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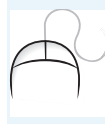
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TOWN MEETING

Town Yard zoning plan fails to pass

Ballardvale Fire Station pitch also flops with voters

By DUSTIN LUCA
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ON THE WEB
Additional Town Meeting coverage
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It's back to the drawing board for Town Yard planning, but onward for so many other town efforts.

Only the first 38 articles had been voted at this year's annual Town Meeting by Tuesday night. Among them, voters rejected a plan to renovate Ballardvale Fire Station. And though a majority supported it, not enough of a majority voted in favor of rezoning the Town Yard for mixed-use development.

Roughly 400 voters approved the town's \$144.9 million operating budget for the coming fiscal year on night one. Voting that night made it through a youth center land transfer, Ballardvale Fire Station renovation proposal and purchases of new Department of Public Works and fire rescue vehicles before calling it a night at 10:30 p.m.

Night two featured a Special Town Meeting around an hour after continuing the previous night's session. That meeting voted to break up a \$1.4 million trust for senior programming and the construction of a youth center (see related story). With north of 500 voters attending, voting ended just shy of 10:30 p.m.

A third night of voting was scheduled Wednesday night

to tackle articles 39 and onward, which was held after Townsman deadline.

Honored at this year's Annual Town Meeting were Tina Girdwood, recipient of this year's Virginia Cole Community Service Award, and Dick Collins, honored by the School Committee for his 54 years of service to the Andover Public Schools.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANDOVER

To open the meeting on Monday, Moderator Sheila Doherty took a moment to recognize the town's 367th birthday.

"The early colonists that were arriving were offered three years immunity from taxes to come here to live, and they were also awarded immunity to different services, with exception to military service," Doherty said, in recalling the town's creation on May 6, 1646 as an in-land plantation. "There were no formal town meetings until 10 years later, as the first one was reported in 1656 in the home of John Osgood, in what is now north Andover."

TOWN YARD ZONING PLAN FALLS FLAT

A proposal aiming to rezone roughly 24 acres of land around the Town Yard on Lewis Street for mixed use

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover High student Marisa Dellatto and other young people applaud the youth center vote at the Special Town Meeting.

Youth center scores key funding

Special Town Meeting vote takes project to \$5.4M

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Residents Tuesday night voted overwhelmingly to break up a \$1.4 million town trust fund and spend half on senior programming and the other half to complete the funding for the Cormier Family Youth Center.

The William M. Wood

Memorial Trust was created by the Andover family that built the American Woolen empire and created Shawshen Village in the early 20th century.

In March, officials with the Andover Youth Center Building Committee and Council on Aging announced a partnership to divide the trust, originally though to contain

\$1.29 million, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. The fund balance recently was pegged at \$1.4 million.

Many who spoke on the article at Tuesday's deliberative session praised the partnership for the union it has created between the town's seniors and youth.

"As a member of the

Andover Youth Foundation and a senior myself, I'm proud of the collaboration the youth had with bringing this together," David Drive resident Michael Miller said. "We've always sought to work with seniors, to try to make a community center."

Sam Kefferstan, 18, of See CENTER, Page 4

Lanterns for loved ones

Festival aims to spread faith, hope and peace

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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An ancient Asian ritual will see the pond at West Parish Church Cemetery lit with floating lanterns Saturday as the community honors friends and family, both living and departed.

Designed around a 2,000-year-old traditional Chinese festival, the cemetery council's first Family Lantern Festival aims to bring the public together in a collective spiritual experience built around the sunset launch of the decorated lanterns on the pond.

"We think this is a good time for a spiritual event for all of Andover after the recent Marathon events," said Lynne Capozzi, chairwoman of the West Parish Garden Cemetery



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

West Parish Cemetery Superintendent Mark Atwood and sisters Natalie, 9, and Charlotte Guterman, 12, stand near the pond where the church will be holding its first Lantern Festival. In the event of rain, the festival will be held at a later date.

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\$20M pool death case appealed

By BILL KIRK
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A legal case that started in the backyard of an Andover home in 2006 was debated before the Supreme Judicial Court Monday morning.

Tom Smith, of Sugarman & Sugarman of Boston, represented Michael Aleo of Colorado, whose wife died after sliding head-first down an inflatable pool slide, hitting her forehead on the concrete pool deck.

Greg Parks of the Philadelphia law firm of Morgan Lewis represented Toys "R" Us, which sold the slide to Aleo's relatives, Sarah and

William Letsky. In July 2006, Robin Aleo, 29, was visiting her husband's aunt and uncle, Sarah and William Letsky. As her husband, Michael, and 18-month-old daughter watched, Aleo climbed to the top of an inflatable slide on the edge of the in-ground pool and slid down head-first.

The slide collapsed, sending Aleo into the concrete pool deck, causing fatal injuries.

Michael Aleo claimed in his lawsuit that the product didn't comply with federal See POOL CASE, Page 3

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In Brief

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

It's ridiculous. Only Ty Cobb could pitch a perfect game and hit for the cycle. It's a little bit surreal.
— *Mets manager Tom Haffner Jr. of the Andover Little League Majors on player Patrick Dennehy recording both milestones in an April 29 game. Story in Sports, page 10.*

As a member of the Andover Youth Foundation and a senior myself, I'm proud of the collaboration the youth had with bringing this together. We've always sought to work with seniors, to try to make a community center, at least a place or campus where both seniors and youth can interact and collaborate.
— *Michael Miller, speaking during Tuesday night's Special Town Meeting. Story, page 1.*

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HEALTH BRIEFS

Red Cross blood drives

The American Red Cross is planning two community blood drives this month in Andover. All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed every day to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

This month's blood drives are Thursday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CBRE Park, 1820 Turnpike St., North Andover, and Wednesday, May 22, from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover.

In May, all presenting donors will receive a coupon for \$25 off any auto service purchase of \$50 or more at Sullivan Tire and Auto Repair. Plus, they will be

entered for a chance to win two Boston Red Sox tickets and be honored at Fenway Park as the Blood Donor of the Game.

To make an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or log onto redcrossblood.org.

Changes in Memory seminar

Spectrum Adult Day Health, 1820 Turnpike St., North Andover, will host "Changes in Memory: Normal Aging or Alzheimer's Disease?," a free seminar, on Wednesday, May 15, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Presenter Heather Carroll will cover the normal cognitive changes associated with aging, what is dementia and Alzheimer's disease, the

warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, steps for a proper diagnosis, lifestyle choices that contribute to good health and Alzheimer's Association programs and services.

Registration is required by calling 800-272-3900. For more information on Alzheimer's, visit www.alz.org/MANH.

Free tai chi, qi gong trial run

A free introduction to the ancient Chinese practice of tai chi and qi gong will be offered Monday, May 13, from 8 to 9 p.m. at Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover. Participants will learn how the practices work to improve balance and increase flexibility, energy

and vitality. For more information or to sign up, call 978-475-2020 or visit www.YangsFitnessCenter.com.

Trauma intervention training

The Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley is seeking qualified volunteers for its June training. TIP is a nonprofit program that for the past 21 years has worked alongside police, fire and hospital personnel to offer emotional and practical support to children and adult survivors of trauma. The program is based at 68 Main St., Suite 8, in Andover.

For information or to register for the training, call TIP CEO/Executive Director Dr. Jayan Landry at 978-474-1941.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

The Center at Punched (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, is offering the following upcoming programs:

'OUR BODIES, OURSELVES': Friday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.; \$8. Joan Ditzion, co-author of the iconic book series from the Women's Health Collective, will educate, amuse and amaze her audience with the changes in women's rights in the past 50 years and how these ground-breaking publications have formed the

way women view their health and sexuality.

AUTHOR TALK: Monday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.; \$3. Andover resident Mary McGarry Morris leads a book discussion of her recent work, "Light from a Distant Star." Read the book in advance to join more fully in the discussion. Books available at Memorial Hall Library by advance reservation.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Friday, May 10, 8:30 a.m. \$4. Dan Tremblay's film "Ol' Revere"

on tap.

MEN'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: Goldsmith Reservation hike, Tuesday, May 14, 8:45 a.m. to noon; Deer Jump Reservation hike Wednesday, May 29, 8:45 to noon.

HIGH TEA AND HISTORY: Wednesday, May 15, 2 p.m.; free. Former School Supt. Ken Seifert, on the history of Shawsheen School.

ADVENTURES IN RETIREMENT: Paris to Normandy by boat with Evelyn and Al Retelle, who share their

photos and memories of an unforgettable trip Wednesday, May 29, 1:30 p.m.; \$4, includes refreshment.

TRIPS: Trips: Endicott Park and Glen Magna Farm Mansion and Gardens Tour, Danvers, Wednesday, May 29, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$50, includes tour and lunch in the mansion.

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: Phillips Academy Bird Sanctuary, Thursday, May 30, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; meet at 9:15 to fill out necessary forms and walk from the center to the bird sanctuary and then return to the center for muffins and coffee.

BIRD AND NATURE WALKS: Fridays, 8 a.m., starting in the parking lot.

EXERCISE CLASSES: Registration for all exercise classes runs May 13 to 17. Try any class free to see if it might be right for you.

BUTTERFLIES!: Enjoy pictures of butterflies from Andover and across Massachusetts with Howard Hoople, a long-time Andover resident, president of the Massachusetts Butterfly Club and butterfly enthusiast, Monday, June 10, 1:30 p.m.; \$3.

Hours at The Center are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required. Call 978-623-8321 for information or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org for complete listings.

CORRECTION

The Townsman always seeks to be accurate in its news coverage, but when we make a mistake, we want to know. Readers noting mistakes in stories are encouraged to call Editor Sonya Vartabedian at 978-475-7000, ext. 8733.

An item in the May 2 Townsman should have said a portion of the proceeds from the Service Club of Andover's Charity Gala and Auction on April 27 — realized from the auction of a tour of WBZ Studios for 15 people contributed by the evening's master of ceremonies Dan Roche — was donated to the One Fund Boston for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings. The remaining proceeds went to support the Service Club's various charities, which include programs for developmentally disabled youth and adults.

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Journeys in Home Care



Stacy Geary, RN, Maternal & Child Health Nurse with Ansh and Mom

At the tender age of 14 months, Ansh recently returned home from Boston Children's Hospital after surgery to correct a deformity in his hip — one of many surgeries he endured in his young life. When I arrive at the home Ansh is happy... laughing, clapping his hands, almost squirming out of his mother's arms... anxious for me to finish my assessment of his vital signs so he can play with his favorite Matchbox car. Although a cast covers most of his lower body, he barely notices. His mother tells me that in another month the cast will be removed and Ansh can finally learn to crawl, and then walk. We talk about how to care for his surgical incision and the importance of monitoring his weight and temperature. She talks proudly about all she has learned over these many months, her initial worry now turned to relief.

I have cared for Ansh since he was just 3 weeks old and born with multiple medical complications. Now, it's so rewarding to see that he's healthy and strong, and on the road to a full recovery. Once his cast is off I will discharge Ansh from home health services and he will join the ranks of all rambunctious toddlers.

As a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) nurse with Home Health VNA, I work with a team of highly skilled nurses who have advanced certifications in a variety of specialty areas including pediatric hematology and oncology. Many nurses also have expertise in Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (formerly known as SIDS), cardiac care, IV therapy, wound care and juvenile diabetes. The team is also expert in the social and emotional needs of young children like Ansh who must undergo complex medical treatments.

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POOL CASE

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safety standards. In October 2011, Aleo was awarded \$20.6 million by a Salem Superior Court jury. The award included \$2.5 million in anticipated lost income from Aleo's career in advertising and marketing, \$100,000 for pain and suffering before her death and \$18 million in punitive damages.

Toys "R" Us appealed, and the Supreme Judicial Court decided to pick up the case.

