is in the process of hiring additional inspectors.

DPU conducted 1,177 inspections in 2017, up from 880 in the previous year, he added.

"Based on the information made publicly available to date, we believe that no additional number of inspectors would have prevented this incident," he said.

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from federal crackdowns, or providing taxpayer benefits to them.

In 2011, Lyons used a procedural vote on a supplemental budget to force then-Gov. Deval Patrick's administration to disclose that the state spent about \$270 million a year on health benefits for people living in the U.S. illegally.

"The people have a right to know how much of their money is being spent on people who are not citizens of the state," he said.

And when Democrats were debating legislation last year to declare Massachusetts a "sanctuary state" to shield illegal immigrants, Lyons filed a bill with other House Republicans giving state and local police the authority to enforce federal immigration law by detaining, with or without a warrant, those suspected of being in the U.S. illegally.

In debates over the state budget, Lyons often cast the lone opposition vote to protest spending increases and the reluctance of Democrats to approve Medicaid reforms.

Chip Faulkner, a spokesman for the fiscal watchdog group Citizens for Limited Taxation, called Lyons' departure a "tremendous loss for the state's taxpayers."

"He was a real annoyance to the liberals and the



FILE PHOTO

State Rep. James Lyons speaks during his annual Summer Campaign Cookout at his home in Andover.

tax-and-spenders," he said. "He wasn't always successful in blocking the overspending, but he was a real thorn in their side."

Lyons made his opposition to abortion a key focus of his legislative agenda, drawing criticism from Planned Parenthood and other groups that support abortion rights.

"The left is totally opposed to even discussing pro-life issues," he said. "They don't want to bring this issue to the floor for a debate. They're not interested in differing viewpoints."

Democrats and liberal groups targeted him in the recent election, throwing money and resources behind Andover Democrat Tram Nguyen's campaign to

unseat the incumbent.

Nguyen picked up endorsements from Democratic heavyweights including former President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and more than \$250,000 was spent on the race, making it one of the most expensive legislative contests in Massachusetts this year.

In the Nov. 6 election, Nguyen defeated Lyons with about 55 percent of the vote.

"When a former president gets involved a race for state representative, it's pretty remarkable," Lyons said. "The Democrats decided to go all-out to beat me this time around."

Two issues where Lyons

said he found common ground with Democrats were efforts to combat opioid addiction and divert more state aid to cities and towns.

Lyons, who owns a flower and ice cream shop with his wife, Bernadette, said he plans to keep working on conservative issues. He won't rule out a return to politics and is weighing a run for the chairmanship of the state's Republican Party, which is currently up for grabs.

"I'm definitely going to stay involved and active on issues that are important to me, particularly the pro-life issue," he said.

Conservative groups lament Lyon's pending departure, saying they'll lose one of their greatest allies on Beacon Hill.

"He was a very strong

supporter of family values and we're certainly going to miss him," said Andrew Beckwith, president of the conservative Massachusetts Family Institute. "I've always thought of Jim Lyons as truly exemplifying the concept that one man can make a difference. And I think there were multiple occasions where he did."

Beckwith cited Lyon's push to add a Nativity scene — depicting the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem — at the Statehouse during the Christmas holiday.

When the state initially rejected his request three years ago, Lyons contacted the Thomas More Society, a law firm that specializes in religious freedom. It threatened to sue the state, calling it a First Amendment issue. The state backed down,

giving Lyons a permit to put up a temporary display.

Lyons said he plans to set up the Nativity scene again on Dec. 20, holding one last ceremony before he leaves office.

He hopes someone will carry on the tradition. "We weren't trying to make a political statement," he said. "We just wanted people to know about the true meaning of Christmas."

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Financially Speaking

By John Spoto

Investing your savings to achieve your retirement goals may seem like a daunting task. It doesn't have to be. A well-designed portfolio is an important element for achieving a secure



circumstances, here are the fundamentals for developing

retirement. Although this portfolio will be different for each of you depending upon your individual

an effective investment plan: Be realistic. We can't predict the future, so no one knows today what the ideal portfolio should be. We can however, construct a sensible one that increases the chances of reaching your goals.

Identify the objectives for the portfolio. What do

you want it to accomplish before retirement, during retirement and after you are gone? In addition to supporting your retirement expenses, are you planning to leave assets to family members or a charity? If so, how much do you want to leave?

Understand your risk profile. Your emotional and financial ability to accept short-term losses in exchange for expected, but uncertain, longer-term gains needs to be determined before you make your investments. If you can't sleep at night fearing a severe market drop or if a prolonged downturn will derail your chances of retiring when you want, a portfolio heavily tilted towards stocks may not be right for you.

Establish your asset allocation. The most important investment decision you will make is determining the portion of your

Selecting the appropriate mix of categories and funds will enable you to further reduce the unnecessary risk in your portfolio.

investable assets you want in the three major asset classes of stocks, bonds, and cash. This one decision will determine the majority of your portfolio's performance.

Diversify through sub-asset and security selection. There are different categories of stocks (e.g. large company, small company, international, etc.) and bonds (corporate, government, municipal, etc.). Selecting the appropriate mix of categories and funds will enable you to further reduce the unnecessary risk

in your portfolio.

Determine your asset location. Different types of accounts, assets, and earnings are taxed differently. Placing the appropriate investments in the right accounts will improve your after-tax returns without increasing your risk.

Rebalance periodically. Asset classes perform differently during the year. In order to maintain your desired asset allocation and manage your investment risk, rebalance your portfolio periodically.

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OBITUARIES

Suzanne M. Gemmell Korizis, 46

August 7, 1972 - December 5, 2018

CHURCHVILLE, PA — Suzanne M. Gemmell Korizis, 46, of Churchville, Pa., passed away peacefully on Wednesday December 5, 2018, with her loving family by her side. She was born on August 7, 1972 in Lawrence, to the late Dr. Joseph "Bill" Gemmell and Anne Rees Gemmell. Suzanne graduated from Andover High School in 1991, Boston University in 1995, and Northeastern University in 1997 with her master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. She married James M. Korizis on May 15, 1999, in Nashua, New Hampshire.



Suzanne's passion for assisting children with special needs began at an early age when she volunteered at West Elementary School. She continued with this mission throughout her life. Family and friends were always very important to Suzanne, and especially after her father's passing in 1990. Those who knew Suzanne understood how she had the ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

In August 2000, Suzanne welcomed her stepfather Peter H. Schwind to the family.

She is survived by her beloved husband, James "Jim" Korizis; children, Eleni and Michael; her mother, Anne Rees Gemmell Schwind, stepfather, Peter H. Schwind; her siblings, Joseph Gemmell and wife, Jean; Kathleen Travers and husband, Joseph; Margaret Major and husband, Brian; Stephen Gemmell and wife, Deanna; John P. Gemmell; her brother-in-law, George Korizis and wife, Karen; her step-siblings; Carl Schwind;

Suzanne Sarles and husband, Richard; David Schwind and wife, Miriam; and her several cousins, nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to calling hours at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, December 14. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 15 at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in remembrance of Suzanne Korizis to either Cancer Research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065 or St. Vincent DePaul Church, 654 Hathboro Road, Warminster, Pennsylvania, 18974. For online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



Jean (Chandler) Halloran, 90

June 22, 1928 - November 19, 2018

ANDOVER — Jean (Chandler) Halloran, 90, of Andover, formerly of Falmouth, Mass., Venice, Fla. and Guilford, Conn., on November 19.

Born in Northampton on June 22 1928, Jean was the beloved wife of the late Joseph D Halloran. She is survived by her children, Rosemary Halloran and her husband Alan Harris of Andover, Joan Entwistle of Concord, Tim Halloran and his wife Mary of Golden Colorado, Peter Halloran of Voluntown CT, and Denis Halloran of Florida. Jean also leaves seven grandchildren, whom she cherished, Meghan, Joseph, Juniper, and Marylea Halloran, Rachel and Christopher Harris, and Julie Anne Entwistle. She is also survived by three of her six siblings, Robert Chandler of Beloit WI, Gladys Powers of Florence, Mass., and Dick Chandler of Waleska, Ga., as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Joseph C Halloran, her brother, George, sisters, Eleanor, and Betty and her second husband, Leonard Hubbard.



pendent woman. She loved deeply and spoke her mind. Always curious and caring, she was a teacher, a wordsmith, a gardener, a volunteer, and a proud graduate of Smith College. Donations in her memory may be made to The Smith Fund, 33 Elm St Northampton MA 01063 or Andover Coalition for Education, ACE/ECCF P.O. Box 1521 Andover MA 01810. For online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



ARRANGEMENTS: A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's Church, 196 Main St North Andover, on Saturday, December 15 at 11:30. Jean was a strong, inde-

Sandra Pruneau Long, 75

June 7, 1943 - December 2, 2018

SARASOTA, FL — Sandra Long was born Sandra Lee Wheeler in Dunbarton, New Hampshire in 1943. She graduated from Concord High School in 1961. She was a proud resident of Sarasota, Fla. for over twenty-five years. Sandra and her husband of twenty-two years, Larry Long, traveled extensively, visiting over forty countries. Sandra was involved with many charities, including the American Cancer Society, and was a patron of The Sarasota Orchestra.



Prior to moving to Sarasota, Sandra lived in Andover, Massachusetts. She became President and Owner of Marketing Communications, Inc. in 1975, and eventually sold the firm in 1995. She was a pioneer in her field and a mentor for women. During her career, she received Achievement Awards from the Society for Technical Communication in 1980, 1982 and 1984. She received numerous Creative Honors awards, photographic awards, was a member of the Art Directors Club, and was selected for a list of Who's Who of American Women. She was a member of the Northeast Advertising Club and Advertising Club

of Greater Boston. She was a member of the Andona Society. She was also a major fundraiser for the Lawrence Eagle Tribune's annual Christmas Drive, partnering with Backstreet Restaurant to raise money for gifts for children in need. She and her former husband, Richard Pruneau, raised their daughter Renee in Andover.

