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Shock, concerns over AHS principal's resignation

By TIM LIMA
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Shock, frustration and disappointment swept through Andover schools last week as new high school principal Steve Murray, once expected to lead the school for years to come, announced he will soon be leaving.

Murray — who was

permanently appointed to fill the Andover High principal's job just two months ago — is instead returning to his hometown of Chelmsford to be its high school principal.

Superintendent Marinel McGrath was among those surprised by Murray's decision, which she announced to the school community in a district-wide email last

Wednesday, May 6.

"It is with both sadness and dismay, frankly, that I write you to confirm what many of you have no doubt heard by now," McGrath said in outlining the events that preceded Murray's resignation, effective June 30.

Efforts to reach Murray for comment have been unsuccessful.

The popular principal of West Middle School for 10 years, Murray was tapped as the interim replacement for Dr. Christopher Lord when he abruptly resigned from Andover High early last December.

In March, McGrath announced she had selected Murray to lead Andover High permanently, foregoing an

outside search to make him the fourth principal in that position since 2010.

At the time, McGrath, who herself is retiring in July, said she had "every confidence that Mr. Murray will not only lead (Andover High) through its transition to a new schedule in September 2016, but his calm and emphatic leadership will provide the very

best for the AHS community in the coming years."

McGrath said in her announcement that she and Murray were in the process of finalizing his contract when he announced he was returning to Chelmsford. A 1988 graduate of Chelmsford High, Murray began his

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Crafts in The Park



ABOVE: Sophia Fina, 6, of North Andover, looks at her painted face in a mirror held by the artist, Francis Junget, during Saturday's annual Crafts in The Park. AT RIGHT: Artist Jennifer Shao adjusts one of her paintings for sale during the annual juried crafts fair. More photos, page 5.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Town Meeting OKs 'Mill District' zoning proposal

By BILL KIRK
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Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly in favor of a zoning proposal this week that supporters believe could be the secret to igniting a renaissance of shops, restaurants and housing in the area around the downtown railroad station and the Shawsheen River.

The so-called "Andover Historic Mill District" was approved Monday night by a vote of 389 to 115, well over the two-thirds majority needed for zoning changes. It was the last and final night of the 2015 Town Meeting.

Proponents of the measure, calling themselves Andover Tomorrow, said the new district, which encompasses about 100 properties with different allowed uses currently, will provide the opportunity for new development. It also could lead to fixing the tricky and dangerous intersection at Pearson, Essex and Railroad streets, which is also bisected by MBTA tracks.

"This changes the rules of the game without bringing any negative impact to the businesses that are already there," said Charles Kendrick of 8 Forbes Lane, one of the leaders of the group.



BILL KIRK/Staff photo

Charles Kendrick, a supporter of the Historic Mill District overlay zoning proposal, talks at Town Meeting Monday night about how the plan would reshape the area of downtown from the Shawsheen River to the Town Yard.

Tim Vaill, another leader of the group who is also chairman of the town's Economic Development Council, said the initiative would bring different groups together to open up pocket parks along the river, among other benefits.

Selectman Paul Salafia agreed, saying it would not require anyone to move and in fact would have no bearing on the location, or

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Search for town manager taking longer than anticipated

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Screening committee chosen; interim manager will be needed

A new town manager won't be installed until the end of the summer at the earliest as the process has dragged on longer than expected, officials announced last week.

Meanwhile, selectmen have chosen a screening committee of five local residents who will whittle the main field of candidates down to between

three and five finalists.

Several members of the Board of Selectmen said last Friday that while they expect a new town manager to be chosen by the end of June, whomever that person is will then have to give his or her current employer notice that they are leaving, delaying their arrival.

That could mean that the new town manager wouldn't start until August or September, according to selectmen Mary O'Donoghue and Alex Vispoli.

An interim town manager would then be appointed. Town Clerk Larry Murphy is one of the names being mentioned for the interim job.

Murphy said he hasn't been asked but would certainly be happy to consider it.

In the past, Murphy has served as town manager for a week or so when both Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski and Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo were on vacation at the same time.

Murphy noted that it was clear the position won't be filled by July 1, when Stapeczynski is due to retire.

He said the town could do one of three things — convince Stapeczynski to stay longer, hire someone from in-house, or find a retired town manager who would be willing to serve on a short-term

basis.