The national chain argued that the 1976 Consumer Product Safety Commission regulation cited by Aleo's family does not apply to inflatable in-ground pool slides, but only to rigid pool slides. Toys "R" Us also says the trial judge allowed lawyers for Aleo's family to inflame the jury by accusing Toys "R" Us of importing an "illegal" product when it had relied on a certification that the slide met all safety regulations.

During Monday's proceedings, which are available for viewing online at ma-appellatecourts.org, Parks argued that the regulations regarding pool slides were "inexplicable," that there was "insufficient evidence" for a finding of negligence and that the amount of damages awarded to the Aleo was excessive.

Judges asked a number of questions of Parks, including whether the regulations applied to all slides or just rigid, non-inflatable slides. Parks argued that the

regulations only applied to rigid, plastic slides because when they were written in the 1970s, inflatable slides didn't exist.

But lawyers for Aleo's husband have said pool slides have been subject to a federal safety standard since 1976. The standard applies to all pool slides, no matter what they are made of, said Benjamin Zimmermann, a Boston attorney who represents Michael Aleo.

Zimmermann, an attorney with Sugarman and Sugarman in Boston, said he is hopeful that the SJC upholds the Essex County jury's verdict.

"Our argument is that they should affirm the jury's verdict," he said. "If they do that, the verdict will stand."

He said it was also possible that the SJC, which generally issues rulings within 130 days of hearing oral arguments, could affirm parts of the verdict and send some parts back "on certain issues."

A spokeswoman for Toys "R" Us said the Wayne, N.J.-based company has a policy of not commenting on pending litigation.

Zimmermann said his client, Michael Aleo, did not want to comment while the case was still pending. The Letskys, of Blackberry Lane, could not be reached for comment.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.

Support for marathon victims



COURTESY PHOTO

Kaylee and Anthony Rota wore their Andover Strong T-shirts to visit the Boston Marathon Memorial last weekend. According to their mother, 10-year-old Kaylee and 8-year-old Anthony, both of whom are students at South School, were very proud to be there supporting Boston through Andover. Proceeds from sales of the T-shirts are benefiting retired West Middle School Principal Deborah Downes' son and daughter-in-law, both of whom were injured in the bombings. Kaylee and Anthony are the children of Brian and Michelle Rota.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Andover Chroniclers visit Archeological Museum

A visit to the Peabody Archeological Museum at Phillips Academy is the featured show this month for "There's Something about Andover." The second half of the program highlights Prescription Savvy with Nan James talking to a local pharmacist about issues people face when taking prescription medication.

On tap for June will be a talk about bringing music to the community and the Andover Farmers Market.

The show airs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. on Comcast Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 47.

The show is produced by the Andover Chroniclers, an all-volunteer group of seniors from the Center at Punchard. The group welcomes new members. Anyone who might be interested in any aspect of video production can email seniorcenter@andoverma.gov with the subject line Skip Wilkins. To learn more about the group and

watch previous shows, visit www.andover-seniorcenter.org/programs-activities/other-groups/andover-chroniclers.

Andover Bakes for Breast Cancer

Several local businesses, including Pink Tree Sweets, Salvatore's, Samuel's at the Andover Inn, Yella Grille, Stop & Shop and Whole Foods Market are joining more than 300 restaurants, supermarkets, bakeries, cafés and chocolate and ice cream shops throughout Massachusetts in participating in the 14th annual Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer. Participating establishments have the option of designating all sales of one specific dessert or 50 percent of proceeds from their entire dessert menu to support Bakes for Breast Cancer, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting breast cancer.

For example, The Andover Inn's executive chef, Paul Dubuque, has created a

special dessert, brown sugar pie with butter pecan ice cream, especially for the occasion.

The promotion goes through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. Bakes for Breast Cancer, Inc. will contribute 80 percent of proceeds to breast cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For more, visit www.bostonbakesforbreastcancer.org.

Big Brother Big Sister on clothing mission

The Big Brother Big Sister Foundation is on a mission to collect more than one million pounds of clothing this month. The foundation will be going door to door in Andover on Monday, May 13, to collect donations of lightly used clothing as well as small household items. To schedule a free curbside pickup, call 800-483-5503 or email donate@bbbsfoundation.org. Donations are tax deductible. Visit www.bbbsfoundation.org for more.

LANTERN

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Council.

The festivities go from 6 to 8 p.m. at the cemetery pond located behind the chapel, at 129 Reservation Road, and celebrates the birthday of the heaven officer who blesses human luck, according to organizers. Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic supper and a blanket or chairs, as well as flashlights. Everyone will be invited to decorate their lantern shade with the help of Chinese calligraphers and float them with a candle in the cemetery pond.

"It's a way to honor loved ones and each lantern will have a message of eternal life, peace, hope and faith," organizer Nancy Simili of Andover said.

Simili said other cemeteries hold Lantern Festivals every year and the events are popular and well-attended. So, West Parish decided to host its own.

"Our grounds are so beautiful and we wanted to do something to show them off," Simili said. The cemetery council is seeking a \$10 donation per lantern, with proceeds going to support the chapel roof renovation fund.

In addition to the lantern decorating, there will be entertainment featuring Chinese singers from the Andover-Acton Chorus, a children's production by the Chinese School of Andover, a trio of Chinese drummers and martial arts demonstrations by students from Yang's in Andover. A Lion Dance will be performed prior to the lighting and Dr. Robert Atwood will play peaceful bagpipe music as the lanterns are launched at sunset.

EDUCATION NOTES

Interact Club charity car wash

The Lawrence Rotary Club and its Interact Club, comprised of students from Greater Lawrence Technical School, will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the technical school at 57 River Road, Andover.

Cars will be washed and dried a \$5 donation. All proceeds will go to Cor Unum Meal Center of Lawrence.

Interact is the high school version of Rotary, a worldwide service organization with more than one

million members. In recent years, Greater Lawrence Technical School Interactors have participated in many community service projects in Lawrence.

AHS marching band bottle drive

Andover High School's Golden Warrior Marching Band will hold its Spring Redeemable Bottle and Can Drive on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, at West Middle School, 70 Shawsheen Road. Only redeemable bottles and cans will be accepted. All proceeds will support band activities.

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MEETING: Town Yard rezoning fails

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development failed in a vote of 295 for and 191 against — getting majority approval but falling short by 29 votes of the two-thirds approval it needed to pass. The second article on the “Andover Transit Oriented Development District” article was withdrawn after the first article failed.

Discussion of the “Andover Transit Oriented Development District” article continually shifted toward the impact it would have on efforts to rebuild or relocate the Town Yard, which officials have historically indicated are linked.

During discussion, Doherty frequently stepped in and stopped comments, telling residents to focus on the zoning article, not the overall project.

“There is noise coming out of my mouth, right? This is a zoning article, not a town yard article,” she said. “I understand the ramifications of it. We all in this room understand the ramifications ... I will call out of order anyone who is moving in any other direction.”

Alden Road resident Joe Ponti referred to the article as a “house of cards” when stating his opposition to the proposal.

“Everything is based off of an assumption on an assumption,” he said. “If you vote it, you put a chain of events in motion that, I think, is going to be irreparable. They’ll come after you Town Meeting after Town Meeting. ‘We rezoned it, let’s vote for \$20 million.’”

RESIDENTS CHALLENGE OPERATING BUDGET

As residents heard presentations on article 4, the town’s operating budget for next fiscal year, they challenged the town’s retirement benefits planning, department consolidation



Resident John Pasquale speaks at the Andover annual Town Meeting held at the high school.

and one resident’s attempts to lower what the town will pay out in health insurance costs starting in July.

Much of the discussion was stirred by residents Bob Pokress and Bob Landry, who founded the website TownOfAndover.com with resident and past-Finance Committee member Greg Rigby around a month ago.

Early on, Pokress asked officials if they were aware how much of the town’s \$14 million in public safety personnel services— salaries and benefits for the police and fire departments — were paying out to retirement benefits.

Town Manager Reginald “Buzz” Stapczynski said he didn’t know how much the town was appropriating for it within that \$14 million portion of the \$144.9 million budget. However, other officials defended the town’s handling of post-retirement costs.

The town’s total budget passed through 11 separate votes, the final vote approved \$34 million to fixed cost expenses, with \$13 million of that allocated to debt service, \$14 million to a health insurance fund and the remainder to several other line items.

Landry moved to reduce that \$14 million health insurance fund appropriation down to \$12.9 million,

as he presented methods the town could use to save money on its health insurance costs.

The amendment, unpopular among town officials, failed in a 153 to 239 vote. Residents then voted to support the final portion of the budget.

CLOSE VOTES FOR DOHERTY WORK, AMBULANCE

The final vote of the night was in article 25, aimed at raising \$245,000 for a new fire rescue ambulance. The article passed by a mere six votes, 109-103.

However, an even narrower vote approved a \$2.5 million proposal to renovate paved areas around Doherty Middle School. With two thirds of the vote needed, the article got 231 yays and 110 nays, with 227 votes needed to pass.

RESIDENTS REJECT PROPOSALS

Voters also rejected two articles: one to spend \$500,000 on renovating the Ballardvale Fire Station proposed by ex-Town Manager Richard Bowen, and another to increase the town’s cost-of-living adjustment for retirees from \$12,000 a year to \$14,000 a year.

The Ballardvale Fire Station article failed 162 to 203 votes.



Resident Mary Carbone speaks at the head of a long line of those opposed to rezoning 20 acres of land in downtown.



Many residents attended Andover’s annual Town Meeting held at the high school.

CENTER: Funding up to \$5.4 million

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Haverhill Street, spoke highly of both articles as well.

“I’ve grown up here and lived here for my entire life,” he said. “My family, and so many others, have donated, and this is exactly what we need to push it over the edge and get shovels into the ground.”

Gerry Caruso, a Somerset Drive resident, said his college-aged daughter encouraged him to get out and vote in favor of the youth center.

“My daughter was a member of AYS. She’s been in college for two years now,” he said. “She sent me a text message, ‘Don’t forget to go to Town Meeting and support the youth center.’”

“It’s something they carry with them for a long time, and I think the town has to get over the hump and move forward with this project.”

Not all comments on the project were positive, however. Several questions were raised on how the \$700,000 appropriation affected the town’s prior agreement with the Andover Youth Foundation, made at a 2011 Special Town Meeting.

In the agreement, the foundation agreed to



Selectman Brian Major speaks at the meeting.

provide the first \$2.2 million needed to pay for the project, with the town committing \$2 million after the foundation put in its share.

In the weeks leading up to Tuesday’s vote, many felt the use of the trust fund was in violation of that agreement. That drove two Finance Committee members to oppose the article.

With Tuesday night’s vote, the initial agreement will have to be amended, according to Andover Town Counsel Tom Urbelis. How it will change, however, is not clear. But one

requirement will stand: the Andover Youth Foundation will have all its money raised before a shovel hits the ground.

The project will also not go out to bid until the agreement has been revised, according to building committee Chairman Chris Huntress.

To date, the Andover Youth Foundation has raised \$2.7 million, Huntress said. With the town’s latest contribution, the project now has \$5.4 million to proceed.