Sandra is survived by her husband Larry Long, her daughter and son-in-law Renee and James Novakoff, and her grandchildren, Valerie and Andrew.

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.

Mrs. Patricia A. (Thalheimer) King, 85 Years

November 17, 1933 - December 3, 2018

Beloved Mother & Grandmother

ANDOVER — Patricia A. King, 85, longtime resident of Andover, died at High Pointe House hospice in Haverhill on December 3, 2018.

Born in Arlington in 1933, she was daughter of the late Basil and Martha (Frick) Thalheimer. She grew up in Medford, earning a bachelor's degree from Regis College in 1955. She taught junior high English and history in Medford before starting a family in 1957. From 1974 to 1997, she was a Title 1 tutor at Saint Augustine School in Andover. In retirement, she served as an ESOL tutor and enjoyed accompanying her daughter's school chorus on the piano. She was also a faithful member of her book club and weekly prayer group.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Philip Giguere of Andover, Juli and Robert Simmons of Haverhill, and Maura and Mark Scully of Walpole; grandchildren, Danielle Giguere Bangs and her husband, Stuart, of Weymouth; Philip and Victoria Giguere of Andover; and John and Anna Scully of Walpole; and one great-grandchild, Paul Robert



Mrs. Patricia A. King

Bangs of Weymouth. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 53 years, Robert T. King.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours were held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home 390 North Main Street, Andover. A mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 10, at St. Augustine in Andover, with interment following at Spring Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Augustine Parish, 43 Essex Street, Andover, MA, 01810.

Pauline V. Valavanis, 98

December 10, 2018

ANDOVER, MA — Pauline V. Valavanis of Andover and formerly of Belmont, passed away on Dec. 10, 2018, at 98. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late John and Virginia Koulouris. Predeceased by her brother Nicholas and sisters Mary (Thomopoulos), Olga (Koulouris) and Jane (Leigh). Loving wife of the late Emmanuel Valavanis. Cherished by her daughter Patricia V. Smith, son-in-law Mark A. Smith and grandsons, Jason and Dean Smith, all of Andover. She was a WWII "Rosie" at Bendix Aviation in Norwood. Former employee of Jordan Marsh/Macy's payroll department. Pauline led a full and vibrant life, filled with love for her immediate family and many relatives, dear friends, her beloved church, cats and all animals, travel and Boston sports teams, especially the Red Sox. Her smile and enthusiasm brightened the day of whomever she met.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and



friends may call on Dec. 13, 4 to 7 p.m., at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Funeral will be on Dec. 14, 11 a.m., at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 514 Parker Street, Boston. Graveside service 1 pm, West Parish Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cathedral's Philoptochos chapter, 162 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY JESSICA VALERIANI

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

A hit and run was reported on Osgood Street at 1:55 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

A male was reportedly banging on a woman's car after she backed up and a small child ran behind her car on River Road at about 8 a.m.

A hit and run was reported on the Phillips Academy campus at 1:55 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

A post office vehicle was hit when a car drove through the fence of a Lowell Street home at 2:04 p.m.

A male reportedly confronted a woman over a parking spot on Essex Street at 9:35 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

A male dressed in all black clothes was reportedly walking around behind an abandoned home on River Road at 10:28 p.m. Police checked the area but it was clear.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

A High Plain Road resident reported suspicious activity with their bank account at 10:37 a.m.

Yordali Yorro-Martinez, 21, of 479 South Broadway, Lawrence, was arrested on

Union Street at 1:20 p.m. for the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to wear a seat belt.

A man was reportedly acting out of control on Buxton Court at 9:18 p.m.

James B. Sousa, 44, of 395 Methuen St., Dracut, was arrested on River Road at 9:49 p.m. for operating under the influence of alcohol, a red light violation, and the reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

Around 10 p.m., a Basswood Lane woman reported her son had received multiple inappropriate texts from an unknown party.

Tools were reportedly stolen from a Ballardvale Road property overnight.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

An officer was requested to remove a customer from a hotel on Old River Road at 7:18 a.m. after he was reportedly harassing and taking videos and photos of a staff member.

A wire was reportedly down in the roadway of Marie Drive at 1:02 p.m. Verizon came and fixed the wire.

A caller reported she locked her one-year-old child in a car on Washington Park Drive at 3:10 p.m. Elm Street Auto unlocked the doors.

A driver reported she hit a deer on River Road at 6:24 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Chair Alex Vispoli running for re-election

By JESSICA VALERIANI
jvaleriani@andovertownsmen.com

Board of Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli has taken out nomination papers for re-election.

Two seats on the board will be opening up, as Vispoli and Selectmen Paul Salafia's three-year terms are coming to an end.



Alex Vispoli

Vispoli has been a member of the board since 2004, currently serving as chairman. He lives in Andover with his wife Ann and four children: Colleen, Alexander, Christine and Kevin.

"I would like to continue to serve the community for another term, to continue the momentum and initiatives that I have started in town," he said. "I have the commitment and the energy to serve."

Vispoli said he has a demonstrated record and a strong focus on the taxpayers in Andover. He said he is fixated on holding down the rate of increase in property taxes. In the past four fiscal years, Vispoli has driven the decision of not taxing to the allowable limit, saving the taxpayers over \$2.4 million overall.

He has also initiated advancements in technology, driving the implementation of new technologies where residents can pay for bills and conduct other town business online.

"It's important to be able to deliver these services and make it easier for the

community," he said.

Vispoli hopes to increase community involvement and input. He is proud of his initiation of a zoning bylaw study committee that will look at current and future zoning proposals and allow residents to weigh in on zoning before items get presented to Town Meeting. Vispoli said a continuation with the progress of the Historic Mill District will also increase community involvement.

"The more input we can get from folks, the better," he said.

In his work for the senior community, Vispoli said he supports the plans for the renovations to the senior center, adding that it is way overdue and much needed for the seniors in town. He also supports the senior tax exemption, which gives them a break on property taxes. For the youth community, the continuation of the successful playground replacement program is important to

Vispoli. As far as economic development, Vispoli initiated the creation of the Economic Development Council, which he says is an important group to nurture and support the business community, especially in the wake of the Sept. 13 gas disasters that put many out of business for several weeks.

"The town has made a lot of steps around being more responsive to the residents and I think that, coupled with a focus on the taxpayer and making sure there is value delivered to the taxes, is key," he said. Elections will be held in March.

Students sought as senior shoveling volunteers

STAFF REPORT

Andover Elder Services is seeking school-age children and their families to adopt a senior in their neighborhood for snow shoveling the pathways at the senior's home. Because families often live far apart, many seniors do not have children or grandchildren who can shovel their pathways. To bring back the neighborly feel of helping those in need, this program is designed to help individuals obtain basic snow removal for pathways only.

Families who sign up will be matched with families in the neighborhood to shovel pathways - to the front/back door and possibly to a furnace vent - for identified seniors in need. Middle school and high school students will earn community service time from

Andover Elder Services. Snow removal might not mean immediate shoveling, but volunteers should let their assigned seniors know when pathways will be shoveled.

Identified seniors are asked to have a plow service in place. When necessary, Andover Elder Services can help get sand/salt brought to seniors' homes.

Oversight of this program is funded by a grant from Andover Home for the Aged. To sustain the program, a suggested donation to Andover Elder Services by participating seniors should be made payable to the Town of Andover and sent to the Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover, Ma 01810.

Interested volunteers should contact Andover Elder Services at 978-623-8320 or ESnowRemoval@andoverma.gov

ON CAMPUS

Azita Bakhtyari of Andover has been chosen to compete in the New England Women's Volleyball Association Senior Classic All-Star Game Sunday, Dec. 2 at Eastern Nazarene. Bakhtyari, a 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-American and three-time All-District selection, as well as a three-time Academic All-NEWMACHonoree, completed her career with an All-NEWMAC second team nod. The mechanical engineering major eclipsed 2,000 assists in the regular season meeting at Wellesley and finished with 2,506 to go with 950 digs and 115 service aces in 113 matches. As a junior, Bakhtyari amassed career-bests of 876 helpers, 297 digs and 38 aces, including 59 assists at Keene State, 24 digs at Worcester State and five aces versus Gordon.

Duncan Davies of Andover has been selected to serve on the executive board of WHCL radio for the spring 2019 semester. Davies will serve as an assistant music director. WHCL is a non-profit, student-run FM station that operates seven days a week, 24-hours-a-day when school is in session. The station offers music, sports, and public affairs programming and is housed in the Sadove Student

Center on Hamilton's campus. One out of every eight students works for WHCL, making it one of Hamilton's largest student organizations. Most of the station's staff consists of DJs who work a three-hour shift once each week. Davies, a sophomore, is a graduate of Brooks School in North Andover.

Anniversary Remembrance

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December 8, 2015



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Opinion

'We Buy It Local'

Returning to a favorite bar or restaurant for the first time in a few months is, in some ways, like coming back to a family member's home. The familiar food and faces are comforting, along with voices you've known for years and the smells of some of your favorite dishes coming from the kitchen. Your body just seems to relax as you settle into a well worn spot.

Those sorts of reunions have been happening throughout Lawrence, Andover and North Andover these past few weeks, as people come home to favorite places that were closed — in some cases, for months — in the aftermath of the Sept. 13 gas disaster. Maybe they were returning for a couple of drinks at Palmer's, or to nibble on the smoked salmon appetizer at Elm Square Oyster Co. in Andover. Maybe they squeezed into a spot at Perry's Plate at the other end of Main Street in Andover for a cup of coffee and breakfast.