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said the "typical recruitment and subsequent hiring of a town manager is on average a four-month process. Decisions have been made, and will continue to be made, along the way that impact the cycle time of the process. I understand that we have a very good pool of

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Thomas Bourdon

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A role model of acceptance

Andover man opening hearts, minds to LGBTQ community

By TIM LIMA
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Tom Bourdon says growing up in the Merrimack Valley in the 1980s and early 1990s, there were never any LGBTQ role models in his life.

"There were no groups in school, there really weren't any influences," said the newcomer to Andover. "You didn't see or hear of any positive reference to the LGBTQ community. Anytime you did hear it, it would be

in a very negative sense."

At the time, Bourdon, said he struggled with a lot of different feelings and emotions surrounding his identity.

"I didn't know I was gay," he said. "I can say I was kind of a sensitive and caring person. I didn't exude a level of masculinity and was picked on and teased and made to feel different and not to like myself very much. ... I had to really think about who I was and why there were parts of me that were different."

It wasn't until the tail end of his undergraduate days at Babson College that Bourdon said he was able

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relocation, of the current public works facility known as the Town Yard.

He said it would create "new growth and new taxes" and that any developers who move in as a result of the overlay district would be required to pay for mitigation of traffic and other problems.

Even state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, testified, saying she had spoken to a number of state officials who said the proposal could spur investment by state agencies. She mentioned historic tax credits, trails grants, and economic development incentives for downtown areas.

Resident Don Robb said at first he was skeptical of the plan, but found that the originators of the proposal were "trying to do something interesting."

He said "change is inevitable and this overlay gives us the opportunity, as a community, to have a voice, to be part of the discussion" on what happens in the area.

Julia Fraser, a senior at Andover High School, said she was in favor of the district because it might lead to improvements along the river and elsewhere in the overlay district, which would give her and other classmates "something to come back to after going off to college."

Not everyone was so enamored of the overlay district, however.

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said the district could increase housing in Dundee Park alone by 800 units, which would bring more children into an already stressed school district.

He said he would have liked the district to include provisions to address the lack of affordable senior



Former selectman Mary Lyman was among those who spoke out at Town Meeting against the Historic Mill District zoning overlay proposal, saying it needed more study. The zoning change ultimately was approved Monday night.

housing.

While the district does call for 15 percent of a new residential units to be affordable, a developer could opt out of the requirement with a one-time payment to the town.

Donal Coleman of High Street said the problem with downtown was lack of long-term parking, not the availability of shops.

"Vote against this," he said. "It's not right for the community."

Ron Abraham, who owns Elm Street Auto, said his business could be affected by the overlay district if housing were approved near his property and the people living there decided they didn't want to look at "wrecks waiting for the insurance company to show up."

He added, "I'm concerned about new people moving into this area and not liking what they see," he said.

Former Selectman Mary Lyman of 50 School St. said more work is needed to be done on the proposal, noting that more housing would lead to more students while more development

wouldn't necessarily mean more taxes.

She added that proponents often spoke about the so-called "Transportation-Oriented District," or TOD, but that the MBTA's double-tracking plan was behind schedule and over-budget, meaning train service will continue to be sub-standard.

She said the town spent millions of dollars redeveloping the Main Street corridor only to see empty storefronts.

Later in the meeting, Lyman requested that anyone speaking about the article be required to say if they have any financial stake in the proposal.

Shortly after that, Mark Spencer got up and said he owned 100 School St.

"I am at ground zero for the Historic Mill District," he said, adding that historic districts have "led the way" in other cities and towns, like Amesbury, Lowell and Boston with Faneuil Hall.

"We have a treasure here in Andover. But it can't flourish unless the zoning allows it," he said.

Cal Perry of 25 Timothy Drive said he felt that the zoning district was simply "a scheme" masking the bigger issue — how to move the Town Yard out of downtown to some other part of town, which would open the so-called "Golden Triangle" to development.

Moderator Sheila Doherty quickly cut him off, saying the Town Yard was "not germane" to the zoning proposal.

Within seconds, someone in the audience "moved the question" meaning a vote had to be taken immediately. Others who had lined up to speak against the proposal lost their chance to speak and Town Meeting voted to approve the proposal.

FinCom vs. selectmen: Who holds the power?

By BILL KIRK
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Town officials' roles as policy-setters, advisers come under question

The Board of Selectmen last week claimed that the Finance Committee was overstepping its bounds by proposing amendments to the budget at Town Meeting that create changes in town policy.

Several local residents and former town officials agree that the Finance Committee is an advisory panel while the Board of Selectmen is the policy-making group.

"Generally, the Finance Committee advises on things," said resident Don Robb, a former member of the Finance Committee. "I've been going to town meetings for 30 or 40 years and I can't remember a Town Meeting where they've made amendments."

