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Locals shop in downtown Andover after the town held a promotion to help businesses affected by the Sept. 13 gas disaster.

Holiday business boost

Incentives draw more shoppers to stores, restaurants affected by gas disaster

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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During the last shopping weekend before Christmas, local businesses and restaurants in Andover earned about \$140,000 from a weekend shopping promotion, according to a press release from town officials.

In an effort to get people to shop local, a promotion was held from Thursday, Dec. 20 through Saturday, Dec. 22, which encouraged people to spend money to win raffle entries. The prizes for the raffles were large sums of money in the form of gift cards. A total of \$4,500 was given out in the gift cards.

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Molly Rudis, 19, of Andover, looks for a New Years' Eve dress in Max and Riley in downtown Andover. Andover Town officials had a promotion to help businesses affected by the Sept. 13 gas disaster.

First Friday event of the year to feature Frozen movie

The Jan. 4 First Friday event will feature a screening of the Disney movie Frozen.

From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall, people are encouraged to wear comfy clothes, bring blankets and pillows, and enjoy the movie. The town encourages attendees

to head downtown for dinner and shopping before or after the event.

"We are excited to kick off the new year by showing the Walt Disney Pictures 2013 classic Frozen," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "We are thrilled to offer this new monthly event, especially

at this time in our community, and give our residents and business community a chance to connect and enjoy a free, fun event."

The event is being sponsored by Andover's Recreation Department and Town Manager's office.

- Jessica Valeriani

AHS sophomore committed to helping find cure for Alzheimer's

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When Aparna Shanmugam was in eighth grade, her friend's grandmother, whom she also had a close relationship with and even referred to as "Nana," passed away from Alzheimer's disease.

After months of repetitive questioning each time she visited her friend's house, Shanmugam was informed her friend's grandmother suffered from the neuro-degenerative disorder.

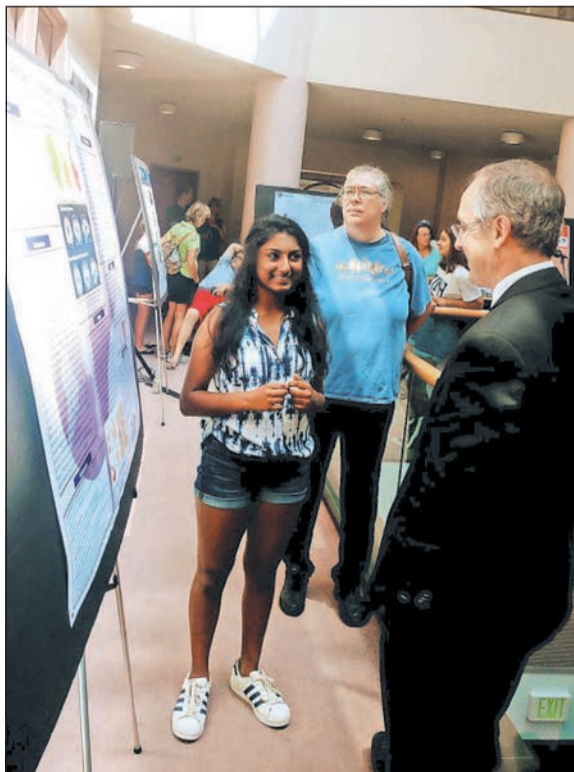
The death sparked an interest in Shanmugam, now 15, and she started to research the disease on the internet. She discovered statistics about Alzheimer's that surprised her, such as that it is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and it affects more than 5 million Americans.

That interest soon developed into an initiative to take action in the fight against Alzheimer's.

Since then, Shanmugam has been volunteering at Nevin's Nursing Home in Methuen, where she plays memory games, paints, and helps with food services for dementia patients. She said the people there love to interact with kids and other young people like herself.

"I love working there," she said. "We play games to help recall their memory, and it helps them because they're thinking and using their brains."

A sophomore at Andover High School, Shanmugam realized the importance of spreading awareness to the disease to the student community. Along with two friends, Tabitha



Courtesy photo

Aparna Shanmugam presents her Alzheimer's research at the University of New Hampshire.

Residents urged to call 911 for all gas issues

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In an effort to increase public safety, the fire chiefs of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover recently asked Columbia Gas to notify them of every call they receive on their emergency lines for gas odors, gas leaks, or carbon monoxide reports.

Up until a few weeks ago, Andover Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said Columbia Gas was responding to calls for gas or carbon monoxide odors on their own, without informing the fire departments. By law, the company is not obligated to call local first-responders for gas leaks.

Instead, residents were calling the Columbia Gas emergency line, and they were responding autonomously, Mansfield said. Their response times, however, were much longer than fire crews would have been, potentially endangering home and business owners.

"We felt that given what has gone on since Sept. 13, we should all be responding," Mansfield said. "We requested that they notify us about each and every call they get on their emergency lines."

By notifying the fire



Fire Chief Michael Mansfield

departments of the emergency calls, the response time is drastically improved. Mansfield said it takes the fire department four to six

minutes to respond to a call, where it might take Columbia Gas personnel 40 minutes to an hour to get on-scene.

Lawrence Fire Chief Brian Moriarty said during the gas emergency, people were unaware of who to call, so they were dialing 911.

The day of the dozens of gas explosions and fires caused by an over-pressurized gas line, which killed one and injured others, 911 operators answered hundreds of calls from terrified residents.

After the emergency, Moriarty said it seemed everyone had a number for Columbia Gas stored in their phones, so the fire departments weren't getting called. Instead, residents were reaching out to Columbia Gas for worries of gas odors, leaks, or carbon monoxide issues.

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Republican leader favors Lyons to head state GOP

By MATT MURPHY
State House News Service

One member of the Republican state committee penned a blistering post-Christmas indictment of party leadership in Massachusetts on Wednesday, calling for his fellow party leaders to "face the bitter truth" that the MassGOP has become "all but irrelevant."

Mass-GOP State Committee member Steve Aylward, of Watertown, wrote a lengthy email to his fellow committee members Wednesday morning lamenting how far party enrollment has fallen and how the party, apart from winning the governor's office, has not made gains on Beacon Hill since 2010.

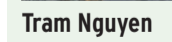
"We will stay irrelevant until such time if any that we as a State Committee choose to stop listening to those who are in this thing for their own personal gain, and instead start listening to those who are in it for unselfish reasons," Aylward wrote.

The letter comes as Mass-GOP Chairwoman Kirsten Hughes is preparing to step down after six years leading the party, and while MassGOP Treasurer Brent Andersen and Reps. Peter

Region's legislators outline priorities

By ZOE MATHEWS
Staff writer

Newly elected legislator Tram Nguyen, a Democrat from Andover, joined two other recently elected pols for a briefing session before the North Andover Board of



Selectmen, during which they outlined some of their priorities going into 2019.

State Sen.-elect Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, and state Reps.-elect Christina Minicucci, D-North Andover, and Nguyen, D-Andover, met with the

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Durant and Jim Lyons are locked in a race to replace her.

Aylward actually challenged Hughes for the party chairmanship in 2017 but lost with 30 votes of the 76 cast. He is also known as

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Maina and Shea Lomasney, the trio started the Alzheimer's Foundation America, a teen chapter of the National Alzheimer's Foundation.

The club, formed two months ago, meets every other Thursday with a goal of fundraising for the national foundation in search of a cure. Their other goal is to raise awareness within the student community by taking students to Dementia Care Units. Shanmugam said they also spend time sharing their personal experiences with the disease with one another.

Shanmugam said there are about 10 members in the club right now, and they hope to launch their first

fundraiser in the beginning months of the new year.

Over the summer, Shanmugam attended a biotechnology program at the University of New Hampshire. The four-week program she was selected for concluded with a final presentation, which was to be based around a topic each student was passionate about.

Shanmugam presented on the new research avenues being conducted in Alzheimer's research and the potential cures that could come available in the next few years.

Aside from her involvement and passion in finding a cure for the disease, Shanmugam is an honor student, a member of the Andover High School Show Choir, and also takes lessons in classical Indian dance.

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"They were calling Columbia Gas instead of us and we didn't feel it was the right thing to do," said Moriarty. "We spoke up about it and told them we wanted that to change."

Following a meeting held a few weeks ago with Columbia Gas and the three fire chiefs, as well as Methuen, Moriarty said the new policy is that Columbia Gas immediately informs them when they receive an emergency call.

In the past couple weeks, Mansfield and Moriarty said there has been a slight uptick in natural-gas related calls, but that is due to the few calls Columbia Gas was getting and not reporting to the fire departments.

North Andover Fire Chief Bill McCarthy said the agreement is working well for the fire departments and benefiting the public, as their emergency calls are being responded to much faster. He said this is something they have been

looking to do even prior to the gas disasters.

McCarthy stressed that if residents smell an odor of gas inside or outside of their homes, they should be calling 911 and the fire department will respond immediately. He said calls should be made to 911 before they are made to Columbia Gas.

"If we receive a call for an odor of gas, we will notify Columbia Gas that we are responding, and now they are doing that for us," he said.

Throughout the year, McCarthy said his department gets calls for odors of gas and carbon monoxide activation, but he is also seeing an increase in those calls following the agreement with Columbia Gas. He said there is a noticeable increase in the number of calls this December than December of last year.

In a recent Eagle-Tribune article, Moriarty said he expects increased calls regarding gas odors, gas leaks, and carbon monoxide issues in Lawrence to continue in the new year.

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board last week.

They are scheduled to be sworn in Jan. 4.

DiZoglio said one of her top priorities in the Senate would be advocating for a change in the way the state funds public education.

"We need to change the state's education funding formula," DiZoglio said. In the past legislative session, the Education Committee,

of which she was a member, reported out a foundation budget review that indicated the state is underfunding public education by \$1 billion.

Versions of an updated funding bill made it past both the Senate and the House, but they were never able to reconcile their differences to pass it as law.

Minicucci, representative for the 14th Essex District, and Nguyen, representative for the 18th Essex District, are both political newcomers.

They both vowed to have a visible and accessible presence in the valley.

Nguyen brought up the natural gas disaster recovery process, and said she would be looking into making sure customers don't foot the bill by way of increased rates.

North Andover Selectman Chris Nobile asked the group what local elected officials could do to improve their effectiveness in the Statehouse.

"What can we do to help you get that push down field

and over the finish line?" he asked.

DiZoglio acknowledged that a lot of legislation "dies in the rooms, in the back halls of the Statehouse," and said she would be pushing for more transparency, including recorded roll call votes.

"That's how you can help right now, assisting your legislators who are pushing for greater transparency at all levels," she said, noting that the movement is "not something that's a shared viewpoint across the board."

LYONS

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a conservative activist who partnered with Rep. Geoff Diehl in 2014 to repeal a law tying the gas tax to inflation.

In an interview, the Watertown Republican told the News Service that he is supporting Lyons for party chair.

Lyons got into the contest last week after Diehl, a darling of the conservative grassroots, opted against running for party chair following his unsuccessful challenge of U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren this fall.

"We have good representation with Jim," Aylward said, referring to the anti-establishment wing of the party. Lyons, of Andover, is also preparing to depart from the Legislature next week after losing his re-election campaign to Democrat Tram Nguyen.

Aylward did not directly blame Hughes for what he

considers to be the weakness of the Republican Party in Massachusetts, writing that the chairperson in "recent cases" has just been a "front person, put there to carry the water."

"I lay the blame across the entire spectrum of our leadership," he told the News Service. "I could go on and on about our failings, why we lose and how our leadership maintains control in spite of those habitual losses. But while we fiddle, the country burns."

Republican Party enrollment was 10.3 percent this past general election, according to the Secretary of State's office.

Aylward, however, said he

is not a pessimist.

He said he believes it is entirely possible to turn Massachusetts from a "blue state" to a purple one. He also said he's supporting Lyons for party chair because he believes that Lyons understands the importance of engaging with the grassroots of the party without the party turning its back on what has worked for the moderate and popular Gov. Charlie Baker.

"I know there a lot of people in the party who are maybe disappointed in Baker, but he's the governor and I think Jim showed us you can be for the grassroots while still supporting the governor," he said in the interview,

referring to Lyons.

In his email, Aylward didn't lobby on Lyons's behalf or even mention the three men running to succeed Hughes as party chair. Instead, he advocated for an approach that would "strike a blow against all of the crazy left wingers who want nothing more than to destroy the country we love."

"To crawl out of this darkness, we must always act with the awareness that we are in a war for our beliefs and our country," he wrote. "Let's stand by our President, and not be a slave to political correctness. And let's listen to our constituents and our conscience instead of failed leaders."

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MassGOP State Committee member Steve Aylward

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Donna Kostandin of Windham looks for a New Years' Eve dress in Cristina's Bridal & Formal Wear in downtown Andover.



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local businesses, shoppers became eligible to earn raffle entries for the gift cards. The more money spent, the more raffle entries were earned.

Town officials said 41 businesses had customers visit throughout the weekend-long promotion.