Or maybe it was a return to the familiar at a place that wasn't closed, at least for long, but took a while to shake off the disaster's effects. Businesses like Jacqueline's Grocery on Salem Street in Lawrence may have stayed open, but their signature food wasn't available. Fans of the fried chicken had to endure its absence.

Just as they did for homes and apartments that lost heat, hot water and natural gas after the disaster, Columbia Gas and its insurers took steps to assure the survival of businesses and their workers. They did so with loan programs, business centers and cash payments, as the gas crews, plumbers, electricians and other contractors worked to repair the infrastructure. The process of reopening was arduous and frustrating in many cases, testing nerves and patience if not the depths of a business owner's savings.

But now that these familiar places are back, the long-term future is another matter. Insurance claims won't cover that. Instead they need the patronage of regular customers. That's where the people of the Merrimack Valley, and the regions just beyond, come in.

At the Lawrence Partnership's fifth annual meeting last week, Executive Director Derek Mitchell described a new program to steer business to more than 600 establishments that were affected by the gas disaster. Called "We Buy It Local," the campaign is basically a marketing effort to encourage people to spend money at those businesses, and to buy gift cards from those businesses as part of their holiday shopping.

This is not charity. It's not a mission to urge people to chip in a few dollars to keep their favorite places going. Instead it's meant to remind us all of the places we might have forgotten in this long autumn in the Merrimack Valley. It's to reacquaint us with those businesses, and maybe build some new connections with new customers.

There's much to be thankful for in this vibrant region north of Boston, including a diversity of restaurants, bars, groceries and other local establishments. Over the long term, these places only survive with the support of regular customers.

The "We Buy It Local" campaign is simple enough. To see a list of businesses affected by the gas disaster, visit www.eagletribune.com/we_buy_it_local. Many of the business included sell gift cards, and some process transactions online. In other cases, you'll have to actually darken their doorstep and do your business in person to support them.

The online list is a good reference for casual customers to make sure they're doing routine shopping and dining in places that can use their patronage the most. It's especially useful during the holiday shopping season, if you want to make purchases with an extra layer of meaning for the local economy.

In the days following the gas disaster, John Farrington, who owns Carleen's Coffee Shoppe on South Broadway in Lawrence, spoke with a reporter and expressed his fear that customers would drift away. People change habits, he noted, and find other places to grab a quick bite to eat.

"It takes a long time to build up a clientele," he said. And the progress built over years of steady, consistent business can evaporate quickly.

The people of the Merrimack Valley aren't responsible for making the John Farringtons of the world whole for the time they lost to the Sept. 13 disaster; that's on Columbia Gas. But those of us in the Valley, southern New Hampshire and the North Shore certainly can do our share to ensure his and other businesses have the clientele needed to thrive over the long term.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

The plastic bag law goes into effect next month. Under the law, many stores will no longer be able to put groceries or other items in non-reusable plastic bags. **Are you ready for the change?**

Yes. I already have canvas (or some other hardy material) bags I use at the grocery store.

No. This is going to be a nuisance, plus I reuse plastic bags all the time anyway.

Last week's question:

A legal battle is being waged about whether methadone treatments should be allowed for jail inmates (see editorial, above.) **Do you think it should be allowed?**

Yes. Addiction doesn't end just because there are bars on the windows. Addicts need all the help they can get. **46 votes.**

No. The methadone will end up getting into the wrong hands inside the jail, creating more problems. **12 votes**

St. Francis Seminary: The faith behind the lights

by Gail Ralston

Andover Center for History & Culture

Some readers may be fortunate enough to remember the glorious lights and decorations at the old St. Francis Seminary on River Road. The Seminary was a high school for boys interested in the priesthood, and the brothers began their Christmas tradition before 1934 with single candles in the window as a sign of unity.

Noting the thousands who visited the Seminary in just one year at Christmas time, it may be said this indeed brought folks together.

In 1998, Fr. John Bavaro, then director and superior at the Franciscan Center, shared his memories of the hard work undertaken by the Brothers while he himself was a Seminary student. He told how all the bulbs from the previous year had to be cleaned... one by one. Students would dip the lights in a solvent to remove the previous year's paint and grime and then dip them all again in different colored dyes. The bulbs were then tested to make sure all were in working order.

"It was an assembly line, but it was a fun thing," Fr. Bavaro related. "Most of the kids would be involved in either cleaning or painting bulbs and the seniors would be outside the windows



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Thousands of lights were used to decorate the St. Francis Seminary on River Road.

hanging the bulbs."

This process, begun three months leading up to the display, was shared by the Fathers and Cleric Theologians of the Seminary during their personal extracurricular time. At its height the count of bulbs hovered around 200,000 individual lights.

While groups worked on the bulbs, others worked in the Seminary chapel to erect a Christmas manger in a faithful reproduction of Bethlehem and the Nativity.

This work, the Brothers would tell you, was in accordance with the spirit of their founder, St. Francis, and a tradition that began in the year 1223.

On that Christmas night, in the little Italian town of Greccio, the Little Poor Man of Assisi recreated the scene of the very first Christmas tree using live animals and — for the people — the shepherds of the surrounding countryside.

One account described the hope of the Brothers' efforts in recreating this scene:

"The visitor may stand before the crib in the decorated chapel and see before him, in miniature, the peacefully sleeping hills of Judea and the stable of Bethlehem, scene of the miracle of the Incarnation. A small waterfall comes tumbling down to turn a miniature water wheel, adding an enchanting air of reality to the effect."

Outside, the thousands of bulbs were hung on the European lindens which ran along either side of the Seminary buildings. Shrubbery was adorned with streamers of lights. Each porch glowed with trees sprayed in white or blue, along with green, red, and blue bulbs.

For the Brothers, all of the lights led to the focus of the display — an illuminated cross and two brilliant stars atop the building, "announcing the Christmas message of

the Prince of Peace."

An amplifying system broadcast renditions by organ and chimes of many time-hallowed Christmas carols and hymns.

The lights shone from dusk well into the night. On Christmas and New Year's Eve, the display was lit until the early morning, as a solemn Mid-night Mass was celebrated.

In 1930, the Secular Franciscans had come to the Seminary site hoping "to avoid succumbing to worldly values and to be a forceful presence for a just and better world." Visitors to their Christmas display surely saw this faith in the fruits of their labor.

Although the lights regrettably ended in the mid-1960s, the story of the faith of the Franciscan Brothers lives on and is passed down in the memories of many who witnessed the lights of the Seminary — illuminating the True Meaning of Christmas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where's the story about the station?

Editor, Townsman:

I'm wondering what's going on with the Andover Townsman. There was a Special Town Meeting and before and after the meeting there wasn't one word about it in the online version of the paper. This would not have happened in the past. It seems whenever something was happening in town we could read about it in the Townsman but I guess that's not the case anymore.

WILLIAM WESTAWAY
2 Larchmont Circle
Andover

Editor's note: While advance stories about the Ballardvale station were published in the newspaper and online, the story about the Nov. 27 Town Meeting vote did not appear online, although it did appear in the newspaper. The Townsman regrets the omission. The full story can now be seen at: www.andovertownsmen.com.

While Andover's property tax bills increase, North Andover's drop

Editor, Townsman:

Well, just days after our Selectmen pushed through another property tax increase last week (on top of the recent \$500 increase they hit us with), this latest increase hitting us in the figurative dark of night last week with many residents still out of town from the Thanksgiving holiday and large numbers of residents still reeling from effectively being homeless as a result of the gas explosions just weeks earlier, North Andover announced that their average tax bill in 2019 will be DECREASING by \$350. With all the property tax increases our Selectmen have pushed on us these last few years, the average annual property

tax bill in Andover is now \$3,000 MORE than the average tax bill in North Andover. Hmhmhm.

Now, putting the two towns side by side, North Andover's population is about the same as Andover's, North Andover's homes are just as nice as Andover's, their town's setting is bucolic and beautiful, their roads are just as well maintained, their streets are just as safe, their town facilities and school buildings are in great shape, and their schools are just as good if not better than Andover's given that Andover High has continued its precipitous drop in state high school rankings to where it is now not even on the list of the top 100 high schools in Massachusetts according to the most recent ranking of Massachusetts high schools.

So why are we paying \$3,000 more per year in our property taxes than our neighbors in the town next door that's a mirror image of our town in all respects, except that they spend a lot less in property taxes than we do to get exactly the same level and quality of municipal and school services as we do? The answer is that their Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have been better stewards of town spending and getting much more bang for the taxpayer-provided buck than our town officials, elected and appointed, have been.

The lack of care that our town officials have for the property tax impact of their big spending ways is reflected in their entitlement attitude toward the hard-earned money in our wallets and purses. All you need to do is listen to how the Selectmen and Finance Committee always allow the Town Manager to stick the town's hands in our pockets for the maximum amounts that Proposition 2-1/2 allows

them to raise taxes every year without needing a special vote and then pile on top of that big ticket capital spending items that increase property taxes even more, as if they are entitled to stick their hands in our pockets for an extra \$500 more every year, year in and year out. Wait until you see how much they want to raise taxes, yet again, at upcoming Annual Town Meeting. You better have smelling salts nearby when you hear how much they want to raise taxes this spring.

So with the upcoming town election in March, here's a suggestion: Let's ask EVERY candidate for Selectman and School Committee to sign a "No Property Tax Increase" pledge as part of their candidacy. If they are unwilling to take the pledge, that they will commit to getting more bang for the huge number of bucks they already have to work with at current property tax levels and not reach into our pockets for even more of our money, then it's a clear indication that unlike town officials in North Andover, Andover candidates for elected office are really saying they are more beholden to special interest groups who financially benefit from constantly increasing Andover property taxes than these candidates care about the already excessively overtaxed Andover homeowner.

