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Angry teachers rally Protest 'hostile work environment' at South Elementary School

By PAUL TENNANT
Staff Writer

Dozens of teachers say they are tired of facing uncomfortable working conditions at South Elementary School.

The teachers and their supporters had a rally outside the school last week to make public their complaints about a "hostile work environment."

"Teachers have been trying to improve the building climate and the response of the administration has been intimidation," said Matthew Bach, president of the

Andover Education Association, the teachers union.

Several teachers at the school wanted to survey their colleagues to find out how they feel about the working conditions, Bach said. The administration responded by having an attorney for the school district, Wendy Chu, interrogate those who organized the survey, he said.

Bach called this "a very severe response."

Superintendent Sheldon Berman, however, said the purpose of the investigation was not to intimidate anyone, but to find out what the

problems are at the school.

"The administration received allegations from teachers and staff of a hostile work environment at South Elementary School," Berman said. "These allegations involve conduct during the contractual workday at South and include allegations by educators and staff that they have been mistreated by some of their colleagues."

The allegations of a hostile work environment were not directed at the school's principal, Tracy Crowley, according to the superintendent. See RALLY, Page 2



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A group of teachers led by union representatives, from left, Renee Theodorou and Lydia Wise, along with Massachusetts Teachers Association organizer Kevin Tierney, emerge from South Elementary School in Andover after classes were over last Wednesday to join demonstrators who turned out to show their support for the teachers.

Annual project raises money for Andover's young people



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Marin Gang of Andover Youth Services delivers a Christmas tree to a pickup truck for a customer at the Andover Youth Services tree lot behind West Middle School.

From evergreen to cash green

By PAUL TENNANT
Staff Writer

Nearly 20 years ago, Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey was thinking hard about how he and his staff could raise extra money for their programs.

He knew bake sales don't bring in much cash and begging for donations isn't terribly effective either. His friend and fellow town

employee, Veterans Services Officer John J. Lewis, gave him an idea. Why not set up a Christmas tree lot?

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Lewis and his wife, Mary, ran a florist shop in Lowell for many years and knew a thing or two about selling Christmas trees, wreaths and centerpieces.

Fahey wasn't sure if that would bring in much money, but he

respected Lewis and followed his advice.

Fast forward to today and the Andover Youth Services Christmas tree lot, located in the skateboard park behind West Middle School, has become a local institution. Fahey, other staffers and dozens of young people unload the trees from flatbed trucks, stack them and wait on customers.

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Full-day kindergarten now free in Andover

By PAUL TENNANT
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Starting next school year, parents will not have to pay to send their children to kindergarten for a full day.

The School Committee voted unanimously Thursday evening to stop charging tuition for full-day kindergarten. Tuition-free, half-day kindergarten has been available for several years.

"This is a significant milestone for our community and comes after years of collaborative work between the School Committee, administration, Andover educators and parents," School Committee Chairman Joel Blumstein said.

This expanded opportunity will not cost local taxpayers any additional money, according to Blumstein and other school officials. Additional financial assistance from the state will make this possible, Blumstein said.

Superintendent Sheldon Berman and School Committee member Shannon Scully told the Select Board

earlier this month that the increase in state aid will cover the cost of providing full-day kindergarten without tuition.

Tuition for full-day kindergarten is now \$3,575 per year. Berman pointed out that several years ago, Andover charged \$4,650 for full-day kindergarten — the second-highest cost in the state.

The school district is legally obligated to provide half-day kindergarten at no cost, he noted.

"This year, Andover is among a relatively small number of Massachusetts communities that charge for full-day kindergarten," Blumstein said. About 93% of the town's kindergarten students are enrolled for a full day while fewer than 25 children attend for only a half day, he said.

"It is in the educational best interest of our students to provide a full day of kindergarten and it is in the best interest of our families and community to do so without additional cost," Blumstein said.



COURTESY PHOTO

People enjoy the last Crafts in the Park event in May.

It's not too cold for crafters Crafts in the Park organizers already gearing up for event scheduled this spring

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's cold outside and there's snow on the ground, but local crafters have spring on their minds. Crafts in the Park is coming in May — and organizers are already looking for crafters to sign up.

Event organizer Karen Van Welden Herman of Andover said craft submissions must be submitted by Jan. 31.

Amateur and professional crafters are invited to display and sell their original craft work at the popular event being held, as always, on the day before Mother's Day in May.

The event's hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in The Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets in downtown Andover. There is no admission fee.

"It's our 45th event and always popular, especially if the weather is good," Herman

said. "People look forward to it."

The online application must be filed immediately for crafts to be included in the initial jury process. All application submissions, due Jan. 31, require digital photos of the craft, a website address, if available, and photos of the crafts' display. Notification of participation will be confirmed by mid-March.

Also, participants must send a \$100 booth fee (which includes a \$25 non-refundable jury fee) and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Andover Crafts in the Park, P.O. Box 685, Andover, MA 01810.

A refund, less the \$25 jury fee, will be sent to crafters not accepted into the show. No additional sales commissions are charged beyond the booth fee. Food vendors require additional permits from the Town of Andover.

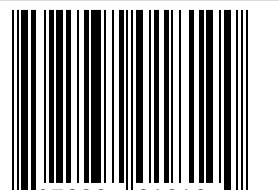
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\$86M arts center proposed

Would offer performances, shoe museum

By MIKE LABELLA
Staff Writer

Shoe designer to the stars Stuart Weitzman — who learned the trade working in his father's factory in downtown Haverhill — wants to build an \$86 million, eight-story shoe museum and performing arts center in the heart of downtown.

The nonprofit Weitzman Initiative for the Arts and Industry, based in Haverhill, is proposing a landmark museum, cultural and educational center for 12 Washington Square, current site of a public bus depot and parking lot along the Merrimack River, Mayor James Fiorentini said.

"The Weitzman Initiative for the Arts and Industry museum and cultural center will support making Haverhill a destination in the region, nationally and internationally, and thus improving all aspects of the local economy," the proposal says.

The city has leased the 34,000-square-foot property on the banks of the Merrimack River to the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority for a bus terminal and parking lot for about 30 years.

MVRTA officials said that if the project moves forward, they would continue to have a bus stop in Washington Square in front of the current terminal, but would move their customer service office to the Granite Street parking garage.

The proposal indicates the developer will work with the city to keep the historical bus terminal building in place or move it to another suitable location.

Florentini said he has been discussing the multi-faceted development project with Weitzman and his team for about two years, but that any decision to sell the land would be up to City Council.

Weitzman, a world-renowned shoe-maker who has designed footwear for the likes of celebrities Beyonce and Taylor Swift, got his start designing shoes in Haverhill for his father's company, Seymour's Shoes, in the 1960s. Seymour Weitzman opened his Haverhill shoe shop in the 1950s when shoe manufacturing was thriving in the city.

"This represents an incredible opportunity for the city of Haverhill," Fiorentini said. "For the past two years we have been working with Stuart Weitzman and the Weitzman Initiative on their plan to establish a state-of-the-art museum in downtown Haverhill, which would feature the internationally renowned Weitzman shoe collection as well as a cultural center, public gathering spaces and a restaurant along the waterfront."