The Sept. 13 gas explosions and fires caused by over-pressurized gas lines forced the closure of many area businesses and restaurants, some for several weeks.

In November, Columbia Gas granted each impacted municipality — Lawrence, North Andover, and Andover — \$2 million to spend as they choose in an effort to support their local business communities. The shopping incentive was funded by that grant.

As businesses enter the recovery process following their re-openings, long-term struggles remain. The promotion aimed to patronize affected businesses and bring in clientele.



Courtesy photo

Shoppers fill out raffle entries at Andover's Old Town Hall as part of an effort to promote local businesses.

John Ingalls, owner of Palmer's restaurant on Elm Street, said his restaurant had a good weekend due to the shop local promotion.

"We had a decent amount of reservations, but also a lot of walk-ins," he said. "That proves to me that there were people around town that just decided to come in."

Ingalls said compared to this time of year in the past, his numbers were better.

"I'm very happy with the results of the promotion and the feedback from shoppers," said Ann Ormond, director of business, arts, and cultural development. "It gave our local businesses and restaurants the support they needed during this time, and it is something I would hope to do again in future years."



Rachel Nardone of Andover serves a sandwich at King's Subs & Pizza shop.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Massachusetts Senate passes gas safety bill

By KATIE LANNAN
State House News Service

As the Massachusetts Senate last week signed off on a gas safety bill filed by Gov. Charlie Baker, the chamber's top Republican said he planned to file additional legislation responding to the Sept. 13 natural gas overpressurization incident in the Merrimack Valley.

The Senate joined the House in approving the bill, which implements a recommendation of the National Transportation Safety Board made in its ongoing review of the series of fires and explosions that killed one

person and damaged homes and businesses throughout Andover, North Andover and Lawrence.

The bill (H 5005) would require that all natural gas work that might pose a material risk to the public be reviewed and approved by a certified professional engineer.

When the bill surfaced in Senate Thursday, a week after it passed the House, Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr offered -- and then withdrew -- an amendment he said would require that someone monitor gas pressure levels at every job site.

Tarr said on the floor that



FILE PHOTO

Republican Sen. Bruce Tarr of Gloucester favors additional safety legislation to prevent future gas explosions like the ones seen in the Merrimack Valley Sept. 13.

he wanted to show that lawmakers are contemplating further action on gas safety, but that he did not want to delay Baker's bill or complicate the process of passing

it. He said he would file his pressure monitoring proposal instead as a standalone bill in the new legislative session that begins next Wednesday.

"I thought it was important to raise today because we are moving on one of the early recommendations of the NTSB, and to me, this is also a very important element of what we should be doing, so I wanted to make sure that the message was sent loudly and clearly that we're going to explore every avenue here to protect public safety," Tarr told the News Service.

The Gloucester Republican said he expected lawmakers would put forward additional

proposals for how the state should respond as more information comes to light about September's Columbia Gas disaster.

"This was a very large-scale series of explosions, and a very destructive situation for people in the Merrimack Valley that has caused incalculable hardship and the loss of life, and in response to that, we cannot stand idle," he said. "We need to act prudently and carefully, but we do need to act, so I think we'll see more. I wanted to make sure that what appears to be a glaring omission was flagged today so people know we're not going to ignore it."

Columbia Gas teams up with nonprofit Operation Warm

STAFF REPORT

Just in time for the cold weather, Columbia Gas will provide more than 1,000 new coats to students living in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover through its partnership with Operation Warm, a national nonprofit dedicated to providing winter coats to children in need.

With Columbia Gas' donation, the entire student body at South Lawrence East Elementary School will receive brand new coats. Coats

are also being delivered to the school departments in Andover and North Andover, enabling them to distribute the coats to local families.

Operation Warm's wish list has more than 106,000 coat requests by schools and organizations serving children in need across the country. The school requested the winter items as part of Operation Warm's wish list due to many of its students and their families being affected by September's gas event in the Merrimack Valley. Operation

Warm identifies children by qualification for the federal Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) Program. South Lawrence East Elementary School has 100 percent of its students living in need.

"We are proud to continue our partnership with Operation Warm on such an important initiative that will directly benefit the communities of Andover, Lawrence and North Andover this winter season," said Mark Kempic, Chief Operating Officer of Columbia Gas of

Massachusetts. "These communities have been incredibly welcoming and gracious to our teams over the past few months and we look forward to continuing our support of the Greater Lawrence Area for years to come."

"With the simple gift of a brand new winter coat, Columbia Gas will have a profound impact on the Greater Lawrence community," said Grace Sica, Vice President of Corporate Partnerships at Operation Warm. "Every child will get a boost

of confidence and wellness to carry them through the winter, and their families and teachers will share in the joy."

Children will be personally fitted with a brand new winter coat in their favorite color and an interior tag which reads, "Made Just for You," and includes a space for their name.

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates brand new, high-quality coats for children in need. Every child, regardless of

their economic situation, deserves a brand new coat. Operation Warm partners with compassionate individuals and organizations across North America to give a gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need. Operation Warm believes a brand new coat is more than a coat, promoting self-esteem, school attendance and outdoor play.

To learn more about Operation Warm, visit OperationWarm.org.

GLTS student nominated U.S. Presidential Scholar

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Greater Lawrence Technical School senior Ashlin Reyes is one of five students from Massachusetts chosen as a nominee for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Career and Technical Education Program.

Reyes is a cosmetology student from Lawrence who attends the technical school on River Road.

Schools involved in the Career and Technical Education program, or CTE, nominate up to five candidates each year for consideration. The nominees are evaluated on their academic performance, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an essay submission.

Established in 1964 by an executive order of President Lyndon Johnson, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

In 2015, the program expanded to include students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

Reyes was nominated by guidance counselor Colleen Abdulla, who noted her academic skills, as Reyes is ranked second in her class. Abdulla also noted her infectious school spirit, kind personality, and leadership skills.

"Ashlin is hardworking and compassionate, and would do nothing less than add positive energy wherever she goes," Abdulla wrote in her nomination of Reyes.

Since her freshman year, Reyes became a member of the track team, soccer team, a Reggie leader, freshman mentor, member of the Gay Straight Alliance club, participant in Skills USA, and was involved with local businesses through the Family Service of Merrimack Valley's program Stand and Deliver.

Reyes also held perfect attendance her freshman and sophomore years of high school. If not for being stranded with her family in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria,

she said she would have had perfect attendance her junior year too.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

"To be one of five students in the state to be nominated is such a pleasing accomplishment," said

Reyes. "To even be considered by GLTS for this honor makes me proud of my school, my teachers and my hard work."

A national committee of educators will chose 60 CTE semifinalists in March. The Commission on Presidential Scholars will then select up to 20 scholars in April.



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Greater Lawrence Technical School senior Ashlin Reyes is one of five Massachusetts students nominated for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Career and Technical Education Program.

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Tsongas prepares to leave after a decade in Congress

By LISA KASHINSKY
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woman from Massachusetts would serve in Congress.

LOWELL — U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas is leaving Congress at the end of the month, capping off a decade-long career highlighted by efforts to combat sexual assault in the military and preserve natural resources.

It was a “slow, long goodbye,” said Tsongas, one that began last summer when the Democrat announced she would not seek re-election to the 3rd Congressional District seat — once also held by her late husband, Paul Tsongas.

The Lowell lawmaker’s decision to step away from office launched a more than yearlong campaign to crown her successor, with Democrat Lori Trahan of Westford emerging the victor last month from a field that at one point included more than a dozen candidates.

Passing the torch to another woman — and one with roots in Lowell, similar to Tsongas herself — is something the outgoing legislator is proud to see.

Tsongas’ special election victory in 2007 marked the first time in 25 years a

This January, four women will be sworn in from the state’s 11-member delegation. In the Democratic primary for the 3rd Congressional District, five of the 10 candidates were women.

“We can’t win if we don’t run,” Tsongas said, adding, “I was able to sort of get us into the modern world.”

Tsongas is product of the U.S. Air Force. Her father survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor; she grew up in bases across the country and world.

Naturally, she sought out a position on the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

Her focus on curbing sexual assault in the military took hold not long after she took office. She recalled attending a hearing on the matter and being “astounded it had risen to this level.”

But it was a conversation weeks later, with a nurse at a Wounded Warrior lunch who had been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan multiple times, that really served as the catalyst. She told Tsongas: “Ma’am, I’m more afraid of my own soldiers than I am of



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo
U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, is retiring after more than a decade in office.

the enemy.” “It seared in my mind,” Tsongas said, adding, “From there on, our office really focused on it and took it more seriously.”

Tsongas worked in concert with Republican Congressman Mike Turner of Ohio over the years to chip away at the issue from expanding the rights of servicemembers who were victims of sexual assault, to establishing the Military Sexual Assault Prevention Caucus in 2012.

She expanded her focus to include the ways in which women are marginalized in the military, the “subtle ways

in which they’re telegraphed to be second-class citizens,” she said.

Tsongas also served as a senior member of the Natural Resources Committee, focusing on funding the national parks and wildlife refuge areas in her district and beyond.

“The federal government has an important role to play in protecting our environment,” she said.

Still, Tsongas said she wished she had done more to combat climate change.

“We have got to address it for the sake of our future, and our children’s future and

grandchildren’s future,” she said.

As Tsongas prepares to hand over the reins to Trahan, she said there’s no “cookie-cutter approach to serving in Congress.”

“Each member has to make the decision on where they want to put their energies, because you can’t do it all,” she said.

Still, she noted, there’s “certainly a backlog of issues that I think our voters would like to see us address,” including health care, immigration, gun control and economic development in a post-manufacturing and post-industrial society.

“We need to be an engaged partner, find ways to bring federal resources to help each community realize its vision for itself,” she said.

And then there’s the Merrimack Valley gas disaster and its aftermath — the Sept. 13 explosions and fires that rocked Lawrence, Andover and North Andover that have called into question the safety of natural gas and the companies that operate such pipelines.

Tsongas participated in the Lawrence field hearing on the disaster, and said the

state delegation, particularly U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey are committed to “make sure this never happens again.”

The congresswoman and her staff spent their final weeks in office jumping between Washington and Lowell, attempting to stop the government shutdown while clearing out her mill building office back home in preparation to turn it over to Trahan.

She’s held gatherings for her employees and constituents, a way to say thank you and goodbye.

“It’s bittersweet,” she said. “But I have no regrets.”

Through it all, Tsongas said she hasn’t been in a rush to figure out what comes next.

Her immediate focus is spending more time with family and friends, and maybe to take a moment to watch the snow fall on the trees in her backyard.

“I’ve always been so involved in the Merrimack Valley for years, so I’m sure that I will find ways to continue making a contribution,” she said.

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Moulton to start 3rd term amid shutdown over border wall

By ETHAN FORMAN
Staff Writer

SALEM, Mass. — Fresh off his push to get Serve America candidates elected to Congress, U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Salem, will face the challenges of immigration, money for a border wall and a government shutdown as he starts his third term in 2019.

Moulton represents the 6th District, which includes Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Merrimac, Middleton, Newbury, North Andover, Tewksbury, West Newbury, parts of Andover and other communities along the North Shore.

Before the partial government shutdown, during a mid-December interview at The Ugly Mug Diner in Salem, the 40-year-old congressman reiterated his stance against funding for a border wall with Mexico.

Lack of funding for one has led President Donald Trump to balk at a deal to keep the government funded, leading to the partial shutdown this week.

When asked if he would vote for \$5 billion for the wall, Moulton said: “I’m not voting for that. I took the candidates I supported down to the border to truly understand this crisis.

“We spent two days there to truly understand the crisis on both sides of the border,” he said. “We spent a lot of time in Juarez, Mexico, meeting with deported Americans, meeting with deported veterans, a term that shouldn’t even exist. We met amazing people who have served our country and yet have been kicked out of it.

“And we met with ICE officials and customs and border agents and everybody said the system is broken,” he said. “So those who say all we need to do is just enforce the existing laws, I invite you to go down to the border and see it for yourselves.”

Moulton said there’s a need for comprehensive immigration reform. He supports a bill that passed the Senate a few years ago that would have both strengthened border security and given immigrants a pathway to citizenship.

“From the very beginning we have succeeded as a country because of immigrants. But, I want immigrants to want to come here legally, not want to come here illegally. Today’s system forces too many immigrants to come here illegally, and that is why we need to fix it,” Moulton said.



ETHAN FORMAN/Staff photo
Sixth District Congressman Seth Moulton says he will not vote to fund a border wall with Mexico. Instead, he favors a more comprehensive legislative solution to the nation’s immigration problems.

Moulton talked about his and his team’s effort over the past two years to take back the House for Democrats. Of the candidates Moulton’s Serve America PAC supported, 21 were elected, many in swing districts.

“And, our Serve America candidates make up 50 percent of the new majority. A full quarter are veterans that I supported, my team and I supported, every single day on the campaign trail,” he said.

After taking back the House, Moulton balked at voting for Democratic Leader

leadership that reflects the desire for change voters want to see in Washington.