TOWN MEETING RESULTS

NIGHT ONE RESULTS

- A1: Election results. NO VOTE
- A2: Election not required by ballot. PASSED
- A3: Salaries of elected officials. PASSED
- A4: Budget. PASSED after 11 votes
- A5: Capital projects. PASSED
- A6: Budget transfers. PASSED
- A7: Supplemental budget appropriations. PASSED
- A8: Stabilization fund. PASSED
- A9: Free cash. WITHDRAWN
- A10: Unexpended appropriation WITHDRAWN
- A11: Housekeeping articles. PASSED after two votes
- A12: Granting easements. PASSED
- A13: Unpaid bills. PASSED
- A14: Chapter 90 authorizations. PASSED
- A15: Revolving accounts. PASSED
- A16: Youth Center land transfer. PASSED

NIGHT TWO RESULTS

- A17: Ballardvale Fire Station renovation. FAILED
- A18: Doherty Middle School site work. PASSED
- A19: Support for civic events. PASSED
- A20: Elderly and disabled transportation program. PASSED
- A21: Jerry Silverman fireworks. PASSED
- A22: Deyermund Sports Complex monument (Amended from \$25,000 to \$20,000). PASSED
- A23: Retiree COLA increase. FAILED
- A24: DPW vehicles. PASSED
- A25: Fire rescue ambulance. PASSED
- A26: Senior Residential Community Overlay, regulations. PASSED
- A27: Senior Residential Community Overlay, zoning map. PASSED

NIGHT THREE RESULTS

- A28: Town building and facility maintenance. PASSED
- A29: Greater Lawrence Tech HVAC renovation. PASSED
- A30: Andover Transit Oriented Development District, regulations. FAILED
- A31: Andover Transit Oriented Development District, zoning map. WITHDRAWN
- A32: High school tennis courts. PASSED
- A33: Chandler Road land acquisition. PASSED
- A34: Town playground replacements. WITHDRAWN
- A35: School facility space needs study. PASSED
- A36: School building maintenance. PASSED
- A37: Computer and laptop replacement program. PASSED
- A38: West Middle School heating system. PASSED

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Education

Storybook ending for Bancroft races

Superheroes joined with a bevy of princesses for the second "Book It to the Finish" 5K trail run and Family Fun Runs Sunday, May 5, to benefit the Bancroft School.

The event, which was based on the great lawn of Phillips Academy due to the construction at Bancroft, emphasized reading,

with a student book swap among the activities.

About 130 runners took part in one of the day's three races — the 1/2-mile Kids Run for pre-kindergarten through grade 2, the 1-mile Fun Run for grades 2 and up and the 5K trail run.

For more on the event, visit www.bookittothefinish.com.



Lora Wilson watches her daughter, Annabelle, 6, dressed as a princess, as they take part in the 1K Fun Run as part of "Book It to the Finish" on Sunday, May 5, at Phillips Academy.



Kasey Cosentino, 6, flexes his muscles like a warrior.



Lainie DeBonis, 10, left, dressed up as Alec from "The Black Stallion," while her sister Jacqui, 8, was Pinkalicious.

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Sophie Chabot, left, Abby Heffernan and Sofia Saltamartini were among the younger participants at Andover School of Montessori's first Fun Run on Saturday, May 4.

Courtesy photos



More than 100 people participated in the event that raised more than \$2,000 for the school.

A winning outing for Montessori Fun Run

More than 100 family members, alumni and supporters put feet to the pavement for Andover School of Montessori's first Fun Run on Saturday, May 4.

The event kicked off with a Fun Run for kids led by the school's physical education teacher, Terry Cook. Children ages 3 to 11, separated into five heats by age, ran dashes around the Montessori campus on South Main Street.

The 5K followed, with both runners and walkers taking off on the course from Alderbrook Street across from the school. While most of the participants were current Montessori School family members, some alumni as well as runners from the general community joined the race as well. The top three male and female finishers received gift certificates for

Asics running shoes.

Decibelz, a local kids band, entertained the crowd with classic rock and its lead singer led the crowd in the national anthem before the start of the race.

Heavenly Donuts in both North Reading and North Andover, Pazzo Gelato in North Andover and Stop and Shop in North Reading donated food items and paper goods for the day. Shirts from bPositive, which produced the event T-shirt, were for sale and Road ID donated the running numbers and some raffle gifts. Other raffle prizes were also awarded.

The event raised more than \$2,000, which will support various projects at the school. Organizers hope to make the Fun Run an annual event. For more, visit www.andovermontessori.org.

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AHS holding first-ever Club Showcase

Curious about robots? Want to know how to make an origami swan?

Do you like video games? Andover High School is holding its first-ever Club Showcase on Wednesday, May 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event, in the high school cafeteria, will give incoming eighth-graders as well as current high school students a chance to check out some of the many clubs at the school.

"The showcase will be a chance for students to show off the work and fun they've had in their clubs this year, among friends, family and incoming students," said Assistant Principal Mark Seide, who is organizing the event. "We're planning on refreshments and a raffle with money going to one lucky club represented at the Showcase." Members of 20 of the

school's 65 clubs will be on hand, he said, including Art Club, College-Preparation Club, Show Choir/Chamber Choir, Interact Club, Mock Trial Team, Model UN, Andover Robotics Club, Gamer Club, UNICEF Club, Key Club, Generation Collaboration Club, Troop KBG (Kick Butt Girls), Origami Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, AHS Peer Mediation and Newspaper Club.

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Prescription law delay saves Andover firm

By ANDY METZGER
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

With 250 jobs at an Andover medical company on the line, lawmakers sped legislation through both branches and to the governor's desk that delays a provision of last year's prescription monitoring law.

Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, said the law aimed at targeting "pill mills" inadvertently caught up Injured Workers Pharmacy, which sends prescriptions to out-of-state clients. "By accident, we included companies like IWP that had been around for 10 years with no problems, no issues," Finegold told the News Service. He said, "I've talked to the president of the company probably more times than I can remember. Here's a company, they've done nothing wrong."

Without the additional delay, which puts off the provision until Dec. 1, a reputable health care business with 250 employees would have been out of compliance with state law, Finegold said.

An aide to Sen. John Keenan, D-Quincy, who helped write the prescription monitoring law, said the particular provision targeted situations where someone receives a prescription from out of the Massachusetts area, and attempts to fill it in Massachusetts.

The provision bars the filling of certain prescriptions from doctors outside of New England or New York. That provision caught up IWP, a company that sends prescription drugs to patients out of state, the aide said.

"Injured Workers Pharmacy is pleased that the

Legislature passed and the governor signed this important legislation. We really want to thank the Legislature and the Patrick Administration for addressing this critical issue for our patients and employees," said Christy Beram, director of marketing at IWP. "We look forward to working with these stakeholders to come up with a comprehensive solution that maintains the integrity of the Prescription Monitoring Law and allows us to continue providing jobs to our 250 employees in the commonwealth."

The company serves 30,000 patients around the country, including helping injured workers through the compensation claims process, and employs 250 people at its Andover facility, according to information submitted with the bill. The Legislature had

previously delayed implementation of the provision from the Jan. 1, 2013 start date originally included in the law. On Dec. 31, a delay to May 1 was affixed to a piece of oral health legislation, which was signed into law Jan. 3.

The House and Senate passed the latest bill last, and Gov. Patrick signed it the following day.

"If we didn't get this done ..., by law they'd have to be out of business," Finegold said.

Finegold said the Legislature will look for a permanent solution that would not entangle reputable companies in the state's efforts to curb prescription drug abuse.

"We hope to get the thing resolved in the next 60 days," Finegold said. He said, "We should have got it done before."

Temple Emanuel Mitzvah Day to be held May 19

The Temple Emanuel Social Action Committee has planned several events to bring the community together for a day of giving back on Sunday, May 19. Temple members and their families will be working at a local food bank, repairing an Avis Trail, providing a breakfast for seniors in the community, working with Habitat for Humanity and raising money for cancer research.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., residents of the Merrimack Valley are invited to participate in the Community Drop-off at the Temple Emanuel parking lot, 7 Haggets Pond

Road, Andover. Four local nonprofit organizations will be on hand seeking donations. The Merrimack Valley Food Bank is looking for canned vegetables (low salt), canned fruit (light), soup (low sodium), rice and pasta, Jell-O and pudding, coffee and tea (regular and decaf), and toiletries (personal care items). Big Brother & Big Sister Foundation is seeking donations of small appliances; men's, women's and children's clothing; electronics and sporting goods. Project Home Again needs donations of dishes and glasses, blankets and sheets as well

as furniture and household items and Got Books is looking for new and used books, CDs, DVDs and audio books.

"This is a wonderful day when the entire community comes together to do 'mitzvot' and we are so pleased to be helping and supporting such worthwhile organizations," Robin Kahan, chairwoman of Mitzvah Day, said in a press release. "This is truly a community effort."

"Our religious school children will be participating in various activities throughout the day to raise money for cancer research and dozens of families will

be helping out repairing the Avis Trail, helping to renovate St. Patrick Convent in Lawrence and sorting and delivering food. We thank everyone for donating their time and energy for this important day."

Temple Emanuel is the largest Reform Congregation north of Boston and has become the religious and educational center for Reform Judaism in the Merrimack Valley.

For more information on all of the projects or to register to help, visit www.templemanuel.net or call the temple office at 978-470-1356.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Beth Israel to celebrate Shavout

The holiday of Shavuot commemorates the season when the Torah was given on Mount Sinai. To celebrate the occasion, Congregation Beth Israel, 501 South Main St., Andover, will present a

special program on Tuesday, May 14, with prayer services beginning at 7:15 p.m.

At 8 p.m., in observance of the Shavuot tradition of staying up late to study Torah, there will be a panel discussion titled "Responses to Violence, Both as Individuals and as a Civilized Society."

Panelists include Bob Moverman, Ph.D., a licensed clinical psychologist; paramedic Jeff Tye, REMTP; Michelle Wexelblat, a licensed social worker; and psychotherapist Gony Halevi. Refreshments will be served.

Prayer services will be held the following two days,

Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday services will also include the Yizkor Memorial Service.

Religious school planning open house

To acquaint prospective students and their families with the Religious School of Congregation Beth Israel of Andover, there will be an open house on Sunday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the school, 501 South Main St., Andover. There will be Jewish crafts for the children and coffee for the parents, as well as a chance to visit classes, meet the teachers and speak with Principal Esther Kaufman.

The school offers programs for all ages, ranging from the monthly Toddler Play Group to the weekly Midrasha program for middle and high school students. Congregation Beth Israel is a friendly congregation with strong traditional Jewish values and exciting educational opportunities for children. For more information, call the office at 978-474-0540.

OBITUARIES

Virginia Macleod, 85

April 15, 1927 — March 20, 2013

CARMEL, CA — Virginia Lee Brimer Macleod ("Zinia") died unexpectedly at her home in Carmel, age 85. Born in Baltimore, Md., she was the elder daughter of Wallace Edward and Ruth (Noland) Brimer. She attended Mary C. Wheeler School and graduated from Bradford Junior College in 1947.

Blessed with a passion for music from an early age, she became an accomplished amateur pianist and was at her happiest while singing at the piano, around the house, and on long family drives. She sang with the Hingham (MA) Civic Chorus in the 1960s and later, the Choraleers of the Monterey Peninsula.

In March 1948 Virginia married Roderick Kingman Macleod and together they contributed four children to the post-war Baby Boom, raising their family in Hingham, Mass. She instilled in her children and grandchildren her lifelong love affair with language, and proudly sported a sweatshirt that declared her a Sesquipedalian.

During her lifetime, she supported and volunteered for many years as a counselor and later a board member for Planned Parenthood of Monterey County. She also served as a bereavement counselor for Hospice of the Central Coast and an office volunteer for AA in Monterey. Virginia was a devoted mother, loyal friend and compas-



Virginia Lee Brimer Macleod

sionate volunteer.

Predeceased by her infant daughter Katherine, her husband of 35 years in 2010, and her dear friend and companion, Lorimer Woolley in 1993. Virginia is survived by her children, Virginia Westbrook of Crown Point, N.Y., Rick Macleod of Aptos, Calif., Samantha Macleod and her husband, Clifford Barker, of Marina, Calif.; and her grandsons, Benjamin and Samuel Westbrook and Timothy Thomson.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends and family will gather at her home on Mother's Day, May 12, 2013, to remember and celebrate her daily "gift of friendship" and take comfort in the fact that the last wish of her life was granted -- a clean get-away! An observance will take place in New England this summer. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice, Planned Parenthood or Compassion & Choices.

