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Town manager search panel draws 27 applicants

Five-member committee to be picked Friday

By BILL KIRK

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Twenty-seven people, including many current and former elected or appointed town officials, have volunteered to serve on a five-person panel that will choose a half-dozen or so finalists who will vie for the town manager's job.

From that pool of finalists, the Board of Selectmen are likely to choose a successor to Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski, who has held the post for 25 years. Stapeczynski is retiring at the end of June.

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The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to appoint the search committee on Friday, May 8.

Many of the applicants have municipal experience, including former town manager Richard Howe and former school superintendent Claudia Bach.

There are also several elected and appointed town officials in the mix, such as current Town Moderator Sheila Doherty, former selectmen John Hess and Mary Lyman, current School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert as well as former chairman Dennis Forgue, former Finance Committee member Don Robb and Economic Development Committee Chairman Tim Vaill.

Many of the remainder are involved in a variety of civic organizations, town institutions and local initiatives, including the Andover Youth Foundation, Andover Village Improvement Society, Andover Historical Society, Phillips Academy and Ballardvale Fire Station Committee.

They include Charles Kendrick, Diane Costagliola, Susan Stott, Catherine Eames, Richard Fox, Alan French, William Ham, Nancy Jeton, Carl Kaminski, Heather Lauten, Frank Licata, Steve Marley, Joel Mittelman, Richard Padova, Sarah Paterson, Gail Ralston, Amy Tulip and Alan Zucchini.

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said the board, which got the names last Thursday, April 30, would review all the candidates and pick their top 10 favorites, ranking each

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Schools win budget battle



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

A packed Town Meeting on Monday night overwhelmingly votes in favor of a budget allowing for an additional \$423,062 of funding for the School Department next fiscal year.

Town Meeting opts for higher spending plan to save teachers

By TIM LIMA

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Town Meeting on Monday night threw its support behind the School Department, approving a higher budget that will essentially increase tax bills an additional \$30 next year in an effort to save threatened teaching jobs.

By a margin of 228 votes, the School Committee's recommended budget — a spending plan that came in at \$423,062 higher than one endorsed by the Board of Selectmen — was approved by Town Meeting.

Following a lengthy public comment period and a hand vote, a formal tallied vote was requested by the audience crowded into the J. Everett Collins Center at Andover High School.

The final vote was 503 to 275 for the School Committee's recommended budget of \$73,296,591 for fiscal 2016,



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Members of the Andover Finance Committee listen at Monday night's annual Town Meeting as Genie Sullivan expresses her desire to see an extra \$423,062 voted into the school budget next fiscal year so classroom teachers may be preserved. The higher budget favoring the School Department ultimately won Town Meeting's support.

which starts July 1. The higher spending plan equates to an approximately \$30 increase in taxes for the average homeowner next year.

many people would turn out and vote at Town Meeting," said School Committee member Joel Blumstein, who will

"Honestly, I didn't know how

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E-VOTING DEBATE ERUPTS AS MEASURE IS KILLED

By BILL KIRK

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Town Meeting members were awash in confusion Monday night as a heated debate erupted over whether to allow electronic voting at next year's annual event.

In the end, voters rejected the idea, but not until after an amendment calling for a free, pilot program was approved. As the main proposal was about to be voted on, one Town Meeting member stood at the microphone on the floor of the hall and asked, "What are we voting on?"

Town Moderator Sheila

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A proven cancer fighter

Spitzer named to 'one hundred' club for lifesaving advancements

By TIM LIMA

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In the fight against cancer, the disease has certainly met its match in Dr. Thomas Spitzer. The Andover doctor has spent his career offering hope to cancer patients.

As the director of the Bone Marrow Transplant Program at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, the 66-year-old Spitzer has worked to change the way

blood cancers are treated globally.

Spitzer has been named to Mass General's "the one hundred" class for 2015. The award annually salutes 100 "everyday amazing" individuals, groups and organizations around the country and worldwide for changing the way cancer is fought in innovative ways and inspiring others to take action. He was chosen from nearly 900 nominees.

He said he was "pleasantly surprised" when he learned he was among this year's honorees. He said he knows others within his program who have been selected over the years and he feels fortunate to be in the same company.

"It's a great honor, because 'the one hundred' event recognizes people and organizations that have contributed to the mission of the cancer center," Spitzer said. "We

don't know who nominated us — but patients, staff and other people in the community are able to nominate someone. I feel privileged to have been chosen."

Spitzer's efforts are said to work in line with the cancer center's "commitment to eradicating cancer through research and innovation and by providing the highest quality of patient care,"

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Dr. Thomas Spitzer of Andover is credited with saving many lives through his groundbreaking work in cancer research and treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center in Boston

STEP UP FOR COLLEEN 5K



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Participants in pink T-shirts travel through The Park over to the starting gates at Chestnut and Bartlet streets to begin Sunday's race in memory of teacher Colleen Ritzer of Andover. See page 9 for more photos of the event.

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begin serving as vice chairman of the committee beginning next week. “I think it really shows that there’s a lot of interest and support for our schools.”

Immediately after the vote, hundreds who seemed to have turned out specifically for the school budget vote took to the exits.

Dorris Mason, a retired educator from Moraine Street, said that she came out to vote because her grandson’s kindergarten class size is too large already.

“It’s already too big — at 25 students or so,” she said. “It’s not manageable.”

According to Superintendent Marinel McGrath, however, average class sizes for grades four and under were never slated to increase, even under the lower budget proposal.

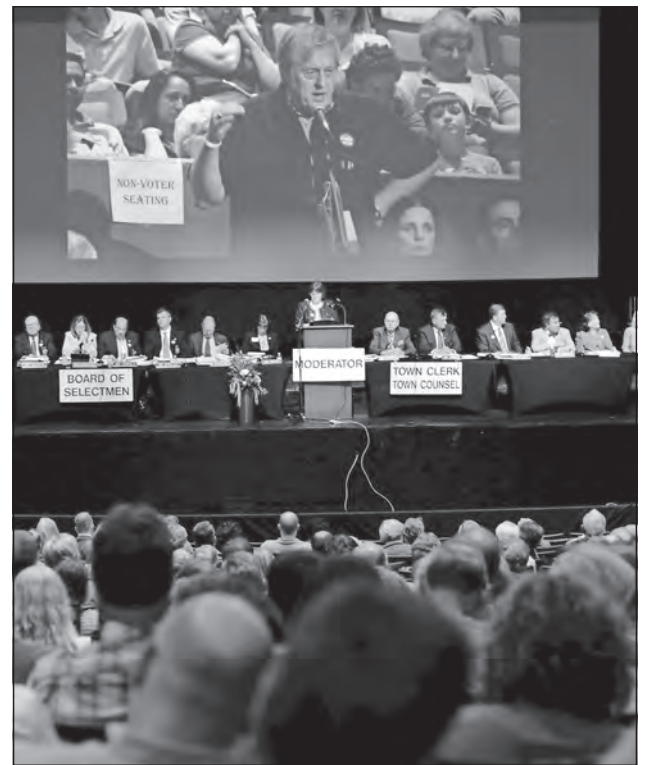
Before the vote, School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert said her board’s recommended budget was “financially responsible for the town and educationally responsible for our students.”

“At the cost of \$30 annually to the average taxpayer, passage of the School Committee’s recommended budget would preserve five to seven classroom teachers, would help us more closely maintain current class sizes and would still keep Andover \$1.5 million below the available tax levy limit,” she told Town Meeting.

She added that the School



LEFT: School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert, right, lays out to Town Meeting on Monday night the case against a motion by the Board of Selectmen to deny an additional \$423,062 in funds for the School Department next fiscal year. Retiring School Superintendent Dr. Marinel McGrath sits to her left. RIGHT: Roy Dobbelaar argues for a lower spending plan for next fiscal year that was being supported by the Board of Selectmen. Town Meeting on Monday night ultimately voted to support a higher budget backed by the School Department.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Committee budget was “striking a reasonable balance” with selectmen.

Blumstein said that in recent years, attention with the budget has been focused more on tax relief and not enough on maintaining schools, town services and infrastructure and on long-term debt.

“I hope the lesson is that we all have to take a much more balanced approach to budget-related matters,” he said. “Selectmen have a very difficult job, but in my opinion, the last year or two has

swayed too much on the side of tax relief. It all needs to be balanced, and last night’s vote was a demonstration of one aspect of that.”

But Don Robb of York Street, who recently served an abbreviated stint on the School Committee to fill a vacancy, said at Town Meeting he couldn’t support the School Committee’s recommended budget. He said it was the first time in 35 years he hasn’t been able to do so. He lobbied for approval of the selectmen’s lower plan.

“I would recommend that we accept this low budget right now because I have enormous faith in the superintendent of our schools and the staff of our schools to make this budget work without impacting any student or staff,” he said.

Newly elected School Committee member Ted Teichert of Duffton Road was his board’s lone vote against the higher spending plan. He told Town Meeting that he believed more could be done to make the numbers work with the lower budget

proposal that was sought by selectmen without the need to lay off classroom teachers.

“We can build a budget with the funding we have,” he said at Town Meeting, noting that no administrative positions were at risk for being eliminated next year due to budget constraints. “I’d rather have teachers than administrators.”

On Tuesday, Teichert said he respected Town Meeting’s decision.

“It’s what Town Meeting wanted, and Town Meeting

is the ultimate authority, so I respect that,” he said.

“The biggest thing for me was that I heard people around town say they didn’t want to cut the teachers — but we had made no proposal or adjustment for non-teaching personnel at all. That’s what I was against. I’m glad we aren’t going to be cutting many teachers, but I felt we could have made adjustments a different way.”

According to town officials, 842 people attended Monday night’s meeting.

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Doherty, who spoke in favor of the article from her podium on the stage, said Tuesday that she was also confused because the wording on the screen to the side of the J. Everett Collins auditorium, which she could see, was different than the wording on the screen behind her, which she couldn’t.

“The level of discussion centered around the fact there was one thing up on the screen in front of me, and one thing on the screen behind me,” she said Tuesday. “I was not clear on what people were asking me about.”

She added, “As confusing as it was, I think the exchange was very positive and valuable for our possible future consideration of it, or whether we table it,” she said. “It was clear to me there was a significant objection — that people didn’t understand what they were voting for and still had questions.”

The idea for electronic

voting grew from a group of residents led by local attorney Trudi Hale, working with Doherty, over the winter to come up with what they thought would be a workable plan: Using a Florida-based company to provide hand-held devices about the size of a TV clicker to log in their votes at Town Meeting. The company would provide the software to count the votes, as well as laptops to log in voters as they entered Town Meeting.

Initially, the proposal sought \$35,000 from Town Meeting voters to implement the technology, which is used in many other towns across New England, starting next year.

The group got the unanimous approval of both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee as well as the endorsement of Doherty.

What they didn’t count on was the fact that Town Meeting voters hadn’t gotten a chance to view the particulars of the proposal.

“This is another gadget and gadgets go awry,” said

resident Cal Perry. “Why pay \$35,000 when now it only costs \$1,000 to count votes.”

Perry was referring to the fact that the town pays a half-dozen or so wardens \$1,000 to take hand-counts of standing votes.