The proposal says Weitzman has committed his sizable antique shoe collection to seed the museum's permanent collection. Weitzman's collection includes 300 pairs of shoes, ranging from sandals from the Ottoman Empire to Weitzman's own iconic



This artist's rendition shows the exterior of a proposed shoe museum and art and cultural center for downtown Haverhill.

50/50 boots, the proposal said.

The Weitzman proposal includes four key elements: a museum, a multi-purpose theater, an educational institution and a large public gathering space. A cafe, museum store, restaurant and maker-spaces for inventors and start-up businesses are also planned. The proposal includes a new 50-space parking lot. The main building would be eight stories tall, according to the proposal.

As this is not a for-profit development, according to the proposal, the price point for admission to the museum component will allow it to be easily accessible to all.

The theater would offer "a flexible and dynamic space that would house a wide variety of performances and events" and the public space would provide the city with "a much-needed dynamic gathering space in the heart of downtown," according to the proposal.

The primary tenant of the educational portion of the center is listed as the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, which is based in Boston.

Weitzman responded to a request for proposals for a developer willing to build a cultural arts/tourism center on the nearly 1 acre site at 12 Washington Square.

The RFP was posted on the city's website Nov. 13 with a submission due date of Dec. 17, according to city purchasing agent Steven Bucuzzo.

Weitzman's was the only response to the request, the mayor said.

Joseph Conzanzo, administrator for the MVRTA, said that his agency has a \$1 per year lease agreement with the city to have the bus station, which has restrooms for customers and a customer service and ticket office with one employee on each of two shifts.

"We renovated the property in 1981 into a bus station and I've had several discussions over the last several years about the site, which includes the station itself, and which we would need to move if the property was sold," he said. "A lot depends now on any possible new owner."

Should the property be redeveloped, the MVRTA's customer service office would move to the MVRTA's Granite Street parking garage, where there is vacant office space for ticket sales and a customer waiting area, Conzanzo said. But, he said

Washington Square would continue to have a bus stop as there are two spaces in front of the station.

The MVRTA's buses park overnight at 85 Railroad Ave. in Bradford.

"We would keep the Washington Square location as a stop as it's convenient," Costanzo said.

He noted that customers boarding buses can add money to their stored value card and can also purchase an all-day pass for \$3, which Costanzo said a lot of people do.

"But if you need a specific ticket, you'd have to come to Granite Street location, should we move there," he said.

The RFP notes a desire to preserve the historical building and incorporate it, as well as the public restrooms, into the overall development plans for the site — perhaps as a visitors' center and/or an entrance into a larger newly constructed building.

Although the two adjacent lots total about nine tenths of an acre, according to the RFP, the buildable area is restricted somewhat by access roads, a city pump station building located at the back of the property, and a historical structure/bus station.

The Little River outfall also exits along a section of the property, the RFP noted.

City Solicitor William Cox said that before any proposals can take effect, the City Council must declare the property surplus and also authorize the sale of real estate.

"The mayor is the only person who can execute documents for a sale," Cox noted.

The proposal envisions a potential sale of the property in June 2020, with construction beginning in 2022 and the museum opening in fall 2025.

City Councilor William Macek, a member of the council's Administration and Finance and Planning and Development

committees, said the council would also play a role in approving any special permit that would be needed before construction could begin.

"We don't have any authority to deny the mayor the right to do what he wants to do, once the property is surplus," Macek said.

The assessed value of the two parcels of land combined is \$717,000, but does not include the \$181,000 assessed value of the bus station building. The property is currently being used for public parking and a bus station with public restrooms.

According to local historian Jack Lynch, the city established Washington Square Park at the site in 1890 after the outlet of the Little River into the Merrimack was changed and covered. Previously the area was said to be a dump. The site served as a tree-lined park with greenhouses during the early 1900s.

The Little River Conduit runs under a portion of the property. It is a 2,000-foot long tunnel that was constructed in 1937 as part of the city's flood protection program, according to the RFP. It allows the Little River to pass under downtown Haverhill to a point on the Merrimack River just to the east of a pumping station on the site.



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo

A store closing sign is in the front window of the Motherhood Maternity store Monday at The Loop in Methuen.

Planet Fitness to open at The Loop pending government approval

By BREANNA EDELSTEIN
Staff Writer

The region could see another Planet Fitness location open in 2020, this one spanning nearly 21,000 square feet at The Loop.

Plans submitted by the fitness franchise will be reviewed — and possibly approved — by the Methuen Community Development Board on Jan. 8, according to Economic and Community Development Director Bill Buckley.

The nearest Planet Fitness location is just over a mile away, on Jackson Street in Methuen, according to the Planet Fitness website. Other area locations are in Haverhill and Andover, as well as over the New Hampshire border in Plaistow, Salem and Derry.

Pending board approval, the gym will move into space occupied by Motherhood Maternity and an abutting vacant space that once housed Dress Barn, Buckley said.

Motherhood Maternity locations across the country are closing following an announcement that the company filed for bankruptcy earlier this year. The last day the Methuen store will be in business is Dec. 26, a salesperson said.

Moving into that space

would make Planet Fitness neighbors with Orange Theory Fitness, which offers instructor-led fitness classes.

The recent coming and going of businesses at The Loop follows years of unchanged storefronts. Before Motherhood Maternity, two other departures were announced this year.

Stop and Shop officials said in October that they would not renew their lease at The Loop due to unmet financial expectations. Their 20-year run in that spot will end in July 2020.

Nearby Starbucks, which has been next to the AMC Theater for two decades, will vacate its current space after breaking ground on a roughly 2,600-square-foot building that includes a drive-thru. It began to take shape in a section of parking lot across from Stop and Shop in November.

It is unclear still what will take over those two storefronts.

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Police: Andover house condemned after man found dead inside

No foul play suspected, police say

By PAUL TENNANT
 Staff Writer

A house on Carriage Hill Road in Andover has been condemned by the town health inspector after an unattended death there, according to the police log.

Police said a neighbor

called them at 2:24 p.m. on Friday of last week and reported the death. The neighbor said a woman who lived at the now-condemned house told the neighbor that a man had died in the house a week earlier, according to police. The man was a relative of the woman who lived in the house, police

said. They said the man was dead in the kitchen, according to the police log.

The Fire Department investigated and determined the man had died alone, police said.

A woman in her 50s was transported to a hospital for a mental health evaluation, according to the log. She was the woman who told the neighbor about the death,

police said.

The condemnation of the house was reported on the police log.

"The house is uninhabitable," said Lt. Edward Guy, spokesman for the Police Department.

The heat was not working and there was hoarding, he said.

"It's a very sad situation," he said.

Police: Man charged with third DWI after crashing car into Andover house

By PAUL TENNANT
 Staff Writer

A man faces his third charge of driving under the influence of alcohol after the car he was operating crashed into a house on North Street, Andover, late Sunday afternoon, police

Louis Pineau, 57, of 24 Peaslee Terrace, Methuen, was also charged with negligent operation, a marked lanes violation and driving without or tampering with an interlock ignition device.