Kenneth Rowe, 75

July 30, 1937 — May 1, 2013

CHESTER, NH — Kenneth Rowe, a longtime resident of North Andover, Mass., and Chester, N.H., passed away on May 1, 2013.

Ken was the son of Genevieve Doucet and Howard Rowe. Ken loved spending time with his family which included boating on Lake Winnepesaukee, visiting friends, family and grandchildren, and traveling in the U.S. and abroad.

Ken is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Bonnie Justice Rowe, who was an elementary school teacher in North Andover, Mass.; daughter, Lynda Rowe; son, Gary Rowe; and his six grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Marion Coombs, Howard Rowe, Jr. and Edward Rowe.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will take place at a later time for friends and family to celebrate his life. His family requests that those who wish to pay tribute



to Ken's life do so by making a gift to support financial aid at Northeastern University, c/o Charlotte A. Trojanowski, 716 Columbus Avenue, 402CP, Boston, MA 02120-2111, with a note stating that the gifts are in memory of Kenneth Rowe.


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Gan Israel Jewish Adventures ready for summer

Gan Israel Jewish Adventures, a children's summer program, will be held July 1 to 19 at 10 Marwood Drive, Andover. The program offers a wide range of activities, including swimming, sports,

baking, arts and crafts, trips to local attractions and special visitors such as a karate master and magician.

The goal of Gan Israel Jewish Adventures is to instill children with a Jewish pride in a fun atmosphere. Popular games and activities will be played with a Jewish twist. Hebrew songs will be sung. The overall themes are connected with Jewish attitude and perspective, with making the world a better place. All staff and counselors are handpicked for their love and care of children. For more information, visit www.ganisraelmv.com, email rabbi@chabadmv.com or call 978-470-2288.




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Sports

Dunn, baseball team on a roll

BASEBALL

With the game on the line, **Chris Dunn** stepped up and delivered the two-run single that gave Andover a 5-4 walkoff victory over Bishop Guertin in nine innings on Friday. **Andrew Deloury** stayed hot with three hits and two runs and **Alex Brickman** had two hits for the winners.

Colin Flynn allowed just one earned run and struck out five in a complete-game effort to lead Andover past Tewksbury 5-2 on Monday. **Nathaniel Giammasi** opened the scoring for the Warriors with an RBI single, and locked up the win with a two-run knock in the sixth. **Cam Farnham** added two hits for the winners.

Alex Brickman drove in a pair of runs, scored three times and moved from DH to pitcher to earned the save as Andover edged Salem (N.H.) 20-8 last Wednesday. **Andrew Deloury** scored four runs and **Tim Awiszus** had a pair of RBIs for the winners.

SOFTBALL

Leary can't be stopped
Meg Leary was 3 for 3 with three runs scored, including a solo homer as Andover slipped past North Andover 7-6 on Friday. **Tori Roche** continued her outstanding freshman season with two RBIs and **Amy Stankiewicz** had two hits, an RBI and was the winning pitcher.

Mimi Olney was 2 for 2 with a pair of runs and an RBI, but Andover fell short to Lowell 12-8 last Wednesday. **Paige Hartnett** scored two runs and drove in two more and **Meg Leary** had two hits and an RBI for the Warriors.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Warriors earn revenge
Jaclyn Torres scored five goals and **Meagan Keefe** scored twice and assisted on three other goals as Andover avenged its first loss to North Andover in 10 years with an 11-6 win over the Scarlet Knights on Friday. **Weezie Gross** and **Charlotte Lenas** each added two goals and **Courtney Grygiel** finished off the scoring with one goal.

Despite a hat trick for **Weezie Gross**, Andover fell to Needham 18-6 last Wednesday. **Meagan Keefe**, **Courtney Grygiel** and

Charlotte Lenas each scored a single goal for the Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Kobelski family dominate
Lizzie Kobelski won the 100 hurdles (16.24) and cousin **Cassie Kobelski** kept dominating with a win in the shot put (37-4 1/4) to help Andover edge North Andover 76-69 last Wednesday. The Golden Warrior throwers continued to dominate, with **Ryan MacRae** winning the discus and **Melissa Shattuck** taking the javelin and **Helen Root** won the pole vault for the winners.

BOYS TENNIS

Freshman takes thriller
Andover freshman **Owen Plourde** battled Lawrence standout **Chen Chen** for well over two hours before rallying back for a brutal 2-6, 7-5, 12-10 win at No. 1 singles to help the Golden Warriors best the Lancers 5-0 on Monday. **Joe Hallal** and **Jason Rosenfeld** also took a tough win at No. 1 doubles.

Sebastian Boulas earned a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles and **Owen Meech** and **Jason Spencer** teamed to sweep No. 2 doubles as Andover rolled past Lowell 5-0 on Friday. **Sam Rowe** battled for a 6-3, 6-2 win at No. 2 singles for the Warriors.

Varun Penamatsa scored a 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 1 singles to lead Andover to a 5-0 win over Central Catholic last Wednesday. **Owen Plourde** took second singles and **Amith Vhaskara** won No. 3 to complete the singles sweep.

BOYS LACROSSE

Tyrrell scores three
Hunter Tyrrell scored three goals to lead Andover past North Andover 10-6 on Friday. **Andrew Eriksen** chipped in with three goals of his own, while **Tyler Weeks** and **George Cardillo** each scored twice for the winners.

Jordan Maue made 10 saves and allowed just a single goal as Andover rolled over Haverhill 9-1 last Wednesday. **Andrew Eriksen** scored a team-best three goals while **Justin Brosnan** added two scores and **George Cardillo** had one goal and two assists for the winners.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andrew Eriksen is always dangerous with the ball on his stick. The senior co-captain has a team-high 28 goals this spring for Andover High.

DYNAMIC DUO

High-scoring Eriksen, hard-hitting Weeks make perfect captain combo

By DAVID WILLIS
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Andrew Eriksen and Tyler Weeks may each be Andover High lacrosse captains. They may also be three-year varsity starters and even close friends.

But make no mistake, Eriksen and Weeks are not alike.

"No way," said Golden Warriors coach Wayne Puglisi with a laugh. "They are not similar. Tyler is more laid back and patient. He's more out there expressing his love of lacrosse. Andrew is more intense. He expects a lot out of his teammates. But it's great they are so different. It's an 'opposites attract' thing, and the team gets to see two sides of the coin. They are great captains and complement each other very well."

On the field, the two captains' jobs could not be more different.

Eriksen is the Golden Warriors' high-scoring attack, having tallied a team-best 28 goals this spring.

Weeks, on the other hand, spends his time serving up checks as Andover's



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Tyler Weeks delivers a massive hit on a Londonderry attacker. Weeks has become known for his physical play over his three years as a varsity player. He will play college lacrosse at UMass Amherst.

heavy-hitting top defender. But while their roles — and personalities — may be very different, the bond between the two leaders has been a key reason why the Golden Warriors stood

at 8-3 with six straight wins through Monday.

"Tyler and I have a very special connection," Eriksen said. "We've been playing together since we both started as kids. It's

fun to have him out there commanding the defense and I am over commanding the offense. We trust each other and can give

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ROUNDUP

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BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Dean keeps surging

Despite 14 kills for Alec Dean, Andover dropped a tough 25-14, 20-25, 25-20, 12-25, 15-7 on Monday. Sager Kaul added 16 service points and T.J. Doherty had 26 assists for the Golden

Warriors.

Despite 11 digs for Kyle Surehan and 16 kills for Alec Dean, Andover fell to Central Catholic 25-16, 19-25, 25-20, 25-17 last Thursday. Dean

also scored 15 service points for the Warriors.

T.J. Norton notched 17 assists, but Andover lost to powerhouse Lawrence 25-14, 26-24, 25-17 last Tuesday. Alec Dean added eight kills and Kenny Doherty had eight blocks for the Warriors.

BOYS TRACK

Naveed takes two

Hamza Naveed won the 400 (51.63) and 200 (23.56) for Andover, which lost to North Andover 91-64 last

Wednesday. Mark Zavri continued to surge with victories in the sht put (45-9) and javelin (159-1) and Mike Maldari won the 2-mile for the Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Yan hangs on

Karen Yan fought for a 6-3, 6-4 win at No. 2 singles for Andover, which improved to 11-1 with a 5-0 win over Lowell on Friday. Pooja Nukund took top singles 6-2, 6-1 and Sydney Ferry swept No. 3 singles for the winners.

Annie Garvin and Michaela Comerford won No. 1 doubles 6-0, 6-0 and Kayla Yee and Lynn Wang swept to victory at No. 2 doubles as Andover kept rolling with a 5-0 victory over Lawrence on Monday.

Julia Alagero and Annie Garvin teamed to win No. 1 doubles 6-1, 6-1 and Michaela Comerford and Sydney Ferry took second doubles by the same score as Andover topped Central Catholic 5-0 last Wednesday. Paige Webster scored a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 3 singles for the winners.

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Boys gymnastics may land on its feet

By BILL KIRK
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Boys gymnastics may get a reprieve.

Earlier this year, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's board of directors voted to remove boys gymnastics as a recognized varsity sport. They determined that participation in the sport is at an all-time low, with just a few hundred participants statewide, and most of them in the eastern part of the state.

The Andover High School team won the state championship in February, shortly after the MIAA made its decision.

Last week, however, the MIAA, after hearing arguments from several long-time boys gymnastics coaches, voted 7-2 to review its earlier decision. At its meeting on June 6, the board will again take up the matter.

Andover High School coach Steve Sirois said MIAA recognition of the sport is important because it's "symbolic."

But he also said that next year's season would go on as planned, with or without MIAA recognition.

"We will have a team anyway," he said, adding that boys gymnastics would be a club sport "with varsity recognition" at the local level. Meanwhile, he said, coaches

from the other six remaining boys teams have all agreed they would participate in and run their own state tournament, traditionally the role of the MIAA.

Next year, Sirois anticipates having 25 students on the Andover team, with 300 participants statewide.

Paul Wetzel, a spokesman for the MIAA, said the organization welcomes any independent efforts aimed at keeping the sport going.

"The MIAA did not tell any school they could not have a gymnastics team," Wetzel said. "All we said was we will no longer sponsor the tournament. They can do it themselves."

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LACROSSE

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each other constructive criticism. It has been a blast playing with Weeks."

With his knack for finding the back of the net, Eriksen has emerged as one of the most prominent lacrosse players in the region — a fact his teammates can't help but point out.

"He's the superstar," said Weeks, elbowing his friend. "When he walks in, we kid with him, 'Oohh, the superstar is here.' But he's really a great guy."

Eriksen's career certainly started in disappointing fashion. After making the varsity team as a sophomore, his season lasted exactly one practice.

"I separated my shoulder in my first varsity practice," he said. "I was so excited to play, then everything came to a stop. But I think the time on the sidelines really helped me out learning the game."

Eriksen certainly showed plenty of punch last season, when he scored 33 goals and earned All-MVC honors.

He has been even hotter this season, scoring 28

goals and adding 12 assists. The 40 points are the 10th most in Eastern Mass.

"Scoring goals comes down to intensity," said Eriksen, who will play club lacrosse at the University of New Hampshire next year. "Everyone can dodge. Every coach teaches that. Scoring is about deceiving a defender, looking one way then picking up speed and going another way. I have also worked a lot on my shot, shooting on the run and placing the shot. There is nothing like the sound of your teammates going crazy after a goal." Weeks may not have

scored a goal until last Friday. But his game is much more about intimidation than flash.

"I love physical play," he said. "I love to lay down the body on some people. I had a couple big hits in the Chelmsford game. I love to play body position. You also have to move your feet. It's feet first and stick later."

But being a standout defender isn't all about big hits for Weeks.