Was he sexist in not backing Pelosi?

“We should be able to have a Democratic discussion about change and new ideas and new leadership without resorting to baseless attacks. But if people expect me to cave into baseless attacks, they don’t know who I am,” he said.

Some accomplishments for 2018

Moulton also responded to criticism he was not in the district much this year, although his office pointed out he held seven town halls in 2018. One of these includes a town hall in November in Amesbury that drew a protest about his stance on Pelosi again becoming speaker. He also held his annual Veterans Town Hall in Marblehead on Nov. 10.

Moulton spoke about other accomplishments in the district, including a focus on economic development in Lynn “that is bringing jobs and tens of millions of dollars in development to the city.”

He also spoke about his promotion of a regional rail system in Massachusetts through the creation of a north-south rail link that would link North and South stations.

His work in Lynn includes inspiring private development to support public housing in that city, he said.

As far as key legislative victories go, Moulton’s office pointed to provisions he backed in the passage of the bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act

in May, including \$40 million for the modernization of MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington.

In June, Moulton, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, both Massachusetts Democrats, announced a \$6 million federal grant for the dredging of Gloucester Harbor and the Annisquam River.

With U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, Moulton helped introduce three bills to reform medical marijuana practices of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for those veterans seeking to make it a treatment option.

Moulton’s office also said it has closed more than 2,200 constituent cases from Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 6, 2018. Since Moulton has been in office these past four years, his office has returned more than \$1.8 million to constituents whose claims for Social Security, VA or other federal benefits were denied, including more than \$413,000 returned this year.

“We have been extraordinarily successful,” Moulton said, “\$1.8 million in the hands of people who are trying to make ends meet every month is a lot. It really makes an impact in people’s lives.”

“So it’s true that I have spent more time outside of Massachusetts ... working to win back the House the past two years and I have been transparent about that as well. I always say that upfront at town halls. But it’s also true that we have provided more and more services to the constituents of this district. We aim to deliver and results show that we have,” Moulton added.

Moulton and his wife, Liz, also celebrated a non-legislative achievement in October with the birth of their first child, a daughter named Emmy.

“We are doing great,” he said. “We love Emmy. Emmy is a superstar. Liz is doing the majority of the work right now because I’ve been Washington so much, but we are excited to both be home with Emmy over the holidays.”



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OBITUARIES

Nancy Lynn (Haggerty) Varnum, 68 Years

July 28, 1950 - December 28, 2018
Beloved Wife, Sister, Aunt



Nancy Lynn (Haggerty) Varnum

NORTH ANDOVER — Nancy Lynn (Haggerty) Varnum, a longtime resident of North Andover and Jackson, N.H., lost her valiant battle with breast cancer on Dec. 28, at home with her family by her side. Born July 28, 1950, at Clover Hill Hospital to the late Franklin and Bernice (Mundy) Haggerty, she grew up in the Ballardvale section of Andover, graduating from Andover High School in 1968.

Nancy enjoyed performing in musicals during her high school years and later performed with a regional group in Reading. She was employed for many years in the financial industry in Boston. What Nancy enjoyed most of all was being outdoors; whether it was horseback riding, hiking, alpine skiing, cross country skiing or just "being" in the mountains with her husband, Tom. A talented multimedia artist, Nancy was a member of the Andover Art Association, the Rockport Art Association, the Methuen Art Institute Group (AIG), the Concord Art Association, and was selected to be an exhibitor in the Concord Art Show. She also exhibited her work at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence, and at various local libraries. She enjoyed visits to many local galleries, as well as galleries in Europe. Nancy also designed and presented art and spiritual programs for clubs, church groups, support groups, and was a member of the Andover, North Andover, and Jackson, N.H., historical societies. Nancy loved being with her friends, making friends easily, and maintaining long-lasting friendships.

She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Varnum; sisters, Joan V. Haggerty of No. Andover and Jerilyn (Thomas) Marjerison

of Andover; nieces and nephews, Valerie (Paul) Silva of Rehoboth, Michael (Leanne) Haggerty of East Sandwich, Thomas (Kirsten) Marjerison of Yarmouth, Maine, Kyle Semenez of Haverhill, and Jennifer Poole of No. Andover; as well as many grandnieces and grandnephews. She also leaves her sisters-in-law, Louisiana Varnum of Lowell, and Virginia Bell of Carlsbad, Calif.; step-children Thomas (Kathy) Varnum of Londonderry, N.H., Lisa (John) Healey of Fla.; step-grandchildren, Taylor Varnum, Tommy Varnum, and Matthew Chatel.

She was predeceased by her parents, her brother Robert W. Haggerty; her nephew Robert W. Haggerty Jr.; and her step-grandson, Mark Chatel.

ARRANGEMENTS: Per Nancy's request, there will be no visiting hours. A memorial service will be held Sat., Jan. 5, at 11 a.m., at the North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843. For additional information, visit www.burkemaglioizzi.com.

Maureen Ann Morrison, 79

January 20, 1939 - December 28, 2018

NORTH ANDOVER — Maureen Ann Morrison, 79, died Friday December 28, 2018, at High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill surrounded by her loving family. She was born January 20, 1939 in Haverhill, MA to the late Arthur G. and Katherine C. (Sullivan) Martel.

Maureen was a graduate of Haverhill High and the Chandler School for Women in Boston, where she received a degree as a medical secretary. She began her work career at Raytheon Corp. in Andover as a secretary to the medical director. It was here that she met her husband, Joseph Morrison. She also was an administrative assistant to Wynwood Associates Architects. Her most enjoyable and satisfying job was as the administrative assistant for Athletics, Health, and Physical Education for Andover Public Schools. She loved every minute of the 25 years she spent working with directors, teachers, coaches, and students. She reluctantly retired from this position in 2013 at the age of 75 to enjoy spending time with her family.

Maureen was actively involved in her community. She served as local volunteer for the Home for Little Wanderers, was chairperson of the Saint Augustine School Guild, and was a regular volunteer with the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other committees at Saint Augustine Church through the years. Maureen also was a regular attendee at many AHS athletic events. She loved trips to the beach, especially Captiva and Sanibel, Florida.

Maureen's greatest joy came from times spent with her family. She and her husband Joseph lived 55 wonderful years together, and they relished the times they shared with their children and families. Family celebrations, cookouts, and trips together were



happy memories she cherished.

Maureen leaves behind her loving daughters Marianne (Morrison) Merritt and her husband Mark of Andover, and Cara Morrison of Lawrence. She also leaves her cherished granddaughter Elizabeth (Merritt) Brown and her husband Matthew of Andover, and her cousins Ray Sullivan of Johnstown, NY and Sheila Sullivan Insalaco of Sarasota, Fla. She was predeceased by her husband Joseph and her son Christopher.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to calling hours on Thursday January 3, 2019 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 12 noon at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will follow in West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Maureen's name may be made to: Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Augustine's Andover, or to High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill. For online condolences please visit www.confeterialhomes.com.



Frank J. Symosek, 99

May 27, 1919 - December 29, 2018



ANDOVER — Frank J. Symosek, age 99 of Andover, MA and Biddeford Pool, ME and formerly of North Andover, MA passed away on Saturday evening, December 29th, 2018.

He was the beloved husband for almost 50 years of the late Theresa A. McTiernan Symosek and the beloved brother of Nellie Frankevicz.

He is survived by his son Peter Symosek of Waltham, and daughter Jan Symosek of Charlestown, MA. and is the proud uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews including Paula Verson, Joan Baron, Matthew Verson and Holly McTiernan McClain.

Frank was a proud World War Two Navy veteran, recipient of the French Legion D-Honneur Medal (grade Chevalier) as well as other service medals. He fought at D-Day as the engineering officer of an LCI (landing craft) to bring British troops over to Sword Beach for battle. He also fought in the Pacific theater and was decommissioned as a Lieutenant.

After the war he became a successful wool merchant and ran the woolen company Old Colony Textiles in Boston for many years and later formed the Andover Woolen Compa-



ny in Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a wake from 2 to 4:30 p. m. at the Conte Funeral Home on Sunday, January 6th at 28 Florence Street in Andover with a celebration mass of Frank's life at St. Augustine's Parish in Andover at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 7th followed by burial at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. For online condolences please visit www.confeterialhomes.com.



Albert Vartabedian, 89 Years

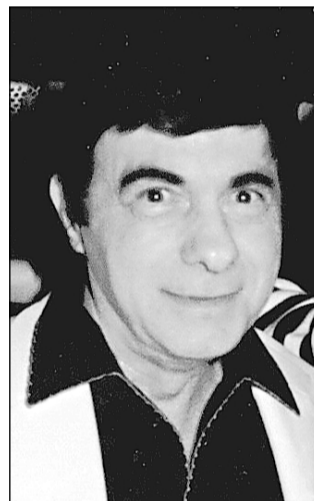
September 8, 1929 - December 29, 2018

Loving Brother, Uncle

ANDOVER — Mr. Albert Vartabedian, a lifelong resident of Andover, passed away at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill on Saturday afternoon, December 29, 2018. He was 89 years old.

Born in Andover, Massachusetts, he was the beloved son of the late Hovsep and Bayzar (Kasabian) Vartabedian. Albert was a graduate of Pynchard High School. He worked as a farmer with his late brother, Charles, for many years. Following his retirement, Albert owned and operated school buses, transporting many Andover school children. In his spare time, Albert enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas, and listening to music, especially Frank Sinatra. He also loved to go out to eat and was a car buff. Albert was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau and the Market Growers Association. He will be dearly missed.

Albert is survived by his loving sister, Alice and her husband Rocco Randazzo of New Windsor, New York; and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Charles Vartabedian, Jack Vartabedian, and Mary Mooradian.



Mr. Albert Vartabedian

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral service will be celebrated in the Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Friday, January 4, 2019, at noon. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Visitation will be held in the funeral home, prior to the service from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Interment will be held in the West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Albert's memory may be made to the Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe, P.O. Box 8069, Ward Hill, MA 01835. For additional information, please visit www.burkemaglioizzi.com.

Dr. Edward John Broaddus, 93

August 9, 1925 - December 25, 2018



ANDOVER — Dr. Edward John Broaddus, 93, of Andover, died unexpectedly on Christmas day at home with his family. Broaddus was a retired general practitioner who worked in the Merrimack Valley for 30 years, first in private practice, then as medical director of Suburban Health Center. He was also director of medicine at several nursing homes, and school doctor at Brooks School for many years.

Broaddus was born in 1925 in Irvine, Kentucky, to Dr. and Mrs. Beverly Broaddus. He joined the Navy in 1943 and, after spending a semester at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, was enrolled in a six-year medical program that included pre-medical studies at Middlebury College and Bates College. After graduating from medical school at Ohio State University and serving two residencies, Broaddus was sent to Korea, where he served in battalion aid stations with the First Marine Division.

After coming home from the

war in 1953, Broaddus married Elizabeth McNeill of Baltimore and returned to Kentucky, where he practiced medicine in Beattyville. The couple had six children before moving to North Andover in 1964, then to Andover a year later.

In addition to spending time with his family, Broaddus enjoyed woodworking and relaxing at a lake in Maine.

Broaddus is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of Andover, and by his children, John, of Haverford, Pa.; Amy, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Margaret, of Brunswick, Maine; Mary, of New York; Laura, of New York; William, of Andover; and by 11 grandchildren. Broaddus, who was one of eight siblings, is also survived by his brother, James, of Brodhead, Kentucky.

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Retired Andover Fire Chief William T. Downs, 91

November 24, 1927 - December 29, 2018



ANDOVER — William Tighe Downs, 91, a lifelong resident of Andover passed away peacefully at his home on December 29, 2018 after spending a wonderful Christmas with his family.

Bill was born at home in Andover at 123 North Main Street on Thanksgiving Day, 1927. He was the son of Edward and Alexina (McNab) Downs who had emigrated from Dundee, Scotland as young adults. He attended St. Augustine's Grammar School, graduated from Central Catholic High School, and later earned a degree in Fire Science Technology from North Shore Community College. He also attended the University of Massachusetts and Merrimack College.

Bill proudly served his country in World War II in the 117th Military Police, stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, from 1946 to 1948 where he

was privileged to be part of an honor guard for General Eisenhower. After returning from the service, he met and married the love of his life, Bernice E. (Bunny) Bryant, also an Andover native, with whom he recently celebrated their 68th anniversary.

William joined the Andover Fire Department in 1955 and was one of the town's first two firefighters to become a certified EMT. He was one of the three firemen who organized the 1st Annual Santa Claus Parade. Bill rose up through the ranks and was appointed Fire Chief in 1977. He served as Chief for 10 years and retired in 1986 after 31 years of dedicated service.