The incident was reported at 5:30 p.m.

■ POLICE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Citation issued: For speeding: Andover Street, 8:09 a.m.

Scam reported: Campanelli Road, 10:12 a.m.

Leash law violation issued: To owner of dog that killed neighbor's chicken, Woburn Street, 10:22 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries: Railroad Street, 12:19 p.m.

Citation issued: For marked lanes violation: River Road, 5:36 p.m.

Citation issued: For marked lanes violation, River Road, 5:58 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, two cars involved, Shawsheen Road, 10:44 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, River Street, 11:20 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Highland Road, 12:30 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash. No injuries, Elm Street, 1:04 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Haverhill Street, 1:16 p.m.

Stolen car recovered: Webster Street, 1:26 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Walnut Avenue, 1:37

p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Essex Street, 2:03 p.m.

Mailbox knocked down: Highland Road, 2:24 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Reservation Road, 5:08 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Harold Parker Road, 5:13 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Argilla Road, 6:30 p.m.

Two tires flattened: Car hit pothole, Abbott Street, 6:32 p.m.

Arrest: Gerson David Estrada, 31, of 3 Conduit St., Lawrence, unlicensed

operation, Lowell Street, 6:36 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Woburn Street, 8:29 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Motor vehicle crash: With injuries, South Main Street, 11:46 a.m.

Hit-and-run crash: Haverhill Street, 3:18 p.m.

Larceny: Railroad Street, 4:26 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, two cars involved, River Road, 4:27 p.m.

Two-car crash: With injuries, North Main Street, 4:36

p.m.

Summons issued: For unlicensed operation, Union Street, 6:14 p.m.

One tire flattened: Car hits pothole, Abbott Street, 7:20 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Haverhill Street, 7:28 a.m.

Hit-and-run crash: Routes 125 and 28, 8:20 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, North Main Street, 2:14 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Lowell Street, 3:10 p.m.

Packages opened: Bayberry Lane, 5:16 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Illegal dumping: River Road, 8:47 a.m.

Credit card fraud reported: North Main Street, 9:46 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Carmel Road, 4:16 p.m.

Larceny from motor vehicle: Shattuck Road, 5:31 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Salem Street, 3:34 a.m.

Disorderly man ordered to stay out of Old Town Hall: Main Street, 9:15 a.m.

■ REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

7 Chickering Court: Tyler and Donna Richards to Melanie Piendak and Bart Paresi, \$540,000

20 Colonial Drive, Unit 11:

Stephen S. Lu to Betty A. McMahon, \$175,000

44 Farrwood Drive: Pingyang Xiao to Gillian D. and Andrew M. Bielecki,

\$638,000

82 Greenwood Road: Bajek FT and Holly Derrico to Carlos A. Madrid, \$412,000

44 Linwood St.: Gail L. Ralston to Sheila M. Leadon, \$525,000

Riverview Woods Condo Unit 4409: Plute Homes Of New Eng to Albert G.

and Marilyn Delcheccolo, \$458,995

14 Russett Lane: Norman D. and Lucille L. Poisson to Stephen Soterios-Zaimes and

Ruth A. Zaimes, \$770,000

36 Stirling St.: Geon U. Lee and Lisa Prescott-Lee to Liling Yang and Yajie Chen, \$945,000



Andover volunteers Ashley Grover and Ally Kindlan serve refreshments at the grand reopening of the Lazarus House Thrift Store in Lawrence.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The newly reopened Lazarus House Thrift Store

Andover volunteers help with thrift store reopening

Lazarus House effort sparks neighborhood revitalization

STAFF REPORTS

After receiving a month's makeover, the newly renovated Lazarus House St. Frances St. Clare Thrift Store in Lawrence was ready to do business.

Dozens of people waited patiently one recent morning for the shop to open, designed to not only serve those in South Lawrence, but to also make an investment in the community.

"The goal is to serve the community better in the end," said Lazarus House Executive Director Jeff Hassel. "It was a bit rundown and we decided to put time, effort and some money into it to make it more of a center for the community that they would like to come to."

On opening day last

Saturday, dozens of organized racks of clothing, gently used toys, and even a visit from Santa Claus sparked the big day.

While prices on items may be nominal, Lazarus House believes it does not mean the shopping experience and environment should be different than that found at stores serving people of greater means.

"The point is to give good care, a good welcome, and a shopping experience that is full of dignity to all of our guests," Hassel said.

That is the core of the Lazarus House mission to treat those with a dignity they may struggle to find elsewhere in their lives, now reflected in the updated surroundings at the South Union Street thrift store.

"With a new fresh take on thrift store shopping, we hope to provide more opportunities for guests to get needed items at a low cost, attract more donations and bring more business to the community," said J.C. McGuire, coordinator of Thrift Stores for Lazarus House Ministries.

All items in the store are donated by individuals, businesses, churches, synagogues, schools, civic groups and other generous contributors.

Since opening its doors as an emergency homeless shelter in 1983 with only five beds, Lazarus House has been breaking the cycle of poverty in the Merrimack Valley, now operating out of eight buildings in Lawrence.



From left, Store manager Nayely Jimenez, thrift stores coordinator J.C. McGuire and Executive Director Jeff Hassel cut the ribbon at the newly reopened Lazarus House Thrift Store.



Activity on the day of reopening at the Lazarus House Thrift Store in Lawrence.

GOP snubs Weld over Trump challenge

Former governor's name will still appear on the primary ballot in Mass.

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Staff Writer

Republican Bill Weld is known as one of the most popular governors in Massachusetts' history and a political mentor to the state's current chief executive, Charlie Baker.

But as Weld mounts a long-shot primary challenge to unseat Republican President Donald Trump, the state GOP is snubbing his candidacy.

The party has submitted a list of candidates for the March 3 presidential Republican primary ballot, but there was only one name on it — the incumbent, Donald Trump.

Weld will appear on the Super Tuesday ballot in Massachusetts, but only because Secretary of State Bill Galvin, a Democrat, added his name.

State law allows the state's top election official to unilaterally put a candidate on the primary ballot if they have determined the candidate to be "generally advocated or recognized in national news media."

Massachusetts GOP Chairman Jim Lyons justified the decision to exclude Weld's name from the list as a procedural move that was grounded in recent history.

"Having a sitting president as the only name on the potential candidate list is not unprecedented, and is in fact, an established procedure," Lyons said.

Weld, 73, of Canton is barely known nationally, but well respected among veterans in the GOP establishment, and he has been highly critical of Trump's presidency.

The former governor has called for Trump to be removed from office, a position that puts him at odds with Lyons, who has called the impeachment proceedings a "circus."

Weld said the effort to keep him off he ballot in



Bill Weld, former Massachusetts governor and current candidate for president

his home state is part of a national strategy by the Trump campaign to crush potential challengers.