"The biggest thing is making sure everyone is on the same page," he said. "I am one of the only seniors on defense, so I have to pass along my knowledge

about how to handle certain situations and talk a lot to make sure the guys are in the right spots."

Does he mind that the goal-scorers often get most of the credit while the defenders are left with the dirty work?

"You can be the silent killer," he said. "You can change a game with just one play or one run up the field. You can even put one home once in a while. I scored two goals last week. I just took two shots and they both went in. I had never scored a goal at home, so that was great."

Weeks will soon take his

talents to Division 1 college lacrosse, playing for UMass Amherst.

"They contacted me the fall of my junior year," he said. "I visited and just fell in love with the school right away. I can't wait to compete at the highest level."

But the two are still focused on delivering a big final season for the Golden Warriors.

"I can seriously see us going far," Eriksen said. "At the beginning of this year, we were still trying to find our roles. But when we have everything clicking, I can't see another team that we can't beat."

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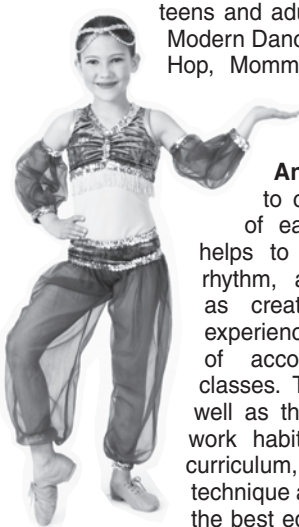
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Teaming up for Pan-Mass Challenge Kids Ride

Since its inception, the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge Wilmington Kids Bike Ride has raised more than \$100,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Jimmy Fund. But coordinators Sue Hendee and Carolyn Priem are looking for more.

With the help of Hendee's college roommate, Andover High School physical education teacher Sheila Salois, the PMC Wilmington event will now be known as the PMC Wilmington-Andover Kids Ride.

The ride pedals off on Sunday, May 19, and organizers are hoping to attract 200 cyclists from preschool through grade 6 to help raise another \$18,000 to fight cancer.

Andover Public Schools is promoting the event through the distribution of fliers and presentation of videos by the elementary physical education department.

Andover has always been a part of the event, Hendee says. High school field hockey coach Maureen Noone has



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The annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge Wilmington Kids Bike Ride is being expanded this year to formally include Andover. The event is set for May 19.

had her team run the face painting booth at the ride for several years.

Hendee said she is good friends with Salois and Noone and the two have helped her with the ride since it first started in 2006.

"Our numbers have dropped off in the past couple of years, so in an effort to get more kids participating, the Andover Public Schools has

agreed to promote the ride," Hendee said in a release. "While the ride is available for anyone in the area, we are hoping for a good showing from the kids of Andover."

The ride takes place on Carter Lane in Wilmington, on the grounds of the Boutwell Elementary, West Elementary and Wilmington Middle Schools. Carter Lane will be closed to all vehicles

during the ride, and children will ride the 1-mile loop around the schools as many times as they choose.

Kindergartners and first-graders will start the day off at 9 a.m. by riding for 30 minutes. Second- and third-graders then will take to the course from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m., with fourth- through sixth-graders finishing things off from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Preschoolers can ride their tricycles, bikes and big wheel riders or can be pulled in a wagon on the "Tykes on Trikes" obstacle course on the Boutwell School tennis courts from 9 to 10 a.m.

In the time between rides, participants can enjoy a free hot dog, face painting, a DJ, raffles and other refreshments while cheering on the cyclists.

All riders are required to register on the event website (www.kids.pmc.org, click on Wilmington-Andover ride) for a \$10 fee, and raise a minimum of \$25. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Those raising \$250 and above will be recognized as a "Heavy Hitter" and will receive a special prize from the PMC. The three participants who bring in the most will receive a prize donated by the Wilmington Kiwanis Club. All registrants will receive an event T-shirt, water bottle and goodie bag.

A pre-registration day will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Boutwell Elementary School to allow people to pick up their goodie bags and avoid lines at registration the following day.

For more information, or to make a donation in support of the ride, go to www.kids.pmc.org and click on Wilmington-Andover ride or check out Pan-Mass Challenge Wilmington/Andover Kids Bike Ride 2013 on Facebook.

A 'PERFECT' RARITY

By Sonya Vartabedian
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It's as if the stars were in perfect alignment last week for the Dennehy brothers and their Andover Mets baseball team.

As the late-day sun shined over Dyermond Field on April 29, Patrick Dennehy made his season's first outing to the mound for the Andover Little League Mets Majors team.

Twelve-year-old Patrick, a seventh-grader at West Middle School, doesn't typically get a chance to pitch for the Mets since he also plays for the New England Nor'Easters club baseball team and has to rest his arm for that squad's weekend games.

As Patrick reached the mound, his younger brother, 11-year-old Ryan, a fifth-grader at Sanborn Elementary, pulled down his catcher's mask and crouched down to take his spot behind home plate.

For the first time, the brothers from Wabanaki Way who have played baseball since kindergarten had found themselves on the same baseball team. Now the sons of Michael and Heather Dennehy had the chance to team up as the pitcher-catcher battery.

Six innings later, Patrick recorded his first perfect game — striking out 14 of the 18 batters he faced over the six-inning contest against the Braves. It was



COURTESY PHOTO.

The Andover Little League Mets Majors team combined for a memorable game last week. The team includes, front row from left, Jeremy Morganstern, Ryan Dennehy, Patrick Dennehy, Ryan Grecco, and Nicholas Galiotti and, back row from left, Alec Haffner, Sean Sullivan, Zachary Grover, Michael Leone, Andrew Cohen and Jack Bodette.



Patrick Dennehy, right, pitched a perfect game for the Mets Majors Little League team with his brother, Ryan, as catcher. Patrick also hit for the cycle in the same game.

he threw his first ball. "It's very rare, especially

Mets' Dennehy earns pitching, batting milestones in single Majors game

amazing.

By mid-game, Michael Dennehy was aware all Patrick needed was a double to complete the cycle. That's when his son told him he had a perfect game going, too.

"I know they're both rare accomplishments," said the proud father, who for the first year is sitting out as coach of his sons' baseball teams. "To do both in one game ... I'm sure it's been done, but I'm not sure I've seen it."

Dennehy and Haffner were quick to credit the entire team with allowing Patrick to earn the "perfect" title.

Alec Haffner helped preserve the no-hitter with a grab at shortstop in the fourth inning and Michael Leone came through with a key play at second base to record the last out of the game.

In all, the Mets had 24 hits in their 18-0 shutout of the Braves, with Jeremy Morgenstern getting off two and Ryan Grecco connecting for his first hits of his Majors career. Alec Haffner and Jack Bodette both exploded with four hits, with Jack making one of his a homerun.

Coach Haffner said Nicholas Galiotti, Sean Sullivan, Zachary Grover, Michael Leone and Andrew Cohen all delivered standout performances as well to round out the memorable win.

"It just worked out so well," Haffner said.

Quills close strong at states

Two Andover gymnasts from A2 Gym & Cheer in Pelham, N.H., concluded their season on a high note.

On the Level 4 ninth-place team, Shayla Quill tied for 10th on bars (8.725) and 17th on beam (8.0) and floor (8.55).

On the Level 7 third-place team, sister Madison Quill was fourth on bars (9.4), tied for seventh on beam (9.05), tied for fifth on vault (9.15), and was seventh all-around with a 36.45 score.

All 23 of A2's Junior Olympic athletes advanced to the New Hampshire State Championships at Pinkerton Academy in Derry.

SEND US YOUR SPORTS NEWS

The Townsman wants to spotlight the young athletes of Andover and is looking for your help.

We're seeking a representative from each of the community sports leagues and programs to submit highlights from the week to feature in our pages. Maybe it's the week's standout player or the team that battled hard to earn a surprise win. It could be a special coach or a player who is the unsung foundation of the team. We'd like to give them all a chance at some coverage in our pages over the course of their seasons.

Interested league representatives can contact Editor Sonya Vartabedian at 978-475-7000, ext. 8733, or svartabedian@andovertownsmen.com to learn more.

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Opinion

Urge to 'do something' usually makes bad law

The eagerness of legislators to "do something" about every conceivable ill that plagues humanity all too often results in legislation that does more harm than good.

In Massachusetts, the problem is exacerbated by a one-party Legislature unchecked by effective opposition. No sooner does a quick fix pop into an eager legislator's head than a bill is on the governor's desk, ready for his signature.

This "there ought to be a law" mentality nearly snuffed out an Andover company and its 250 jobs. It took last-minute legislative action to avert disaster and save the company from the Legislature's own bungling.

In its zeal to fight the legitimate problem of prescription drug abuse, the Legislature in 2012 passed and Gov. Deval Patrick signed a bill concerning the sale and distribution of certain medications, largely painkillers and narcotics.

Among its provisions, the bill prohibited Massachusetts pharmacies from filling prescriptions written outside of the New England states and New York. The goal of this provision was to crack down on those who abuse prescription medications by "doctor shopping" — getting a number of doctors to write them prescriptions for the same drug. While many pharmacies would question a prescription from well outside the region, some unscrupulous "pill mills" are willing to fill them.

But an Andover company, Injured Workers Pharmacy, is in the business of filling legitimate prescriptions from around the country. The company serves 30,000 patients around the nation, helping injured workers through the compensation claims process. The company employs 250 people at its Andover facility.

Had the legislation taken effect May 1 as scheduled, Injured Workers Pharmacy would have been forced out of business.

"By accident, we included companies like IWP that had been around for 10 years with no problems, no issues," state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, told the State House News Service. "I've talked to the president of the company probably more times than I can remember. Here's a company, they've done nothing wrong."

Finegold and other legislators rushed through a bill that delays implementation of this prohibition until Dec. 1. The delay gives legislators time to refine the bill so it does not ruin legitimate companies like Injured Workers Pharmacy.

This isn't the only aspect of the bill that needs more thought. The bill also requires physicians to participate in the state's prescription monitoring program, a measure that could make some doctors hesitant to prescribe painkillers to their patients.

Prescription painkillers and narcotics certainly are abused and that abuse causes a great deal of personal suffering and damage to society. However, there are many patients who need these medications to treat their chronic pain and ease their suffering. Why must those who legitimately need these medications suffer for lawmakers' zeal to pursue abusers?

Abuse of drugs, prescription or otherwise, already is illegal. There are uncounted laws on the books limiting and controlling their use. Lawmakers, eager to "do something" to fix every problem, are sweeping up ever more innocent people and businesses in their nets.

Thoughtful lawmaking recognizes that when someone says, "there ought to be a law," often there already is.

WEB QUESTION

Is Town Meeting a viable option for governance in Andover?

YES: It fosters discussion on the issues and forces residents to know what they're signing on to.

YES: It brings residents together annually to talk about the issues most important to the community.

YES, but for another reason.

NO: A low turnout means a small number of people are put in the driver-seat on town projects, and an audience can be padded to push any special interest.

NO: The larger presence of voters and the ensuing discussion can distract voters from the issues. A ballot is a better alternative.

NO, but for another reason. I don't know, or I have no opinion

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked readers what they thought about the addition of outside dining to downtown Andover. With 97 readers responding, the answers were:

LOVE IT: If the weather is nice, people should be able to enjoy it over a glass of wine. I'm glad it got approved — 52 votes, 53.61 percent.

LOVE IT: This puts the downtown life right on the sidewalk, making it more visible to traffic passing through — 21 votes, 21.65 percent.

HATE IT: Restaurants serving alcohol on town property are a poor reflection on the community — eight votes, 8.25 percent.