BOB POKRESS
3 Cherrywood Circle
Andover

Perspective: The flu costs more than gun violence

Editor, Townsman:

Perspective folks — Perspective!

Everyone talks about guns and violence. Let's put that conversation into perspective. Not as noisy and spectacular,

but proper perspective, nonetheless.

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Disease prevention: We concern ourselves with peanut butter in schools, but do not require prevention shots to students for mumps, measles and pox. Polio — essentially 100 percent preventable — preventive care not required. Just perspective folks.

A bigger problem, the global problem is turning out 18-year-old high school voters without adequate training and knowledge of government/civics. Minimal understanding of our country's history and the rule of law we occasionally mention. Democracy vs. a Republic — which do we have and what is the difference? That information is not necessarily something you learn automatically between 18 and 21, but you may start to understand it more after you start paying some bills. Again — perspective.

These may be the hallucinations of an old man, maybe, but they are my perspective!

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Originally designed wreaths for sale at the holiday shop during the Andover Garden Club's event Evergreens, Holly & Joy: A Tour of Andover Homes in Holiday Dress.

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The entryway to one of seven homes decorated and on display.



Kathy Lynch of Tewksbury admires a Christmas tree.



Guest enter a home during the Andover Garden Club's event.



Garden club member Marie Flynn fixes displays at the holiday shop.

A tour like no other

Holiday boutique and house tour draws dozens

Better Homes and Gardens would have been jealous. Seven residents of Andover, their homes bedecked in holiday splendor, opened their front doors to admiring members of the Andover Garden Club, and many others, over the weekend for "Evergreens, Holly and Joy: A Tour of Andover Homes in Holiday Dress."

The event was headquartered at the Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St., where a holiday boutique was held. Visitors to the church were then given a map so they could tour the homes that had been decorated. It was the first time in 13 years the event had been held.

The tour on Saturday was held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "This house tour brings together all our members in a joint effort of creativity and camaraderie," Tina Girdwood, president of the Andover Garden Club, said last week. "It's a wonderful opportunity to express the holiday spirit in floral designs that reflect the individual homes."



Michel LiRette of Andover looks at an array of nutcrackers and figurines in a decorated children's room.



Handmade ornaments for sale at the holiday shop during the event.



Lucy Bill and Janet Constantine enjoy the library of a home during the event.



RuthAnn McDougall and Arianna Anajarian, 11, both of Andover, discuss a holiday decorated dining table.



Terri D'Ambrosio, Susan Johnston and Sue Siegal look at a garden creation.



Michelle D'Agostino of Amesbury takes a photo of a holiday decorated dining table.



Kaellen Damour of Peabody takes photos during the Andover Garden Club's event.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

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.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

GIFT BASKET GALA, 4-6:30 p.m., Bridges By EPOCH, 254 Lowell St., includes raffle drawings for gift baskets donated by local businesses and individuals with 100 percent of proceeds going to Andover Senior Center's fund to aid neighbors affected by the September gas explosions and fires. Call Pete or Kim to RSVP at 978-775-1070, or pbruce@bridgesbypoch.com, koconnell@bridgesbypoch.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

FREE FAMILY MOVIES, Faith

Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover, 6:45 p.m., On Golden Pond, for adults; The Star, for children, an American computer-animated Christian comedy based on the Nativity of Jesus.

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.

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING: Chic Consignment, 44 Main St., hosts local businesses and artisans into the shop to promote and sell their goods and services this holiday shopping season. Today is a mini emporium of fashionable and trendy kid's clothing and Swarovski crystal-embellished sneakers for children and adults; May Doherty, owner, 978-474-1755.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION, 3-5 p.m., Harvill Parker State Forest pavilion. A ranger will discuss what causes the winter solstice, and what it means for humans. Hot chocolate will be served as sunset is celebrated at sunset at exactly 4:15 p.m. Dress warmly and wear hiking footwear; bring water. A short hike will be taken prior to the solstice sunset ritual. Bring snowshoes/skis as appropriate.

JANUARY 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 Mandel and Abelardo Morell, who served as the

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MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo
Former Selectman Brian Major leads the sing-along during the tree-lighting.

Richard J. Bowen, 91, who was Andover town manager from 1964 to 1969, attends the tree-lighting -- an event he founded -- on Sunday evening at the BallardVale Green in Andover.

Sue McLellan helps her sons Liam, 6, and Emmet, 4, prepare their hot chocolate during the tree-lighting.

Dozens gather for annual Ballardvale tree lighting

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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ANDOVER — The Ballardvale Green was illuminated Sunday night for the holiday season at the 15th annual Ballardvale tree lighting.

Former town manager and long-time Ballardvale resident Richard Bowen, who founded the event, was the master of ceremonies. He was accompanied by former Selectman Brian Major who lead the crowd in song.

Dozens of people gathered around the 20-foot tree, bundled in winter jackets, hats, scarves and gloves. Despite the frigid temperatures and the week-long postponement from last Sunday due to weather conditions, Bowen said the turnout was good.

"It wouldn't be Ballardvale without the tree-lighting," said Bowen, adding that the event has become a tradition in the area. For Bowen, his favorite part of the event is when the lights are turned on following a countdown from five, which the children eagerly join in on.

"Ballardvale Green is a pretty dark place,

and it's so dark in some respects that when the lights on the tree turn on, the only word I can really use to express it is 'wow,'" he said.

Bowen said the tree is special to the occasion, as it was planted in town nearly 20 years ago and taken care of since then. In some respects, he said it is the only real Christmas tree in town.

Bowen said the green is important to the history of the town, although it didn't blossom until about 50 years ago. During that 50-year period, he said he acted as the overseer for the area.

"It's a community landmark," he said. "It's just a nice place, well kept. The town takes good care of it."

The night also included cookies and hot chocolate, as well as candles for people to help illuminate the night sky. Major led the crowd in singing Christmas carols, and Bowen joined in to sing the only Christmas song he admits to knowing: "We Three Kings."

"It's my favorite," he said. "And I really don't have a bad voice."



Jeana Caterino and her daughter Angelina, 9, enjoy the tree-lighting together Sunday evening.



Eight-year-old Elizabeth Yates, left, and her sister Julianne, 7, put marshmallows in their hot chocolate during the tree-lighting.

Holiday shows feature local, talented dancers

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Many young, talented dancers from town have danced in local productions of "The Nutcracker" and "It's a Wonderful Life" this holiday season.

Emily Ren Jackson of Andover, a senior at Phillips Academy, brought her years of dance experience to the coveted role of Clara at the recent Nutcracker performance at Phillips Academy.

The former Andover student who attended Bancroft and Doherty Middle schools, studied at The Andover School of Ballet for six years and performed with their Dance Company for two years. She now dances for the Andover Dance Group at Phillips Academy and has filled many positions on the Dance Board as a leader.

She is this year's director, choreographer, and performer. She has made other contributions to the Dance & Theater Department at PA, including acting as Head of Footnotes (a tap-dancing group) for two years, Dance Lab Director as a junior, contributes to SLAM (Andover's Step Group), and has contributed to Grasshopper Night (student directed Talent Show for Family Weekend) as an Emcee host, dance performer, and director throughout her years at PA.

And, 13 local dancers from Andover performed in Northeast Youth Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."

Northeast Youth Ballet's show featured the talents of more than 160 dancers who auditioned from the greater Boston area, along with international guest artists hailing from Chile, Italy, Colombia and New

York. The production was recently held at the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts in Andover.

The 13 Andover performing residents are: Emi Bennett, Mirabelle Betts, Deena Droubi, Charlotte Griffin, Daphne Griffin, Daphne Hatzigiannis, Ethan Maszer, Talia Maszer, Laura Poling, Mercedes Sensinger, Penelope St. Germain, Sophia Taylor and Scarlett Haslam.

Meanwhile, another traditional and popular show, "It's a Wonderful Life," by the Greater Boston Stage Company, features another young, talented dancer from Andover.

Part of the group's Young Company, Fiona Simeqi, was on the main stage in *It's a Wonderful Life*. She is in fourth grade. The show runs through Dec. 23.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Box Office at Greater Boston Stage Company at

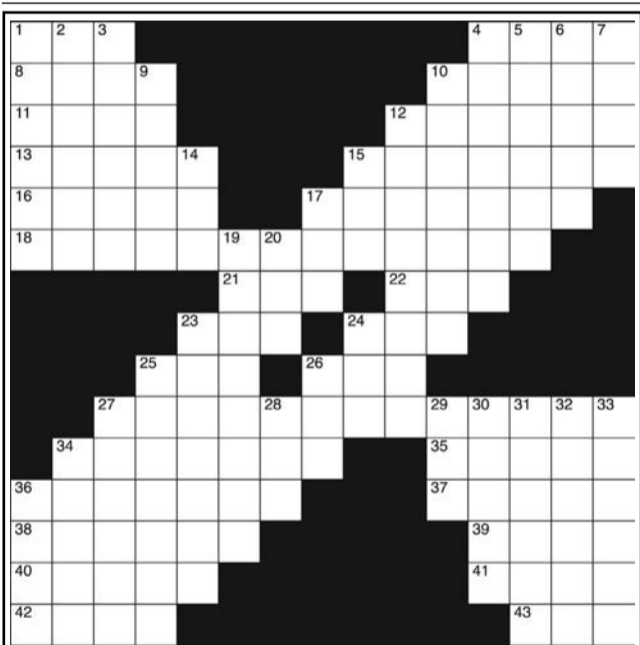


COURTESY PHOTOS

Fiona Simeqi of Andover will perform as a dancer in "It's a Wonderful Life," put on by the Greater Boston Stage Company. Simeqi, a fourth-grader, performs on the main stage.