Resident Bob Pokress noted that since Town Meeting is a legislative body, all votes should be public.

“Is this a violation of the spirit of Town Meeting?” he asked. “Votes will be cloaked in secrecy. I’d like to know how our elected officials vote.”

Another resident echoed the comments by Pokress, saying “this technology makes every vote a secret ballot.”

He noted that the town bylaw requires all votes at Town Meeting to be made in the open.

“This turns the bylaw on its head,” he said.

Doherty and Hale defended the article.

“I have been part of the committee studying this,” Doherty said. “Other towns have done this and haven’t violated their bylaws.”

She said the new technology was all about “efficiency. I’ve seen it work. In crowds larger than this, you get the results quickly. The efficiency, privacy and accuracy is worth the cost.”

Article supporter Mark Spencer filed an amendment that Town Meeting run a pilot program next year, which would be offered by the company for free.

The amendment passed, 149-147.

That’s when the confusion started.

Doherty said Town Meeting needed to vote on the main motion, with the amendment, which would have approved the program but without spending any money.

One resident filed another amendment asking that the program be approved for one year only.

But Doherty ruled that amendment out of order, saying it was clear from the wording of the initial amendment made it clear it was for one year only.

Another resident asked if the proposed free pilot program would pass muster with the state’s bidding laws, asking Town Counsel Tom Urbelis about the legality of the measure.

“The first time I saw it was 20 minutes ago,” Urbelis said. “I have not reviewed the legality. I haven’t done any research on it. I haven’t looked into it.”

Doherty then asked for the question, and the amended article failed by a vote of 98-170.

Doherty said she takes partial blame for the failure of the measure, saying, “I would have responsibility if there was confusion in the meeting — for not clarifying.”

She said that although she was involved, the committee came to her asking about whether she would support the measure. She said other town moderators across New England have supported electronic voting, which is why she supports it.

She also defended her support of the measure from the podium on the stage, saying that while she would never speak for or against an article about the school budget, for example, she felt compelled to speak about the electronic voting article because it was “about the operation of Town Meeting.”

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Boy Scouts arm selectmen with bright streetlight plan

By BILL KIRK
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The young men of Boy Scout Troop 75 waded into the highly charged world of streetlights last week when they did a presentation on whether the town should buy the fixtures from energy company National Grid as a way to save money.

The seven Scouts, seeking their citizenship badges, chose to work on the streetlight issue after reading about it in the newspaper. They met with Public Works Director Chris Cronin and conducted an analysis before making their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen at its April 27 meeting.

The subject has been fraught with controversy recently as a number of residents have complained to town officials that repeated requests to have certain lights turned back on have been met with bureaucratic delays and opposition from within town hall. Many of the town's

streetlights were turned off about nine years ago as a cost-saving measure.

A number of communities have purchased the lights from National Grid and installed more energy-efficient bulbs, saving money that way instead of turning them off. It also turns out that Andover pays rent on streetlights even when they are turned off.

In response to the dispute, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has requested that more than a dozen lights be turned back on.

Meanwhile, Cronin has started the process of buying the streetlights from National Grid. He said he is also looking into replacing the old bulbs with newer, more energy-efficient bulbs.

The Scout troop's research showed that the town could actually save about \$52,000 a year after making the initial investment of \$165,000 to purchase the lights, leading to a payoff of about three years.

They reported that other



BILL KIRK/Staff photo

Boy Scout Troop 75, as part of its Citizenship Badge project, went before the Board of Selectmen last week with a plan to purchase streetlights from National Grid and switch to energy-efficient LEDs. The troop includes, front row, from left: Ivan Shokum, John Donovan, Suren Maheswaran, Sean Ballou, Brendan Major, Kyle Menezes and Max Bielecki; back row, from left: Scoutmaster Brian Major, and Selectmen Bob Landry, Paul Salafia, Dan Kowalski, Alex Vispoli and Mary O'Donoghue. At far right is Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

towns, including Salem, Mass., have purchased their lights and saved tens of thousands of dollars.

One of the Scouts noted

that the LED, or light-emitting diode, bulbs use half the energy of the existing bulbs and have more than double the lifespan.

They also pointed out that, "If we buy all the street lights in Andover and convert them into LED lights, the amount of money being saved would

be tremendous, and our environmental footprint would be smaller."

Selectmen and residents in the audience gave the Scouts — and their leader, former Selectman Brian Major — a big round of applause.

Chairman Dan Kowalski noted, "I'd love to have seen that presentation 10 years ago."

The option of buying the streetlights from National Grid has been available for more than 10 years. Many other communities throughout Massachusetts, including North Andover, have already done it.

"We are going to go this route," added Selectman Alex Vispoli.

Selectman Paul Salafia noted, "reducing the carbon footprint is near and dear to this board. This is a hot topic. You came in at right time."

Cronin said the Scouts did a great job, adding, "I wish you had done this six months ago. You would have saved me a lot of heavy lifting."

Pitching in at the Greene Reservation



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers spent the better part of six hours one Saturday last month helping the Andover Village Improvement Society get Ann Rawlings Greene Reservation ready for the season.

About a dozen volunteers turned out at Ann Rawlings Greene Reservation on Bannister Street on Saturday, April 25, for a successful work party.

Under the leadership of reservation warden Paul Dick, the volunteers spent nearly six hours help-

ing to beautify the Andover

Village Improvement Society property.

The team of workers tackled the fallen branches and also spent time improving the trails as part of ongoing beautification efforts on the property.

The hard-working band of hands broke for a pizza

lunch so the volunteers could restore their energy levels enough to get back into the woods and the task at hand.

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one. The rankings will then be aggregated and the five candidates with the highest number of top rankings will end up on the committee.

Selectman Paul Salafia said he was familiar with many of the applicants, but he would be contacting those he is unfamiliar with to learn more about them before selecting his choices.

"We want to give everybody a fair chance," he said.

Selectman Alex Vispoli said he had hoped there might be more names, but was happy to see names of people he didn't know, too. Of the 27 applicants, he said he knew 18.

"I thought it might be more, but there are a lot of names I don't know," he said. "I hope to speak to folks we don't know and get a sense of who they are."

Kowalski said the selectmen chose to use a search committee because a recent revision to the state's Open Meeting Law allows a search panel to review a large, general pool of candidates in

executive, or private, session. Selectmen would have to conduct the same review in open session under the law.

This way, he said, the identity of candidates for the job won't be revealed until they are considered finalists. Once selectmen start reviewing the finalists, their names will become public.

"We chose this path because we feel it's important to protect the anonymity of applicants who don't get selected as final candidates," he said. "When that list is forwarded to us, they become finalists and they are public."

Kowalski said selectmen have given the search committee wide latitude to interview candidates, either over the phone or in person, before narrowing the field to a group of finalists.

Selectmen have not yet decided on how many finalists they want, but Kowalski said it will probably be around five or six.

The deadline for applying for the job was this past Tuesday, May 5. Kowalski was not sure how many resumes had been received by late last week.

Timetable set for interim superintendent search

By TIM LIMA
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The School Department last week laid out a plan that is expected to see an interim superintendent in place by June 11, providing more than a month of overlap before Superintendent Marinell McGrath retires from her post.

The overlap will allow the interim leader to become acclimated to the Andover Public Schools and learn how they operate from McGrath, who departs July 17, School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert said at a meeting last Thursday, April 30.

"(McGrath) will be meeting with this person to talk about what has gone on, what the strategic plan looks like, where we are in the strategic plan," said Candace Hall, director of human resources for the town. "It would be an essential piece of work, and

if we had that overlap time it would be fabulous."

The interim appointee is expected to serve one year, and will be tasked with smoothly transitioning the School Department toward its next permanent superintendent, who will likely be in place for the 2016-2017 school year.

"It will be a very demanding job, in a very demanding system," Hall said, noting that the position is not one where "you can sit back, sit in your office and look through Education Week and have a good time. Hopefully, we can find someone with the energy and the appropriate personality that will help us through the next year."

The job has been posted, and four or five candidates have already expressed interest, Hall said.

A search committee — made of two School

Committee members, a school leadership official, three principals and a couple parents — will be tasked with narrowing the pool of candidates to finalists.

Parents interested in serving on the search committee are asked to submit a letter of intent to Hall by May 15. The two School Committee members on the search panel will then make the appointments.

By Thursday, May 28, the search committee is expected to have chosen its finalists. The School Committee will then invite the finalists to a workshop on May 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The workshop will be open to the public.

From there, the School Committee will vote on its choice for interim leader at its next meeting on Thursday, June 11.

"There are some very, very good people that I think

will apply for this position," McGrath said, noting that there are currently 65 retired superintendents in the state. Retired leaders often seek interim roles, because they are temporary and require adequate experience, she said.

In response to a question by Jeanne Teichert regarding the hiring of a permanent student services director, McGrath said that responsibility will fall to the interim superintendent. Amy Reese has been serving in the role as an interim director for the past year, following the departure of Joyce Laundre.

A recent search for a permanent director of student services was unsuccessful, and officials decided to wait until the fall to re-open it. McGrath said she soon will be appointing the interim student services director for the next school year.

Congregation Beth Israel to mark Israel Independence Day

To celebrate Israel Independence Day, which commemorates the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948, Congregation Beth Israel in Andover is sponsoring a story hour on Tuesday, May 12, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 40 Railroad St., Andover.

The free program, which is geared for 3- to 6-year-olds and their parents/guardians, will feature the reading of a story about Israel. Youngsters will also share songs, crafts and snacks.

The community is invited. Reservations are requested by Friday, May 8; email EdDirector@BethIsraelMV.org or call the office at 978-474-0540.

Also at Congregation Beth Israel, parents, grandparents and all who appreciate teachers are invited to a Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Chai at CBI on Friday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the temple at 501 South Main St. (Route 28).

The evening will begin with dinner, which is being sponsored by the Heifetz family in memory of Hannah Heifetz, a lifelong learner and a greatly respected and admired teacher for several decades. The spirited service will feature the CBI's own musical group Bashert accompanying congregational singing.

Congregation Beth Israel is planning another Shabbat Chai service featuring Bashert on Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m., followed by dinner.

The suggested donation for both Shabbats is \$10 per person, with a maximum cost of \$25 per family; children 12 and under as well as anyone experiencing Shabbat Chai for the first time are welcome for free.

Reservations are requested by calling Amy in the office at 978-474-0540 and making her aware of any food allergy or dietary restrictions.

SPITZER

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according to a release from the hospital.

Spitzer has spent the majority of his 30-year career at Massachusetts General. In 2002, he established the Bone Marrow Transplant program at the Mass. General Cancer Center, one of the most distinguished centers for stem cell transplantation in the world.

Under his leadership, the program has introduced numerous state-of-the-art techniques that allow for lower-dose chemotherapy and permit transplantation in older patients who are fighting blood cancers through less-taxing procedures.

In a breakthrough benefiting patients with multiple myeloma and kidney failure, Spitzer and his team performed the first simultaneous bone marrow and kidney transplants. This double procedure treats the disease and increases the body's acceptance of the kidney without the use of

immunosuppressive drugs. Spitzer said he's motivated every day by the opportunity to create change.