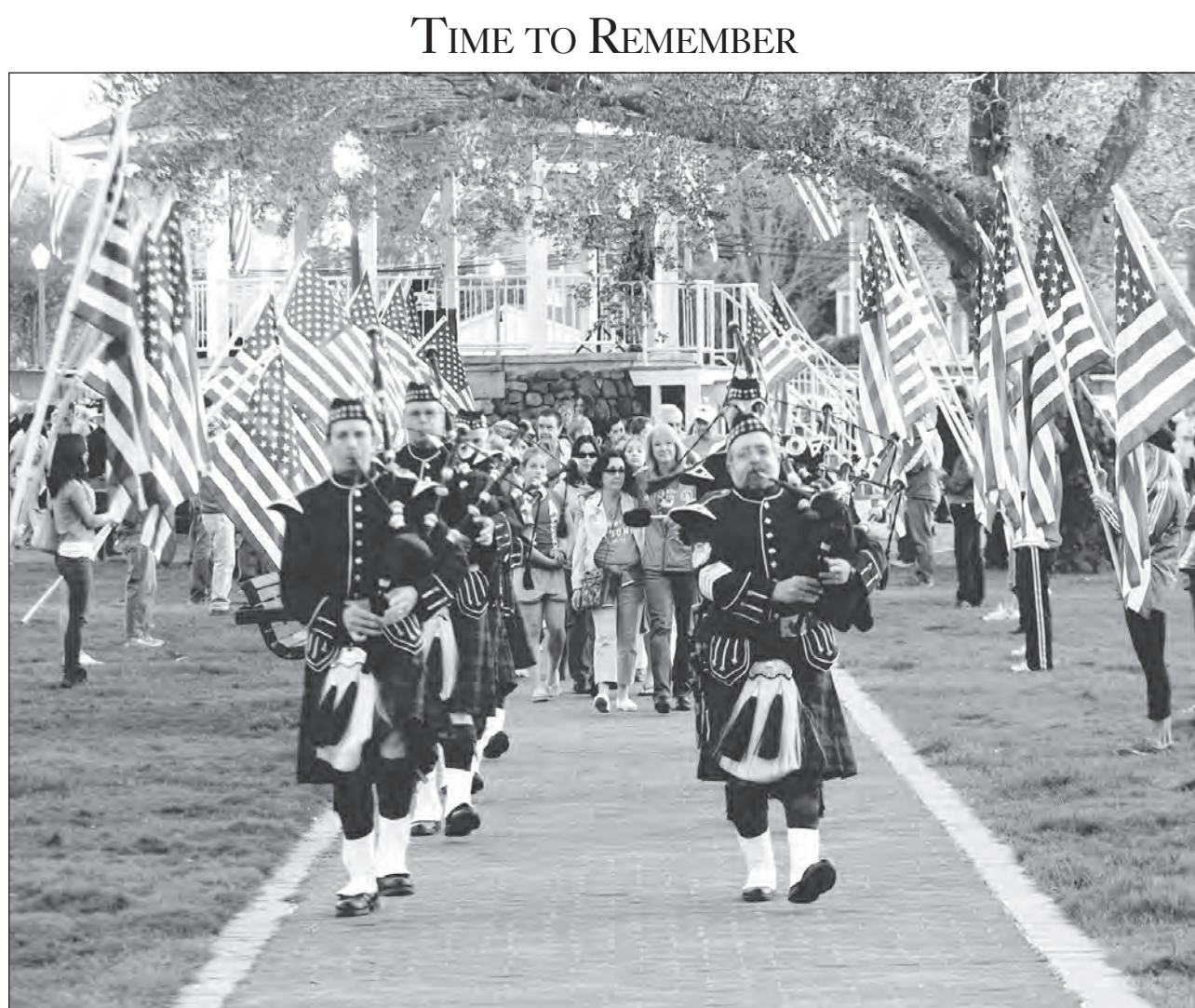
HATE IT: Putting alcohol consumption that close to traffic is a risky proposition and shouldn't have been allowed — seven votes, 7.22 percent.

I don't love it or hate it. I'm indifferent — seven votes, 7.22 percent.

HATE IT, but for another reason. — one vote, 1.03 percent.

I'm under the legal drinking age, so I'm unable to consume alcohol — inside or out — one vote, 1.03 percent.

LOVE IT, but for another reason — zero votes.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Bagpipers lead a crowd of residents on a walk to a candlelight vigil in The Park May 1 to honor those lost and injured in the Boston Marathon bombings.

America's youth: Rethinking what we drink

Josh Jacobs



During an exhausting road trip recently, my ultimate Frisbee teammates and I managed

aged to drag our aching legs across a parking lot and into Chipotle for some late-night grub.

With heavy eyelids, empty stomachs and 10 hours on the road under our belts, making healthy choices wasn't exactly a priority. Walking in, I said, "You know, Chipotle burritos taste so much better with soda." For some reason, though, I decided against a cup of soda, instead opting for ice water. And nothing felt different.

It's so tempting to want the Coke, the Arnold Palmer, the Monster to round out our meals.

However, these sugar-sweetened beverages — SSBs — are unnecessary and extremely detrimental to our health and well-being. It is time that we reconsider — during every snack, every meal, every time in the drive-thru — what liquids we are consuming, especially as a new generation begins to develop and mature. By decreasing intake of liquid calories from sugary beverages, we can observe marked changes in obesity rates, the prevalence of disease and overall physical and mental health.

Ever since I was a small child, my peers and I have been reminded of the negative dental effects of SSBs. No kid wants to have rotten and stained teeth like our friend Austin Powers. A report published in 2001 by the Minnesota Dental Association stated that all soft drinks are highly acidic and that colas can reach pH readings more acidic than 2.4. Subjecting enamel to Coke for only

one hour led to significant tooth decay and surface irregularities. Hopefully, most people are now aware of these troubling findings. What many people are not aware of, though, are the hazards of regular SSB consumption beyond tooth decay.

The American Heart Association recently reported that sugary drinks are a factor in 180,000 obesity-related deaths per year. In the U.S., 10 percent of obesity-related deaths were linked to SSBs. Mounting evidence suggests that consumption of liquid calories produces less satiety than does consumption of solid foods, leading to excessive caloric intake and contributing to heightened obesity rates. To support this claim, a 2010 University of Minnesota study found that chronic sugar consumption weakens the brain's ability to prevent overeating.

Additionally, The New York Times reported on a 2012 Harvard study directly linking a daily 12-ounce serving of soda to a 19 percent increase in the relative risk of cardiovascular disease. In a report to the surgeon general, here's what a group of prominent health organizations had to say: "Soda and other sugary drinks are the only food or beverage that has been directly linked to obesity, a major contributor to coronary heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and some cancers, and a cause of psychosocial problems."

What's especially troubling is that coupled with these dangers is the reality that SSBs are on the rise in this country. According to the National Cancer Institute, sugary drinks constitute the largest source of calories (226 per day) in teens' diets. Not only do children get hooked at an early age — the 2001 Minnesota report indicated that 20 percent

of 1- and 2-year-olds and virtually 50 percent of children ages 6 to 11 consume soft drinks — but as a result, they are also drinking fewer healthy beverages such as milk.

The question is, how do we control the rapid proliferation of soda and SSB consumption among children today? How do we take a stand in a culture that promotes soda bottles during celebrations, allows schools to profit from deals with soft drink manufacturers and markets 64-ounce Big Gulps with free refills?

Schools can control the environment to which children are exposed on a daily basis, and they must better educate students about the gamut of health problems that can arise from SSB consumption while eliminating the hypocrisy that comes with placing SSB-containing vending machines right outside of health education classrooms. Teachers can also suggest gallons of water or milk as opposed to bottles of soda and juice for their class celebrations. A party with cookies and milk is a lot more reasonable than a party with cookies and Sprite, Dr. Pepper and Arizona Iced Tea. At the very least, a water option should be provided.

Furthermore, presentation is important. I am convinced that if water had a whole label and nozzle to itself on soda dispensers in restaurants, cafeterias and college dining halls nationwide, it would be consumed more often. More water consumption would mean less soda consumption. Manufacturers and the beverage industry may be resistant to this concept due to a loss in revenue and decrease in diversity of options; thus, legislation would be required in order for it to be mandated.

It is also up to all of us

to model behavioral patterns. No matter what we tell children, it is what we do that will have the most enduring effect on their minds, attitudes and actions. For example, it may be tempting to get a soda at a restaurant because of the free refills, but here's a better deal: asking for a cup of ice water! It's free, including unlimited refills, and it's a much healthier option. Another example: when exercising, consume more water and healthy drink options rather than regularly drinking high-calorie, sugary beverages such as Vitamin Water.

Research indicates that SSBs are causing a plethora of serious and urgent health problems in this country and around the world. Now more than ever is the time for policymakers to intervene by perhaps taxing SSBs, incentivizing healthy choices in schools and increasing the prevalence of health education campaigns while decreasing the number of SSB ads targeted at young children. It will take the assistance of citizens to save children from poor lifestyle choices and a host of long-term medical issues.

It is common to refer to previous generations and remark, "He was a frequent smoker before we figured out how terrible cigarettes really are for the body." Hopefully, years down the road, we can speak this way about soft drinks. It's time to make a change. It's time to rethink what we drink.

■■■
Josh Jacobs is a 2011 graduate of Andover High School who is now a sophomore at Yale University in Connecticut. He wrote this piece on the long-term health consequences of sugar-sweetened beverage consumption for his Psychology, Biology and Politics of Food course.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELLEGIT

100 Years Ago May 9, 1913

The Boston firm Brown & Stackpole has divided Batchelder Farm at Walnut Corner into house lots, which are selling rapidly for all-year home sites, bungalow lots, etc. The lots are high and dry, vary slightly and have about 2 miles of frontage on North Main and Lowell streets. Prices range from \$19 to \$150.

Miss Annie Burke has accepted the position of clerk in Miss Porter's store.

75 Years Ago — May 5, 1938

Last night at the Square and Compass Hall, it looked and sounded as if the Bay

State would swing back into the Republican columns again this year. Boston is the Democratic bugbear that keeps the state New Dealish, but an extra 1,000 Republican votes from Andover would neutralize one Boston ward, and if there were 22 other towns doing the same thing, it would neutralize all the other wards in Boston.

Well-known dairyman Chester D. Abbott of Andover Street was appointed driver for the new school bus at the regular meeting of the school board on Tuesday evening.

50 Years Ago May 9, 1963

Despite all claims and evidence that we're a growing, progressive community, this

is still a rural town. At least that's what the beavers think. And they're proving their dislike of urban living by taunting the highway department nearly every night of the week.

Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona spoke to more than 1,100 people at Phillips Academy Tuesday night. Goldwater visited at the invitation of James Binns, president of the Phillips Academy Russian Club. The overflow crowd of 100 heard the senator from a basement room where a speaker was provided.

25 Years Ago May 5, 1988

Tarp and scaffolding from renovation work on the Old Town Hall fell to

the ground in last Friday night's heavy winds. Sgt. Steve Avery said the wind caught the tarp like a parachute and brought part of the scaffolding on the Main Street side down at about 9:15 p.m. There were no injuries.

Ten variances and two special permits have been requested for a 33-unit development next to the Andover Public Golf Course. It's the latest attempt by landowner Harry Axelrod, who for at least three years has been proposing several plans for luxury townhouses that would rival the quality of the plush Hunter Ridge complex in Andover.

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Arts & Entertainment

Voilà! Arrives for crafts in park

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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“Voilà!” Michele Bourgeau Lea says as she slips a business card bearing the same French word to a visitor.

It’s as much to call attention to the creative collection in her new shop as it is to emphasize its name — Voilà, Artisanal Marché.

Bourgeau Lea’s antique and vintage shop is just getting settled into its second-floor space at 68 Park St., in what’s called the Mercantile building. And she doesn’t want to waste any time introducing herself.

The Andover resident will have a rookie booth at the town’s popular Crafts in the Park event on Saturday, May 11.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo
Some of the hand-painted furniture by Michele Bourgeau Lea, artist and owner of Voilà, a new shop that sells vintage furniture, paintings and home decor.