"All across the country, Donald Trump and his operatives are going to great lengths to silence other Republicans and independents, and to hide from those who might challenge him," Weld said in a prepared statement. "That won't happen in Massachusetts, and I am excited to give our home state a real choice in the Republican primary."

The party's public rebuke of Weld is also irking members of the state's GOP establishment.

Mike Hanson, a Republican who served as the state's banking commissioner under Weld,

said the party's apparent efforts to block Weld

and other challengers is "outrageous."

"I think the party is making an enormous mistake," Hanson said. "Regardless of who you support, the whole purpose of the party is to hold a primary in which the voters have an opportunity to choose their nominee."

Kevin Martin, an Ipswich Republican and Weld supporter, said the party's decision to bypass challengers moves it further away from its "big tent" platform of inclusion.

"As Republicans we need to cast a wide net," he said. "If we expunge people who are talking about where they want the party to go, we're shrinking the tent, which is unfortunate."

To be sure, the GOP's leadership made it pretty clear from the outset that



President Donald Trump.

they wouldn't be backing Weld's bid for the White House. When he first declared his intention in February to challenge Trump, the state GOP issued a terse rebuke and compared Weld to the infamous traitor Benedict Arnold.

"Weld is the same ex-Republican who deserted Massachusetts for New York; who endorsed President Barack Obama over Sen. John McCain for president; who renounced the GOP for the Libertarian Party; who ran against the Trump-Pence Republican ticket in 2016 while cozying up to Democrat Hillary Clinton," Lyons said in the February statement.

Of course, it's also not the first time the party has sought to sideline challengers of popular incumbents.

When Baker ran for reelection as governor last year, the state GOP was criticized for backing his candidacy ahead of the primary and ignoring challenger Scott Lively.

Weld's challenge to Trump marks the first time an incumbent president since George H.W. Bush

in 1992 will face a notable primary contender in the state.

Weld was first elected governor in 1990 after defeating a conservative Democratic candidate, and he's been called one of Massachusetts' most popular governors in recent history.

He ran on the Libertarian Party ticket in 2016 with former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, receiving about 4.5 million votes, or a little more than 3% of the national popular vote.

Weld also was the party's nominee for U.S. Senate in 1996 when he mounted a campaign to unseat then-incumbent Democratic Sen. John Kerry.

Baker, who worked under Weld in the 1990s and has described the former governor as his political mentor, has largely stayed out of the fray over his candidacy.

Like Weld, Baker is a fiscal conservative with liberal positions on abortion rights and gay marriage. He isn't a fan of Trump but hasn't backed Weld's candidacy either.

presidency, he remains popular with Republican voters, even in Massachusetts.

Trump won the crowded Massachusetts GOP presidential primary in 2016, but he lost by a large margin to Democrat Hillary Clinton in the general election.

In 2020, he also faces a primary challenge from former Illinois congressman Joe Walsh, a conservative radio show host who has called the president "unfit" to serve another term.

Political observers say even if Weld is unlikely to deprive Trump of the nomination, the GOP's efforts to keep him off the ballot in Massachusetts and elsewhere are unprecedented.

"It's a personal slap in the face for Weld, which is surprising considering how popular he was as governor," said Erin O'Brien, chairwoman of the political science department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

"But the bigger concern is a political party that sets up rules to get on the ballot and refuses to honor them because they're afraid of a candidate," she said. "That's frightening."

Local brewing company to open tasting room in Boston

Merrimack Valley company moves into city's financial district

By JACK SHEA
Staff Writer

Newburyport Brewing Co. will soon open its first out-of-town tasting room as part of a new downtown Boston food hall.

The brewery, founded in Newburyport in 2012 by Chris Webb and Bill Fisher, will be one of 20 vendors that will open their doors in early 2020 at High Street Place, a marketplace that will connect the financial district office towers at 160 Federal and 100 High St. in Boston. The marketplace will feature a five-story atrium with 300 seats inside, as well as an outdoor patio



Newburyport Brewing Co. will open a tasting room in the High Street Place development in Boston's financial district.

with additional seating. While Newburyport Brewing Company's beverages have been widely distributed and consumed around New England and beyond for years, the new tasting room marks the first time Webb and Fisher set up shop outside of Newburyport.

Webb said it will serve as a satellite location for the brewery — which operates out of 4 Pasture Road in Newburyport — and will be an "experiential test kitchen" where he and Fisher will serve a number of exclusive brews.

"This is a huge opportunity for us to have an anchor taproom in downtown

Boston," Webb said. "People know about our beer and our city, but this is going to give them a whole new introduction to our brand."

To mark the occasion, Webb and Fisher are releasing a new limited-edition "1635" beer, which is named after the year the town of Newbury was incorporated, and will only be available at the Boston tasting room.

Fisher said he hopes to collaborate with some of the other High Street Place vendors, which include Bad Doughnut, Fuji Sushi, Gorgonzola Gelato, and sandwich shop Mike & Patty's, among others.

"There are a lot of really

cool restaurants and top food vendors around us, so we'll be able to do some creative stuff there," Fisher said of the Boston site, adding that construction on the brewery's new spot will finish up this month, and that the tasting room will likely open in February.

Webb noted that the brewery will be the sole craft beer vendor at High Street Plaza, and said he is excited to be included with some of the area's high-end eateries.

"It's a compliment to us," said Webb. "This area in Boston was really starving for a food hall and a craft beer location for a long time."

This Boston satellite location is not the only project on the horizon for Newburyport Brewing Co. The company also plans to build a new, expanded location at 77 and 79 Parker St., Newburyport, which would allow it to increase its brewing capacity and operate a larger tasting room that includes a restaurant and more space for live music.

Webb said he and Fisher hope construction will begin on the new Newburyport site soon, and that it could be open for business within the next 12 to 18 months.

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Income tax rate to drop to 5% in January

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

Governor says workers should keep more of their earnings

The Massachusetts income tax rate will finally drop to 5% at the beginning of the new year — more than two decades after voters passed a referendum to roll back the rate to that level.

State revenue officials, who are crunching numbers for next fiscal year's budget, say projections for the coming year will likely trigger a reduction in the personal income tax rate from 5.05% to 5% beginning in January.

It will be the second year in a row that the personal income tax rate will be lowered.

Gov. Charlie Baker said the drop means the income tax rate will be the lowest it has been in decades, "allowing Massachusetts taxpayers to be able to keep more of their

hard-earned money." Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito said the income tax cut "reflects steady economic growth and will provide a well-deserved break to Massachusetts workers."

The income tax rate was supposed to have fallen to that level years ago, under a ballot question approved by voters in 2000, when the rate was 5.85%.

Two years after its passage, however, the Legislature outraged supporters of the rollback by freezing the personal income tax at 5.3% to plug budget shortfalls.

Amid a backlash, lawmakers created a mechanism to reduce the tax rate if growth in the state's annual revenue met certain benchmarks.

So far, tax cuts have been

triggered just five times, most recently in 2019 when the rate fell by one-half percent to the current level.