During his career, Chief Downs served on many local committees and boards including the Essex County Advisory Board, the Andover Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, the Greater Lawrence Emergency Medical Council, and was President of the Firemen's Relief Association. He was an active member of the Essex County, Massachusetts, and International Associations of Fire Chiefs. He was Chairman of the Andover Contributory Retirement Board for 18 years and also participated on the Founders' Day committee from 1965 to the present. As a member of the Patriotic Holiday Committee, he was instrumental in bringing the "Street of Flags" display to the town.

After retiring from the Andover Fire Department, Bill was elected to the Andover Board of Selectmen and performed that responsibility for 12 years. He then was appointed to and served on the Board of Registrars for a decade. He



proudly wore many hats as he contributed his time to the Town of Andover for over 60 years.

Above all, Bill Downs loved spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and father, and was often heard saying "I love my girls". He especially enjoyed

camping in his "Prowler" and vacationing in Bar Harbor. He loved listening to music, especially Big Band, and dancing (gliding) the night away at local social events. As he got older, he enjoyed walking downtown, band concerts in the Park and Saturday coffee hours at Old Town Hall. In his later years, he and Bunny spent many a day and evening relaxing on their front porch, watching the world drive by.

William T. is survived by his loving wife, Bunny, of Andover, daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Robert Wisecarver, Jr. of Atkinson, NH, daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Robert Morache of Hampstead, NH, daughter and son-in-law Lesley and Mark Hewett of Brentwood, NH; and also by his sister Rita Domansky of Idaho. He leaves seven grandchildren, Christian Wisecarver and wife Sarah; Meagan Wisecarver; William Morache and wife Guinevere; Robert Morache, Dustin Hewett and wife Courtney; Bonney Hewett; and Brittney Hewett. He was also blessed with 5 great-grandchildren: Marly, Tighe and Caden Wisecarver; and Riley and Thea Hewett. Bill was predeceased by his sister Margaret Downs Heard of Andover and leaves several nieces, other family and numerous friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours will be Friday, January 4, 2019 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover. A funeral service will be celebrated on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Free Christian Church, 31 Elm Street, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Firefighters' Relief Association or to the Free Christian Church.

Maryellen Fillback, 79

January 31, 1939 - December 21, 2018

ANDOVER, MA — Maryellen Fillback, 79, of Andover, died on Friday, December 21, 2018 in her home surrounded by her loving husband and daughters after a brave battle with cancer.

She was born in Medford, on January 31, 1939 to the late Eleanor Sarno MacDonald and Ronald James MacDonald. Maryellen was preceded in death by her brothers, Ronald (Sandy) MacDonald, William MacDonald, James Joseph MacDonald and Paul MacDonald as well as by her sister, Virginia (Nancy) Rollins.

Maryellen was the loving wife of 54 years of Wayne Fillback who survives her. She is also survived by her two daughters Ann Riley (John) and Laura Ewing-Mahoney (Kevin), grandsons William, Henry, Jack, Alex, and Camden, sister-in-law, Cynthia Dauphin and brother-in-law, Richard Fillback (Joanne), as well as by many wonderful nieces, nephews and cousins.

In her early twenties, Maryellen took to the skies as a flight attendant with Eastern Airlines. In her later years, she worked for the Boston Company in Boston, MA. A creative person with a flair for design, Maryellen enjoyed the arts and was a season ticket holder of the Boston Philharmonic for many years and a frequent visitor to the Addison Gallery of American Art and the Museum of Fine Arts. Always intellectually curious,



was an avid reader and an active volunteer at the Andover Historical Society, where she enjoyed researching the history of Andover. Maryellen had a great love of travel and enjoyed seeing the world with her beloved husband, Wayne. The Outer Cape also held a special place in her heart. She was a fabulous cook, a gracious hostess and was infinitely stylish. But what defined Maryellen, more than anything else, was her generosity and sense of social justice. As such, she supported a long list of charities. Above all else, Maryellen was devoted to and passionate about her family.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 7th at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's church, North Andover, MA. Donations can be made in Maryellen's memory to Lazarus House, PO Box 408, Lawrence, MA 01842 or www.lazarushouse.org.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY JESSICA VALERIANI

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

A driver pulled into the Shawsheen Plaza at 7:40 p.m. and hit another vehicle in front of Stop & Shop.

A caller reported someone shot at them near the Avalon

building on River Road at 8:15 p.m. Police checked the area but it was clear.

MONDAY, DEC. 24

A caller on Woodhaven Drive reported hearing some kind of explosion at 8:14 a.m. Another caller from 26 Woodhaven Dr. reported the sound was the transformer in front

of his home that exploded. National Grid was notified.

State highway police

responded to multiple signs knocked over on Union Street at 9:53 a.m.

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES
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Development, \$340,000

Strategy for financial success in 2019

John Spoto
Financially Speaking

A new year offers a fresh start and an opportunity to reevaluate your financial goals and your progress towards reaching them. Here are some sensible ideas to help improve your chances of achieving financial success.

Take good care of yourself. For most of us, our greatest financial asset is our ability to earn a living. Eat healthy, exercise and keep improving your career skills. For those approaching retirement or already retired, staying fit and healthy should be your most important priority. It is essential for an enjoyable and successful retirement, and lower medical costs means more money for the things you want to do.

Organize your financial affairs. First, establish your goals. Prioritize them by importance; determine when you want to reach them, estimate how much they will cost, and what you'll need to save each month.

Second, determine where you stand today financially. You can't develop a plan to reach your goals if you don't know where you're starting from. This is the only way you can make sound financial decisions. Constructing cash flow and net worth statements will enable you to do this. The cash flow statement tells you what you earn and spend and how you earn

and spend it. Look for non-essential expenses that can be reduced or eliminated. The net worth statement is a snapshot of what you own and what you owe. The difference between the two is your net worth. Comparing your net worth annually will give you an idea of how well you are progressing toward your goals.

Third, establish a record-keeping system for your personal and financial documents. Keep it simple, easy to maintain and accessible, so you or your family can quickly access important paperwork.

Knowing what you want to accomplish, where you stand financially, and the location of important documents will save you time, giving you a sense of control and peace of mind.

Save aggressively and intelligently. Spending less than you earn and saving and investing the rest is the most powerful wealth building tool we have under our control. We can't predict investment returns or inflation, but we can control our spending.

Establish a priority for how to direct your savings. If your employer retirement plan offers matching contributions, take advantage of it. This is "free" money and it grows tax-deferred. You won't get a better deal anywhere else. If you still have additional savings, pay down any high interest debt. Eliminating snowballing interest and finance charges will likely yield a better return on your money than any investment. Once you get a handle on your debt, start directing some of your savings into an emergency fund so you are prepared for unexpected expenses or a job loss.

Invest Sensibly. Use your savings to build a low-cost, broadly-diversified, tax-efficient portfolio that is consistent with your goals and investment temperament. You'll get to keep more of your investment returns rather than wasting them on unnecessary commissions, fees and taxes. You'll also be more likely to stick with your investment plan through good times and bad.

Protect yourself. Even the most substantial and well-designed investment plan provides little protection if inadequate insurance fails to cover you, your family and your assets from a large financial liability. Review your insurance coverage to make sure you have sufficient protection. Insurance is your first line of defense against catastrophic financial loss to your income and assets.

Since we can't predict the future, we can't know what the perfect plan will be. The good news is that we don't need a perfect plan, just a sensible one that we can adjust as our circumstances change. I believe that following these common-sense principles will help you reach your goals, while allowing you to enjoy the journey.

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Opinion

Protecting the youngest victims of the opioid crisis

The most tragic victims of the opioid crisis are the unwitting. An overdose trend that has claimed thousands of lives, including more than 1,500 in Massachusetts during the first nine months of this year, sadly counts children among its victims. In many cases they've stumbled into contact with dangerous drugs, prescribed or otherwise, by accident.

Authorities are not yet saying if that's what happened to Precious Wallaces, a sixth-grader at the Consentino School in Haverhill who became extremely ill, very quickly, in the early hours Saturday, Dec. 15. The 11-year-old "ate a bunch of candy," according to a 911 caller, before getting violently sick.

Precious was taken from an apartment in Lawrence to the hospital, then transferred to Tufts Medical Center in Boston, where she died three days later. The Essex County district attorney's office has acknowledged exposure to toxic substances, including fentanyl, as a possible cause under investigation.

If that's what happened, she would not be the first child in our region so stricken. Last spring police in Windham arrested a couple whose 20-month-old son died from ingesting opioids and cocaine. During an investigation of the boy's sudden illness on May 25, police say his mother, Christen Gelinias, told them he'd been playing outside when she noticed him with a "clear plastic baggie containing a white, rock-like substance." The toddler died shortly after being taken to the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.

Gelinias and Joshua Garvey were initially arrested on charges of drug possession and distribution, after police say they found heroin, cocaine, crack and Suboxone in their Manchester apartment. The couple now face charges in connection with the death of their son.

Any fatal overdose is tragic. Those afflicting children are especially wrenching since the victims are blind to the cause. How can a child understand the potency of opioids such as fentanyl, which are so powerful in such small amounts that first-responders approach areas where the drugs are thought to be present with same caution they use around hazardous industrial materials?

Exposure doesn't always happen at home, either. For Alton Banks, age 10, investigators believe it occurred in his neighborhood, somewhere along his walk home from a community swimming pool in Miami last year. He got sick shortly after arriving home and died at the hospital later that evening. An autopsy confirmed the boy had fentanyl in his body.

Cases of children who die from opioid exposure attract a lot of attention -- the death of Alton Banks was a national news story -- but research suggests many more instances of lesser known, non-fatal overdoses. Those cases have been increasing, just as they have among adults.

A study reported earlier this year by the American Academy of Pediatrics described a growing number of children sent to the hospital because of opioid exposure. Researchers looking at national data drawn from 31 children's hospitals found 1,504 cases of opioid poisoning from 2012 to 2015 -- up from 797 in 2004 to 2007. The study actually noted a slight decline in the number of opioid-related deaths among those patients.

The research underscores the need to fortify opioid abuse prevention programs for teenagers and adolescents. Those writing the study also emphasized the vulnerability of young children to accidental exposure given their "exploratory nature." Young children, in other words, are prone to put things in their mouths. They touch things and put their fingers in their mouths.

Unfortunately there is no absolute shield for children from the risk of opioid exposure. There absolutely should be accountability for adults who introduce illegal drugs into their worlds, or who allow children to wander into danger.

Still, at another level, these sad cases underscore the urgency in addressing the opioid crisis throughout our communities. The best protection for our children is to reduce the possibility of stumbling across these drugs, if we cannot eliminate it entirely.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

In last week's Townsman and last Saturday's Eagle Tribune, it was reported that the town is hiring consultants to help implement the plastic-bag ban as well as to help solve the brown water problem. Two letters to the editor this week raise the question: **Does the town use too many high-priced consultants?**

Yes. Taxpayers pay town officials a lot of money to solve problems. We don't need consultants, too.

No. Consultants are needed for the professional delivery of town services.

Last week's question:

It's that time of year again. Time to make new year's resolutions. Or is it? According to a recent study, most people don't follow up on their resolutions because they aren't authentic or doable. **Are you going to make resolutions this year?**

No. It's a waste of time and energy. Just be healthy and have a Happy New Year! **11 votes.**

Yes. And I'm going to lose weight, drink less, quit smoking, etc. **6 votes.**

No. I am happy the way I am. **3 votes.**

Yes. I do every year. And I am disappointed every year. **2 votes.**

DA's office also focused on crime prevention, diversion

Jonathan W. Blodgett

As I prepare to begin my fifth term as Essex district attorney, I have reflected on this job and why I am so privileged to serve the people of Essex County in this capacity. The commonly understood role of the district attorney is prosecuting crime and speaking for crime victims in criminal cases. Many district attorneys, including myself, have gone beyond this traditional role to offer crime prevention programs as well as diversion programs that offer services and accountability for those who commit non-violent offenses.

For example, in 2007, my office developed the Essex Drug Diversion program, modeled after our long-standing Juvenile and Youthful Diversion programs. This program offers non-violent offenders with substance use disorders treatment in lieu of prosecution. In doing so, the program seeks to reduce drug abuse and improve public safety by addressing the underlying issue of the criminal act and still hold the offender accountable. Through this program, over 1,000 people have accessed comprehensive treatment that is a minimum of six months and provides after-care, recovery coaching and peer support.

Expanding on our efforts to reduce drug abuse and crime in general, the office has offered several trainings to schools, police and other youth-serving agencies on childhood trauma. Young people who are subjected to



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Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett speaks at an event.

trauma are more likely to abuse drugs and engage in criminal activity.

One particular group has captured my attention -- children whose parents suffer from the disease of addiction. We know that exposure to parental substance use disorders can cause childhood trauma which can result in behavioral issues that interfere with learning and can contribute to delinquency.

For this reason, my office provided funds from a combination of drug forfeitures and state grant awards to develop the All-Star Program, an after-school program at Breed Middle School in Lynn. Working with then Lynn School Superintendent Cathy Latham, Sheriff Kevin Copping (former Lynn police chief) and Bridgewell, the program was rolled out in January 2016.