“I’m just thrilled to be here,” said Bourgeau Lea, who officially opened her store on May 1. “This is just a great space for me.”

A newly remarried mother of four, Bourgeau Lea is an avid antique

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AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo
Artist Michele Bourgeau Lea, who recently opened Voilà, Artisanal Marché on Park Street, will showcase her painted furniture creations at Saturday’s Crafts in the Park.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, MAY 9

COMEDY FUNDRAISER, Priceless Prom Gown program hosts a comedy night featuring three comedians, 7 to 8 p.m., Galleria at Maria’s Restaurant, Haverhill, includes appetizers and raffle; proceeds support the organization that collects and distributes prom gowns to high school students in need through its dress-give-away boutiques.

SACRED MUSIC & DANCE, Loseling monks perform ancient temple music and dance for world healing featuring traditional Tibetan instruments; \$25 door, \$22 advance, \$18 seniors; 978-837-5355.

AFTER-SCHOOL HISTORY, learn about life in Andover during the World Wars. Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

LIVE MUSIC, Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra, 8 to 10 p.m., Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Road, Lowell; \$10 suggested donation; lowell-philharmonic.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

CRAFTS IN THE PARK, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Park, Bartlet and Chestnut streets, Andover, free admission.

LANTERN FESTIVAL, West Parish Garden Cemetery hosts event based on ancient Asian tradition to honor living friends and family and honor those who have departed; hosts, 6 to 8 p.m., West Parish Garden Cemetery pond, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; Westparishgardencemetery.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Treble Chorus of New England’s Scholar Choir “Music of the Americas” concert, 7:30 p.m., Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover; tickets \$16 adults, \$10 students and seniors; Anna S. Choi at treblechorus.org, 978-470-TCNE.

LIVE MUSIC, the period-instrument ensemble Les Bostonades with guests performs double concertos by J.S. Bach, W.F. Bach, Vivaldi and Telemann, 3 p.m. Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road Andover. Tickets \$20 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, 17 and under free; www.bostonades.org/seasons/index.html.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

WINE & MUSIC, “Candlelight, Cabernet, Ballades & Brie,” benefits Andover Chamber Music, 6 to 8 p.m., 64 Bartlet St., Andover; space is limited; reserve by emailing sales@AndoverChamberMusic.org or call 978-474-6222.

LIVE MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present a spring concert featuring The Fidelio Society, a select a cappella choir, 4 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover; free; 978-749-4260 or email music@andover.edu.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

PLANT TALK, North Andover Garden Club hosts landscape designer Adriana O’Sullivan presenting “Tough Plants for Tough Places,” 7 p.m., St. Michael’s Parish Hall, Main Street, North Andover; northandovergardenclub.com, Lisa at 978/689-9318.

JULIA CHILD EVENT, The Beloved French Chef, performance by Delvena Theatre Company featuring Lynne Moulton as Julia Child; 6:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.; register at mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

HABITAT MANAGEMENT, Andover Conservation Commission presents guest speaker Russell Hopping, ecology program director for The Trustees of Reservations, on “Habitat Management in the Andovers,” 6:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., third floor; sandwiches, refreshments will be served followed by brief meeting, guest speaker and

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Heart of the home



KEVIN DOYLE/Courtesy Photos

Chris, played by Jeremy Partyka, is stunned as he comes home from prep school unexpectedly and finds his Mom, Rachel Harris, and her lover Gordon, played by Evan Pantely, trying in vain to appear innocent in a scene from “The Dining Room.”

AHS Drama Guild pulls back curtains on Gurney’s ‘Dining Room’

By SONYA VARTABEDIAN
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The Andover High School Drama Guild takes a comedic view of upper middle-class WASPs in New England when it spotlights A.R. Gurney’s “The Dining Room” tonight through Saturday at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road.

The Pulitzer Prize-nominated show, which debuted in New York City in 1982, encapsulates 50 years in the lives of an upper-class New England family, as seen within the walls of their dining room. The action is a mosaic of inter-related scenes — some funny, some touching, some rueful — that, taken together, create an in-depth portrait of a class of people, according to the play notes.

Typically performed by



“A history of WASPs”, featuring Carter Letsky as the Nephew, and Amy Welch as Aunt Harriet, is one of dozens of vignettes in the comedy “The Dining Room.”

a six-member cast of three men and three women, Andover High theater director Susan Choquette expanded the cast for the school’s production to 12 performers to allow more students an opportunity for stage time.

The drama plays out in



“American Gothic with Child” features Rachel Harris as Mother, Conor Meehan as Father, and Maci Letsky as Dear Darling Little Girl.

mother’s infidelity, a senile grandmother not recognizing her own sons at Christmas dinner; a daughter, her marriage in shambles, pleading futilely to return home.

With more than 50

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“Fighting over the Dining Room furniture” features Michael Hanscom as Arthur and Lauren Wanthal as Sally.

IF YOU GO

When: May 9, 10 & 11 at 7:30p.m.
Where: The Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School
Tickets: \$15, \$5 Students/Seniors and are available at the box office



COURTESY PHOTO

Les Bostonades presents its final concert of the season on Saturday, May 11, at the Chapel at West Parish in Andover.

‘Double Vision’ for Bostonades’ finale

The period-instrument ensemble Les Bostonades presents its final concert of the season on Saturday, May 11, at 3 p.m. at the Chapel at West Parish in Andover. The ensemble will play rarely performed double concertos by J.S. Bach, W.F. Bach, Vivaldi and Telemann with guests Hank Knox on the harpsichord and Antonio Campillo on traverso.

Out & About

The program will feature Vivaldi’s Concerto for 2 Violins in a-minor and Concerto for 2 Flutes in C-Major, J.S. Bach’s Concerto for 2 Harpsichords in c-minor, W.F. Bach’s Sonata for 2 Harpsichords in F-Major, and G. Ph. Telemann’s Concerto for 2 Violas in G-Major and Concerto for Recorder & Flute in e-minor.

The Chapel at West Parish is at 129 Reservation Road. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors and \$10 students, with ages

17 and under admitted for free. They are available in advance at www.bostonades.org/seasons/index.html or at the door.

Tenors go deep at Rogers Center

The New England Tenors will perform a special concert at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover

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collector who truly enjoys restoring antiques. Her shop is filled with vintage items that she has

meticulously transformed to suit the more modern home decor of today.

She'll be selling a collection of her hand-painted furniture as one of the 100 vendors who will fill The Park for the 38th annual Crafts in The Park show.

The juried fair is always held the Saturday before Mother's Day and gives shoppers plenty of unique gift ideas to choose from to please the leading ladies in their lives. Among the selections will be photographs, jewelry, sculpture, pottery, clothing and more.

In addition to Bourgeau Lea, other Andover vendors will be Wilawann Clayarat, Claudia Columbo, Pam Cousins, Lauri Cox Schreiber, Elke Crawford, Dee Dourcy, Jennifer Hickman, Nicole

Lang, Martha Totten, Brenda Leyne and Yolanda Mendez.

In addition to the crafters, there will be food vendors and the Mill City Jazz Band will provide musical entertainment.

For years, Andover Field Services, which organizes study abroad programs, has benefited from being the sponsor of Crafts in the Park. But the organization has handed off sponsorship to Christ Church Andover this year.

"They are helping us

to transition the event — hopefully a seamless one — and have been just great to us," Karen Herman, event coordinator, said.

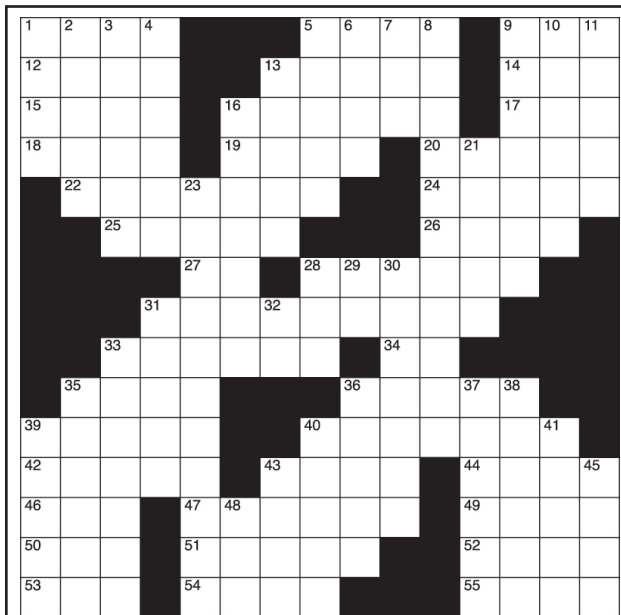
Herman said proceeds from Crafts in the Park will be used to support outreach programs and organizations in the local community, including Habitat for Humanity, Esperanza Academy, Bread and Roses, Neighbors in Need, Lazarus House and the Merrimack Valley Project.

The Episcopal church also sponsors its Children's

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Crafts in the Park
- **When:** Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; rain or shine
- **Where:** The Park, Chestnut and Bartlet streets
- **How:** Free admission. Visit www.craftsinthepark.com.

Center preschool program and the Andover Thrift Shop, and provides a diverse and enriching music program with scheduled events open to the public, she said.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

1. Selects
5. A cutting remark
9. Teaspoonful (abbr.)
12. Having two units or parts
13. Quality perceptible to the sense of taste
14. Expression of surprise
15. Italian Island
16. A coarse cloth with a bright print
17. Propose a price
18. Sedimentary material
19. Tree toad genus
20. Passed time agreeably
22. Custodians
24. 3rd largest city in Zambia
25. 18th Hebrew letter (var.)
26. Coasted on ice
27. Libyan dinar
28. Displayed exaggerated emotion

31. Andalusian Gypsy dances
33. Material
34. Article
35. Ballplayer Ruth
36. 5th largest Greek island
39. Hand drum of No. India
40. A style of preparing food
42. Former ruler of Afghanistan
43. AKA Cologne
44. Not generally occurring
46. Auto
47. Print errors
49. Interspersed among
50. Electrocardiogram
51. Churns
52. Ice hockey feint
53. Drive obliquely, as of a nail
54. Dried leaves of the hemp plant
55. Ardour

CLUES DOWN

1. Lyric poems
2. Hungarian sheep dog (var. sp.)
3. A pad of writing paper
4. Lists of candidates
5. Base, basket and foot
6. Samoan capital
7. Mythological bird
8. Urban row houses
9. Sensationalist journalism
10. Carried on the arm to intercept blows
11. Estrildid finch genus
13. PA 18840
16. S.W. English town & cheese
21. Runs disconnected
23. Mourners

28. Old world, new
29. Atomic #25
30. Sweet potato wind instrument
31. Legend
32. 3rd tone of the scale
33. Russian jeweler Peter Carl
35. Capital of Mali
36. Extremist sects
37. Violent denunciation
38. Tooth covering
39. Music term for silence
40. Smoldering embers
41. Writer Jong
43. Actor Kristofferson
45. Adam and Eve's 1st home
48. Fish eggs

DINING ROOM

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characters in the script, Choquette said the show offers performers a breadth of roles.

Each cast member is responsible for playing as many as four or five different characters across a spectrum of ages, all with distinct personalities and appearances, she said. A male performer, for

example, might transform from little boy to stern grandfather from one scene to the next, while an actress goes from giggling teenager to Irish housemaid.

"The youngest characters are 6-year-olds at a birthday party and there are a couple scenes with an older woman who has Alzheimer's disease and then there's everything in between," Choquette said. "For the actors, it's a challenge trying to differentiate each character they play, not

only vocally but physically, while also flipping around to different time periods."

But Choquette added, "They're having a ball."

Choquette staged a shortened version of "The Dining Room" for the Massachusetts Theater Guild's Drama Festival in 2006, and has always wanted to do the full version. The timing was finally right this spring, she said.