"The opportunity to offer curing therapies for these diseases at the beginning of my career wasn't a remote possibility," he said. "So to see the opportunity to offer novel treatments and see these people survive has been gratifying."

Spitzer, who has also been a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, can see the good in his work in the patients he has treated for leukemia and other life-threatening blood disorders for more than 20 years.

"Dr. Spitzer and his team have saved my life several times over — first, with chemotherapy, radiation and surgery and then with two forms of bone marrow transplants," Michael Karlson,

who has successfully battled non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for more than 10 years, writes in praising Spitzer on receiving the award.

"Throughout the difficult treatments, Dr. Spitzer has marshaled hospital resources and provided warm and comforting professional care."

A native of Canton, Ohio, Spitzer moved to Andover 22 years ago from the Washington, D.C., area. His wife, Joan, is a nurse and they have two children, both of whom graduated from Andover High School, and two grandchildren.

Their son, Matthew Spitzer, is an attorney at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., and their daughter, Linn Spitzer, works as a counselor at a residential facility in Burlington, Vt.

In his free time, Spitzer is a member at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. His wife volunteers at The Center at Punchard.

Spitzer and the other honorees will be feted at the eighth annual "the one hundred" gala on Tuesday, May 26, at the Westin Copley Place Boston Hotel. Tickets are \$500 and proceeds support the work of Mass General Cancer Center. Since 2008, the awareness and fundraising initiative has raised more than \$7 million for the cause.

Those funds have allowed Spitzer to continue his innovative work in the field.

"It's very much a roller coaster in terms of ups and downs, successes and situations that aren't so successful," he said. "But I'm motivated by the opportunity to offer these treatments."

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Smoother roads ahead; Town outlines street repaving plan

By BILL KIRK
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For people tired of traveling over bumpy, pothole-ridden roadways, relief may be at hand.

The town recently released its annual street-paving list. In all, some 30 roads are scheduled for various levels of repaving, according to Public Works

Commissioner Chris Cronin. The work is mostly paid for by the state's Chapter 90 highway fund.

There are three different levels of paving under the \$2 million program — all based on the condition of the road. Roads in the worst condition are "reclaimed," which is when the top 10 to 12 inches of the roadway are ripped up, milled and then put back

down again. A binder coat is placed over the recycled roadway, and then a final top-coat is placed over that.

Streets on the list to be reclaimed include Acropolis Circle, Chestnut Street (Highland Road to Avon Street) and Doric Way, Kalia Circle, Marland Street, Nicholas Circle, Nicoll Drive, Oak Street, Ravens Bluff, Tewksbury Street (Andover Street

to Center Street), Center Street (Tewksbury Street to dead end), Chester Street, (Tewksbury Street to Clark Road), Tewksbury Street (Center Street to Pine Cone Lane) and West Knoll Road, South Main Street to house No. 12.

A second form of paving, for roads that aren't quite as bad but still need significant help, cold mill and overlay,

includes pulling up the top 2 inches of roadway, then overlaying it with new material.

Streets on the list for cold mill and overlay include Ashford Lane, Avon Street, Beech Circle, Boutwell Road, Center Street (Andover Street to Tewksbury Street), Fremont Lane, High Plain Road (Beacon Street to Greenwood Road), Ivanhoe Lane, North Street (River

Road to Joseph Street), River Street (Andover Street to Laconia Drive), Sherry Drive, Stevens Circle, Stratford Road and Upland Road.

Finally, River Street from Laconia Drive to the Wilmington town line is scheduled for a level and overlay. That includes simply paving over a road that is in pretty good condition, Cronin said.

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Adding to the menu; LaRosa's granted outdoor liquor license

By BILL KIRK
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LaRosa's, at 7 Barnard St., has a hidden gem not immediately obvious to the first-time visitor to the popular, downtown eatery.

A cozy, little courtyard sits just outside the door behind the sandwich/check-out counter where people can sit and sip an iced tea while devouring an Angry Sicilian or Salsalitto

Turkey sandwich.

The 435-square-foot space is not accessible from the inside of the restaurant, due to various bylaws and other encumbrances. Patrons instead order inside and then walk out and around the building to the dining spot out back. There, servers bring the food and drinks to patrons sitting at one of the seven tables which can accommodate about 20 people.

Decorated with lights and

plants, it is a pleasant place to hang out on a clear day or evening. Now, it will also be a nice place to have a beer or a glass of wine.

Owner Paul LaRosa won approval from the Board of Selectmen last week for a liquor license that will allow his patrons to now enjoy a drink outside, much like nearly a dozen other establishments in town. The license must be OK'd by the state Alcoholic

Beverages Control Commission before it can be put to use.

Becoming increasingly popular, outdoor venues for dining and drinking are approved at 10 other restaurants in town, including Yella, Bertucci's, Karma, Andolini's, One Thong Thai, Palmer's, Brasserie 28, Andover Country Club, Lanam Club and Andover Inn, according to Assistant Town Clerk Kathy McKenna.

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Opinion

Numbers show dramatic scope of opioid epidemic

New numbers on the extent of the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts are in and they are staggering.

The state Department of Public Health has reported that 1,008 people in Massachusetts died from opioid overdoses in 2014. That number is a 51 percent increase over the 668 opioid overdose deaths reported in 2012, and a 4.2 percent increase over the 967 deaths reported in 2013. The 2013 and 2014 figures are estimates that include both confirmed and suspected opioid overdose deaths.

“We have been aware that the number of fatal overdoses has increased dramatically over the last few years and this is deeply concerning to us. Local law enforcement officials are working hard to identify major drug traffickers and dealers in an effort to get this poison off of our streets.”

Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett

The rapid increase in the number of overdose deaths since 2012 clearly shows the threat posed by addiction to heroin and other opioid drugs. And it illustrates the challenge facing Andover and surrounding communities. In Essex County in 2014, there were 146 opioid overdose deaths.

Tackling the problem of opioid addiction will take a concerted effort by communities, including law enforcement, treatment and early intervention with young people who may be tempted to experiment with such drugs. It isn't simply a matter of locking people up — a view shared by Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

Blodgett said in a statement he is a strong proponent of drug diversion and drug courts, which allow low-level drug offenders the opportunity to seek treatment instead of being prosecuted, while also supporting “stiff mandatory sentences” for drug traffickers and dealers. He called for more treatment options for “people trapped in the vicious cycle of addiction.”

“We have been aware that the number of fatal overdoses has increased dramatically over the last few years and this is deeply concerning to us,” Blodgett said. “Local law enforcement officials are working hard to identify major drug traffickers and dealers in an effort to get this poison off of our streets.”

So far in 2015, the numbers are not encouraging, showing little sign of improvement over 2014.

In the first three months of the year, the state police reported 217 suspected heroin deaths — a figure that does not include the three largest cities of Boston, Worcester and Springfield, which are tracked separately. The state is on-pace for an annual total of 868 opioid overdose deaths outside of the three biggest cities. Adding in the tally from those cities will almost certainly match or exceed the 1,008 deaths reported in 2014.

It's clear that the battle is only just beginning.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Open Town Meeting form of government has been a hallmark for the Town of Andover. Does the format still best serve the community?

YES. Open Town Meeting remains an effective form of government for the town of Andover.

MAYBE. Andover is best suited for Town Meeting, but the current framework may need to be modified.

NO. It's time to explore other forms of government and consider a potential change.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Many communities envy Andover for having two MBTA commuter rail stops in town. But do you take advantage of it?

YES. I occasionally take the train, depending on the reason I'm going into the city. **27 percent.**

YES. I opt for the train whenever I'm heading to Boston for a ballgame, appointment or to spend the day. **19 percent.**

YES. I work in Boston and use the train to commute into the city. It beats sitting in traffic. **16 percent.**

NO. I'm not a fan of the train: It's too much of a hassle, there's not enough parking at the station, the fare is too expensive. **16 percent.**

NO. I commute to Boston, but never take the train from Andover. It's unreliable. **11 percent.**

NO. I always prefer to drive. I like being on my own schedule. **11 percent.**

BUDGET BATTLE CONCLUDES



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Waves of voters leave the annual Town Meeting Monday night after passage of a hotly debated budget for next fiscal year. Residents ultimately supported a higher spending plan touted by the School Department in the interest of saving classroom teachers. Deliberations on other articles on the Town Meeting warrant continued after the exodus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historic home bylaw change promotes overcrowding

Editor, Townsman:

An article on the warrant for this year's annual Town Meeting, which started Monday, May 4, could be one of the most dangerous amendments to a zoning bylaw to date. It promotes the overcrowding of the town and allows contractors to bring historic houses into our town from outside towns just to subdivide a lot and build a house that does not have to meet our district's minimum requirements.

The article deals with making changes to section 7.9.4.7 of the Dimensional Special Permit for Historical Preservation. In Article 52, the Planning Board in conjunction with the Preservation Committee are attempting to modify the existing bylaw to allow for new construction on undersized lots (that are half the size of standard dimensional requirements).

What does this mean? Let's first clarify the existing bylaws, which allow builders to subdivide a lot with a historic home on it and so that the historic home becomes sited on an undersized lot while any new structure on the newly created lot still must meet standard dimensional requirements. This prohibits builders from building new construction on undersized lots and minimizes overcrowding, while still allowing exception for the historic home.

Article 52 proposes a change of the current historic preservation bylaws in that it would allow builders to now build new construction on undersized lots.

While the selectmen and Planning Board support this, you need to understand why. More houses equals more money in property taxes. It's that simple. For the residents in Andover, it means overcrowding and ultimately lower property values. Think about this. As our houses get older and potentially qualify as historic properties, they can fall under this provision as well. If enough lots get cut

in half and built on, the more crowded Andover gets. If you like the space you have today, you must vote no on this article.

Consider this as well, any lot can have a historic house moved to it, and can then qualify for this special permit. The historic house can come from anywhere. The article does not say the historic house needs to originate from Andover, just be located in Andover. Now contractors can move historic houses from Lawrence, Dracut, Methuen, Tewksbury, North Reading into Andover to subdivide a lot just to make a bigger profit.

Is that really in line with the Planning Board's “master plan” for the town? Is that in line with the town you want to live in as a resident? The irony is that the preservation of historic homes individually has become paramount to the preservation of the look, feel and value of the town as a whole. As a resident in Andover for 35 years, it's certainly not what my wife and I grew up with nor what we want to raise our children in.

Don't let this happen to your town.
JAMES AND LISA TAMMARO
Lovejoy Road

Condition of Penguin Park ‘appalling’

Editor, Townsman:

Andover has a shortage of children's playgrounds as is, and the short-sightedness of the town in what it decided to do with Penguin Park is appalling.

By scraping all the dirty snow into the Penguin Park's parking lot throughout the winter, and putting it very close to the children's play equipment, the town has effectively created a dump right next to one of the very few playgrounds in our community. Who would want their children walking next to what is now a muddy, smelly hill of trash, chemicals from the roads and other refuse that has been scraped up and piled there? I'm disappointed that the town couldn't have found a better area to store this material, other than a children's playground.