Since then, 225 middle school students have participated in this program, which is designed to develop leadership skills and avoid self-destructive behaviors. Each session offers homework help, a snack and dinner, recreation and structured lesson from the All-Star curriculum. The program is staffed by teachers, guidance counselors, Lynn police officers and a clinician from Bridgewell.

Since the program was instituted, anecdotal evidence suggests that participants are less likely to be involved in behavioral problems during school hours and have improved school attendance.

What cannot be measured, but is evident at the graduation celebrations, is the positive change in demeanor in the students. They appear happier and

more confident as compared to the beginning of the year.

Illegal drugs pose a multi-faceted threat to our communities and our families. A successful response requires all of our institutions to reach beyond their traditional roles to address the underlying issues.

Most of all, we must find more ways to embrace the children who bear witness to the wreckage caused by addiction so they may find a healthier and more productive path.

Jonathan Blodgett will be sworn-in as Essex district attorney on Jan. 9. He is the president of the National District Attorneys Association and serves on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the Addiction Policy Forum.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town fleecing taxpayers on plastics-ban consultant

Editor, Townsman:

Regarding Dec. 29 story in The Eagle-Tribune, "Gas crisis delays plastic bag ban," (Townsman, Dec. 27):

If taxpayers in Andover are still wondering why they pay so much more in property taxes than other towns for the municipal and public education services we receive (50 percent more in property taxes on our homes than our neighbors right next door in North Andover), then go no further than this latest example of bureaucratic overspending in our town: neither our Town Manager nor our Assistant Town Manager nor our Director of Public Health, collectively being paid hundreds of thousands of our tax dollars each year, are capable of writing a simple notice to go out to all business establishments in Andover explaining the plastic bag ban that residents voted to implement last May...they say they need to hire a consultant to write this notice!

Now, the detailed particulars of the plastic bag ban were simple enough for residents to understand when we voted approval of these particulars back in May. But somehow the very highly paid bureaucrats in Town Hall are incapable of writing a simple notice to go to businesses in town to advise them of these particulars that we residents fully understood when we voted on them at Town Meeting last spring!

So, fellow Andoverites, when you go to pay your next property tax bill, ask yourself if the quality of the education your kids are receiving in our schools has improved as a result of the superintendent recently adding, at a cost to taxpayers of over \$100,000 a year, a director of Public Relations to his personal staff, and ask yourself if the town services you are receiving have improved in any way as a result of the Town Manager having also recently added, at a cost to taxpayers of over \$100,000 a year, a Director of Culture to his staff.

If you are struggling to be able to answer "yes" to these questions, then it's time we said enough is enough when we get asked to vote on the budgets at our next Town Meeting. If these town and school department officials can't deliver quality services with the huge budgets they already have to work with, then we have the wrong people in those jobs.

BOB POKRESS
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Andover

Why hire consultant for plastic ban?

Editor, Townsman:

Sunday's article in the Eagle Tribune (Townsman, Dec. 27) regarding the plastic bag ban had me questioning why Andover has to hire a consultant to inform businesses about the impending ban.

This town seems to hire a lot of consultants. In this case, I believe we have a Business and Cultural Arts Liaison to which this program should be assigned.

What better way to interact with local businesses than to help them navigate through this transition?

Why spend more dollars for an outside company/individual when in my opinion this could be coordinated by the town's Business Liaison?

ROLAND KIM
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Senior Center is for everyone

Editor, Townsman:

For many in town when contemplating the Andover Senior Center, they may feel that it has little to do with them. But for our family and many others, the Center at Punchard is a true family affair.

For many months now, my 3-year-old and 8-month-old sons have been going to the Center to volunteer at Senior Connections. Each week, we do different activities or crafts with the folks participating in the program, which is designed to provide respite for caregivers, and a community for those who may otherwise be home alone. Those two phrases: "respite for caregivers" and "home alone" are huge problems in the lives of the aging.

Respite for caregivers is essential. While family members often find great emotional and spiritual reward for taking on this role, the situation is usually complicated and challenging in so many ways and often requires the caregiver to make personal sacrifices and often incur financial deprivation, stress and isolation. Those hours at the Senior Center allow caregivers to decompress, take a

break, run errands and build their resilience.

On the other side, some people do not have caregivers that are home with them all day. People need to work and live their lives. As a result, many aging people are home alone all day. I cannot tell you how often I have heard someone say the words: "I am so lucky to come here and not be alone all day." That was what her days had been before she was enrolled. One participant told me her son took her to the program to check it out as she was just in her apartment alone, cleaning, reorganizing and reorganizing because she had nothing to do. She's so much happier spending her days with new friends.

While all of this amazing work is done, it is done in outdated, inadequate facilities, in desperate need of renovation and expansion. Your vote is needed at Town Meeting to secure the necessary funding to undertake this project. Our town needs it.

The Center utilizes a "no wrong door" policy. When someone comes there looking for help, even if it is not something they provide, the staff feels that theirs is never the "wrong door" and they will get this person to the services they require.

To me, that is incredible. The Senior Center provides innumerable services to our community every day. It is a place for exercise, for meals, for companionship, for friendship, for community, for safety and health, and most importantly, it is for everyone.

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Shane Slocum demonstrates a virtual round of golf at Club14, a new indoor golf facility in Windham.

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Jaime and Shane Slocum, owners of Club14, stand in front of a logo for their new business offering indoor golf.



VIRTUAL CLUBHOUSE

Windham couple establishes video golf business

By BREANNA EDELSTEIN
Staff Writer

WINDHAM — A new business in town wants to save golf-loving snowbirds the cost of a plane ticket south and provide a space for anyone else interested in trying out the traditionally seasonal game.

Club14, opened last week, is Windham's first virtual golf clubhouse. Roughly 5,000 square feet of a former Rockingham Road car dealership has been converted into two floors of private and semi-private bays stocked with 20 simulated courses from around the world and other fantasy-themed games.

Windham residents and Club14 owners Jaime and Shane Slocum ventured into the niche market with the help of a Windham golf professional.

"You swing real clubs at a video of a real course (on a 12 foot screen) and the technology takes you through the rounds as if you were actually there," Shane Slocum explained.

Club14 opened with leagues for adults and juniors, classes for women and seniors, a winter break camp and occasional guest speakers and seminars. Walk-ins are welcomed, but visitors are encouraged to reserve a spot online at club14.golf ahead of time.

It was Jaime Slocum who had the idea over the summer, when she started learning the game at Windham Country Club from Kelli Kostick of the Professional Golfers' Association and the ladies' equivalent, the LPGA.

As Jaime Slocum started to get into the swing of things, the weather turned colder and she felt the brevity of New Hampshire's short golf season. She read up on indoor facilities in Manchester and on the New Hampshire Seacoast, but there was nothing closer to home.

"I wanted to build a place where beginners could feel comfortable trying out the sport for the first time, where there's no pressure to be good," she said. "Take a swing, meet a client, share a laugh and a snack or throw a party in our function room."

She teamed up with her husband and local pros like Kostick to create an indoor space where serious golfers can hone their craft and others looking to hang out at a new place can take some swings while enjoying beer and snacks.

"This is the direction we're seeing golf go," Kelli Kostick said.

Club14 guests can bring their own clubs or rent a set.

"It's very realistic," Kostick said. "You have to position the shot and use the right clubs. The only major difference is that, of course you're not outside, and in here, the ball sits on a perfect surface for every shot."

The technology can record data — like club head speed, angle of attack, spin and club face position — for analyzing.

Up to four players can play in a single bay at a time — either nine holes of 18 — with rental costs calculated by the hour.

Visit Club14 online for more information or call 603-898-4000.

Proposed bill would protect jobs for pot users

By ZOE MATHEWS
Staff Writer

'Bernadette's Bill' would provide workplace protections

When Bernadette Coughlin lost her job after a workplace injury led to a failed drug test, she became a vocal advocate for change. She met with several

legislators in the hopes one of them would hear her story — a self-described "work mom" now unemployed because she occasionally

relaxed after work with a few hits from a vape pen — and enact workplace protections for recreational users. Now, state Sen. Jason

Lewis, D-Winchester, plans to introduce legislation next month that would prevent workers from losing their jobs just because they ingested marijuana during off-hours.

Lewis' office confirmed the senator plans to file a bill that will address the "workplace implications of legal, adult recreational marijuana use outside of the workplace."

Exact language of the proposed measure is still being drafted.

Coughlin, 55, lost her management job with Sodexo — a multinational food service contractor

at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen — for smoking marijuana at her home after hours.

She had broken her arm when she fell at work on May 30, and when she went to the doctor in June was subjected to a drug test per the company's policies, which indicated it operated under federal law, where marijuana is still illegal. She received her termination notice June 11.

Six months after Coughlin lost her job, she's still on "light duty" per doctor's orders, and hasn't found employment.

Under a 2017 ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts, companies cannot fire people who use the drug for medical purposes. But there are currently no protections for recreational consumers. Massachusetts voters legalized recreational marijuana in 2016.

"If I go in for an interview and they say, 'Your last employer was Sodexo, and the reason for leaving was you were

terminated' — because I fell and broke my arm and failed a drug test, I don't know of that many people that are going to be standing in line to give me a job," she said on Wednesday.

But she is happy her voice is being heard.

"What (Sen. Lewis) was saying is exactly the way I felt," she said. "I don't think people should be smoking weed, going to work, or on their lunch break, but if it's something adults are doing responsibly in the privacy of their own home ... that's what it should be all about, to protect people like those exactly in my situation."

Coughlin said she would testify at the Statehouse in favor of the legislation, which she said the legislator is tentatively dubbing "Bernadette's Bill."

"Hopefully that's what people take from it, that something like this can happen to somebody like me," she said. "I still believe that I didn't do anything wrong."

The filing deadline for new legislation in the Senate is Jan. 18.



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Andover senior captain Gia Bramanti drives to the hoop against North Andover's Sara Mellody.



Andover guard Taylor Landry fights for the ball while surrounded by North Andover defenders, including captain Emma Liporto, left, and Norah Connors.

Girls hoops advances to Christmas Classic final

GIRLS BASKETBALL

A brilliant performance by **Gia Bramanti** sent Andover girls basketball back to the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic final, with a 73-65 semifinal win over archrival Central Catholic Saturday night.

She scored 22 of her game-high 27 points in the second half, helping Andover take a commanding 58-37 lead after three quarters. A resilient Central (4-2) fought back to within seven on multiple occasions in the fourth, but Bramanti would always respond with clutch buckets to put the game away.

"We ran a few plays a little differently to get me open," said Bramanti. "But, my intensity definitely got higher as our team's did." Sophomore **Tatum Shaw** drilled four 3-pointers and finished with 15 points, **Taylor Landry** had 9 points and 6 rebounds, and **Shea Krekorian**, **Sarah Sullivan** and **Brooke Hardock** each had 6 points.

"I think it says that we have a lot of faith in what we do offensively," said Andover coach **Alan Hibino**. "Our main key for today was

'do what we do,' kick the ball, make the extra pass. You know, it's not the Gia Bramanti show, although it certainly can be and we look to her in big times and she steps up as a senior captain.

Despite 13 points by **Shea Krekorian**, Andover fell to defending champion Bishop Guertin in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic championship game 64-48 on Sunday.

Gia Bramanti and **Taylor Landry** each had 12 points for the Golden Warriors.

"They have a lot of skill," said Andover coach **Alan Hibino**. "All of them can dribble, pass, play defense and shoot. So, defensively, it's kind of like pick your poison. Offensively, they're so long and athletic that we never really found a rhythm with what we were trying to do."

"Our girls showed tremendous poise and great fight against a team I would imagine would be hard-pressed to lose any game this year, and looks like they're going to be New Hampshire state champions."

Tatum Shaw was in middle

school when Andover won the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic two years ago, but she's heard about what it takes to win.

Last Thursday, the rising sophomore scored 13 points and drilled a clutch 3-pointer in the fourth quarter as No. 2 Andover defended its turf with a hard-fought 49-41 win over No. 6 North Andover.

"It's on our home court, so we want to win it for our school," said Shaw. "It's our home, and we don't want anyone to beat us here."

After halftime, Golden Warrior star **Gia Bramanti** found her groove offensively.

She scored 16 of her game-high 18 points during the final 16 minutes, finishing a crucial bucket down the stretch to put the Warriors up 46-41 with 50 seconds left. Junior **Shea Krekorian** (9 points) scored five straight points in the fourth quarter for the Warriors, and **Megan Zalanskas** (4 points) iced the game with free throws.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Kyle Rucker knocked down four 3-pointers on his way to a game-high 22 points and Andover rolled past Bishop Guertin 64-48 in the

fifth-place game on Sunday.

Stephen Shaw added three 3-pointers and 11 points and **Emmett Kim** chipped in with 14 points for the Golden Warriors (5-1).

Trailing by 10 at the break, the Andover turned it on in the second half to beat Londonderry 46-41 in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic consolation round on Friday.