Her cast includes Emily Brownholtz, Christopher

Cortner, Michael Hanscom, Rachel Harris, Carter Letsky, Maci Letsky, Conor Meehan, Evan Pantely, Jeremy Partyka, Kate Rigazio, Lauren Wanthall and Amy Welch. Retired high school teacher Douglas Halsted is the show's producer.

All performances start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students and seniors and are available at the box office.

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on Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The tenors welcome back world-class tenor Jeffery Hartman of Natick, who has returned to the group after an engagement in Hong Kong. He will be reunited with fellow tenors John Middleton-Cox of North Andover and Damien Corcoran of Amesbury. The tenors will be joined

by special guest soprano Leigh Barrett, who will perform in the "Les Miserables" and "Ragtime" sets, and Ilia Paulino, a senior at Central Catholic High School who was the 2012 winner of the Merrimack Valley Idol contest sponsored by Quota International of Andover.

The program will also feature songs made famous by The Three Tenors and The Irish Tenors as well as solos, duets and medleys

from some of Broadway's best-loved musicals.

Tickets are \$20 and available online at www.newenglandtenors.com or by calling the Rogers Center box office at 978-837-5355

Sunday a cappella with Fidelio Society

The Phillips Academy Music Department will present a spring concert featuring the oldest musical organization on Andover Hill — The Fidelio Society, a select a cappella choir of 18

voices — on Sunday, May 12, at 4 p.m.

The free concert will take place in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St, Andover. The program will include a selection of madrigals, sacred music and contemporary works. The public is invited. For more, call the Music Department at 978-749-4260 or email music@andover.edu.

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To submit items for *Out & About*, email tounsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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time for questions; public welcome, call commissioner Kevin Porter, 978-470-0671.
SATURDAY, MAY 18

LIVE MUSIC, Emma's Revolution, the duo of award-winning activist musicians Pat Humphries and Sandy O, with opener Meg Rayne of Newburyport; doors open 7:30 p.m., Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St.,

Complete calendar listings are available at andovertownsmen.com

Haverhill; \$20; \$10 ages 18 and under; new-mooncoffeehouse.org, 978-459-5134.
SUNDAY, MAY 19

PLANT SALE, North Andover Garden Club offers proven perennial plans from

their gardens and annuals from Paisley's in Boxford plus fresh produce from Gaouette Farm of North Andover, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library front lawn, Main Street, North Andover, rain or shine; northandovergardenclub.com, or Lisa at 978/689-9318.

LIVE MUSIC, The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, resident orchestra of the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, featuring pianist

Yukiko Sekino; 2:30 p.m., Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. (Route 114), North Andover; adults \$20, seniors and students \$15, children ages 4 to 12 \$5; online at mvpomusic.org.

MUSICAL HISTORY, music from the last 500 years performed by Northern Essex Community College Chorus, 2 p.m., Hartleb Technology Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill campus; admission \$5; abucchiere@nec.mass.edu.



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Townspeople

Palfrey to headline Rotary's Citizens Who Care

Phillips Academy Headmaster Dr. John G Palfrey will be the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of Andover's 16th annual Citizens Who Care and fifth annual Educator of the Year Gala on Thursday, May 23, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.



Dr. John G Palfrey

Rotary Club president Mark Spencer said in a release that the gala is "a unique celebration of citizenship and personal community contributions that will be highlighted by a world-class educator who lives and works in our Andover community."

Palfrey assumed the role of Phillips Academy's 15th head of school on July 1, 2012. Prior to joining the Andover community, he was the Henry N. Ess III Professor of Law and vice dean for library and information resources at Harvard Law School. He was also co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society, where he served as executive director

from 2002 to 2008. He has published extensively on how young people are learning in a digital era, as well as the effect of new technologies on society at large. Outside of his work at Andover, Palfrey serves as a trustee of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and leads the Steering Committee of the Digital Public Library of America. He has also served on the boards of the Mass2020 Foundation, the Ames Foundation, and Open Knowledge Commons, among others. Palfrey joined the Harvard

Law School faculty after practicing law at the Boston law firm Ropes & Gray. He was a visiting professor at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland during the 2007-2008 academic year. He also served as a special assistant at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during the Clinton administration.

A teacher, author, and innovator, Palfrey has earned praise for his books and scholarly work, as well as his teaching. The Bok Center at Harvard recognized him in 2007 for Distinction in Teaching. In 2005, he earned

a Dean's Commendation for Excellence in Teaching from the Harvard Extension School.

Palfrey earned his doctorate of law from Harvard Law School, a master in philosophy from the University of Cambridge and an artium baccalaureus (bachelor of arts) from Harvard College.

The Citizens Who Care award honors those who have made extraordinary contributions to the Andover Community above and beyond their normal job descriptions. The Educator of the Year is given to one teacher, principal

or support person in the Andover public school system who exemplifies these same caring qualities in and out of the classroom. All recipients are those who best reflect Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self.

The Rotary Club of Andover, a civic group of men and women who aim to support the Merrimack Valley, meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover.

The gala is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets, which include dinner, are \$50 and can be purchased at RotaryAndover.org.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

J. Daniel Murphy of Andover, a member of the Lexington Minuteman Militia, fires his musket during Saturday's flagpole dedication at Massachusetts School of Law in Andover.

Stars and stripes salute

Thanks to the efforts of two students, a flagpole now graces the entrance to Massachusetts School of Law.

Led by students Deanna Deveney and Army staff Sgt. Hadler Charles, the school's Veterans Association raised the money to install the school's first flagpole, which was dedicated on Saturday, May 4, in honor of all American veterans.

While there have been flags displayed inside the law school, there had never been a flagpole outside the Federal Street campus, much to the dismay of Deveney and Charles. The two founded the Veterans Association and made the acquisition of a flagpole the organization's first priority. Through bake sales and benefits at

local restaurants, the club raised the \$5,000 needed for the project, Charles said.

Located outside the main school building, the flagpole is adjacent to two benches. It is marked with a small stone monument honoring "America's veterans, whose tireless service for freedom and democracy enables us to pursue our dreams. In war and peace, they stand forever tall."

—Dustin Luca, staff writer

Members of the Capt. William D. Glynn Detachment #128 of the Marine Corps League of Haverhill salute as Chester Casey raises the flag during a ceremony Saturday.



Teichert named 'Distinguished Citizen' of year

By BILL KIRK
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Former town selectman, local businessman and community activist Ted Teichert is being honored next week with the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Yankee Clipper Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



Ted Teichert

Teichert, a selectman in town from 2000-2012, is one of two area residents being recognized for their "outstanding contributions to the community," according to a statement issued by the group organizing the event. At-Large Lawrence City Councilor Dan Rivera is also being honored.

The awards will be given during a breakfast event Friday, May 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover.

"This award is bestowed upon individuals who have been unselfish in their service to others and have demonstrated integrity and genuine concern for others in their professional and personal lives, making important contributions serving their fellow citizens, community and nation," said the statement, issued by committee chairwoman Eileen O'Connor Bernal, attorney Peter Caruso, businessman Robert Lavioie and Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

Teichert grew up in Andover, son of a local small business owner, and continues to be involved in the community. During his term as selectman, he was an advocate for downtown business, senior citizens and public schools.

Projects he was involved with include the public safety center, Woodhill Middle and High Plain Elementary schools and the Andover Youth Center.

Teichert is owner of Ted Entertainment, a disc jockey service he started in 1980. He is involved with the Andover Business Center Association's efforts to promote the

downtown and is one of the backers for Andover Day, which now attracts 10,000 people.

He also is well-known for his work coaching youth sports, through Andover Little League, Buddy Werner Ski League, Andover Jr. Football League and the Andover Soccer Association. He has been president of the Andover Jr. Football League for 10 years.

Rivera, meanwhile, is the son of a single mother who emigrated from the Dominican Republic to find a better life for her family by working in area mills.

As a youth, Rivera was committed to public service, becoming a Boy Scout, serving as a civil air patrol cadet with the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, becoming co-chairman of Lowell High School's Model United Nations and high school senior class secretary.

After high school, Rivera served as a military police officer in Germany, where he was deployed to Iraq and Kuwait during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He worked as economic development director for former U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan before joining the private sector for a career in marketing.

Rivera is currently in the middle of his second term as an at-large councilor in Lawrence. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for Northern Essex Community College, where he has played a supporting role in the expansion of the college's Lawrence campus.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$40 for individuals or \$350 for a table of 10. To order tickets, call Ruth Crocker at 978-372-0591 or email rucrocker@bsamail.org. Registration is also available online at www.yccbsa.org.

Proceeds will benefit underserved Scouts in Lawrence. The Yankee Clipper Council serves 51 communities in northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, with more than 8,000 youth from these communities involved in Scouting programs and summer camping each year.

TOWN TALK

A sweet tooth for One Fund Boston

Call it "Cannolis for a Cause."

On Saturday, May 11, Nina (Fischelli) Gaffny, owner of Fischelli's Bakery in downtown Andover as well as in Lawrence, is devoting 100 percent of the proceeds from her sales to The One Fund, set up to help those most grievously injured during the Boston Marathon

bombings. "It was horrific, and any of us could have been there," Gaffny said. "Our kids or friends could have been there."

She hopes that people will visit either the Andover store at 46 Main St. or her Lawrence bakery at 55 Union St., where they can make a donation and get something in return.

"Instead of sending donations or money,

customers can buy a cannoli, and they are giving to an important cause," she said.

The bakery, which sells a wide variety of confections, will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Smile wide for the cause, too

The dental team in Dr. Francis McCarthy's office at 15 Central St. in Andover donated four hours of

dentistry on April 29 to a fund for Marathon victim Marc Fucarile. Staff members went without pay for the four hours, and all of the income from dentistry services performed during that time went to the fund to help cover Fucarile's expenses.

Fucarile, of Stoneham, is the nephew of Dr. Rosalie Gallo, a dentist in the office. He lost a leg and 50 percent of his body was burned in the explosions.

TOWNSMAN'S TOP PETS

Pet lovers are nothing if not passionate. And that holds especially true for Townsman readers. So we want to give Andover's favorite "Towns-Pets" their due.

We'll be spotlighting the top dogs and cats — not to mention fish, birds, hamsters, chickens and maybe even some snakes and turtles, too — as a regular feature in The Townsman.

Readers are encouraged to submit a photo of their pets, with or without their owners, along with a brief description of them and what makes them so special. We'll pick one top pet a week to feature as often as we can.

Townsman reporter Dustin Luca kicks things off this week with his "tortie twins." Athena and Shy, who are believed to be about 13 weeks old, were adopted at the end of March by Luca and his wife, Stephanie. The two fur kids were a Christmas gift from Luca's parents,



following the death of his 18-year-old cat from natural causes last December. Luca's parents paid for their adoptions in full at the MSPCA's Nevins Farm adoption center in Methuen.

Predominantly female, tortoiseshell cats, or torties, get their name from the coloring of their fur coat, which weaves black, white and orange tones together.

Athena, known for her brazen, warrior-like mentality, and Shy, named for her

quiet personality, together with their mother, were surrendered by a household in Lawrence. They were the only kittens in the litter, Luca said, so the decision to adopt Athena and Shy as a pair did more than put them in a better home — it kept the tortie twins together for life.

Nominations for Townsman's Top Pets can be emailed to townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

Celebrations

To place your celebration, please visit: www.andovertownsmen.com/celebrations

Engagement

Friedman - Silevitch

Pam and Barry Silevitch of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Adam, to Mariel Friedman, daughter of Mike Friedman and Helayne Angelus of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Adam is a graduate of Andover High School, U-Mass Amherst, Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine and Columbia University. He is currently working as a pediatric dentist in NYC.

Mariel graduated from Simmons College with a double major in management and Spanish. She is a regional sales director for Neuberger Berman.

A September 2014 wedding is planned in Newport, R.I.



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