Emily Ren Jackson of Andover as Clara at the Phillips Academy's Nutcracker production.



CLUES ACROSS

1. A great lunch
4. German composer
8. Expresses pleasure
10. Unit of energy
11. Genus of beetles
12. Type of respect
13. City in Netherlands
15. Showing lack of skill
16. Irish surname
17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
18. Diversion
21. Journalist Tarbell
22. Wrath
23. Current unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Blab
2. ___ Bacall, actress
3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
4. The most direct route
5. Affirm to be true or correct
6. Rift
7. Oil company
9. Alphanumeric character
10. Large marsh bird
12. Hollywood event
14. Scottish port
15. French river
17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
19. More in time

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24. Sixers' Simmons
25. Makes honey
26. Tributary of the Rhine
27. Once home to a notorious wall
34. Gets back
35. She was beheaded in France
36. Cheer
37. Tropical Asian palm
38. Darker
39. Figures
40. Old World trees
41. Protects a broken bone
42. Dried-up
43. An enclosure for swine
20. Payroll company
23. Pokes holes in
24. A way to steal
25. Blacken with dirt
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A lab tech's tool
28. A place to stay
29. UK school
30. Moroccan
31. Where rockers work
32. Most friendly
33. In a state of turbulence
34. "Bridget Jones" actress
36. Hebrew liquid units

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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.mvccameraclub.org.

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS (FA), Saturdays, 8 a.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Having trouble controlling the way you eat? FA is a program that addresses binge eating disorder, overeating, obesity, bulimia, undereating, and obsession with body size and exercise; the free meetings are held in the classroom building of the church; www.foodaddicts.org.

MERRIMACK TOASTMASTERS CLUB, second and fourth Thursday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Membership is open to individuals looking to improve their speaking, presentation and leadership skills, and to overcome their fear of public speaking; guests are always welcome; www.merrimack-toastmasters.org, email contact@merrimack-toastmasters.org.

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

BALLROOM DANCING, Sundays, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Relief's In Function Hall, 1 Market St., Lawrence, on the North Andover line. Come Alive After Five has been running this dance for singles and couples for more than 30 years; live bands are featured along with bar service and door prizes; \$13 admission fee includes dessert and coffee at 8:30 p.m.; 781-451-7872.

ANDOVER CHRONICLERS, see what's in store. Past shows

can be viewed on Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon Channel 47 Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 9 a.m.; Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; and Friday at 6:30 p.m. The show is produced by the Andover Chroniclers, an all volunteer group. For more information, call the Center at Pynchard at 978-623-8321. New members welcome. No prior experience needed. Email andvchron2@gmail.com for more information. Past shows may also be accessed at http://andovertv.org/sites/default/files/vid-eos/saa_20160801.mp4.

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, tcnenamanager@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.org, email 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 Wallying 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.

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.

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Make@MHL Tech Tuesdays on Tuesday, Dec. 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>.

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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Morelli resigns as YMCA head

By PAUL TENNANT
Staff writer

Gary Morelli, president and chief executive officer of the Merrimack Valley YMCA since 2015, has resigned from his position.

Morelli, who has been with the YMCA for 22 years, will leave his job at the end of the year to pursue other opportunities, according to Deborah Hope, chairwoman of the organization's board of directors.

This is the second time in less than two months that a high-ranking executive of the Merrimack Valley YMCA has departed. Daniel Halloran, executive director of the Y's Lawrence branch, abruptly resigned in October.

The two resignations are "not related at all," according to Frank Kenneally, chief operating officer of the Merrimack Valley YMCA. Morelli, he noted, has been involved with management of nonprofit groups for many years and decided it was time to make a change in his career.

Halloran, he pointed out, does not have a long history with the Y or other nonprofit groups and got to a point where he wanted to do something different. Halloran was employed by Northern Essex Community College for 21 years and worked at Middlesex Community College for two years before he accepted the job at the Lawrence Y.

There has not been any tension between the YMCA board of directors and Morelli or Halloran, Kenneally said.

Morelli said in a press release issued by the Merrimack Valley YMCA that he hopes to look into consulting opportunities and spend more time with his wife and family.

"Gary's contributions to the YMCA were significant and will be long-lasting," Hope said in that same press release.

As leader of the Merrimack Valley YMCA, Morelli led two expansion projects at the Andover/North Andover and Lawrence branches. The press release credited him with broadening the quality and quantity of programs, services and benefits offered to members.

The YMCA's annual operating budget increased from \$13 million to \$18 million during his tenure.

"After 41 years in the nonprofit field and the past 22 years serving the Merrimack Valley YMCA, I'm looking forward to pursuing consulting opportunities and spending more time with my wife and family," Morelli said. "I'm proud of the growth and accomplishments during my tenure, especially the opening of the renovated and expanded Andover/North Andover Y. It's been a privilege to serve our members as well as to work with so many dedicated staff and volunteers. I wish continued success for the Y in making healthier lives achievable for everyone and strengthening the communities of the Merrimack Valley."

Morelli earned a degree



File photo

Gary Morelli, president and CEO of the Merrimack Valley YMCA, speaks during the grand opening celebration for the Andover/North Andover YMCA expansion project. He resigned from the post last week.

in 2001 and in 2010 was appointed chief operating officer.

Morelli was promoted to his current post in 2015. He succeeded Stephen Ives, who left to lead the YMCA of Central Ohio.

Kenneally will lead the organization in the near term. A search committee formed by the YMCA board of directors will lead a national search for a new president and chief executive officer, Kenneally said.

The Merrimack Valley YMCA is headquartered at 360 Merrimack St. in Lawrence. The organization operates the Andover/North Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street in Andover as well as the Lawrence and Methuen YMCAs. Other facilities, in New Hampshire, include Camp Lawrence and Camp Nokomis on Lake Winnepesaukee and Day Camp Otter in Salem.

in recreation administration. Girls Club in Salem, New Hampshire.

He joined the Merrimack Valley YMCA in 1997 as the executive director of the Andover/North branch. He became vice president of the Merrimack Valley YMCA



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

The scene of a fatal accident on I-495 northbound near exit 41 that involved a wrong-way driver. Two people were killed.

Two dead, several injured in accident last week on 495

STAFF REPORT

Two people were killed when a wrong-way driver collided with multiple vehicles on Interstate 495 on the Andover-Lawrence line last Wednesday.

State police last Thursday identified the two victims as Jyllian McGonagle, 38, of Lawrence and Nelson Rivera, 56, of Lawrence, both killed at the scene of the accident that occurred around noon in the northbound lane of Interstate 495 between exits 41 and 42.

McGonagle was the driver of a Kia that was traveling southbound on I-495 and crossed through the median into the northbound lanes, striking a Honda Pilot head-on, as well as two other cars, police said.

Rivera was a passenger in the Honda. The driver of the Honda, a woman from Lawrence, was seriously injured and has not been identified.

Two women from Andover were taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. They also have not been identified.

Police are continuing to investigate what led McGonagle to cross the median and drive the wrong way in the northbound lane of the highway.

At 11:52 a.m., state police troopers from Andover

responded to reports of a head-on crash just south of Exit 42A in Lawrence.

Shortly after, two vehicles at the scene were covered with tarps. A medical helicopter originally was set to land on the highway, but instead was detoured to Lawrence General Hospital.

After the 2016 Kia Sportage traveled through the median into the northbound lanes, it sideswiped a 2004 Ford F350 driven by a 59-year-old man from Dra- cut, who was not injured, state police said.

The Kia then continued and struck a 2003 Honda Pilot head-on, killing Rivera and injuring the driver.

The Kia then struck a 2016 Toyota RAV4 driven by a 58-year-old woman, with a 27-year-old female passenger, both from Andover, according to state police.

They were both transported to Lawrence General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, state police said.

During the incident, I-495 northbound was closed. Traffic was diverted off initially at Exit 41, then later changed to Exit 40, I-93, and detoured up to Route 213 and back onto I-495, causing significant traffic backup on both I-495 and I-93.

All lanes opened three hours later at around 3 p.m.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Traffic on I-93 North, seen here from High Plain Road in Andover, slows to a crawl near the on-ramp for I-495 North after a double-fatal accident shut down I-495 last Wednesday afternoon.

Temporary trailers hauled out of Andover

STAFF REPORT

The recreational vehicle parks provided temporary housing for gas disaster victims in Andover and North Andover have been mostly disassembled.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said he expected demobilization of the site at Recreation Park, near Poms Pond, to take place throughout last week.

As of last weekend, none of the 34 trailers at Recreation Road in Andover were occupied.

"I felt they served a very important purpose when most people were in need," he said. "I felt it was important to provide options that would keep families in Andover, and the trailers provided that option."

North Andover Town Manager Andrew Maylor agreed.

"From my perspective, the travel trailers were a really great idea," he said. "They helped at a point in time and addressed some of the needs, specifically of families. But as we've learned, travel trailers weren't intended to be permanent housing, or quite frankly as robust or reliable as

hotel rooms because of the weather."

Maylor said the town made a promise to the neighborhood near Grogan's Field that the trailers would be removed in a reasonable time, and must now think about assessing the field so kids can still utilize it as an athletic field come spring.

"Most families have returned home. The ones that aren't certainly have the opportunity to seek temporary housing, it's just not going to be a trailer," said Maylor.

The travel trailers were brought to the Merrimack Valley in mid-October after thousands of local residents were left without natural gas for heat and cooking a month earlier. Work was begun to remove trailers from all five sites across Lawrence, Andover and North Andover last week.