Robb even took to the floor of Town Meeting last week during the budget debate saying, "Something is broken when we have boards amending other boards' actions. Something's not right about preparations for Town Meeting."

Selectmen went further, declaring that their proposal to set aside money for retiree health insurance by putting it in a stabilization fund was wrongly overturned by the Finance Committee.

"It raises a question," newly elected Selectman Bob Landry said. "As I read the role of the Finance Committee, their job, in the town bylaw and by custom, is to advise Town Meeting. They produce the Finance Committee report and advise, whether they agree or disagree."

"The question I have is, when they start to move amendments, putting forward amendments for voters to vote on, does that cross the line into policy-making?"

Chris Vrontas, an attorney who serves as the ombudsman at Town Meeting, said that in 21 years of attending town meetings, "I have never seen" the Finance Committee file budget amendments.

"In the Finance Committee report and the Town Charter, it's stated that the Finance Committee is purely advisory," he said. "For the committee to make motions to affect the budget seems more than merely advisory. They are going beyond the advisory role, specifically advocating budget items — as policy makers."

Longtime Finance

Committee member Joanne Marden, however, disagreed, saying she was quite sure she had proposed budget amendments in the past, but couldn't remember when.

"I am absolutely sure it's been done before," she said. "How else would the committee propose a different number to Town Meeting and have them vote on it? I am sure I've made amendments to the budget in the past."

Finance Committee chairman Jon Stumpf said he's pretty sure it's happened before, but not in at least the nine years since he's been on the board.

He noted that before every Town Meeting, local officials gather with Town Moderator Sheila Doherty and discuss protocol and other issues in advance of the first night.

At this year's pre-Town Meeting gathering, he said, "We discussed how we were going to handle some of the differences between what the Board of Selectmen recommended and what the Finance Committee recommended."

He said Doherty, whose job duties include appointing every member of the Finance Committee, ruled that amendments by the committee would be allowed.

"She said, 'This is how we're going to handle it,'" Stumpf said. "There was a lot of healthy discussion about how to do it. Whether it was violating the Finance Committee's role was never discussed at that meeting."

He added that the "unique issue" about this year was that there were different numbers for several different budget line items.

"Initially, there were seven line items where there was a difference between the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommendation," he said. "We resolved four of them, but not the final three."

One of the discrepancies that was not settled before the start of Town Meeting was over how to fund new positions in the town's community development and planning office. Selectmen proposed outsourcing the work of a new health agent and leaving two, part-time employees to cover the front desk of the department.

The Finance Committee, following the recommendations of the department and

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, proposed hiring a new, full-time health agent and combining the two, part-time jobs into one full-time position.

At Town Meeting, selectmen recommended their budget and the Finance Committee offered an amendment that would have meant spending about \$19,000 more.

In the end, Town Meeting voters went with the selectmen's recommendation, but selectmen are crying foul anyway, saying the Finance Committee shouldn't have made any amendment at all.

"It's a slippery slope," selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said "When an appointed advisory board is making a recommendation for a hiring model, they are advocating policy. The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee are policy-makers. Finance Committee is advisory."

Stumpf said the Finance Committee was simply supporting the town manager's budget, which called for hiring a full-time health agent and creating a full-time clerk's job for community development.

"We voted the number the town manager had in his budget," he said.

The policy selectmen were trying to establish was that the town needs to stop hiring full-time employees to cut down on long-term benefits, such as retiree health care and pensions.

"We decided to put a hold on the hiring of (full-time employees), and they challenged that," Landry said. "When they get to the point where they are amending a \$19,000 discrepancy, where does this cross the line from advisory to policy-making? It seems clear in the charter the Board of Selectmen set policy for the town."

Another number that was different was how much the town should put toward employee health insurance. Selectmen wanted to set aside \$16.8 million to pay the town's share of employee health insurance while the Finance Committee wanted \$17.1 million.

Stapczynski recently negotiated a new form of health insurance with town employees that calls for a self-funding model, meaning the town takes over the role of the insurance company.

The result was cheaper premiums and a lower, overall cost. But some town officials were concerned that the new program could have some unforeseen costs, particularly if there are a lot of high claims among employees and retirees.

After selectmen proposed the lower number at Town Meeting, the Finance Committee made an amendment supporting the higher number.