I walk by this park all

the time and used to bring my children. Today when I walked by on my way to work, as I looked at the trash scattered around, I actually overheard city workers in the parking lot saying that the place was becoming a total dump. I completely agree, and I think it is in large part to the city's poor planning when it comes to choosing sites for snow removal areas.

EMILY DICESARO
3 Walnut Ave

Local environment should be valued daily

Editor, Townsman:

With the recent observance of Earth Day, here are three things that everyone can do to be good stewards of Andover's environment:

1. Get engaged in the governance of our community. The Board of Selectmen needs to hear from those who care about the quality of the environment in our town. The selectmen have heard from those who insist our only priority is reducing the tax burden. Sustaining a high-quality physical environment and the infrastructure required for our public lands/works needs vocal advocates. Attend meetings and speak up. It is not enough just to go to Town Meeting, as the selectmen have not recognized that a core value of Andover is the quality of our environment.

2. Support the local and regional organizations that serve as stewards of our precious lands and vigilant advocates for their protection. The leaders of Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) have been heroic in their vision for the community. We are blessed to have The Trustees of Reservations as owner of the Ward Reservation and a leader in protecting the Bay Circuit Trail. The Andover Trails Committee and Shawsheen River Watershed Association would welcome your participation. The Recycling Committee has been vigilant and pragmatic. Supporting these organizations is the best investment

that can be made in assuring the town's quality environment.

3. Get out and enjoy the great close-to-home recreation opportunities we have in our community. Approximately 100 people have already signed up to participate in the Andover Outdoor Challenge for 2015 (www.andovertrails.org). Join them in hiking the trails in town, paddling the Shawsheen River, appreciating our ponds and biking our quiet roads.

Earth Day is every day.
STEVE GOLDEN
13 Robandy Road

Dedicated volunteers key to Care Dimensions' mission

Editor, Townsman:

In honor of the recent National Volunteer Week April 12 through 18, we would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank and celebrate the 440 volunteers whose steadfast dedication and commitment enable Care Dimensions, formerly Hospice of the North Shore & Greater Boston, to fulfill its mission: to enrich the quality of life for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers' selfless acts of kindness and compassion, both large and small, allow our patients the comfort, companionship and dignity that make all the difference at a critical turning point in their lives.

Our volunteers provided almost 26,000 hours of service last year. Whether at the bedside of a patient in a long-term care facility, in a family home, in the Care Dimensions' offices or our Kaplan Family Hospice House, volunteers are an integral part of our success.

We at Care Dimensions would especially like to recognize Maureen Sheehy, Hilary Shaman and Karen Maistrellis of Andover for their contributions and dedication to our agency.

On behalf of our staff and board of directors, we offer our sincere thanks for all that our volunteers do each and every day for Care Dimensions.

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STEP UP FOR COLLEEN 5K

A race to remember

Thousands step up in a pink way to honor Ritzer's legacy

By THOMAS SHAMMA
Correspondent

Even the cherry blossoms managed to bloom pink this past Sunday for Colleen Ritzer.

The blossoms joined upwards of 3,000 people in turning Andover Ritzer's favorite shade of pink for the second annual Step Up for Colleen 5K.

Under perfectly sunny skies, friends, family, colleagues and others from Andover to Danvers and beyond who were touched by the young teacher's life gathered to honor her legacy.

The Danvers High School math teacher from Andover was just

24 when she was found slain,

allegedly by one of her students, in October 2013.

The 5K race not only aims to keep her memory in the forefront, but it also raises money for scholarships given to Andover and Danvers high school students pursuing a career in education.

"I love to see the sea of pink," Ritzer's father, Tom, said just before the start of the race, which started and ended at The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets in downtown Andover.

Tom Ritzer introduced six of the 12 recipients of the inaugural Colleen E. Ritzer Scholarship who were in attendance for the event. Recipients of the 2015 scholarships will be announced this summer.

About 10 minutes later, a wave of pink filled the streets of Andover, flowing out of the pink starting gate and past supporters in pink shirts under a blossoming pink cherry tree in the front lawn of Doherty Middle School.

The event was organized and led by former Andover resident Nina Caron, a family friend of the Ritzers.

"The goal and the hope for the family and friends of Colleen (for this event) is to commemorate her life, and the sense of values she lived by — a sense of community, concern for others, respect for others," Caron, who now lives in North Andover, said.

A competitive runner, Caron sought to bolster this year's race, obtaining U.S. Track and Field standing for the course and arranging for chip timing for the participants.

"The top couple women (to finish the race) I knew from when I competed with them before, so it was nice to see them," Caron said.

The first-place male and female finishers received New Balance running shoes, with gift cards awarded for second and third places. All prizes were provided by Whirlaway Sports Center in Methuen.

Michael Maldari, 20, of Andover, was the overall winner with a time of 17:43, followed by Todd Collins, 36, of Andover, at 17:53 and Benjamin Breton, 16, of Windham, Maine, at 18:04.

Linsey Pimentel, 30, of Andover, crossed the finish first for the ladies at 20:11. Simonetta Piergentil, 50, of Wilmington, captured second at just hundreds of a second ahead of Caroline Bjune, 41, of Andover, with both clocking in at essentially 21:01.

Runners could see their results, including their times and ranks, immediately following the race on screens provided by Yankee Timing that were attached to a trailer parked near the finish line.

A large portion of the runners, including Maldari, registered for the race that morning. Final figures on the amount raised were still being tallied early this week.



The first wave of runners, including eventual first-place finisher Michael Maldari, far left, 20, of Andover, charges across the starting line of Sunday's 5K in memory of Colleen Ritzer.

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ABOVE: Colleen Ritzer's mother, Peggie, encourages runners as they cross the finish line of Sunday's second annual race in memory of her daughter. AT RIGHT: John Walsh holds his daughter, Alyssa, 7, aloft as she hoists a sign into the air encouraging runners in the final stretch down Whittier Street.



Megan McCarthy, of Newburyport, grabs a Gatorade to cool down after finishing the race.



Runners dash toward the finish line of Sunday's Step Up for Colleen 5K.



Peggy Burkett, of Andover, tries to get a photo of her husband, Mike, as he takes off from the starting line, while daughter, Catherine, 6, holding a sign for her dad, and son, Nathan, 4, look on.



Linsey Pimentel, 30, of Andover, led the pack as the first female finisher in Sunday's Step Up for Colleen 5K.

African children's choir rises above poverty, disease through song

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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A unique children's choir from Africa performs at the North Boston Korean United Methodist Church on Lowell Street next week and organizers are thrilled that Andover is a stop on the group's American tour. "We are a United Methodist church and we were invited to host this choir when we were at a conference," church member and concert organizer Won Park of North Andover said. "Of course, we said yes ... we were very happy to (host)."

The Watoto Children's Choir is traveling from Africa on a journey that is an emotional one. Every child in the choir has suffered the loss of their parents either through war or disease.

Issues such as poverty, HIV/AIDS, the effects of war and the child soldier crisis in Northern Uganda are evident throughout

IF YOU GO

What: Watoto Children's Choir from Africa performs "Oh, What Love"
When: Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Where: North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, 244 Lowell St., Andover
Information: Free; public invited.

their new production titled "Oh, What Love." It will be performed next Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Andover church. Admission is free.

Since 1994, Watoto Children's Choirs have traveled all over the world sharing the plight of Africa's orphaned children. Its performances aim to highlight an emerging, modern Africa.

"Africa is coming of age and so are the people," Park said. "The children and young adults are the key to the future."

The choir's focus is based



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The Watoto Children's Choir, a performance group of orphaned African children, brings its U.S. tour to Andover next week for a free concert.

on the Bible verse, 1 John 3:1, "See what kind of love the father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are."

The program looks to expose the young singers, who live in Watoto children's villages, to other cultures and give them the confidence to rise up out of

their own situations of sadness and despair.

The choir's most recent tour began in Washington, D.C., on April 9, and will travel to several states

throughout the North East Coastal region of the U.S. over three months. From the U.S., the performers will next travel to Brazil for another three-month tour.

The concert is being coordinated by the Multi-cultural Ministry of North Boston Korean United Methodist Church. The ministry is working to build a deeply rooted faith community of "blended people" of all races. Its mission of "Touching Lives and Transforming Together" is based on the Bible teaching, "Through your offsprings, all peoples on Earth will be blessed" (Acts 3:25), Park said.

The ministry welcomes the community to its monthly English worship service on the second Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. in the church.

The Watoto Children's Choir concert is also open to everyone, Park said. "It will be joyous," he said.

Weekend of garden club plant sales takes root

Two of Andover's garden clubs have been busy planting and pruning in preparation for their annual Mother's Day plant sales this weekend.

Spade & Trowel Garden Club will hold its sale on both Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in two locations in town — downtown in front of Old Town Hall at 20 Main St. and on the corner of Route 133 and Shawsheen Road.

Decorative live plants and cut flower arrangements will be available at both locations.

Proceeds will support the nonprofit club's community projects. Spade & Trowel Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., New England Region and the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Northern District.

Andover Garden Club will focus its sale entirely on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m.

to noon in the parking lot of The Andover Townsman office at 33 Chestnut St., at the corner of Bartlet Street.

A variety of plants will be featured, including perennial favorites from members' gardens and some special selections for Mother's Day. Many of the featured plants are grown in the naturalistic garden the club designed, planted and maintains at the junction of River and Chandler roads in West Andover. Club members will be on hand to offer planting and growing advice.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a nonprofit, charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and floral design; aids in the beautification of the Town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. For more on the club, visit www.andovergardenclub.org.

Out & About: Soup's On benefit for Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need will hold its annual Soup's On benefit dinner and auction to support its efforts to feed the hungry on Saturday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at Relief's In, Lawrence Firefighters Hall, 1 Market St., Lawrence.

The fundraiser will include live and silent auctions, cash bar, appetizers and soup samplings. Several area restaurants, including Andover's own Andolini's, Palmers Restaurant & Tavern, One Thong Thai and Yella Grille, are providing food for the event.

In addition, the students at Pike School in Andover are contributing 15 hand-crafted soup bowls to be presented to attendees, all of whom go home with a bowl made by a local potter. Pike School has been a long supporter of Neighbors in Need, collecting food to donate and also volunteering in the organization's warehouse.

Neighbors in Need has been serving the poor and hungry of greater Lawrence for 30 years, distributing more than seven million pounds of food in that time. The Lawrence-based nonprofit group fights hunger directly at the local level by operating seven food pantries throughout the neighborhoods of Lawrence and Methuen.

Tickets for Soup's On are \$60 and may be purchased by visiting www.needfood.org. For more information,



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Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, is hosting a photo exhibit by former Haverhill Gazette photographer Tom Vartabedian through May 10 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The photos feature scenes from Armenia taken during Vartabedian's journey there. Helping to set up the exhibit last week are Andover students, from left, Narineh Boloian and Nyree and Armen Kourkounian.

email NeighborsInNeed@verizon.net or call 978-685-8321.

Crafts in the Park set for Saturday

More than 150 vendors selling everything from handcrafted jewelry and pottery to fine art to prepared food will flood The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets on Saturday, May 9, for the 40th annual Crafts in the Park.