Columbia Gas, the utility provider, is hoping to have gas restored to everyone affected by Dec. 16.

According to the most recent daily briefing from Columbia Gas to Lawrence, Andover and North Andover, most of the affected meters have been brought back online.



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Townspeople



Andover High School juniors Hannah Finn, left, and Karina Calhoun, along with senior Paige Long (missing from photo) were honored for providing warmth and care for 152 of their classmates affected by September's gas explosions by creating no-sew fleece blankets for them.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Lawrence police officer Ivan Soto and his wife Veronica, left, are greeted by Jim and Christine Adams at the Service Club of Andover Night of Giving ceremony. Jim is co-president of the Service Club of Andover. Soto was honored at the event.

Service Club makes a difference

STAFF REPORT

This year the Service Club of Andover provided some assistance to Lawrence police Officer Ivan Soto and his wife Veronica because of their hardship during the gas disaster. They were special guests at the Night of Giving.

Officer Soto became known during the gas disaster when he stayed on duty to help others even after his home exploded and burned during the gas disaster.

The Service Club of Andover hosted a Night of Giving on Dec. 4 at the Andover Inn on the campus of Phillips Academy. The club makes a difference in the community by enriching the lives of youth and individuals with special needs.

While the club sponsors a variety of activities aligned with their mission, The Service Club's principle programs are the High School Mentoring Program, and the Adult Special Needs Program. Both of these programs seek to help individuals achieve their full potential and fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet.



Kate Rozzi, vice president of development who oversees fundraising efforts of the Merrimack Valley YMCA, receives her gift.



Jim Adams, left, and Pete Paglia, co-presidents of the Service Club of Andover, present Kellie Martin with her gift. Kellie along with her husband Paul spearhead the Special Field Games.



Pete Paglia, co-president of the Service Club of Andover, presents Dr. Philip D'Agati, Grand Knight for Council 1078 of Andover, with a gift. The Knights work with the Service Club during the Special Field Games. The games are for people with mental and physical disabilities.



Jim Adams, left, and Pete Paglia, co-presidents of the Service Club of Andover, honored Bernadette Lionetta for her dedication to My Own Voice, a music program for children and young adults with special needs.



Andover High School senior Jessica Shay, right, and her sister Colleen, a sophomore, were honored for coordinating the Happy Feet Dance Classes. The classes allow special needs students to express themselves through dance. Jessica has been involved with Happy Feet for four years.



Pete Paglia, co-president of the Service Club of Andover, presents Maureen Hnat of Creative Living with her gift. She was recognized for her work toward bettering the lives of special needs adults both personally and professionally.

All Those Years Ago

By Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History & Culture

100 Years Ago—Dec. 13, 1918

One hurried glance at coat lapels or blouses the week of Dec. 16-23 will tell a story about the ideals of the Andover men and women. If the 1010-membership button is being worn, the glance will register a flattering impression. This button is to be given to everyone who pays the one dollar membership dues but the dollar is the least significant thing about this transaction. What the American Red Cross wants this Christmas is to have the world see that the American people are behind the Red Cross spirit. George H. Bushnell, night

watchman at the new plant of the Tyer Rubber Company, was removed to his home in South Lawrence Tuesday morning suffering from injuries received as the result of a fall down an elevator shaft. He was attended by a doctor who found his injuries serious. Many Andover persons will be glad to hear that West's Bakery has opened and that good homemade beans and brown bread may be had on Saturdays to say nothing of the delicious pies and cookies.

75 Years Ago—Dec. 30, 1943

A general wage increase in all town departments is expected, though not wholly approved, by the various town departments, which held a joint session on the matter Tuesday evening

in the town hall. While the boards generally agreed that a substantial increase in the tax rate should be avoided, they felt that if some departments are to receive increases, the others will expect them also, and that the problem may as well be handled on a town-wide basis. Local firemen, answering 14 separate alarms in three days over the Christmas weekend, were among those dreaming of a white-and-wet Christmas. Serious damage resulted from only one of the fires, but several grass fires would probably not have occurred with snow on the ground.

For the second time in two weeks, local police broke up a series of automobile thefts and brought the person responsible before the

bar. Last week, five local policemen apprehended two young men wanted for a series of automobile thefts near the post office, and this week Chief George A. Dane succeeded in having a paroled criminal brought to trial and ordered held for the grand jury.

50 Years Ago—Dec. 19, 1968

Construction of a public safety center appears to be possible within funds currently available. The building committee, meeting with the architect Monday night in Memorial Hall Library, pared the proposal down to an estimated total cost figure of \$507,000. A large dwelling at 28 Chestnut St. was leveled by a bulldozer and hauled away last week by the Lawrence Building and Wrecking Co.

The home and property formerly occupied by Dr. Harry C. East, is now owned by Joseph B. Doherty. A dwelling next to it was demolished some months ago.

The town is rapidly becoming aglow with the holiday spirit. Sunday, Christmas tree sale locations were doing a heavy volume of business as families picked up the traditional Yuletide symbol. As the days passed by early this week, the approach of Christmas was signaled by one home after another becoming illuminated with holiday lights and decorations.

25 Years Ago—Dec. 23, 1993

Children will play on its grassy lawn. Seniors will meet friends on its granite benches. Veterans will share stories with buddies.

The restoration of Elm Green will celebrate in "all we serve," said Richard Bowen, chairman of the town Patriotic Holiday Committee. (Elm Green is located at the intersection of Main and Elm streets.)

More than 5,000 runners signed up for the Feaster Five Road Race and 4,000 competed in the foot race through Andover streets in subfreezing temperatures Thanksgiving morning.

Backstreet Restaurant and Cactus Jack's Mexican Restaurant, both at 19 Essex St., will likely change hands after Christmas.

The Andover 350th Celebration Committee is sponsoring a contest for a logo design to be used during its year-long celebration, which will take place in 1996.



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photos

Seniors enjoy the Crystal Ballroom Holiday Ball on Sunday evening at the Old Town Hall in Andover. The event was presented by the Andover Senior Community FRIENDS.



Otto Swanson and Rose Connors dance together Sunday evening .

Having a (holiday) ball

Seniors hit the dance floor for annual event at Old Town Hall

STAFF REPORT

Ballroom dancing in downtown Andover continues to attract dancers around the holidays as about 80 amateur hoofers attended last Sunday's Holiday Ball hosted by the Friends of the Senior Center.

A dance lesson was included with the ticket and music was by DB's Orchestra. The band was clearly a hit as many couples hit the dance floor.

"It was just wonderful. Everyone enjoyed the event," said organizer Audrey Nason of Andover.

This year there was a surprise holiday gift for each woman. Nason said Northern Essex Register of Deeds M. Paul Iannuccillo of North Andover donated enough long-stem roses so that each



Peter and Leslie Kalafarski of North Andover dance together Sunday evening. In the background are Bob Murphy and Rita Meuse.

woman could have one.

"It was very nice of him," Nason said.

Decorations, meanwhile, were top shelf as a longtime winner of various decorating contests at Methuen's Festival of Trees handled

the job beautifully. Brenda Ashfin of Andover, who is Nason's daughter, has handled the ball's decorating job for years.

"Everything came together perfectly," Nason said.

Local man teaches physics with ukuleles

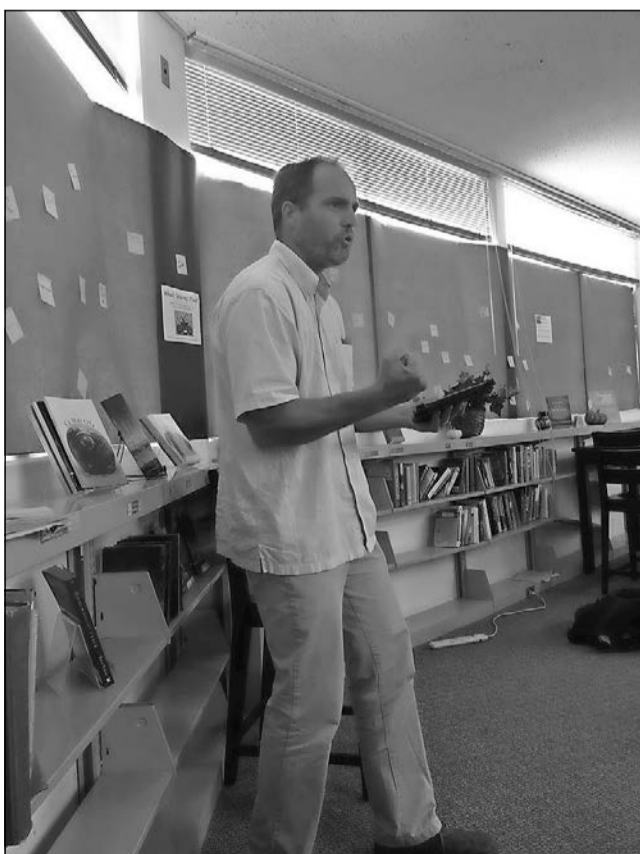
Instruments then used to help sick children with music therapy

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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A high school physics teacher in Hawaii, who grew up in Andover, is brightening the days of sick children stuck in hospitals around the country by giving them ukuleles hand-crafted by his students.

Physics students in Jamey Clarke's class at the Punahou School in Hawaii study a ukulele's sound production and then donate the instruments to a non-profit organization called Ukulele Kids Club. Studies show music therapy helps children in hospitals across the country. Clarke's class designed and made 30 ukuleles, with collaboration of several people and school departments, and the instruments were received by hospitalized children around the country earlier this year.

The ukulele has a strong Hawaiian connection to all ages as they are easy to play yet take a lifetime to master. Ukuleles are good for music therapy. Their size and weight make them manageable for sick children who may have various medical devices to negotiate just to hold the instrument, Clarke said.