"Finally, it's going to go back down to 5% as promised," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. "It took two decades, but that's Beacon Hill."

The group, which was founded by anti-tax advocate Barbara Anderson from Marblehead, fought to put the question on the 2000 ballot and railed against lawmakers for freezing the rate decrease.

Ford said it's sad that Anderson, who died of leukemia in 2016, didn't live long enough to see the rate drop to 5% as mandated by voters. "And to think about the



Gov. Charlie Baker

billions of dollars that the state government has siphoned from taxpayers' wallets during all those years," Ford said. "It's disgraceful." Republicans, including Senate minority leader Bruce Tarr, have filed bills every legislative session to lower the rate, but their proposals have been stymied in a Legislature controlled by Democrats.

Lawmakers who oppose dropping the rate say the state would take a major hit, with less money for schools, transportation and other

needs. Income tax collections represent more than 58% of the revenue used to keep state government running.

Lowering the personal income tax rate to 5% would mean a \$80 million hit to the state next year and \$185 million in 2021, according to the Department of Revenue.

Despite the slowly declining rate, personal income tax collections have increased from \$14.4 billion in 2015 to more than \$16.6 billion this year.

Even with the expected reduction, revenue officials and economists project overall tax collections to grow to more than \$17.2 million next year.

The anticipated change in the tax rate comes as Beacon

Hill Democrats search for new sources of revenue to fund education and transportation initiatives.

Meanwhile, Democrats and a coalition of unions and activists have renewed an effort for a 4% income surtax on households with annual incomes above \$1 million.

Baker pitched a plan to double the state income tax exemption for dependents from \$1,000 to \$2,000 as part of a supplemental spending bill.

The break would have benefited taxpayers with children or who care for dependent relatives who are elderly or have a disability, according to the Baker administration. But the Democratic-controlled Legislature pulled Baker's "working families" tax proposal out of the \$542 million spending bill before approving it.

Work to I-495 bridge resumes after accident that killed worker

Probe into cause of accident continues

By ALLISON CORNEAU
Staff Writer

The state Department of Transportation has approved limited construction of the Interstate 495 bridge replacement in Haverhill five weeks after an accident there left one worker dead and another seriously injured.

Work resumed last week, according to MassDOT spokeswoman Kristen Pennucci, after the general contractor submitted a plan detailing more stringent safety protocols.

The current construction is limited to structural work on the new northbound bridge, Pennucci said.

Dennis Robertson of Manchester, New Hampshire, was working alongside Carlos Leon 50 feet above the Merrimack River on Nov. 27 when both men fell from the bucket of a lift truck onto a barge below.

Robertson was killed and Leon remains hospitalized.

It is not clear if mechanical or operator error caused the accident.

Occupational Health and Safety Administration spokesman Jim

Lally confirmed the federal agency is looking into Johnston, Rhode Island-based employer J.R. Vinagro. OSHA's investigation, which looks into possible workplace safety violations, is expected to be completed by May, Lally said.

Mike Gagliardi, the business manager for Laborers Union 175 that represents both victims of the accident, said returning to the job site to restart the project is bittersweet.

"It's very difficult to go back," he said. "It's very difficult for the first responders and workers who were there that day. There are grief counselors available that they're taking advantage of as they mourn the loss of their coworker and friend."

A charity fund has been set up to support Robertson's children through their father's union, Gagliardi said.

Donations may be mailed to the attention of Local 175 in care of the Dennis Robertson Children's Charity Fund, 55 Union St., Methuen, MA 01844.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Police inspect a lift on a barge in the Merrimack River under the Interstate 495 bridge after a construction worker was killed and another seriously hurt after they fell onto a barge.

As Leon recovers from multiple medical expenses are also under- worker can be sent to 20 Carter St., surgeries, efforts to defray his way. Donations to help that injured Tewksbury, MA 01876.

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Matty Buczynski, 10, of Andover checks out decorations at the tree lot.

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OH, CHRISTMAS TREES

From evergreen to the green of cash

They're learning business skills and customer service.

They sometimes have to chip in with some muscle and sweat to make the operation work.

They learn how to handle money after sales — turning evergreens into the green of cash.

Young people participating in the Christmas tree lot to raise money for youth programs in Andover are learning valuable lessons, and having a good time in the process.

They get a full business education when working at the Andover Youth Services tree lot, behind West Middle School.



Anna Riley, right, of Andover Youth Services helps a customer pick out a tree.



Neal Callahan of Andover Youth Services carries a customer's tree to their car at the tree lot.



Dave and Meg Buczynski of Andover pick out a Christmas tree with their son Matty, 10.



Glenn Wilson, assistant youth services director for the town, makes a fresh cut on a Christmas tree sold at the lot.

Townspeople



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Students and staff at the Cormier Youth Center pose with tea lights in decorated bags that spell out the initials for Andover Youth Services.



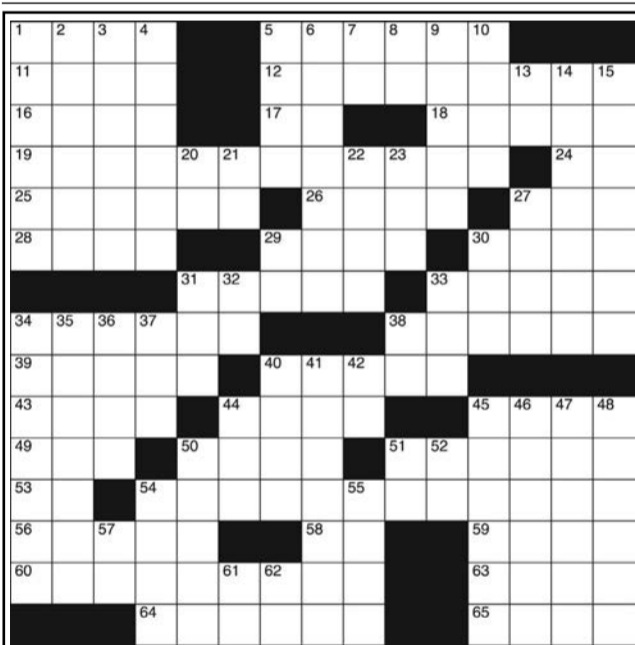
Residents who donate money for the bags get a decorative package.

Shine the Light

It was done by children, for children. The local Andona organization's annual Shine the Light event was embraced by children and the community this holiday season.

The kids created decorative bags containing lights, and the packages were sold locally. Money raised goes to activities for local children, as is the case with all Andona activities.