The event, which is Andover's oldest juried crafts fair, is hosted by Christ Church. This year's participants include about 16 artisans and craftspeople from Andover who were selected to be part of the mix.

The festivities go off from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., ran or shine. Admission is free. Visit www.craftsinthepark.com for more information.

Andover duo directing Lexington summer theater

Two Andover music educators have once again signed on with Lexington Youth Summer Theatre program to stage its July production of "Legally Blonde."

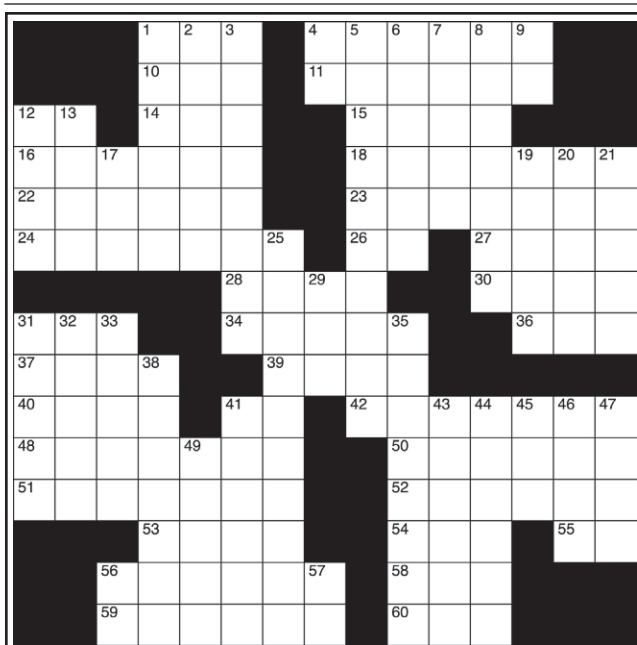
Mark Mercer, director of vocal studies at Andover High School and a popular chorus director, and choreographer Darvin Hernandez will return for this summer's production in Lexington.

It's Mercer's fourth summer as show director in Lexington. Hernandez is back for his second year as assistant director.

This summer marks the 34th year for the Lexington youth program. Performances are set for July 16, 17 and 18 at Lexington High School. For more information, go to www.lexingtonyouthsummertheatre.org.

Got an item for Out & About? Email towntsman@andovertownsmen.com.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cleopatra's viper
- 4. Cuneiform writing
- 10. Dekaliter
- 11. Groaned
- 12. For instance
- 14. Wave in spanish
- 15. Arabian gulf
- 16. Written in red
- 18. Denouncements
- 22. Eat one's heart out
- 23. Survive longer than
- 24. Take priority over
- 26. Foreign service
- 27. Russian king (alt. sp.)
- 28. Stinkheads
- 30. Old name for Tokyo
- 31. Box (abbr.)
- 34. Red rock in Australia

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Admirer
- 2. Mouth secretion
- 3. Afterbirth
- 4. Initials of "Bullitt" star
- 5. Family crest
- 6. Forearm bone
- 7. Unable to move
- 8. Loss due to a rule infraction
- 9. Touchdown
- 12. Accordingly
- 13. Spiritual teacher
- 17. A bridal mouthpiece
- 19. Dress up garishly
- 20. Cleverly avoid
- 21. S.E. Asia goat antelope
- 25. Fla. state dessert

Solution in Classified Section

- 36. Not old
- 37. Enlarge hole
- 39. Difficulty walking
- 40. The high point of something
- 41. 101
- 42. Hunting expeditions
- 48. Unusual appearing ghostly figure
- 50. Without civilizing influences
- 51. Heartbeat
- 52. Morning juice
- 53. Wicket
- 54. Head louse egg
- 55. 40th state
- 56. Pleading to the eye (Scot.)
- 58. Nickname for an anorexic
- 59. Engaged in a game
- 60. Household god (Roman)

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Spring for History fundraiser May 13

The Andover Historical Society hosts its third annual Spring for History fundraiser on Wednesday, May 13, at Andover Country Club.

The free, one-hour event aims to share the vision and mission of the historical society through storytelling, video and testimonial speakers. It includes a complimentary breakfast.

This year's installment will highlight Andover Historical Society as the collector, keeper and sharer of the community's stories.

Its broader mission is to help the community understand how it became what it is today and help inform decisions about what it will be in the future.

"There is power in knowing a community's history," Executive Director Elaine Clements said in a release. "How did we get here? Who are the people who helped form this community and what it is today? These stories help us make sense of the present and guide our decision-making about the future."

Historical Society President Jane Cairns added, "The legacy that is American democracy depends on its people making informed decisions so, in many ways, our way of life depends on knowledge of and access to our collective story."

"Andover Historical fulfills that role for this community. Spring for History is a way for the community to support this important work."

This year's sponsors include Greg Sebasky, Enterprise Bank & Trust, Andover TV, Lawrence General Hospital and Cristen Farrell Photography.

While there is no cost to attend, guests will be asked to consider making a contribution to the historical society; no minimum gift is requested.

Doors open at 7:15 a.m. and the program begins promptly at 7:30.

Reservations are requested by calling 978-475-2236 or emailing Marilyn Helmers at mhellers@andoverhistorical.org. For more information, visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, exactly as reported in the pages of the Andover Townsman:

100 Years Ago May 7, 1915

A drive to Twin Cedar Farm on Sunset Rock Road is well worth the trip just now to see a grove of 300 peach trees in full bloom. This is an unusual sight for Andover. A field of alfalfa, a rarity in Andover, is also interesting.

The west side of Main Street from the square to Andover Hill has been resurfaced with tarvia and gravel by Superintendent Frank L. Cole this week.

The annual debate between Andover and Exeter will be held in the Stone Chapel on Saturday evening, May 22. The subject for debate will be "Resolved, that in light

of the situation as known to Germany before August 1st, her declaration of war was expedient." The Andover team will support the affirmative and Exeter will uphold the negative.

S.T. Shattuck, one of the local expressmen, has rented the barn on Park Street, formerly occupied by James Green.

75 Years Ago May 2, 1940

Only 198 of Andover's more than 6,000 registered voters went to the polls Tuesday for the presidential primaries, but the per-vote cost to Andover was not so great as was the case in many of the towns. Of the 198, there were 161 Republicans and only 37 Democrats. However, there were only six Democratic names on the ballot for the 10 places on the town committee, and the names of William Harnedy and of Joseph Comber were written in, this one vote being sufficient to elect them.

The 1940 Maintenance Appeal for the Salvation Army is now under way, with a large number of Andover residents assisting. William H. Jaquith, of Salem Street, is the general chairman and Louis Finger is treasurer.

The large sail fish caught by Daniel Hartigan off Florida in the past winter is now on display in the Pharmacy window on Chestnut Street. A beautiful specimen, the fish fills the larger part of the window.

50 Years Ago May 6, 1965

A front-page photo announces "Three Trout on his Belt" for Brian Ganley, 72 Virginia Road. But Ganley keeps looking for the big one at Hussey's Pond, where he competed in Saturday's Fishing Derby, held for young people of the town by the Andover Sportsmen's Club.

Sixteen school safety patrol leaders left this morning for Montreal, Canada, and a weekend of sightseeing north

of the border. Making the trip with Safety Officer William Tammany are John Wooten, William Broderick, Diane DeRoche, Cynthia Verda, Arthur Nichols, Cathy Grant, MaryLou Lussier, Jennifer Zollner, Janice Boudelais, Gail Auchterlonie, Kenneth Forrest, Richard McKallagat, Kevin Sherry, Beth Marjerison, Andrew Caverly and Susan Cox.

A new real estate listing announces a "Handsome, 3-year-old, seven-room, center-entrance Colonial in the Pike School area, almost an acre of beautifully wooded land, living room with fireplace, dining room, den with fireplace; charming, beautifully planned kitchen; three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, room for basement playroom, all in superb condition — \$42,000."

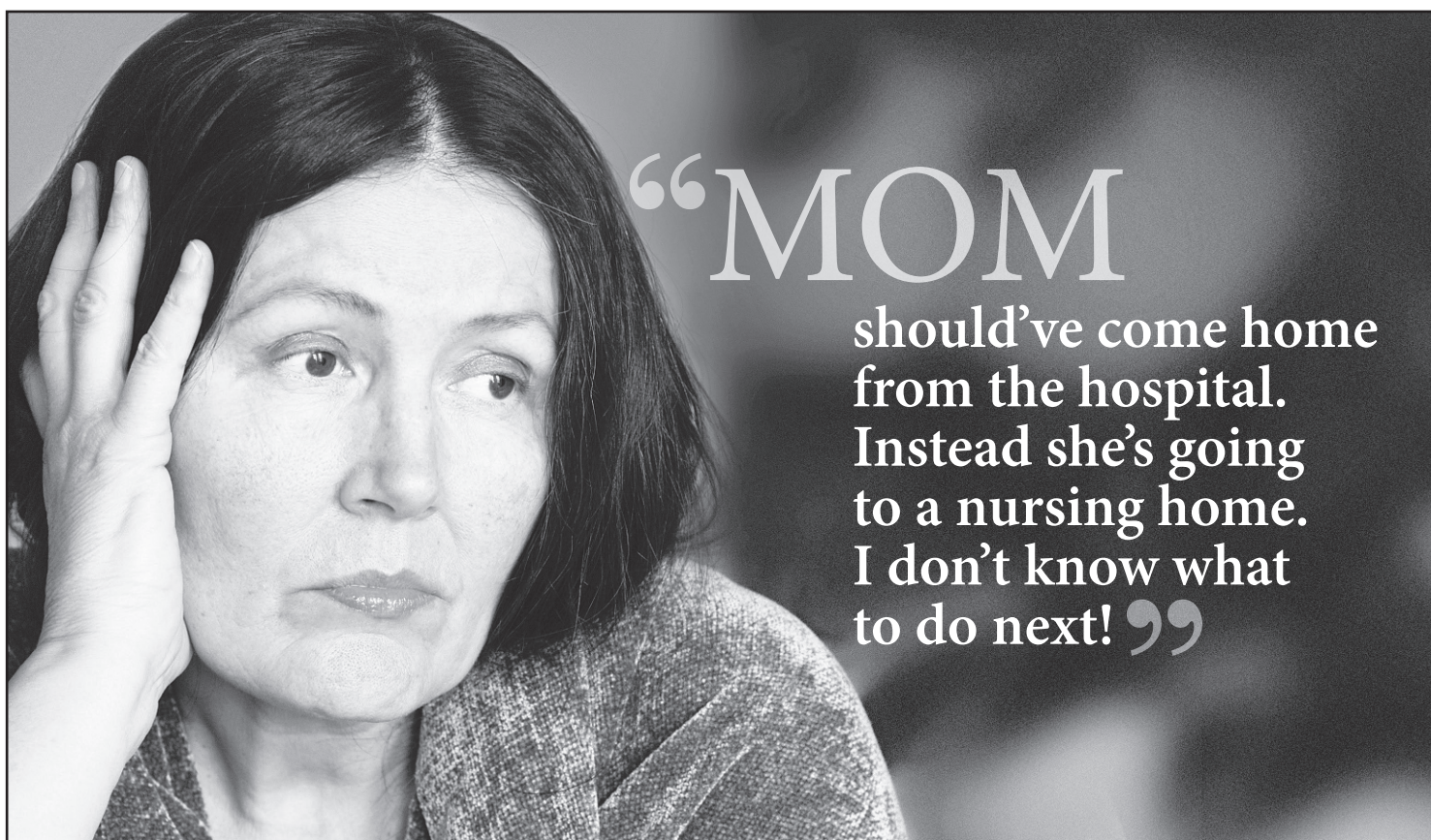
25 Years Ago May 3, 1990

The skinheads. Youths with shaved heads, spiked hair, leather jackets and

Army boots. They must come from out of town. Right? Wrong. At least for the most part. They live and go to school here, in Andover. You see them on Main Street or, on a nice day, in The Park next to Town Offices. You can't miss them. If their bald heads don't catch your eye, their tattoos and earrings do.