Jamey Clarke, formerly of Andover, teaches a class at the Punahou School in Hawaii. His physics classes build ukuleles to learn about sound. The instruments are then donated to hospitals for music therapy.

"I just started a new design and we will start building a batch of 40 or so ukuleles in January," said Clarke, who graduated from Andover High

School in 1987, graduated from Swarthmore College in Engineering, and received a Master's in Education from Harvard University. Clarke lives in Kailua, Hawaii



COURTESY PHOTOS

Ukuleles designed by high schoolers in a physics class in Hawaii, taught by Andover native Jamey Clarke, help hospitalized children around the country with their music therapy lessons, including this patient in a Miami hospital.

with his wife, Dr. Nancy Liu Clarke, and their four daughters. His parents, Janet and Gary Clarke, still live on Carriage Hill Road in Andover.

Using a self-made ukulele to teach physics is exciting to students, Clarke said.

"It's normal for students to study sound and waves in the second semester of high school physics," he said. "Their excitement and love of the project hopefully lights a fire in some of them to go back and learn more physics later in their academic careers."

After a ukulele is built, each student plays it and the acoustic signature of each instrument is recorded. Later, classes have that data to compare

the evolution of the sound production as the design of the instrument evolves.

"The students were challenged to do experiments to find the relationship that determined what makes a particular note play when a string is plucked," Clarke explained in an email. "They had to figure out how to measure the vibration frequency, make some guesses as to what factors influence the note that plays (string tension, string length, string weight, for example). They set up experiments, gathered data and graphed the data to try and find trends that could be used to form mathematical models to predict how changing one of the factors will change the note."

Clarke loves his teaching job and said there's an important hometown influence that led to his career choice.

"I feel like I learned a lot of what I know about working with kids from spending time with (Andover Youth Services Director) Bill Fahey," he said. "My sister, Susie, worked with him at AYS for a long time, and they always put the kids out front and let them be leaders. I'm inspired by Bill and will always feel connected to Andover."

Clarke also said he knows that it has been a tough fall for lots of people in the Merrimack Valley.

"I hope news about this project might give people a reason to smile," he said.

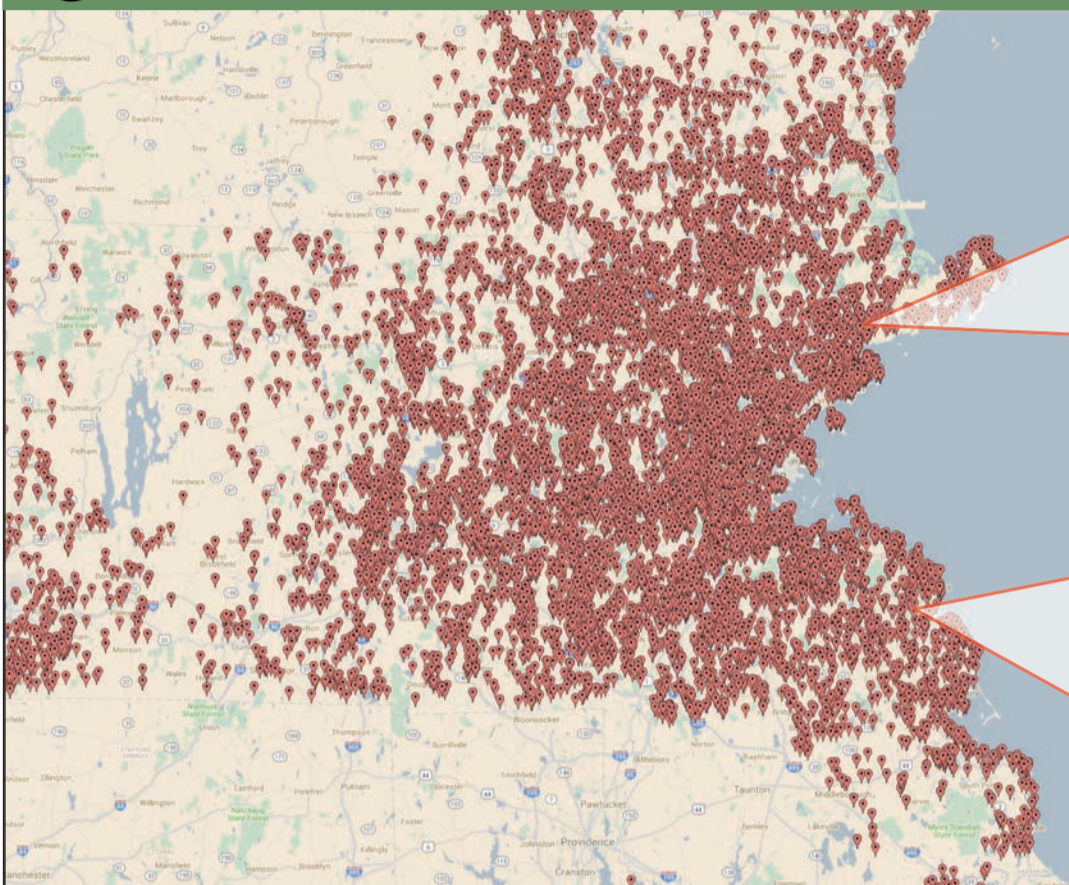
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Charles F. Turner of Charlestown MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Charles F. Turner of Charlestown MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. AT - 12/13/18

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docks t No. ES18P3546EA INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Essex Division Estate of: Paula Scolnik Date of Death: August 5, 2018

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PUBLIC NOTICES

AT - 12/6, 12/13/18

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given by Elm Street Automotive of 9 Lupine Road, Andover, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on after December 21, 2018 starting at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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Vehicles are being stored at Elm Street Automotive and may be inspected by appointment only. Signed, Ron Abraham, Owner Elm Street Automotive AT - 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/18

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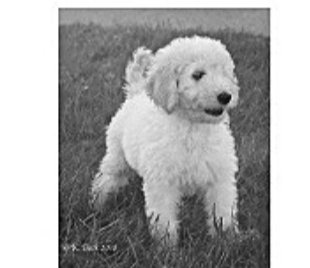
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Sports

Changing his game

Andover's Merinder adds 3-point shooting to skill set as Trinity captain

By DAVE DYER
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Connor Merinder has always been a "whatever it takes" kind of athlete. He proved that at Andover High as a stalwart hoop player for Dave Fazio, defensively, under the boards and as a scorer from various positions on the court. He was a key member of the Golden Warriors' journey to the Division 1 North final in 2014.

Now, as a 6-foot-5 senior at Trinity College, he's proving it again.

Merinder started at forward last year, leading the 15-10 Bantams in rebounds and blocked shots. At the end of the season, Trinity head coach Jamie Cosgrove had a little chat with him.

"He talked to me about taking more 3s and opening things up," said Merinder. "We have a sophomore (6-6 Donald Jordan) who does a lot of the rebounding and I'm moving more toward being a guard with us using a four-guard offense."

Following Cosgrove's vision for his senior year, Merinder knew that he needed to work on his 3-point shooting, and that's exactly what he did over the summer while back in Andover.

"I worked out a little in Boston. I did shooting drills with Rich Gorman in the North Andover center and my dad helped out," said Merinder. "I was all over the place. I tried to take at least 200-300 shots a week, probably a lot more."

All of that work has obviously paid off. Merinder's scoring average has jumped to 8.3 points a game and much of that jump has been



The team leader for Trinity College in rebounds and blocked shots as a junior, Connor Merinder has become more of a guard as a senior captain.

because of 3-pointers. In fact, after six games, he led all of the NESCAC in 3-point percentage at 66 percent and, after nine games (7-2), he had dipped only slightly while hitting 12 of 24.

"It's crazy but I'm enjoying it and I feel pretty good about it," he said. "The coach was telling me last week that I had already made more 3s than I took all of last year."

In addition to his 3-point shooting, Merinder is still the team's second leading rebounder (6.4 per game) and he's doing everything he can to contribute as a captain.

"It's a lot different this year and I feel a lot of responsibility — I feel I have to lift the guys through everything," said Merinder. "When things are going well, it's great but when things are tough, they're really tough."

"But I love it, love leading the guys. I'm glad I'm a captain."

The responsibility seems particularly large, but could be equally rewarding, because Trinity has ambitious goals for the season.

"The first two years I was here we won the NESCAC but we fell short last year,"

COMPETITIVE MERINDERS

Trinity College's Connor Merinder is the last of four siblings to compete in college.

- Meagan Merinder – Played volleyball at Holy Cross
- Jennifer Merinder – Played volleyball, ran track at Union College
- Bjorn Merinder – Played tennis at Fairfield University
- Connor Merinder – Playing basketball at Trinity College

began Merinder, a neuroscience major who may go to graduate school in the fall. "We want to win it this year to make it three out of four. But we also want to go further in the (NCAA) tournament than any Trinity team has gone, past the final 16 teams."

With that in mind, Merinder wants to do "whatever it takes," especially since he realizes that his playing days are drawing to a close.

"Thinking about it (his career ending) is bitter-sweet," he said. "You want to cherish it as much as you can."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Trinity College's Connor Merinder of Andover, shooting a free throw, has turned into a dead-eye 3-point shooter.