The fifth annual Shine the Light event allowed participants to light up the community, literally, on the winter solstice.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Soft blue-gray mineral
- 11. Algerian coastal city
- 12. A healthy redness
- 16. El __, border town
- 17. Part of the mind
- 18. Female body part
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. You can call Paul Simon this
- 25. Copyread
- 26. Large integers
- 27. Large, flightless bird
- 28. Bread and whiskey are two
- 29. Indicate pain or discomfort
- 30. Worry
- 31. Wild goats
- 33. Belittle
- 34. More supernatural
- 38. Wakes up

Solution in Classified Section

- 39. Intestinal pouches
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. American state
- 44. CSI actor
- 45. Having a keen enthusiasm for
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Restaurant item
- 51. Intense unhappiness
- 53. Unit of loudness
- 54. Increase in velocity
- 56. Mesoamerican religion
- 58. Early multimedia
- 59. Forearm bone
- 60. An unprincipled person
- 63. Swarming with
- 64. Shellfish
- 65. Root of taro plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. More silly
- 2. Adult beverage
- 3. Iron used for lofting
- 4. Noses
- 5. Smile
- 6. One who examines closely
- 7. Lethal dose
- 8. Denotes past
- 9. "This Is Us" actor Fitch
- 10. Dabbling ducks
- 13. Polish beer
- 14. A type of cat
- 15. Shows respect for
- 20. Of I
- 21. Commercial
- 22. Chai and chamomile are two
- 23. Lodging option
- 27. Geological times
- 29. Unit of electrical inductance (abbr.)
- 30. Where G-men work
- 31. Hot beverage
- 32. One of the six noble gases
- 33. Southern constellation

- 34. South American nation
- 35. Suitable for use as food
- 36. The back
- 37. I (German)
- 38. Blood group
- 40. Fit to stand trial
- 41. Praise excessively
- 42. Female's title
- 44. EU predecessor
- 45. Acutely insightful and wise
- 46. Disguised
- 47. Improved the appearance of
- 48. Generator
- 50. The real __, the genuine article
- 51. Male's title
- 52. Home of the Hawkeyes
- 54. About aviation
- 55. At all times
- 57. Military peace officer
- 61. College degree
- 62. Indicates position

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Tea lights in bags decorated by children at the Cormier Youth Center are arranged outside the building.



The tea lights in bags have decorative drawings by children.



Tea lights in bags decorated by Cormier Youth Center members feature drawings and words from the creators.



A boy reads a book in the children's room of Memorial Hall Library, which offers a reading program for young people.



A child visits Memorial Hall Library, which offers a reading program for young people.

AMY SWEENEY/Staff photos

CALENDAR

Continued from Page 4

weather — dress in layers and wear winter boots. Free, open to all. Information: 617-828-1728, mass.gov/dcr.

JAN. 2

Red Cross Blood Drive, 2 to 7 p.m., Andover School of Montessori, 400 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome; appointments recommended. Speed your way through the donation process with “Rapid Pass”; information at redcrossblood.org. Appointments: 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org.

JAN. 2, 16, 30

Career Networking Group, 10 to 11:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library Ground Level Alcove 1, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Expand your network of business contacts, share ideas, and learn about effective job search strategies. Facilitated by certified career coach Arleen Bradley. Information: 978-623-8430, rdesk@mhl.org, mhl.calendar.org.

JAN. 7

Red Cross Blood Drive, 2 to 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Speed your way through the donation process with “Rapid Pass”; information at redcrossblood.org. Appointments: 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org.

JAN. 7, 14

Andover Toastmasters Club meets Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Morse Conference room at Raytheon IDS, Essex Building,

350 Lowell St., Andover. Need to improve your speaking, presentation, or leadership skills? Need to overcome your fear of public speaking? Guests are always welcome. Information: andovertoastmastersclub.toastmastersclubs.org.

JAN. 7, 14, 21, 28

Revive and Thrive – Dementia and Memory-Supportive Fitness Program, 11 a.m. to noon, at Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. Emily Kearns, PhD will facilitate this weekly program. Information: 978-604-0830.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (socializing, 7 p.m.) at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. The club holds frequent hands-on workshops, field trips — including some overnights, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions; most are open to the public. Information: mvcameraclub.org.

JAN. 7, 21

Reading with Annie, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. For children able to read on their own. Sessions are 15 minutes long, and only the child who is reading is allowed in the room with Annie and her handler. Registration for Dec. 17 is closed, no waiting list. Will resume Jan. 7 (registration opens approximately Tuesday, Dec. 24, register at mhl.org/calendar).

Device Advice for Adults, 7 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Bring your technology questions to

the Reference Desk. Get help with the basics for iPads, cellphones, laptops, Kindles and other e-readers. Bring your chargers, usernames and passwords. If unable to attend, stop by the Reference Desk anytime for device assistance. Information: 978-623-8440, mhl.org.

JAN. 11

Jr. Green Gatherings, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children ages 4-8. The Andover Garden Club, in collaboration with the Memorial Hall Library Children's Room, hosts a book reading and related activities about nature and gardening. Contact Erin Taylor at erintaylor@erinsbotanical.com. Parents are welcome, too.

Baby Brunch for families with children 12 months and younger, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library Activity Room, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Join other families with children 1 year and under to make connections and find out about what the library has to offer its littlest customers. Information: 978-623-8440, mhl.org.

JAN. 11, 18, 25; FEB. 1

Family Yoga, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. for walkers to age 5 with an adult & kids 6-11, at Memorial Hall Library, 2 No. Main St., Andover. A lively form of yoga that involves child-friendly yoga poses, games, stories, songs and mini-relaxation to end the class. Teaches breathing techniques and stretching. Registration required at mhl.org/calendar.

JAN. 14, FEB. 11

Dementia Dialogues, 9:30 to

10:30 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, Alcove 2 on Level G, 2 N. Main St., Andover. A monthly discussion group for anyone wanting to discuss dementia, including caregivers/care partners and people living with dementia. Information: Emily Kearns, 978-604-0830; Reference Desk, 978-623-8430 or rdesk@mhl.org.

JAN. 16

“Get Organized in the New Year,” 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library's Memorial Hall, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Learn decluttering and organizing techniques from professional organizer Marilyn Cruickshank. Register at mhl.org/calendar. Information: 978-623-8430, rdesk@mhl.org.

JAN. 17, FEB. 21

Musical Morning with Peter Sheridan, 10 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. A children's musician for 20 years, Peter performs at many libraries, day care centers and schools. He plays guitar, accordion, harmonica and other instruments and uses puppets and books in his program. No registration needed.

JAN. 22

Red Cross Blood Drive, 2 to 7 p.m., Firemans Relief Center (Relief's In), 1 Market St., Lawrence. Appointments: 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org.

JAN. 22, 29

Junior Friends of Memorial Hall Library, for ages 8-11, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. at Memorial

Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Junior Friends work together to plan programs for younger children and do other projects to help the library. Contact Miss Kate at 978-623-8440 or kdugan@mhl.org.

JAN. 23

Red Cross Blood Drive, 2 to 7 p.m., St. Augustine Church, 35 Essex St., Andover. Appointments: 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org.

JAN. 23, FEB. 27

Thinking Thursday, for Ages 5 to 8, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Combines stories and science and a craft to bring home. Register at mhl.org/calendar. Space is limited.

JAN. 25

Legomania for ages 5 and up, 2 to 3 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Share a story, then build with Legos and share the creation with the group. Sign up at mhl.org/calendar.