Threads of Ireland, a shop of imported Irish clothes at 24 Chestnut St., will close its doors at the end of the business day, Thursday, May 31. The owner, Alice Sheedy, who opened the store two years ago this summer, says she's closing because business is slipping. "The people of Andover don't shop in Andover," she said Tuesday. "The post office (closing) was definitely the beginning of the downturn of downtown Andover."

All Those Years Ago is compiled by Susan McKelliget with cooperation from the Andover Historical Society.



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Education

Lord lands at Leominster High School

By TIM LIMA

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Local principal McCarron opts for new post at Medway High School

Former Andover High School principal Dr. Christopher Lord and local principal Timothy McCarron are both headed to new posts next school year.

Lord has been hired as the next principal of Leominster High School, while McCarron, a longtime Andover resident who has been the principal of the Math, Science and Technology High School in Lawrence for the last four years, will become the new principal at Medway High School.

Lord and McCarron were co-finalists for the

Leominster job. But McCarron said this week that he ultimately opted to accept the Medway position before Leominster announced its final decision.

“Both were excellent opportunities, but I withdrew my name before (Leominster) reached a final decision,” McCarron said. “It was a matter of timing.”

According to Leominster Superintendent Jim Jolicoeur, Lord “brings managerial and operational experience as a high school administrator and extensive research in the

leadership of high schools to Leominster.”

Lord had served as Andover High School principal for 2 1/2 years before resigning unexpectedly last December. He was a principal finalist at the Advanced Math and Science Academy in Marlborough earlier this year, but officials there closed their search without making a selection and will re-open it in the fall.

Lord began his career as an administrator in Pawtucket, R.I., where he served as principal of Shea High School and was a runner-up

for the state’s principal of the year award. However, he was forced to leave the inner-city school, essentially fired as a result of the No Child Left Behind Act for not meeting its graduation requirements, despite being praised for his work. He came to Andover from Rhode Island.

Leominster High School opened in 1963, and has experienced multiple addition and renovation projects since, according to the school’s website. Its student body of ninth-through 12th-graders numbers roughly

2,000 students.

Lord’s contract in Leominster begins July 1. He will replace Thomas Browne, who was named principal of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg last year.

McCarron, meanwhile, said he will finish out the school year in Lawrence before settling into Medway.

He replaces Douglas Dias, who resigned in March to pursue a superintendent’s position. Medway High was rated among the top schools in the country last year.

McCarron, a former

Andover School Committee member from 1997 to 2000, first was hired as an administrator at Newburyport High School, where he spent eight years as assistant principal. He then led Greater Lawrence Technical High School in Andover before becoming principal of the Math, Science and Technology High School.

He lives in town with his wife, Lauren McCarron, a kindergarten teacher at West Elementary School, and their 17-year-old daughter, who attends Andover High.

Modern-day plot turn; AHS Drama Guild puts original take on ‘12 Angry Men’

By TIM LIMA

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For the last month, the Andover High School Drama Guild has been working to ready its spring production, “12 Angry Men,” for the stage.

The curtain is now set to rise on the show this Thursday through Saturday, May 7 through 9, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

Theater arts director Susan Choquette, who has been leading the high school department since 2000, said that the production mimics the late-1950s movie starring Henry Fonda, Lee Cobb and Martin Balsam, among others.

“Every actor in that movie was just a heavy-hitter,” Choquette said. “It was really great, and this version we are using — even though it’s ‘12 Angry Men’ — it’s 12 angry jurors. It combines men and women as jurors.”

The production involves 27 Andover High students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, with 17 appearing in on-stage roles and another 10 working behind the scenes.

The 90-minute-long play centers on a jury’s deliberation of an ultimate verdict in a murder trial of a boy accused in the death of his father.

While the movie was likely set in Chicago decades ago, the Andover High production is set in modern-day Boston.

The cast features Rosali Cabrera as the judge and one of the guards; and Jacob Dalimonte, Brendan Fournier, Matt Kang and Elise Miner as the other guards. The jurors are played by Dana Donovan, Ryan Doyle, Brendan Mokler, Gabe Levine, Dena Brody, Jeremy Brownholtz, Alison McCarron, Aiden Good, Daniel Webber, Adam Weber, Rosie DeLuca and Kate Rigazio.

“12 Angry Men” will be performed this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center,



PHOTOS COURTESY KEVIN DOYLE

Brendan Mokler as Juror 3 clenches his fist at Aiden Good as Juror 8, while Ryan Doyle as Juror 2, Adam Weber as Juror 10 and Daniel Webber as Juror 9 watch in a scene from Andover High School Drama Guild’s upcoming production of “12 Angry Men.”



Aiden Good, far left, as Juror 8 holds firm at not guilty as the other 11 jurors, including, from left, Alison McCarron as Juror 7, Jeremy Brownholtz as Juror 6 and Dena Brody as Juror 5 affirm guilt in Andover High School Drama Guild’s spring production of “12 Angry Men.” The show will be performed this weekend.

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costs as well as the high school theater program.

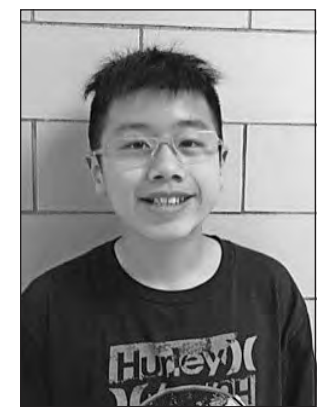
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A case for later school start times

Anderson Hsiao

Editor’s Note: *The Andover Townsman is highlighting some of the argument-writing pieces penned by a group of sixth-graders at West Middle School for a class assignment. Teacher Shannon Witman encouraged her students to choose subjects of local concern that interested them and to address their pieces to a particular audience. The Townsman will continue to feature the students’ work periodically through the rest of the school year.*



Anderson Hsiao

Dear Andover School Committee:

Don’t you hate it when you can’t wake up in the morning, even if you went to sleep as early as you could? That’s how I feel every single school day morning. Last year, I could go to bed at 9:30 p.m. and was able to wake up at 6 a.m.

According to www.sleepinfairfax.org, in Wilton, Conn., the middle and high school start time of 7:35 a.m. was flipped with the elementary school time of 8:15 a.m. Teachers there reported that students were more awake, had better attitudes and were happier. Most of the people in the district were satisfied with the change. High school students said they were getting 35 more minutes of sleep.

I think middle and high schools in Andover should switch start times with elementary schools, too. One reason school start time should be changed is that younger children go to bed earlier than teenagers. According to nationwidechildrens.org, “... After puberty, there is a biological shift in an adolescent’s internal clock of about two hours, meaning that a teenager who used to fall asleep at 9 p.m. will now not be able to fall asleep until 11 p.m. It also means waking two hours later in the morning.” That means kids have no control over what time they fall asleep and what time they wake up.

Another reason we should have a later school start time is that teenagers aren’t getting enough sleep. According to www.npr.org, “Many parents have pushed for a later start to the school day for teenagers, with limited success. But parents

WHY I CHOSE THE TOPIC

“I hate waking up early and found the transition from elementary school to middle school, in terms of the wake-up time, difficult.”

just got a boost from the nation’s pediatricians, who say that making middle- and high-schoolers start classes before 8:30 a.m. threatens children’s health, safety and academic performance.”

“We want to promote safety with kids,” said Dr. Cora Breuner, an adolescent medicine specialist at Seattle Children’s Hospital. “We truly believe that our teenagers are getting six to seven hours of sleep a night, and they need eight to 10.”

Most of my friends go to bed at 10 p.m. and wake up at or before 6 a.m. That’s eight hours or less of sleep every night. Do you want Andover students to do poorly in school?

I agree that schedules are hard to change and families will get confused from all the things happening at once. However, what if the Andover Public Schools gets ranked lowest in grades or MCAS results because kids didn’t get enough sleep? Parents wouldn’t want to send their kids to these schools. Changing the school times can also make most Andover students happy.

These days, people tend to forget the importance of sleep. Please help me and many, many, many students across the town of Andover sleep enough hours every night. You can help teenagers have a happier, healthier life. Switching school times is the best way to do it.

Sincerely,
Anderson Hsiao

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

COMPILED BY TIM LIMA
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Salvatore’s hosting education fundraiser

Salvatore’s of Andover is teaming up with Andover Coalition for Education this month in support of the Andover Public Schools.

Salvatore’s is donating 15 percent of all food and gift certificate sales, including take-out orders, that its Andover restaurant on Park Street does on Tuesdays during the month of May to ACE.

Funds raised will be used to support class educational programs that compliment the school curriculum and enrich the education of local children. To learn more about ACE, visit www.aceandover.org or contact Jennifer Srivastava at jsrivastava@aceandover.org.

Last day of school set for June 24

The last day of school for Andover Public Schools has been set by the School Committee. Students will finish up for the year on Wednesday, June 24, followed by teachers one day later, on June 25.

If any unexpected school closures arise before then, the dates can change. Final days of school are determined based on state mandates for learning days, officials say. Students are required to have 180 days of class, while teachers are required to work 184 days per year.

Traveling history visits South School

Costumed interpreters from the Andover Historical Society paid a visit to the first-graders at South School last week.

The Andover Traveling

History program, which has been making the rounds of the local schools this year, immersed students in life as it was in the past.

The interpreters, who wore 1820s reproduction clothing, stopped by each first-grade classroom to engage students in activities connected to the history of Andover. Children sang “America,” played with historic toys and learned about Andover’s farming history and cooking in the early 1800s.

The program is based on state and local curriculum standards.

Greater Lawrence Tech Interact car wash on Saturday

The Lawrence Rotary Club, in conjunction with its high school youth group, The Interact Club of Greater Lawrence Technical School, is sponsoring a

car wash on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Greater Lawrence Tech at 57 River Road in Andover.

Students will be doing the washing, rinsing and drying for the fundraiser to benefit Lazarus House in Lawrence.

The requested donation is \$5.

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization comprised of 1.3 million members in more than 25,000 clubs. Its motto is Service Above Self. Since 1920, the Lawrence Rotary Club has endeavored to work hard for Lawrence and, through many ongoing projects and programs, to positively impact the quality of life there. The Interact Club is the student arm of Rotary.

To submit an item for the Education Notebook, email tlima@andovertownsmam.com.