Colin Kirkpatrick had a team-high 12 points for the Warriors (4-1) on a pair of 3s, **Stephen Shaw** chipped in 11 and **Emmett Kim** had 9.

Stephen Shaw and **Colin Kirkpatrick** each scored a game-high 12 points, but Andover lost to Lawrence 54-42 last Thursday in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic first round. **Kyle Rucker** added nine points for the Golden Warriors, who suffered their first loss of the season.

"I thought we did a great job against their pressure, but we just didn't convert," Andover coach **David Fazio** said. "We missed an awful lot of shots... We had (seven) turnovers in the first half, which is really good, but we just didn't convert (shots)."



Bramanti shoots a three-pointer.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo



Andover's sophomore guard Tatum Shaw sails to the hoop with North Andover's Norah Connors giving chase.



Senior guard Alexa Pacy fights her way to the hoop against North Andover's Hannah Whipple.



Sarah Sullivan goes for a block against North Andover captain Emma Liporto.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Tuesday, Jan. 1

FIRST DAY HIKE, 10 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest. Start off the new year with an invigorating first day hike in a beautiful state park, and make a resolution to burn off those extra holiday calories. This will be a moderately paced hike of about 2 miles. Explore Harold Parker with other New Year's revelers and afterwards warm up with a fire and some hot chocolate and refreshments from the Friends of Harold Parker. Best for kids 8 and over. Be prepared for cold weather: Dress in layers and wear winter boots. Meet at the

Harold Parker headquarters located at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. For more information call (617) 828-1728.

JAN. 6 and 13

MASS. ELITE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: St. Augustine's, 26 Andover St., Andover. Girls' tryouts Jan. 6, starting at 5 p.m.; boys' Jan. 13, starting at 5 p.m. Pre-Register prior to tryouts by visiting website located at www.masseliteselect.com.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

TALK ON COLOR: Andover Garden Club Presents "Color Theory, Floral Art, and the Impressionists," 10 a.m. The event will begin

with social time and brunch, followed by a business meeting and the lecture, South Church, 41 Central St. Art-history expert **Martha Chirchiaro** will explore the discoveries of color theory that took place in the late 19th century and influenced floral painting of the time. Closely considered will be the work of the Impressionists, including **Claude Monet** and his gardens at Giverny, which inspired so many beautiful floral paintings. Attendees will have the opportunity to apply their understanding of color theory with a hands-on activity, \$10 donation for guests.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

LIVE THEATRE: Merrimack Repertory Theatre's comedy, *Slow Food* by **Wendy MacLeod**, opens, the Nancy L. Donahue Theatre at Liberty Hall, Lowell, through Feb. 3; www.mrt.org or contact the MRT Box Office at 978-654-4678. Tickets start at \$24.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

JUNIOR AUDITIONS: Disney's *The Junglebook*, all actors (ages 5-12) are welcome to audition or simply sign up at audition since all are cast. (Leads should audition) The auditions are fun and may include readings from the script, light choreography and singing to gauge vocal range. Rehearsals will be

held Sundays, 3:30-5 p.m. for March production, Byfield Community Arts Center, 7 Central St., Byfield; for more information, contact Mike at (978) 476-6053, coachmikefay@gmail.com, ttsplayers@gmail.com.

Through Jan. 20

ADDISON'S FALL EXHIBITION, Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave. "From Starfield to MARS: Paul Manship and His Artistic Legacy" considers Manship's work and influence through two interconnected components: "Art Deco at Andover" examines Addison's connection with Manship, while "Starfield through Contemporary Lenses" presents the work

of contemporary photographers **Barbara Bosworth**, **Justin Kimball**, **S. Billie Mandle** and **Abelardo Morell**, who served as the first artists-in-residence in the Manship Artists Residency + Studios (MARS) program in Gloucester; free admission to the gallery and all programs; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

MARCH

Through March 3

ADDISON'S FALL EXHIBITION, Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave. "Contemplating the View: American Landscape Photographs" highlights images of the American landscape, both

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Local actress plays mobster's daughter

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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An actress who appeared in just about every drama production during her four years at Andover High School is now bleaching her hair very blonde and wearing lots of makeup with designer clothes and accessories for her latest role as she is portraying a daughter who grows up with a mob boss father.

Actress Chelsea Frei is playing Victoria Gotti in a new Lifetime movie called *Victoria Gotti: My Father's Daughter*. The movie gives an inside look at the world of the daughter of mob boss John Gotti. The movie will be shown on Feb. 9 on the Lifetime network.

Mobster John Gotti was a legendary New York City mobster for the Gambino family. He died in prison in 2002.

Victoria Gotti is now 56 years old and the movie is based on an autobiography about her growing up years.

Despite claims otherwise, Victoria Gotti says her family lived a sheltered, lower middle-class life with old-fashioned family values. Her mother made all of the children's clothes, and cut the girls' hair. Her childhood was marked by frequent absences on the part of her father, due to the time he spent in prison. Her mother told the four kids that their father was away on business as a plumbing supplier, helping to build a prison facility, according to an online biography.

She married her high school sweetheart, Carmine Agnello, with whom she had three sons, Carmine, Frank and John. The couple later divorced. She and her sons were on a reality television

show from August 2004 until December 2005. Victoria Gotti was the star of *Growing Up Gotti*, on the A&E Network.

People magazine got exclusive images from the new film, and Victoria (played by Frei) is seen leaving court as she's swarmed by reporters. In another shot, she sits across from her father in jail.

A self-described Shakespeare nerd who graduated from the esteemed New York University's Tisch School of the Arts (notable alumni include Lady Gaga, Alec Baldwin, Kristen Bell, Adam Sandler and Bryce Dallas Howard), Frei graduated from AHS in 2011 and now lives in West Hollywood, California.

AHS drama department director Susan Choquette said Frei is also a very funny person and she is not surprised by Frei's success.

"Chelsea's star is on the rise. I can't wait to tune into her latest project. This role is quite different from her role in *Sideswiped*. I'm pleased to see her taking on a range of roles. What fun it is for me to watch so many of my former students reach for the stars and grab them," Choquette wrote in an email.

Frei was on a YouTube Premium show called "Side-swiped," her first big project. The show premiered last July 25 and eight episodes were filmed. Frei, who interned for *Late Night with Seth Meyers* and *Saturday Night Live*, co-starred in "Side-swiped" with Hollywood actress Rosanna Arquette. The half-hour comedy series followed three generations of women who discover dating in the age of apps. Arquette plays the mother while Frei and Carly Craig played her daughters.



Courtesy photo

Chelsea Frei, a graduate of Andover High School Class of 2011.

Garden Club to explore history of floral painting



Courtesy photo

Art history expert Martha Chiarchiaro will discuss color theory and floral paintings such as those created by Claude Monet and inspired by his garden at Giverny at the next Andover Garden Club meeting on Jan. 8.

Art-history expert Martha Chiarchiaro will explore the discoveries of color theory that took place in the late 19th century and influenced floral painting of the time at an upcoming Andover Garden Club event.

Closely considered will be the work of the Impressionists, including Claude Monet and his gardens at Giverny, which inspired so many beautiful floral paintings. Attendees will have the opportunity to apply their understanding of color theory with a hands-on activity.

Chiarchiaro has lectured on art history for more than 30 years. She received her Masters' degree in the history of art from Williams College and teaches a variety of art-history courses at the Worcester Art Museum and other local cultural organizations. Chiarchiaro has presented garden-club lectures on topics including floral paintings, American landscapes, and Monet's gardens at Giverny.

"Color Theory, Floral Art, and the Impressionists" will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8,

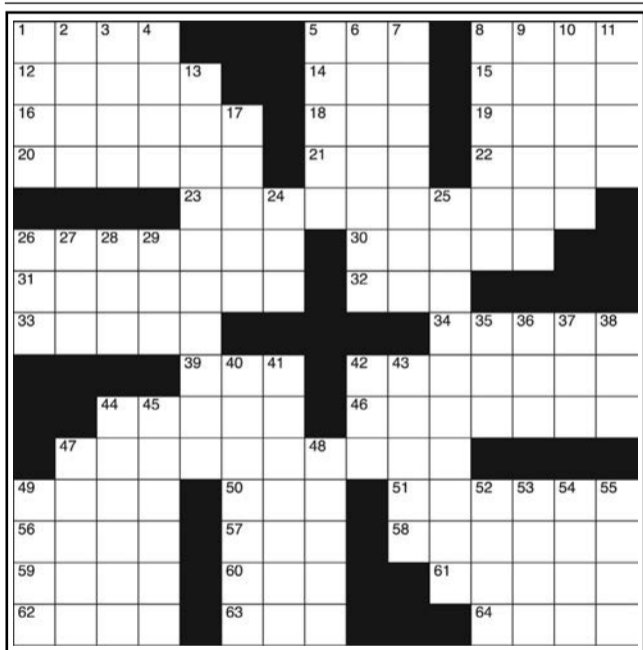
at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. The event will begin with social time and brunch, followed by a business meeting and the lecture. A \$10 donation is requested for guests (includes refreshments).

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club (www.andovergardenclub.org) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., the club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region.

The Andover Garden Club welcomes new members, and information about joining is available from membership chairs Liz Bell (belles810@gmail.com, 978-475-3021) and Kathy Hess (kmhess1@verizon.net, 978-470-0806).



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CLUES DOWN

- Grave
- Alright
- Sharp tooth
- Bird genus
- Important
- One who studies carefully
- Not very big
- Astronomy unit
- A way to open up
- Trap
- Handle of a knife
- Indicates one from a part of W. Africa
- Lucky number
- Doctor of Education
- Legendary Cubs broadcaster
- Female parent
- Mimic

- "Heavy" type of rock music
- Pharmacy chain Duane
- First responders
- Mysterious
- Leisurely stroll
- Most naughty
- Plant tissue
- Small fish
- Men's fashion accessory
- Distant planet
- Destroy
- Location in Norse mythology
- One who is deliberately cruel
- Romeo, car
- Of the ear
- Former name of Tokyo
- Male children
- French/Belgian river
- Tide
- Connects to the rim
- Small constellation
- Indicates near
- Consumed
- Criticize
- Shock therapy
- Type of cigarette
- The fashionable elite
- Shed tears
- Arm or branch of a bone
- Quell anger
- Where rock and rollers play
- "The Alchemist" author Coelho
- Choppers
- Lacks brightness
- Port in Yemen
- Brood of pheasant
- Approves food
- A type of sign

Pee Wee teams score for the homeless

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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A young hockey team from Andover recently scored big as they joined with an opposing team from Methuen to help the homeless in Lawrence.

"The two teams assembled 60 'blessing bags' together after their game on Nov. 25," Jennifer Griffin of Methuen wrote in an email. "This was a chance for the players and coaches to show folks what 'hockey family' really means."

Griffin supplied players with a list of items and supplies needed for the Blanket Me program in Lawrence. The program benefits the homeless. Items in the bags included tissues, gum, peanut butter crackers, socks, hand warmers, tooth brushes and toothpaste.

The two opposing hockey teams came together to assemble the bags. The Andover players are on Andover Hockey



Courtesy photo

Members of the Andover Pee Wee 6 hockey team pose with members of a team from Methuen.

Association's Pee Wee 6 team. "I am proud of these kiddos. They fought hard on the ice

during their game but came together afterward to make 60 blessing bags each with a

personal note for the homeless in Lawrence as a donation to Blanket Me," Griffin wrote.

CALENDAR

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natural and manmade, through works by photographers such as Ansel Adams, Robert Adams, Lois Conner, Marcia Resnick, Carleton Watkins, Edward Weston and Katherine Wolkoff; free admission to the gallery and all programs; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

ONGOING MERRIMACK VALLEY CAMERA CLUB, based in North Andover, and in its 82nd year, has about 150 members hailing from the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, and Southeastern and Seacoast areas of New Hampshire, ranging from beginners to professionals. The club and its members have been garnering recognition and awards throughout New England and beyond for decades. The club, which meets

almost every Wednesday evening, holds frequent hands-on workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public. The club meets at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Socializing starts at 7 p.m., and programs run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Find more at www.mvcameraclub.org.

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 Punchard, 30 Whittier Court. Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making 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 Punchard 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/videos/saa_20160801.mp4.

Gas Disaster - YEAR IN REVIEW



Larry Newman, of Andover, expressed his frustrations with the restoration process, during a community meeting with Columbia Gas representatives.



File photo

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said the calls started coming in fast and furious Sept. 13, starting at Grassfields Restaurant in Shawshen Plaza.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Overpressurized gas lines leave mayhem in their wake

By LISA KASHINSKY
Staff writer



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

A bleeding firefighter walks away from a house on Brookfield Street.

Overpressurized gas lines led to explosions and fires across three Merrimack Valley communities Sept. 13, throwing the region into upheaval and marking thousands of lives indelibly.

A Lawrence teenager, Leonel Rondon, was killed when a house exploded and a chimney landed on the car he was sitting in. Roughly two dozen other people were injured and 131 structures were damaged — at least five of them homes that were destroyed.