FEB. 23

13th annual Maria's Frozen Shamrock 3 Mile Run, 11 a.m. at Maria's Family Restaurant, 81 Essex St., Haverhill. First of three Frozen Shamrock races (other two, March 1 and 8). Cost: \$40; \$45 post entry (if available); register online for all three for \$110, and get a \$10 discount; running club discount: \$90. Sign up with a friend for entire series and receive a Hardman Super Bag. Custom T-shirts to the first 600 entries. Information: runthewildrover.com.

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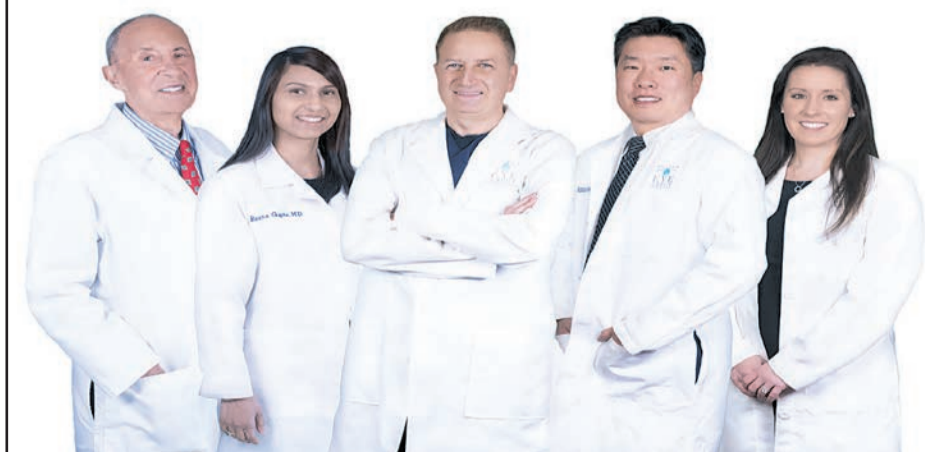
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PUBLIC NOTICES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the Town of Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, Case No. 19-01-0700P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). AT - 12/26/2019, 01/02/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICES COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020 Docket No. ES19P3558EA Estate of: Jeffrey L. Leonard Date of Death: 11/23/2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary Angelic Gangoy of Andover MA, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Mary Angelic Gangoy of Andover MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/13/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Jennifer M.R. Ulwick, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 10, 2019 Pamela A Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 12/26/2019

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Sports



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Merrimack College's Alyssa Casey of Andover looks to pass in a game last year. Casey is equally comfortable around the basket and on the perimeter.



Merrimack College's Alyssa Casey fires up a shot at Illinois the week before last.

ENJOYING THE RIDE

Andover's Casey playing major role in Merrimack's transition to Division 1

By DAVE DYER
 ddyer@eagletribune.com

Merrimack College basketball standout Alyssa Casey's enthusiasm is as high as ever.

And why not? The Warriors, in their first year in Division 1, are currently 6-4 and own wins over the likes of UMass Amherst, UNH and Brown.

Alyssa Casey

One of their losses was 72-68 in overtime to a strong Lehigh team and another was 75-72 on the road to Illinois of the Big 10.

"It's been really, really good so far," said the 5-foot-10 Casey, a junior, of the transition to Division 1. "It's been a lot of fun playing these (D1) schools and being competitive with them."

It has not been totally unexpected, however. "We never lost confidence in ourselves," said Casey,

who scored season-highs in points (24) and rebounds (14) in a win over UMass Lowell on Saturday. "We felt that we were working hard in the offseason and we could keep up with the schools we're playing. Then, when we saw the freshmen play, we knew. They've really stepped up."

Of course, 6-foot-1 senior Denia Davis-Stewart is having a monster year for the Warriors, averaging 17.3 points, 12.2 rebounds and 6.1 blocks per game. "She (Davis-Stewart) has been absolutely phenomenal," said Casey. "She's probably the biggest reason we're doing as well as we are. She had a breakout game in our opener (31 points, 13 rebounds, 12 blocked shots in the 79-64 win over UMass) and her confidence just exploded."

That initial victory was a confidence boost for the entire team, but so was the loss to Illinois, a game that Casey considers the most memorable of the season. "It was so awesome and

exciting being in that (facility), and it was phenomenal that we almost beat them," said Casey. "We had a good game plan and we felt good that we were playing with them the whole game."

Casey had five points against Illinois, and her scoring average is 10.4 points per game, down just a bit from the 13.5 points she averaged as a freshman, when she was NE-10 Rookie of the Year. She is grabbing 5.3 rebounds per game. And she points to the growth of the talent around her.

"Our bench is a lot bigger now and they've been guarding me more tight inside," said Casey, who has shown she can bury 3-pointers as well as score inside. "Also, I think I have better shot selection now. I put up some pretty wild shots as a freshman."

"But I'm just here for the wins. We want to play really well in the conference and show that we deserve to be in the playoffs even if we can't be this year. That's

what's really motivating me and the whole team."

As the Warriors strive to show that they belong and then some, Casey is definitely instrumental in making that happen according to head coach Monique LeBlanc.

"Alyssa is a great player and a really important part of our team, presently and for the future," said LeBlanc.

"She's a talented scorer. She's physically strong,

which can be an advantage on both sides of the ball.

"Things we are working on right now with Alyssa are having a higher rebounding rate and better decision making."

Casey, who averaged 21 points and eight rebounds as an Andover senior, is certainly aware of the need to rebound more, as are her teammates.

"We have to do a better job rebounding, the entire team would agree on that,"

said Casey.

"That was what hurt us against Illinois and we just need to improve at that."

And, if improved rebounding is what it will take to continue the success transitioning to Division 1, it's a safe bet — based on her background at Andover, where she recovered from a season-limiting fractured foot as a junior to become an All-Scholastic as a senior — Casey will lead the way.

Archambault, girls hockey earn thrilling win

GIRLS HOCKEY

With the puck on her stick, and nothing but open ice and the goalie standing in her way, Andover's **Kallie Archambault** had to calm herself for a split second.

"I was really nervous," said Archambault. "But I realized I just needed to pick my head up and pick a spot that I saw was open. I slowed down for a moment, picked my shot, and it worked."

With 2:21 remaining in overtime, Archambault intercepted a pass at the opposing blue line, broke in all alone and fired home the game-winning goal in Andover's season-opening 4-3 OT victory over defending Division 1 state champion Methuen/Tewksbury on Saturday night.

Rose MacClean, Vanessa Pierni and Lilly Reeves each also scored a goal for the winners.

"We beat them last year, so we knew we could do it again," said Andover senior defenseman **Sara Carleo**. "We all believed in each other, and were very confident. We're so excited to get the win. We'll use this going forward, and make the best of it."

WRESTLING

Maita surges to win

Led by 160-pound champ **Elias Maita**, Andover enjoyed a superb tournament in Londonderry, finishing second to Vermont power Mt. Anthony on Saturday.

The Warriors also had four runners-up in 120-pounder **Sean Hellman**, 145-pounder



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Kallie Archambault shoots and scores the game-winning overtime goal against Methuen/Tewksbury on Saturday.