A 'Fabulous' night for Kiwanis Club

Several honored for community service

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence welcomed a sold-out crowd to its 17th annual Fabulous Feast fundraiser last week at the Wyndham Andover Hotel on Old River Road.

The event featured the culinary specialties of more than 20 Merrimack Valley restaurants and caterers and the presentation of numerous awards.

Andover High School girls varsity swim and dive coach Marilyn Fitzgerald received the Tony and Gladys Sakowich Lifetime Achievement Award recognizing her 23 years of service to students and for inspiring them as she has continued to coach in spite of a breast cancer diagnosis. The former aquatics director at the Andover-North Andover YMCA, Newburyport YWCA and Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover, Fitzgerald also has certified more than 1,000 lifeguards and more than 750 water safety instructors over the years.

Methuen police Sgt. James Gunter won the Kiwanis 2015 Humanitarian of the Year Award for his continued efforts to help improve the lives of children in the Merrimack Valley as the supervisor of his department's Community Outreach Division. He helps to run the town's Arlington Youth Basketball League and also works

to coordinate Rotary's Bike Rodeo.

Fitzgerald and Gunter both received citations from the Massachusetts Senate noting their accomplishments.

Also, Rotary recognized the following members into its Legion of Honor: Jack McLay, 65 years; Charles Shattuck, 55 years; Jack Carroll, 45 years; Bill DeLuca Jr., Bill DeLuca III and Jay Doherty, all 35 years; Stephen Stapinski and Mike Pierce, 30 years; and Jane Ritchie, 25 years.

Services awards went to the family of the late James Doherty; Camille Daly and Jane Ritchie for distinguished service; Maria Consoli, treasurer; and Bike Rodeo chairwoman Colleen Coco. Appreciation awards were also given to The Savings Bank and Bank of New England.

Eagle-Tribune Executive Sports Editor Bill Burt served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence is a group of men and women from the Merrimack Valley who volunteer their time to improve the lives of local children through many initiatives. Proceeds from the Feast support the club's programs. Visit www.lawrencekiwanisclub.com for more information.



Marilyn Fitzgerald of Andover is surrounded by her grandchildren, from left, Riley Spring, 14; Michael Spring, 16; and Colin Spring, 11, all of Andover after she was presented the Gladys and Tony Sakowich Lifetime Achievement Award at the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence's 17th annual Fabulous Feast Gala last week.



Jay Doherty of Andover, second from left, a 35-year member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence, receives awards honoring the memory of his late father, James Doherty, as well as his own years of dedicated service to the club at last week's Fabulous Feast. He is joined by, from left, Al DeLuca of Andover, past president of the Kiwanis Club; Eagle-Tribune Executive Sports Editor Bill Burt, who served as gala master of ceremonies; and Michael DeLuca of Andover, Kiwanis Club board member, who has recorded 32 years of service to the organization.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Koh lauded as 'champion' of state homeless program

Dr. Howard K. Koh of Andover, professor of the practice of public health leadership and director of the Leading Change Studio at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, was honored this week by the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program with its Dr. Jim O'Connell Award.

The award is given annually to a person who embodies the spirit of the organization that provides medical services to

the most vulnerable members of society. The program is in its 30th year caring for Boston's homeless families and adults.

Koh received the award at the homeless program's Medicine that Matters Gala this Wednesday at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel. WCVB-TV Chronicle anchor Anthony Everett and former anchor Mary Richardson emceed the gala.

CEO Barry Bock said in a

release that Koh has been an ardent champion of the work of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program for nearly two decades starting in the 1990s. During his tenure as the state commissioner of public health, Koh convened a task force to investigate a rash of premature deaths among the city's street population.

"Since then, we have been thrilled to collaborate with Howard on a number of projects focusing on reducing

morbidity and mortality among Boston's most vulnerable population — homeless men and women," Bock said.

Koh has spent his career in public health, most recently as assistant secretary for health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In that role, he championed the Affordable Care Act, and promoted the enrollment of underserved populations into health insurance plans and was the primary architect of

landmark Health and Human Services strategic plans for tobacco control, health disparities and chronic hepatitis.

Founded in 1985, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program has evolved into the largest program of its kind in the country, delivering services to more than 12,000 homeless men, women and children a year at more than 60 shelters and sites. For more information, visit www.bhchp.org.

Promoting unity, service through Walk for Hunger

Andover's Chinmaya Mission is a Hindu congregation that describes itself as a global spiritual organization that aims to teach individuals about the philosophical basis of Hinduism and encourages them to make a positive contribution to society.

This past Sunday, members stayed true to their mission by working to combat hunger as part of Project Bread's 47th annual Walk for Hunger.

The 20-mile walk began and ended at the Boston Common, weaving through the city and into Brookline, Newton, Watertown and Cambridge.

The event raises funds to address issues of hunger across the commonwealth. Project Bread works to create, facilitate and fund a diverse set of solutions that meet the needs of working people, including access to fresh produce, local food pantries, community-based meal programs and early childhood and school nutrition programs.

Chinmaya's history with Walk for Hunger goes back years. Nine years ago, a core group of eight friends did the walk as individuals. Encouraged and inspired by their experience, the individuals then resolved to do more.

They took their message to the Chinmaya congregation, which recognized the need to support the community more broadly. The organization saw the walk as an opportunity to live out core Hindu values such as unity and service to the disadvantaged. The mission has since had as many as 150 walkers participating in the annual walk.

To learn more about Project Bread's efforts and the Walk for Hunger, visit www.projectbread.org/Walk. For more on Chinmaya, see www.chinmaya-boston.com.

— Judy Wakefield, staff writer



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Sports

CHENARD THE CHAMPION

Coming from China, AHS tennis ace is right at home on the court and in the classroom

BY DAVID WILLIS
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Laurie-Maude Chenard's name hangs among the greatest in Andover High sports history, emblazoned on a banner in the Dunn Gym.

With a state title hanging in the balance, Chenard and doubles teammate Sydney Ferry made a comeback from an early deficit to win the deciding match of Andover's 3-2 state championship victory over Shrewsbury.

"It was such an amazing experience to do that for my team," Chenard said. "Just to look up after the final point and see the looks on the faces of my teammates and coach (Alan) Hibino was something I will never forget."

But while her name is immortalized on a champion banner, few know the journey she took to arrive in Andover.



Laurie-Maude Chenard
Andover captain

It is a road that began in an orphanage in China, then took her to French-speaking Canada, adopted by the couple that would become her family, and finally brought her to Andover as a 5-year-old that did not yet speak English.

Chenard is now a senior captain for the Andover High tennis team, a star both on the court and in the classroom. She is ranked in the top 5 percent of her senior class and is headed to elite Georgetown University.

"Laurie-Maude is an intelligent, articulate and dedicated young woman in tennis and in academics," said Warriors coach Alan Hibino. "For four years she has shown an amazing ability to make everyone around her better as a doubles player, and she works so hard to accomplish everything she has done."

Chenard was born in China, and spent the first seven months of her life in an orphanage before being adopted by Maryse Tremblay and Guy Chenard.

"They already had a biological son, but they were looking for another child," Laurie-Maude Chenard said. "I always knew that I was adopted, so it was never strange to me. My parents are amazing and always encouraged me to be the best I can be. They are just my family."

Chenard spent the first five years of her life in her parents' native Montreal, speaking only French, before they moved to Andover when she was 5 years old for her father's job.

As a child, Chenard admits that being adopted wasn't always easy.

"People would ask a lot because I didn't look like my parents," she said. "People wouldn't recognize that we were a family. Kids would ask and I would just tell them. It didn't bother me, it just reminded me something was different. But I am very close with my parents and they are so supportive of me. I never felt different."



Laurie-Maude Chenard, facing the camera, celebrates clinching the state title for Andover High last season with then-doubles partner Sydney Ferry. Adopted from China, Chenard is not only a star on the court, but she's in the top five percent of her class academically.

STAFF FILE PHOTO

It was her parents, both recreational tennis players, who sparked Chenard's love of the sport.

"I started playing in the third grade, but I didn't start playing competitive matches until middle school," she said. "I loved the team aspect of it and really started to get into it."

As a freshman, Chenard earned a spot on Andover's No. 2 doubles alongside Jenny Levenson. As a sophomore, she moved up to first singles, where she played with Julia Alagero, and last season she teamed with Sydney Ferry, capped off by the title-winning match.

"It was a rainy day out so we had to move inside and play on clay courts that we had never practiced on," remembered Chenard of the title match. "So that made me nervous."

"We were down 4-0 early, but we were able to switch momentum. I looked around and saw everyone else was done playing and I knew it was very close. But we had to forget about that and just win. To clinch it for my team was just awesome."

Hibino said there is no one he would have rather had in that spot than Chenard and Ferry. "They were the perfect duo to have out there," he said. "They were both so calm and composed. They worked so well together and both were very strong in the clutch."

This spring, Chenard has continued to star at the No. 1 doubles spot. Teaming with Paige Webster, she is 6-0 as the Golden Warriors have won all seven matches.

"Once I started playing doubles, I really loved it and I wanted to stick with it," she said. "Doubles is very fast-paced and I like being able to move up and play at the net. I also enjoy the team aspect of playing with a partner."

"The key is communication. Whether you have the same style or different and you have to keep your partner positive."

In addition to being in the top 5 percent of her class, she is a member of the National Honor Society, scored a 2,190 on the SATs and is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement calculus and biology. She will be heading to Georgetown University in the fall.

Now she is hoping to add a memorable finish to her tennis career.

"I think that our team this season is very similar to the team that won the title last season," she said. "We only lost one player, and we have a very strong bond. As long as we have that bond, we have a good chance at a title."

David Willis is a sportswriter/videographer for The Andover Townsman. Reach him on twitter at @DWillisET.

■ COMMUNITY SCOREBOARD

Deloury comes up big for Salem State baseball

Andover High grad Andrew Deloury celebrated Most Valuable Player tournament honors over the weekend as a member of the second-seeded Salem State baseball team that captured its second Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference championship in three years.

Deloury contributed to Salem State's 6-5 title game victory over third-seeded Worcester State, delivering two triples in Sunday's double-elimination series at Massachusetts Maritime's Commodore Hendy Field.

The Vikings, who improve to 25-13 overall, earn the league's automatic berth into the 2015 NCAA Division III Baseball Championships. The tournament field will be announced on Monday, May 11.

Deloury was also a key component en route to the Vikings' conference title. He launched two home runs to help Salem State blank Worcester State 6-0 last week in the second round of the tournament.

Deloury, the starting center fielder for Salem State's Vikings, crushed the first of his two home runs, a two-run shot to left, in the fourth inning to make the score 5-0. He then hit a solo home run in the sixth to bring the final score to 6-0.

The Vikings went on to then eliminate No. 4-seeded Framingham State 7-0 in the next round of tournament play last Saturday. Deloury is credited with three of Salem State's 11 hits in the triumph.

A 2013 graduate of Andover High School, Deloury was a three-year starter for the Andover Warriors football and baseball teams. He is a sophomore at Salem State University.