In the aftermath, gas service was cut from thousands of residences and businesses across Lawrence, Andover and North Andover as 45 miles of gas pipelines were ripped up and replaced.

Families without heat and hot water in their houses were offered temporary housing in trailers, hotels and apartments. Crews traipsed through homes for weeks conducting inspections, re-doing piping, removing gas appliances and replacing them with new ones.

More than three months later, gas service has mostly been restored, families are back in their homes and shops and restaurants are in business. Restoration efforts by Columbia Gas, the company that operated the pipelines, are far from over, however.

The Merrimack Valley gas disaster is The Eagle-Tribune's top story of the year — and will continue to be for some time.

The explosions and fires can be traced to omissions in a Columbia Gas work order for Feeney Brothers subcontractors. The order failed to show pressure sensors in old, cast-iron piping that was being removed at the intersection of Salem and South Union streets in South Lawrence and replaced with plastic mains, according to the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the incident.

Sensing a drop in pressure in the abandoned line, regulators increased pressure in the distribution system to 12 times the safe limit.

The Columbia Gas monitoring center in Columbus, Ohio received two high-pressure alarms, one at 4:04 p.m. and another at 4:05 p.m. The center, however, "had no control" over closing the valves, according to a preliminary report from the NTSB.

Columbia Gas controllers reported the event to local employees in Lawrence at 4:06 p.m.

The first 911 call came at 4:11 p.m.

What followed was a series of fires and explosions that sent plumes of thick, dark smoke rising over the Merrimack Valley.

Fire trucks and police vehicles from across the state and beyond pushed through gridlocked streets. Panicked residents rushed from their homes with barely the time or wherewithal to grab much of anything.

Electricity was cut. Shelters were opened. Chaos reigned well into the night. Lawrence Mayor Daniel

Rivera accused Columbia Gas of being the "least informed" and "last to act."

The utility company repeatedly bumbled its response to the crisis. Its claims process — designed to handle everything from property damage to alternative housing — was mired in issues from the start. Communication was lacking, much to the frustration of those who were affected.

Columbia Gas' first self-imposed restoration deadline came and went unmet Nov. 19, to the surprise of few but the dismay of many. Days before its second deadline of Dec. 16, Gov. Charlie Baker appeared with officials from the three affected towns to say the "re-light" process was substantially complete.

The trailer parks have been dismantled; families are back home from hotels as far-flung as Boston and Burlington. But unease and trauma linger and reimbursements remain incomplete.

In the spring, Columbia Gas will finish replacing furnaces and boilers in some 900 homes and begin repaving roads and fixing sidewalks. The company already has paid more than \$78 million in claims, but still faces lawsuits from impacted residents.

Through hearings and letters, lawmakers grapple with how to prevent such a disaster from happening again.

"I'm not sure how we'll ever mark the end of this experience," North Andover Town Manager Andrew Maylor said.

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Rodney Jalbert and Raymond Roy, of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts and NiSource, talk to a group of utility workers.



AP photo/Winslow Townson

A Billerica, Mass. police officer gathers with employees of Columbia Gas and a member of the Andover Fire Department after shutting off the gas in a home.



A utility crew from Columbia Gas works at the intersection of Elm and High streets.



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo

Firefighters from departments around the region talk at a staging area.



One of the many ovens in the kitchen of the Free Christian Church on Elm Street.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Some of the top news stories for 2018



Andover head coach EJ Perry encourages his team during the first half of the Div. 1 State semifinal basketball game at the TD Garden in Boston in 2015.

STAFF REPORT

COACHING CONTROVERSIES

A pair of coaching controversies erupted in the school district, creating national news stories earlier this year.

In one case, varsity ice hockey Coach Chris Kuchar and his assistants were investigated in the midst of last season after the parent of a player complained to the State Department of Children and Families that both the varsity and junior varsity players were denied food and water for poor performance at a tournament in Springfield.

Kuchar and his assistants were placed on paid, administrative leave during the investigation. An investigation found the charges to be groundless, and the coaches were reinstated as the charges were dropped.

During that controversy, another scandal arose over a letter written by Superintendent Sheldon Berman during the 2016 season.

The Eagle-Tribune obtained the six-page letter, which had been sent to Conrad and former Athletic Director Don Doucette on March 28, 2016. The extensive letter detailed Berman's "serious concerns" about Kuchar's coaching tactics, particularly toward his son. He alleged in the letter that the coach's practices



File photos.

From left, Richard (Ben) Streeter and his wife, Betsy Streeter, and Krystal Solimine, attended a School Committee meeting in April to protest what they felt was mistreatment of some of the coaches at the high school. Andover parents called for Superintendent Sheldon Berman's termination or resignation in the wake of the "last chance agreement" letter he released in April about Coach E.J. Perry.

fell "close to the category of abuse."

In April, the school became involved in another controversy involving boys' volleyball coach E.J. Perry.

Berman sent a school document to The Eagle-Tribune harshly criticizing Perry for using profanity during games and practices,

engaging in racial and ethnic stereotyping of Asian-Americans, making references to locker-room violence as a remedy for mistakes on the court, and making other demeaning comments about student athletes.

A number of parents who supported the coach lashed out at both the superintendent

and the School Committee for damaging Perry's reputation. They distributed political-style lawn signs, as well as T-shirts, that read: "Respect Our Coaches." Signs were plastered on lawns for months.

Ultimately Berman apologized and said he sent the internal memo by mistake.



File photo

The Ballardvale Fire Station at the intersection of Clark Road and Andover Street is the oldest fire station in town, having been built in 1890. Voters approved spending nearly \$9 million on the new facility at a November special Town Meeting.

BALLARDALE FIRE STATION

Voters at a Special Town Meeting in December approved the construction of a new Ballardvale Fire Station and the authorization of the purchase of 161 Andover St., the adjacent

parcel of land to the current fire station.

The \$8.7 million project is one town and fire officials said is necessary, as the station is failing after 128 years of use.

The proposal for the project was for an 11,383 square foot, two-story, three-bay fire

station. Andover Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said the proposal meets the needs of the people and the fire staff today and for the next 75 years.

The project costs will be a combination of \$7 million from bond authorization and \$1 million from free cash.



Courtesy photo

Dirt and dust from blasting create a cloud near a house in Andover.

ELM STREET BLASTS

Elm Street homeowners who live near the Capitals Senior Housing Development project, named Stone Hill at Andover, alleged their homes were damaged due to the blasting last winter.

Neighbors of the site complained of incessant noise, dust and smoke, as well as cracking walls, ceilings and foundations as a result of the blasting and rock crushing.

Many residents voiced loud concerns to the Board of Selectmen and other town officials, saying they felt ignored. Homeowners submitted claims for the damage, while one even filed a complaint with the state.



File photo

Elm Street residents Penny Restuccia and her husband Michael detail their problems related to blasting from construction projects in their neighborhood during a Selectmen's meeting at the Doherty Middle School auditorium.

NORTH READING WATER DEAL

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the North Reading Water agreement in June, following

several years of negotiations.

In the first 10 years, the deal will net the town \$14.6 million in revenue, according to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. He projected the deal will net a revenue of \$585 million over 99 years.

North Reading now makes up about 30 percent of Andover's water revenue. Board of Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said this means the town will pay 30 percent of any infrastructure projects for Andover's water system.



File photo

Liam Flanagan, 13, walks down the ramp toward a slide built into the hillside as town and school officials celebrate the grand opening of the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School Athletic Field Accessibility Project in October. The ramp connects the schools' basketball court to the lower soccer fields.

WOOD HILL/HIGH PLAIN RAMP

Finally, after years of delays, a handicap access ramp was finally built and unveiled at Wood Hill Elementary School and High

Plain Middle School in October. The ribbon cutting was held under sunny skies and was attended by hundreds of people, including the family of Liam Bell-Flanagan, whose mother, Carlene, was instrumental in getting the

project done. Liam, who walks with canes due to a disability, was one of the first to use the new ramp, much to the delight of the hundreds of friends, family members, and school and town officials.

LYONS LOSES IN UPSET

Popular state Rep. Jim Lyons, a Republican from Andover, was beaten by first-time candidate Tram Nguyen, a Democrat, for the 18th Essex District State Representative seat. Lyons, a conservative, initially unseated a popular Democrat who had held the seat, Barbara L'Italien, in 2010. Lyons ran on his conservative credentials, including his opposition to abortion, gay rights and illegal immigration. Nguyen, an immigrant from Vietnam, touted herself as the "opposite" of Lyons because of her support for



Tram Nguyen



Jim Lyons

abortion as well as LGBTQ and immigrants' rights.

Other memorable news of interest from 2018:

■ A zoning change that would have allowed housing on a Dascomb Road property owned by developer Sal Lupoli was rejected by Town Meeting voters. Lupoli is continuing with a commercial project at the site.

■ Strawberry Hill Farm on Lowell Street, a popular, 10-acre farm and seasonal vegetable stand for generations, was developed into a senior living center called

Bridges by EPOCH.

■ The former Andover Book Store was demolished to make room for new steak house.

■ The McDonald's on Main Street finally reopened Dec. 12 after an extensive remodeling and after the gas explosions caused further delays in reopening.

■ Brown water continued to plague residents. The town has hired a consultant to get to the bottom of the problem.

■ Town Meeting approved

an extensive plastic and styrofoam packing ban in May. But the implementation was delayed due to the gas crisis and the town has now hired a consultant to implement the new program.

■ Paul Salafia, a long-time member of the Board of Selectmen, announced he is not running for reelection. Dan Koh, who ran for Congress but lost, has decided to run for selectman. Incumbent Alex Vispoli is also running.

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All Those Years Ago

By Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History & Culture

100 Years Ago—Jan. 3, 1919

A great surprise came to the people of Andover Saturday, when it became known that the old firms of T.A. Holt Co., and A. S. Manning had been purchased by Ernest Hetherington of Brandon, Vermont. "You will be pleased to know that the two oldest established general stores in Andover are this morning merged into one institution. The same sterling qualities which have endeared these two old businesses to Andover people will be found under the new ownership." The T.A. Holt company was the pioneer grocery business in town, having been originally founded in 1838...and located in the basement of the Baptist church where they have been for over 80 years. A.S. Manning came to work for Dodge and Beard in 1863, and that store was founded in 1845 by S.G. McNeil and located near the railroad. This was done in order to save teaming but shortly after, the railroad was moved

to its present location.

Last Saturday evening at about 7:30, a fire alarm was sounded from Box 65. A barn on Lowell Street owned by George D. Ward was on fire and due to the prompt arrival of Auto Combinations 1 and 2 the damage was confined to the rear end and upper story of the barn.

75 Years Ago—Jan. 6, 1944

The first meeting was held last Thursday evening in connection with a program designed to offer wide-ranging services to the men and women returning to Andover after the war. It has already become probable that an office and a full-time agent will be established under the town of Andover to take care of a number of problems confronting the servicemen returning to civil life.

The eighth Andover man, and strangely enough, the first sailor from this town to lose his life in the service of his country during the present war, Emile Lawrence Bourassa, fireman first-class in the Navy, has been declared dead. The West Andover young man has been listed as missing for more than a year, since Nov. 13, 1942 after participating

in the third battle of Savo Island.

50 Years Ago—Jan. 9, 1969

A contract was signed this week for construction of the (Safety) center to be placed on the former site of the Tyer Rubber Warehouse on North Main Street. Town Manager Richard J. Bowen signed the contract with the Raymond G. Mansour Construction Co. of Lawrence, low bidder at \$498,434, on Tuesday.

The Trombly Motor Coach Service, 43 Lupine Road, is continuing to provide bus service to the area with no problems, according to the owner Frank Trombly. The firm assumed the service to Boston at the termination of contracts to the area by the Mass. Bay Transportation Authority.

If we were to say we were happy to learn of the upcoming retirement of Supt. of Schools Edward I. Erickson, it would not sound proper. Rather we say that we greet the news with tempered regret. Regret that Andover is soon to lose a capable administrator who has seen the town's school system mushroom into an awesome responsibility. But we temper



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A T.A. Holt & Co. wagon.

that regret with the thought that Mr. Erickson, in what we hope will be the many years ahead, will be able to enjoy life and reflect on the years he spent meeting the problems of Andover's growing school system.

25 Years Ago—Jan. 6, 1994

Tom McCarron wants to persuade McDonald's restaurant at 195 N. Main Street to

adopt a no-smoking policy, and he may get support from the town. Mr. McCarron of 16 Balmoral St. and his 4-year-old son Matthew, went into McDonald's one Friday night, ordered a meal and sat down in what they thought was a no-smoking section. But across the aisle were six Andover High School cheerleaders in uniform, all puffing away on cigarettes.

When he asked the young women to stop, they pointed out that they were in a smoking section and refused.