WINTER WARRIORS

Previewing Andover's basketball, hockey and wrestling teams

BOYS BASKETBALL

2017-18 season: 11-11, D1 North first round

Returning starters (4): Emmett Kim, 6-2, Sr., guard; Stephen Shaw, 6-3, Sr., forward; Kyle Rocker, 6-2, Jr., guard; Michael Slayton, 6-2, Jr., forward

Returning Lettermen: Rishi Srinivasan, 5-10, Sr., guard; Colin Kirkpatrick, 6-0, Sr., guard; Shamus Florio, 6-2, Jr., forward; John Marshall, 6-2, Jr., guard; Charlie McCarthy, 5-11, Jr., guard; Ryan Grecco, 6-2, Soph., center; Jack Cloutier, 6-1, Soph., guard

Promising Newcomers: Mark Bentley, 6-4, Jr., forward; Ryan Pacy, 5-11, Frosh., guard; Aidan Cammann, 6-5, Frosh., forward; Richie Shahtanian, 5-11, Frosh., guard

Captains: Emmett Kim, Stephen Shaw, Colin Kirkpatrick, Kyle Rocker

Returning scoring leaders: Emmett Kim 15.5 ppg, 46 3-pointers; Kyle Rocker 14.7 ppg, 37 3-pointers; Stephen Shaw 7.5 ppg; Colin Kirkpatrick 6.5 ppg, 36 3-pointers

Returning honorees: Emmett Kim All-MVC; Kyle Rocker HM All-MVC

Fast facts: Rishi Srinivasan scored a perfect 800 on his math SAT.

... Kyle Rocker is a junior quad-captain and Emmett Kim is a two-year captain.

... John Marshall is a BU lacrosse recruit and the younger brother of Florida State tight end Alex Marshall.

... New assistant Kyle Rillahan was with the Methuen girls program last year.

... Aidan Cammann is from a family of scholar-athletes: sister Emma (Georgetown swimming), mom Erin (Yale volleyball/swimming) and 6-8 dad Casey (first-team All-Ivy Yale basketball).

... Ryan Pacy is the brother of AHS girls player Alexa Pacy.

... Ryan Pacy and Aidan Cammann made the 5-player All-Frosh team in the North Andover Fall Ball League.

Assistant coaches: Carol Martini, Pat Murnane, Michael Trovato, Kyle Rillahan

Coach Dave Fazio: (30th year, 448-211)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

2017-18 season: 11-11, lost in D1 quarters

Returning starters (4): Taylor Landry, 5-7, Sr., guard; Gia Bramanti, 6-1, Sr., forward; Megan Zalanskas, 5-9, Sr., forward; Shea Krekorian, 5-8, Jr., guard

Returning lettermen: Sarah Sullivan, 5-9, Sr., guard; Alexa Pacy, 5-8, Sr., guard; Brooke Hardock, 6-0, Jr., forward; Tatum Shaw, 5-8, Soph., guard

Newcomers: Paige Gillette, 5-7, Soph., guard; Isabelle Ferdinando, 5-8, Frosh., guard; Yaribel Peña, 5-6, Frosh., guard

Captains: Gia Bramanti

Returning scoring leaders: Gia Bramanti 13.7, Taylor Landry 9.5, Shea Krekorian 6.6

Returning honorees: Gia Bramanti, Taylor Landry All-MVC, Megan Zalanskas MVC All-Star

Fast facts: Andover returns its top six scorers. ... Tatum Shaw helped her club team, Evolution Elite 2021, to the Adidas Silver Gauntlet 15U girls basketball championship in Atlanta over the summer. ... Volleyball coach Kerri O'Dea has re-joined the coaching staff. She previously served as an assistant coach under E.J. Perry and Jim Tildsley and was a member of the Golden Warriors' 2003 Division 1 state title hoops team.

Assistants: Connor Arnold, Kerry Cashman, Kerri O'Dea, Eddie Abbott

Coach Alan Hibino: (2nd year, 11-11)

BOYS HOCKEY

2017-18: 13-7-2, lost Super 8 first round

Returning lettermen: Matt Schuhwerk, Sr., forward; Patrick Archambault, Sr., forward; Alex Trotter, Sr., goalie; Alex Weinreb, Sr., defense; Michael Feeney, Jr., forward; Evan Arpin, Jr., forward; Jackson Gress, Jr., defense; Shane Lachance, Soph., forward; Sam Murray, Soph., forward; Steve Ingram, Soph.,

forward; Tommy Tavenner, Soph., defense

Promising newcomers: Tanner O'Sullivan, Soph., defense; Tyler Durling, Jr., defense; Leo Byers, Jr., forward; Anthony Teberio, Soph., defense; Anton Pace, Soph., forward; Anthony Previte, Soph., forward; Timmy Kobelski, Soph., forward; Jake Brezner, Soph., goalie; Sean Curtis, Frosh., defense; JJ Quill, Frosh., goalie

Captains: TBA

Returning goal leaders: Michael Feeney 7, Matt Schuhwerk 5, Shane Lachance 5, Steve Ingram 4

Returning honorees: Michael Feeney All-MVC

Assistants: Peter Loring, Steve Belmonte, Anthony Licciardello, Scott Lachance, Gary Brown

Fast facts: The Warriors' Super 8 berth was the first in program history. ... All-Scholastic goalie Cole Chingris transferred to Proctor after recording 8 shutouts last year. ... Among the 73 candidates that tried out for the school's three programs, 23 are sophomores and the team returns only four seniors.

Coach Chris Kuchar: (6th year, 52-24-13)

GIRLS HOCKEY

2017-18: 12-6-5, lost D1 quarterfinals

Returning lettermen: Callie Willey, Sr., forward; Emily Wagner, Sr., forward; Emma Gilmartin, Sr., forward; Katie Adams, Sr., defense; Sean D'Urso, Sr., goalie; Laura Olson, Sr., defense; Madeline McLean, Sr., forward; Sara Carleo, Jr., defense; Hannah Rowe, Jr., forward; Kate Gemmell, Jr., forward; Kelsey Dennehy, Soph., forward; Hannah Medwar, Soph., forward; Lily Reeves, Soph., forward

Promising newcomers: Sami Sylvester, Sr., forward; Lauren Adams, Frosh., center

Captains: Emma Gilmartin, Callie Willey

Returning goal leaders: Callie Willey 8, Emma Gilmartin 5, Emily



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Michael Feeney, here trying to make a play against Central Catholic last winter, and the Golden Warriors have high hopes for 2018-19.

Wagner 4

Returning honorees: Sean D'Urso All-MVC

Assistants: Tyler Vigue, Meagan Keefe

Fast facts: Sean D'Urso is a two-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star goalie and recorded five shutouts last year. ... Hannah Medwar is a two-time Eagle-Tribune field hockey All-Star. She scored the double-OT game-winner in this fall's Division 1 North semifinals and winner in last year's Division 1 North final. ... Lilly Reeves isn't available to start the season while recovering from knee surgery in a lacrosse injury last spring. ... First-year assistant Meagan Keefe is a former field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse star for Andover High (class of 2013). She went on to play lacrosse at UMass Amherst.

Coach Kevin Drew: (5th year, 39-36-11)

Hatzigiannis, Soph., 106; Sean Ballou, Soph., 152/160

Returning lettermen: Nick Dalton, Sr., 220; Matt McGregor, Sr., 132/138; Lukas Kaufman-LaDuc, Jr., 126/132; Sean Hellman, Jr., 113; Elias Maita, Jr., 145

Promising newcomers: Quaid Johnson, Soph., 152/160; Nendoe Caleb Gleekia, Soph., 145/152; Luciano Robbins, Soph., 145/152; James Archambault, Frosh., 106/113; Max McNeeley, Frosh., 106/113; Theodore Krueger, Frosh., 120/126; Miles Fraser, Frosh., 132; Jonathan Davila, Frosh., 138; Yasser Maita, Frosh., 220

Candidates: 26; **Captains:** Noah Krueger, Patrick Fragala, Ethan Coyle

Fast facts: Andover has three sets of brothers: Noah and Theodore Krueger, Kelvin and Jonathan Davila and Elias and Yasser Maita. ... Ethan Coyle, who was fourth in D1 North tournament at 220, is coming off a strong football season. ... Kelvin Davila was third in the sectional last year. ... Expected returning starter Josh Paige moved to New York. ... Freshman James Archambault is the son of Georgetown High coach Ryan Archambault.

Assistant coaches: Ken Najem

Coach Mike Bolduc: (4th year, 33-41-2)

WRESTLING

2017-18 season: 13-8

Returning starters (8): Patrick Fraga, Sr., 195/220; Noah Krueger, Sr., 145/152; Ethan Coyle, Sr., 285; David LaPointe, Sr., 160/170; Kelvin Davila, Jr. 152; Brendan Major, Jr., 170/182; Daonyos

THE WEEK AHEAD

Boys hockey opened its season on Sunday by beating North Andover 4-3 on a Tommy Tavenner goal with less than two minutes left in the game. Alex Weinreb, Shane Lachance and Matt Schuhwerk added goals.

The wrestling team opened on Saturday with the Battle of the Andovers. The Golden Warriors beat Brooks (51-27) and Phillips Academy (54-26) but lost to North Andover (58-18). Kelvin Davilla was 3-0 at 152 pounds.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

Girls Gymnastics
North Andover at Andover, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

Boys Basketball
Billerica at Andover, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Girls Basketball
Andover at Acton-Boxborough, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Gymnastics
Billerica at Andover, 7 p.m.

Boys Ice Hockey
Acton-Boxborough at Andover, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Ice Hockey
Westford Academy at Andover, 7 p.m.

Wrestling
Andover at Londonderry, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 17

Girls Ice Hockey
Andover at Acton-Boxborough, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Boys Basketball
Andover at Chelmsford, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Chelmsford at Andover, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

Boys Ice Hockey
Andover at St. John's Prep, 5:20 p.m.

Girls Ice Hockey
Haverhill at Andover, 7:20 p.m.

Boys Swimming
Lowell at Andover, 3:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Andover at Chelmsford, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Girls Gymnastics
Andover at Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Swimming
Andover at B.C. High, 3:30 p.m.

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