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► ANDOVER HIGH ROUNDUP

Freshmen spark huge victory for softball team

SOFTBALL

Freshman Abby Meyers was 4-for-4 with two runs scored and classmate Catherine Powers made a game-saving, lunging catch in the sixth inning to preserve Andover's huge 8-4 victory over previously unbeaten Billerica last Wednesday, April 29.

"This is a huge win," said sixth-year head coach Steve Tisbert. "This is our first time beating Lowell in my time as head coach. It's also our second straight victory over an MVC Large team (Dracut)."

Tori Roche added three hits, a run scored and an RBI and Amy Stankiewicz chipped in with two hits and a game-high three RBIs. Paige Hartnett also had two hits and scored twice and her sister Megan Hartnett drove in two runs.

Tori Roche singled in one run and Paige Hartnett followed with a two-run triple to send the April 27 game against Dracut into extra innings, then Abby Meyers drove home the winning run in the eighth as Andover rallied to a 6-5 victory. Roche finished the game with three hits and Megan Hartnett added two hits for the winners.

Andover lost to archrival Central Catholic 14-1 last Thursday, April 30.

BASEBALL

Warriors open park with win

Evan Christopoulos threw five innings of three-hit ball and Gabe Hernandez drove in three runs as Andover finally played its first home game of the season, rolling over Dracut 9-2 last Monday, April 27. Christopher Nicholas added two hits and scored two runs and E.J. Perry IV had a hit, an RBI and a run scored on the same day as his grandfather's funeral.

Gabe Hernandez was 3-for-4 with three RBIs as Andover edged New Hampshire foe Salem 4-3 last Thursday. Sean Kucharski added a hit and scored a run, Christopher Nicholas scored one run and drove in another and Dan Amidon earned the victory on the hill.

Despite a hit for Sean Kucharski, Andover lost to Methuen 2-0 last Friday. E.J. Perry added the other Golden Warrior hit.

BOYS TRACK

Vetere takes two

Joe Vetere took tough double-duty, winning the pole vault (12-6) and javelin (143-3) to help pace Andover in a 106-39 win over Lowell last Wednesday, April 29. Basketball star Jonathan Rodriguez soared to a stellar 6-2 in the high jump, Andrew Marotta won

the discus (127-9) and Justin Mantrana took the triple jump (40-9).

Justin Mantrana won the 110 hurdles (15.64) to lead Andover at the MVC Freshman/Sophomore Meet on Sunday. Andrew Lucia took the 400 (52.22) and was second in the triple jump (37-6.5), Raini Huyhn took first in the 800 (2:09.27) and Erick Duffy was second in the 110 hurdles for the Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Chapman dominates

Hannah Chapman continued to impress, winning the long jump (16-8), triple jump (36-4) and 100 hurdles (15.95) as Andover topped Lowell 93-47 last Wednesday. Breanna Deloury won the high jump, Kate Donovan took the 800 and Emily Rothmann won the 2 mile for the Warriors.

Andover earned six first-place finishes to dominated the MVC Freshman/Sophomore meet on Sunday. Gina Campbell won the pole vault (7-6), Sammy Shea took the long jump (15-0) and was second in the 100 hurdles, Abby Kobel-ski took the triple jump (30-7.75), Ally Bennett won the 100 (13.42) and Hannah Lansberry took the 400 (62.82). The 4x800 also took first, while Isabella Silveira was second in the 400.

VOLLEYBALL

Hunt has career day

Jeff Hunt set a career-high with 34 assists and added a team-high 17 service points to help Andover beat Methuen 25-11, 18-25, 25-19, 25-23 last Wednesday. Ben Hunt added 12 digs and Adam Yee had four blocks and five kills for the Warriors, who defeated coach E.J. Perry's former team.

Despite 16 kills for Connor Merinder, Andover fell to powerhouse Haverhill 25-19, 25-20, 27-25 last Monday, April 27. Jeff Hunt added 21 assists for the Warriors.

BOYS TENNIS

Rooks dominates

Drew Rooks won No. 1 singles and Kellen McAuliffe and Owen Meech took No. 1 doubles as Andover stayed perfect by beating Haverhill 4-1 last Wednesday. Armond Rafiee added a win at No. 2 singles.

Ryan Fu took No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-0 as Andover bested Wellesley 4-1 last Tuesday, April 28. Andrew Imrie and Drew Rooks added wins at Nos. 2 and 3 singles for the Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Doubles does the job

Paige Webster and Laurie-Maude Chenard teamed to win No. 1 doubles 6-1,



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Paige Hartnett makes a catch on a pop-out. Hartnett had two hits and scored two runs as Andover scored a huge victory over Billerica last week.

6-2 to help Andover edge Swampscott 3-2 last Tuesday, April 28. Paige Webster and Laurie-Maude Chenard won No. 2 doubles and Courtney Nash took No. 1 singles for the winners.

Pooja Mukund swept No. 3 singles to lead Andover to a 5-0 victory over Methuen last Wednesday. Courtney Nash and Karena Yan made it a singles sweep with victories in the Nos. 1 and 2 spots.

BOYS LACROSSE

Cardillo nets four goals

George Cardillo scored a game-high four goals to help Andover roll past Methuen 17-1 last Wednesday. Jake Lakos scored three goals, Matt Nussbaum and Brendan Croston each scored

twice and six others tallied one goal apiece.

Despite 10 saves for Stephen Herman, Andover dropped a 7-6 heartbreaker to North Andover last Friday. George Cardillo scored two goals while Thomas Mapstone, Chris Carver, John Croston and Mike Biddle each scored once.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Curtin's effort for naught

Caroline Curtin scored three goals, but Andover fell to North Andover 9-8 last Friday. Nikki Christopoulos and Veronica Alois each scored two goals and Jess Leone scored once for the Warriors.



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Retired Fire Department of New York Battalion Commander Jack Oehm, right, presents Kenny Traub, owner of Arrow Carpet One Floor & Home of Andover, with a commemorative piece of steel from the Twin Towers. The gesture was in appreciation of the business' generous support of Building for America's Bravest Program, which builds high-tech homes for service members who have been catastrophically injured.

Local flooring company honored by 9/11 foundation

Ken Traub, owner of Arrow Carpet One at 207 North Main St. in Andover, was recognized last week for his generous support of the Building for America's Bravest program.

Jack Oehm, retired battalion commander of the Fire Department of New York, paid a visit to the business in appreciation for its contribution of flooring for 46 high-tech "smart homes" for service members returning from war who have been catastrophically injured.

Oehm is an ambassador of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which was begun in memory of a fallen 9/11 firefighter.

Carpet One Floor & Home, and its manufacturing partner Mohawk, have committed flooring materials and installations for close to 50 of the homes. In addition, the business has been encouraging its customers to make a personal

contribution of \$10 or more to enable at least two more "smart homes" to be built.

Oehm presented Traub with a piece of commemorative steel from the Twin Towers to thank him and his business for their support.

"We are truly humbled and honored that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and members of the FDNY — who were actually at Ground Zero on 9/11 and during the aftermath — are traveling all the way from their home base to visit us and express their gratitude to us," Traub said in a release.

"In fact, we are the ones who are thankful to them for their dedication and service. That is why we are so thrilled to be part of this impactful program that helps military heroes who have sustained the most devastating injuries."

For more information, visit www.arrowfloor.com and www.Tunnel2Towers.org.

Burtons Grill celebrates 10 years of business

Andover-based company has 10 restaurants, more to come

By BILL KIRK
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Burtons Grill has become somewhat of a fixture on the Merrimack Valley dining scene.

The parking lot at the Eagle Shops plaza on Route 114 in North Andover is full nearly all day long. And Burtons restaurants seem to be cropping up with some regularity up and down the East Coast — from New Hampshire to Florida.

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, the company, started by a former Outback Steakhouse executive, has grown into a full-fledged empire with 1,000 employees, a corporate headquarters in Andover's Brickstone Square, and ambitious plans for expansion.

The company is marking the milestone through Sunday with its customers, offering discounts, coupons and even free pieces of cake for its patrons and employees.

The first Burtons opened in Hingham in March 2005, according to company President and CEO Kevin Harron. The flagship site was actually meant to be based in North Andover. But Harron said permitting delays set back the opening, so the North Andover location became the company's second restaurant, opening in November 2005.

Harron said the company now has 10 Burtons restaurants and two Red Heat Taverns. The other Burtons sites are in Peabody, Nashua, N.H.; Burlington, Westford, Charlottesville, Va.; Mount Pleasant, S.C.; South Windsor, Conn.; and Virginia Beach, Va.

He said new restaurants are planned for Alexandria, Va., which is due to open next February; Shrewsbury, to open in the third quarter of 2016; and three future locations in Boca Raton, Fla.; College Park, Md.; and Virginia. Plans are also on the books to



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Frank Parzych, general manager at Burtons Grill in North Andover, invites the public to come celebrate the company's 10th anniversary.

open more Red Heat Taverns, which are currently located in Wilmington and Bedford.

The secret to the chain's success, he said, is that "we built Burtons to be best of class, best of brand, with quality, consistency and a culture of kindness on the service side."

"It's accessible to a lot of different folks and we give them a consistent experience. It's how we are approaching it. There are

a lot of restaurants in the world. But this is what we do."

Going in, he said, he and his investors wanted to offer a "varied menu with contemporary American cuisine. He added, "We do everything from scratch. Everything is made to order. So it takes more labor."

Harron said that with the exception of the recession in 2008, which set the company back on its original

plans to have 20 restaurants in operation within 10 years, the company has done well.

"We had four restaurants open and the economy tanked," he said. "We sat on the sidelines and started up again in 2010. Since then, we've opened seven more restaurants, if you count the taverns."

He said returns have been good.

"We are real pleased," he said. "The last couple of years, the restaurant industry has really heated up."

In celebration of the anniversary, diners through Sunday, May 10, will get to roll dice at the end of their meals to receive anywhere from 10 to 20 percent off and more. Under the company's loyalty program, longtime patrons will be entitled to additional discounts. Burtons will also be offering flash sales and sampling events.

Homemade chocolate "birthday" cake will be served Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, while supplies last, and all locations will be offering social media contests.



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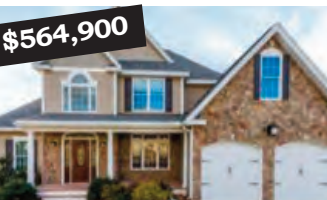
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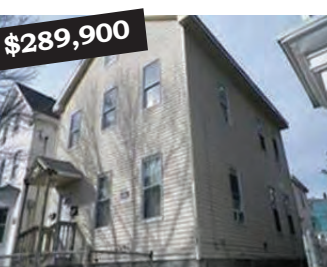
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Residents are reminded that leaves only may be placed at the curb.

Bags and barrels must not contain rocks, stones, branches or stumps. Leaves should be placed in open trash barrels or brown leaf compost bags and must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Plastic bags are not accepted. The leaf collection truck is a separate truck from the household trash truck. Bundled twigs and branches may not be included in leaf bags. They may be placed in with one's weekly household trash. Branches must be bundled together with tape or rope, and may be no more than 6 inches in diameter or 4 feet in

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- **354 River Road:** Maryellen M. Dascoli and Derek Morris to Christian Doherty, \$600,000
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