With replacement of the Central and Stevens street bridges completed in 1993, attention of the town's Department of Public Works will begin to focus on replacement of the Harding Street bridge over the railroad tracks.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:

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

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

Townie Trips: Thursdays,

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

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

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

requested.

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

Bereavement Support Group: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions. To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

Pain Management Support Group: This intimate and confidential group meets on the second Monday of the month, September through June. Open to anyone dealing with chronic pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry

Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to register.

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

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

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

Brown Bag: Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Boston Food Bank and The Center at

Punchard, are expanding the Brown Bag program. This free program is for anyone 60 and over with an income less than \$21,978 for a single person or \$29,637 for a couple, on Mass Health, Chapter 115, food stamps or fuel assistance. The grocery bag is available on the fourth Tuesday of the month and must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call Annmary Connor or Kristine Arakelian to check eligibility or to sign up.

For outdoor programs, any cancellations or changes will be communicated by email and/or phone to those registered. All participants need a health release form on file at The Center, updated annually. Bring binoculars, water, bug spray, a walking stick and wear sturdy shoes or hiking

boots. Hikes are subject to change due to weather and conditions. Preregistration is requested; swipe in before going.

Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing. All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at www.myactivecenter.net.

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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Memorial Hall Library has a lot of programs and activities in store for adults in January. Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Get Creative with Creativebug
Learn new skills and nurture your creative side with Creativebug. Memorial Hall Library cardholders have unlimited free access to this digital platform that offers thousands of creative classes for all ages. Creativebug has more than 1,000 award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Single and multi-part classes for all ages and skill levels are available in art & design, sewing, quilting, paper, knitting, crochet, food & home, jewelry, holiday & party, and kids. With new classes from top artists released daily, plus downloadable patterns, templates and recipes, the platform is an easy-to-use tool that offers unlimited inspiration to its users. Get started at <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/mhl>.

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.

Take a Journey to the Roof of Africa
On Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.,

photographer Peter Christoph will share his photographic journey through 5 climate zones, from tropical rain forest to arctic conditions, in his quest for the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa, and the highest free-standing mountain in the world. He includes behind the scenes photos of how he trained for his adventure. An award-winning nature photographer based in Lancaster, Peter has presented to the Photographic Society of America, New England Camera Club Council and the Appalachian Mountain Club in addition to Mass Audubon, the National Wildlife Refuge System, numerous camera clubs, birding clubs, and libraries. The past president of the Camera Club of Central New England, he has received many prestigious national and international awards and medals. He's published three nature photography books, including his latest, *The Art of Bird Photography*. His program is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Parent to Parent & MHL Host a Discussion of The 57 Bus

On Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m., Parent to Parent and MHL Teen Services Librarians will facilitate a discussion of *The 57 Bus*, Dasha Slater's account

of the true story of two very different teens whose paths crossed on a fateful bus trip. In *School Library Journal*, Kierra Parrot writes, "Slater artfully unfolds a complex and layered tale about two teens whose lives intersect with painful consequences. This work will spark discussions about identity, community, and what it means to achieve justice." Parent to Parent is an organization dedicated to bringing informative and helpful speakers to area parents seeking more information on relevant child-rearing topics. Teen Services Librarians Renata Sancken and Anna Tschetter will help facilitate this discussion and invite tweens, teens, and their caregivers to discuss this timely story.

Extra Day Added to the Friends' Winter Book Sale

The Friends' Winter Book Sale will be extended for an extra day of shopping. Preview Night is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There is a \$20 charge, and Friends' members get in free. Sale hours continue: Thursday, Jan. 24 from 1-4:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 27 from 1-4:30 p.m. (fill a bag for \$5 or \$7; CDs & DVDs 4/\$1).

Shop for bargains and support the library at the same

time. Join the Friends at <https://mhl.org/friends>.

American History with Don Robb: The Five Frontiers of the American West

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Sports

DOING IT ALL

Speedy Kennedy a standout in soccer and track for Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

For Julianna Kennedy, nothing is better than closing out a victory.

Kennedy is a key member of Andover track's 4x400 meter relay that is the defending Massachusetts Division 1 indoor champion.

And as the final event of most every major track meet, Kennedy has had the chance to lock down a few huge victories for the Golden Warriors' powerhouse track squad.

"My favorite event is the 4x400 because of the thrill of the event," she said. "There have been so many times when the meet comes down to the 4x4 since it's the last event, and I know I have to step up and run my best even if it's my third race of the day. It can be really stressful sometimes but it feels great to know that I'm doing it for the team."

Kennedy has delivered plenty for Andover, and not just on the track.

The senior is coming off stellar soccer season, which saw her move from her natural position of forward to defensive midfield due to injuries on the team.

But the Trinity College soccer and track recruit still managed to score seven goals this fall despite the increased workload, and earned All-MVC Division 1 honors. Now she has turned her attention to track.

"I love both sport," said Kennedy. "I think that track has been a big part of helping me progress as a soccer player. Over the years I've gotten stronger and faster which has helped my game in a huge way. I think that the two sports really complement one another."

ON THE PITCH

A four-year varsity letterman in soccer, Kennedy had played forward for three seasons, scoring a pair of goals as a junior.

But this fall, after the Golden Warriors were hit by injuries, coach Meghan Matson asked her to take on a new role.

"I have played forward for most of my career and will be playing it in college," Kennedy said. "I never played defense before this season, but I played as a defensive player due to an injury on our team. When I started playing a more defensive midfield position I helped create opportunities on the attack and tracked back to stop fast forwards on the opposing teams."

But that didn't mean Kennedy didn't find the back of the net. She still tied for the team-high with seven goals—including a memorable game-winner in the final minute against Haverhill.

"It was really exciting to score in the last minute because we played really hard and I knew that the game was coming down to that last play," she said. "It was a huge win for us so it was great to help my team pull off the win."

Kennedy earned All-MVC and All-EMass.

"She's extremely fast and skilled," said Matson. "She played almost every minute of every game for us."

ON THE TRACK

Kennedy's speed is especially apparent on the track.

In indoor track, she won the Division 1 state title in the 600 meter last winter, in 1:35.40. Last outdoor season, she was fifth at the EMass Division 1 meet in the 400 in 59.83.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Julianna Kennedy celebrates after scoring a goal against Haverhill this fall with teammate Hope Joel. Kennedy starred on offense and defense for the Golden Warriors this season.

"The 400 and 600 are pretty difficult because they're long sprints," she said. "The 600 is a tough event because it's hard to get the pacing just right, but it's a combination of speed and endurance, which is my strength. The 400 is also a difficult race because you have to stay at a fast speed throughout the whole race."

But Kennedy is never better than in relays.

She is a member of the 4x400 relay that won the Division 1 title (4:03.81) and was second at All-States (3:58.18) last winter.

She also runs on the 4x800, which won the EMass Division 1 title (9:32.26) last outdoor season. She was also a member of the sprint medley relay that placed fourth in the emerging elite division at New Balance Outdoor Nationals (4:08.53).

"I think that I have had success in relays because I

always want to do well for my teammates," she said. "I think that our relays are so successful because we work hard together at practice with a winning mindset."

Next fall, Kennedy is headed to Trinity. And she is thrilled to compete in soccer and track.

"I've played soccer my whole life and have always wanted to play college soccer," she said. "I just started track freshman year to stay in shape during the offseason, but then I ended up loving it. I couldn't decide between the two sports. While juggling track and soccer practices, meets and games during the winter and spring, I've really learned how to manage my time and get my school work done. I think will help to prepare me for college."

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REBA SALDANHA PHOTO

Andover's Julianna Kennedy competes with Tewksbury's Makayla Paige in the 600 last winter. Kennedy also stars in relays.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Stephen Shaw drives to the hoop through Lawrence's Gabriel Zorrilla during the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic.

Krueger, Davila dominate for wrestling

WRESTLING

Noah Krueger (145 pounds) and Calvin Davila (152 pounds) were each 3-0 as Andover beat Salem (42-15) but fell to Masconomet (36-29) and Natick (39-36) last Friday. Ethan Coyle (heavyweight) went 2-0 while Daon Hatzigiannis (120) and Elias Maita (160) were each 2-1 for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Wiley takes MVP

Callie Wiley scored twice and was named tournament MVP as Andover beat Matignon 4-0 in the South Boston Tourney final last Thursday. Lauren Adams and Emma Gilmartin each scored once and Katie Adams, Sara Carleo, Laura Olson and Ashley Chiango all starred on defense.

Senior Katie Adams and her freshman sister Lauren Adams each had two goals for Andover, which whipped Braintree 7-3 in the South Boston Tourney last Wednesday. Emily Wagner, Callie Wiley and Kalli Archambault each added a single goal for the winners.

Sean D'Urso made 22 saves and Andover beat defending Division 1 state finalist Methuen/Tewksbury 3-0 on Saturday. Lauren Adams, Callie Wiley and Sara Carleo each scored a goal for the winners.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bramanti shines

Gia Bramanti continued to roll with 26 points as Andover crushed Dracut 82-33 last Friday. Shea Krekorian added 12 points and Taylor Landry had 10 points for the winners.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Kirkpatrick heats up

Colin Kirkpatrick hit five 3-pointers on his way to 17 points as Andover beat Dracut 68-56 last Friday. Kyle Rocker added a game-high 21 points for the winners.

BOYS SWIMMING

Qian leads the way

Will Qian won the 200 IM (2:09.79) and 100 butterfly (56.94), Nikita Orbits won the 100 backstroke (57.47), Kenneth Siu took the 100 breaststroke (1:03.57) and they teamed with Dennis Tang to win the 200 medley relay as Andover fell to Acton-Boxboro 97-89 last Thursday.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

North Andover captain Emma Liporto fights to pass the ball to Norah Connors while hitting the floor as Andover's Tatum Shaw, 14, and Sarah Sullivan, 22 attempt to steal it.



Andover's Tatum Shaw sails to the hoop with North Andover's Norah Connors giving chase during the Golden Warriors' victory in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic.

ANDOVER HIGH SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JAN. 3	
Boys Swimming Central Catholic at Andover, 3:30 p.m.	Boys Basketball Andover at Lawrence, 7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball BillERICA at Andover, 7 p.m.
	Boys Skiing Andover at Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, JAN. 4	
Boys Basketball Andover at Lowell, 7 p.m.	
Girls Basketball Lowell at Andover, 7 p.m.	
SATURDAY, JAN. 5	
Boys Ice Hockey Hingham at Andover, 2 p.m.	
Girls Ice Hockey La Salle Academy at Andover, 7 p.m.	
Wrestling Andover at Methuen, 10 a.m.	
MONDAY, JAN. 7	
Girls Skiing Andover at Swampscott, 3:30 p.m.	
TUESDAY, JAN. 8	
	Boys Basketball Andover at Lawrence, 7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball BillERICA at Andover, 7 p.m.
	Boys Skiing Andover at Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9	
Boys Ice Hockey Andover at Westford Academy, 7:45 p.m.	
Girls Ice Hockey Andover at Beverly, 7:30 p.m.	
Girls Skiing Andover at Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.	
Boys Swimming Andover at St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.	
Wrestling Haverhill at Andover, 6:30 p.m.	
THURSDAY, JAN. 10	
	Boys Skiing Andover at St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.

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January events in the Children's Room:

Mes Petits Amis on Monday, Jan. 7 at 9:30 a.m. for preschoolers and their families – a new program introducing the French language using rhymes, songs and simple stories. It's like Wiggle Words but in French (with some English thrown in). Pick up a token for each attendee.

Reading with Annie on Tuesdays, Jan. 8 and 22 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children able to read on their own. Annie is a therapy dog who loves to be read to. The sessions are 15 minutes long and only the child who is reading is allowed in the room with Annie and her handler. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Junior Green Gatherings for ages 4-7 on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. Learn more about nature and gardening through a book and related activities.

Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. A collaboration of the Andover Jr. Garden Club and MHL Children's Room.

Make It Take It Tuesday for ages 3 and up and an adult, on Tuesdays, Jan. 22 and 29 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Join us for a new drop-in craft program. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Other events:
In-Be-Tweens Programs are for Grades 4 and 5. Space is limited. Registration required. Celebrate Winter Craft on

Monday, Jan. 14 at 3:45 p.m. Make a Snowman Card on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m.

Night Readers on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. for ages 9-12 and an adult. This month's selection is Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder. Request and read the book beforehand. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Thinking Thursday on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 3:45 p.m. for ages 5-8. Share a story, do simple experiments and create

a craft to take home. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Dads and Donuts on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. for ages 2-5. A story time targeting dads and children ages 2-5 (although all are welcome). After stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, share coffee, juice, and donuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Family Yoga on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 p.m. For walkers to age 5 with an adult and kids ages 6-11. Register at [https://](https://mhl.org/calendar)

mhl.org/calendar. Offered by Stand Tall Family Yoga.

The Snowy Nap on Thursday, Jan. 31 from 1:30-2:00 p.m. for ages 4 and 5 with an adult. Join Miss Kim for a reading of Jan Brett's newest book, followed by a fun activity. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

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