Jonathan Davila, 152-pounder **Kelvin Davila** and 170-pounder **Sean Ballou**. Hellman reached the finals with a late pin in the semifinals after losing 14-0 while Kelvin Davila got into a hole in the finals, then dominated the match.

Heavyweight **A.J. Heidtke** needed just 52 seconds to pin his opponent, leading Andover to a 37-29 win over Wakefield last Wednesday. **Miles Fraser** (138 pounds) and **Kelvin Davila** (152 pounds) also pinned their opponents for victories for the Warriors.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cammann surges

Aidan Cammann scored a game-high 22 points to lead Andover to a 72-53 victory over rival North Andover on Friday. It was the first win for the Golden Warriors over

the Scarlet Knights since 2017.

Kyle Rucker added 18 points for Andover, which used 10 players in the first six minutes as coach **Dave Fazio** readily moved players in and out of the lineup throughout. Seven of those 10 scored points in the opening stanza. "That's the plan," Fazio said. "We want to play 10 to 11 guys. We want to play a lot of guys. It's probably the first time in a long time that we have this depth."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Freshman star

Amelia Hanscom split two defenders at the top of the key, drove into the lane, then dished a pretty bounce pass to a cutting **Brooke Hardock** for an easy Andover bucket.

It was a rather un-freshman-like play coming from

someone in her first varsity game. And it arguably wasn't even the best play an Andover rookie made during the team's dominant 63-44 season-opening win over crosstown rival North Andover Friday night.

That distinction could go to 6-foot-2 forward and fellow starter **Anna Foley**, who stepped back and swished an 18-footer. Or maybe it could go to sixth-man **Marissa Kobelski**, who drained her first two 3s while getting fouled on the second one.

Hanzcom finished with 14 points, Foley had eight points and Kobelski scored six in the win.

"Oh man, I was really nervous coming into this game," said Hanscom. "I had a lot of butterflies. I didn't really know what to expect, but once I got out there the

adrenaline just kicked in and I started feeling pretty good."

Tatum Shaw scored a game-high 15 points for the winners.

GIRLS TRACK

Slayton takes first

Ella Slayton won the 300 in 43.97 to lead Andover at the first MVC multi-team meet of the winter last Monday.

Jodi Parrot took second in the 55 hurdles (9.00) and was third in the long jump (15-9.5). Also adding seconds for the Golden Warriors were **Hannah Jordan** in the 55 dash (7.91) and **Leila Boudries** in the 2-mile (12:22.06), while **Molly Kiley** was fourth in the mile (5:34.01).

BOYS HOCKEY

Arpin, Warriors break out

Evan Arpin, Leo Byers and **Jackson Gress** each scored two goals and Andover broke into the win column with a 9-2 drubbing of Acton-Boxboro. **Stephen Ingram, Anton Pace** and **Benji Miragliotta** scored one goal each for the winners.

Despite two goals for **Steve Ingram**, Andover lost to Hingham 6-4 last Thursday. **Michael Feeney** and **Evan Arpin** each added a goal for the Warriors.

GYMNASTICS

Francis leads the way

Maddy Francis won the bars (9.45), was third in the beam (8.6) and second in the all-around (34.05) as Andover scored 130.75 points to beat Dracut (126.35) and Tewksbury (125.25) on Saturday.

ANDOVER HIGH SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Girls Ice Hockey
 Andover at Braintree, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

Boys Basketball
 Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic
 Andover vs. Londonderry, 3:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

Boys Ice Hockey
 Andover at Waltham, 3:10 p.m.
 Girls Ice Hockey
 La Salle Academy at Andover, 7:15 p.m.

Girls Basketball
 Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic
 Andover vs. Londonderry, 3:45 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 30

Girls Gymnastics
 Andover at Methuen, 3 p.m.
 Boys Ice Hockey
 Andover at Chelmsford, 7:10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

Girls Gymnastics
 Haverhill at Andover, 7 p.m.
 Boys Ice Hockey
 Billerica at Andover, 7:10 p.m.
 Wrestling
 Chelmsford at Andover, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

Boys Basketball
 Andover at Billerica, 7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball
 Lawrence at Andover, 7 p.m.
 Girls Ice Hockey
 Andover at Lincoln-Sudbury, 3:30 p.m.

Boys Indoor Track
 Central Catholic at Andover, 4 p.m.

Girls Indoor Track
 Andover at Central Catholic, 4 p.m.

Boys Swimming
 Andover at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

Boys Ice Hockey
 St. Mary's at Andover, 3:10 p.m.
 Girls Ice Hockey
 Andover at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
 Wrestling
 Andover at Whitman-Hanson, 9 a.m.

Andover senator's bill would toughen car seat law

He wants rule that young children's seats face backward

By KATIE LANNAN
State House News Service

In the event of a crash, a rear-facing car seat "acts like a turtle shell" to reduce impact and prevent potential injury to infant and toddler passengers, a specialist with Boston Children's Hospital told Massachusetts legislators.

"At Children's, I see the impact car-seat direction and placement has on kids' safety on a daily basis," Barbara DiGirolamo, a prevention specialist with the hospital, told the Massachusetts Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

She was speaking last week in support of a bill filed by Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover,

that would toughen up the law. "The law that is currently written is not strong enough to keep our kids safe," she said. "Why is a rear-facing car seat so critical? Because it protects the whole head, neck and spine of a child, absorbing the majority of the crash-forces the body would sustain."

Current law mandates that children younger than age 8 must "be fastened and secured by a child passenger restraint" unless they're more than 57 inches tall. Finegold's bill would add a new requirement: rear-facing seats for children under age 2 or weighing less than 30 pounds.

Diana Imondi of AAA Northeast, who testified alongside DiGirolamo, said the bill would not force parents to purchase new or different car seats, but would clarify how the seats should be installed.

Violators of the current law can be subject to a penalty of up to \$25. Imondi said many police officers instead will

issue a warning and help parents install a car seat correctly. Finegold said 13 states and Washington, D.C., have already adopted laws that require children under age 2 to ride-rear facing and called it a "really important" safety measure.

Imondi said infants and

toddlers can sustain significant neck and spinal trauma in a crash if they're facing the front of the car. She said children in their second year of life are five times less likely to die in a crash if they're restrained rear-facing, as compared to those riding front facing.

"The injury that we're asking you to protect young children against is something called internal decapitation, and most children do not survive that injury," she said.

Committee co-chair Sen. Michael Moore, a father of two, said he "would have been panicked" not being able to see his children's faces riding in the car with them when they

were younger. He asked supporters if the bill if there were any issues associated with such parental concerns.

Imondi said that question comes up a lot, but data and research support the safety benefits of rear-facing seats.

"We have to put them to bed at night, so we don't see them for X amount of hours," she said.

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High: 38° Low: 25°	High: 41° Low: 35°	High: 46° Low: 27°	High: 39° Low: 33°	High: 41° Low: 27°	High: 41° Low: 25°	High: 38° Low: 23°



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