"We spent a long time on those numbers on health insurance trying to come up with what it was we should recommend to Town Meeting," Marden said. "We voted on the \$17,052,416 because it was the town manager's recommendation. We were nervous about that number, we thought maybe that number should be higher. When selectmen came out with a lower number, we weren't inclined to change that number."

Town Meeting went along with the Finance Committee.

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Town Talk

Judy Wakefield



Changes around the downtown

“What’s Dylan’s?” a town newcomer might ask. The former pub-type restaurant that was located at 22 Park St. for years has been gutted and made over into the very nice-looking new home for Andover Eye Care.

The practice, occupying the entire first floor, moved from 77 Main St. after 17 years to its new digs on Park Street late last month. A photography business is the sole occupant on the second floor.

Meanwhile, on Main Street, an Italian ice business has filed an application to open in the Andover Village Square development and a juice bar with about 20 seats is seeking to go into the former House of Clean’s dry cleaning space.

On a mission at home

Faith Lutheran Church in Andover recently held a “Mission Trip at Home” Volunteer Camp and 13 middle-school kids and five adults participated.

The kids volunteered at various organizations, including the Cape Ann Animal Aid in Gloucester, Bread and Roses in Lawrence, programs for older shut-ins and Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in Lawrence.

Tom Schauer, youth director at Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street, wrote in an email that he thought the camp “was really well received by

TOWN BRIEFS

Wright graduates from Firefighting Academy

Andover has a new firefighter. Christine Wright graduated from the 45-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow.

Wright has been with the Andover Fire Department as a recruit since earlier this year.

She was one of 25 graduates of the academy, and one of four women to complete the training. Fifteen fire departments from across the state were represented by the graduates.

“This rigorous professional training provides our newest firefighters with the basic skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely,” state Fire Marshal Stephen Coan said in a release.

The graduation ceremony was held on May 1 at the Department of Fire Services in Stow.

Atria Marland Place hosting open house

Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, is celebrating new beginnings with an open house and preview of its expanded Life Guidance memory care neighborhood on Thursday, May 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Visitors will also visit Atria Marland Place’s now-complete Spinners tavern and The Mill bistro as well as enjoy a tour of Atria Marland Falls, its new independent living residence in the east wing of the campus that’s nearing completion.

David Troxel, an Alzheimer’s expert and author, will lead a presentation at 6:30 p.m., and then sign copies of his book, “A Dignified Life: The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer’s Care.”

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served, and there will be piano and harp entertainment. Reservations are requested by calling 978-475-4225. For more information, visit www.atriamarlandplace.com.

the kids and parents.”

Andover gets nod in historical thriller

The Underground Railroad is the focus of a new book, “True North: Tice’s Story,” by Mark Alan Leslie and Andover earns a mention in the plot.

Set in 1860, Leslie’s historical thriller follows a 19-year-old, God-fearing slave named Tice as he runs from his master’s plantation in Maysville, Ky., swims the Ohio River and then connects to a network of people who rush him toward

New Brunswick, Canada.

Along the way, Tice is aided by real historical figures who were key “conductors” on the Underground Railroad. They include the memorable Henry David Thoreau, who joins colleague Jonathan Ball and Tice on their journey from Newton to Andover, according to a press release.

For more on the book, visit www.amazon.com.

What are you talking about? Email a Town Talk item to townsman@andovertownsmen.com and we’ll share it with our readers.



Sam Holland of Andover donated his time to Cape Ann Animal Aid in Gloucester as part of Faith Lutheran Church’s recent “Mission Trip at Home” Volunteer Camp.

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Kathleen M. (Driscoll) Grasso, 81

February 20, 1934 — May 9, 2015

ANDOVER — Kathleen M. (Driscoll) Grasso, a resident of Andover, passed away at the Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence on Saturday morning, May 9, 2015. She was 81 years old.

Born in Lawrence on February 20, 1934, she was the beloved daughter of the late John T. and Amelia K. (Moisson) Driscoll. Kathleen was a Fashion Designer for many years and quite an artistic person. She could design and make anything for her own home as well as others. She enjoyed shopping and dancing, as well as sewing and making jewelry. Above all, she was a very devoted mother, grandmother and friend. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her loving daughters and sons-in-law, Karen G. and her husband, Mark E. Courtney of Andover, Roberta E. and her husband, Joseph M. Bowman of Andover and Gina C. Grasso-Berounsky and her husband, Michael C. Berounsky of Rye, N.H.; brother-in-law, Sam Cam-

eron of Groveland, her grandchildren, Chris P. Courtney of Andover, Patrick and his wife, Dana Courtney of Andover, Dereck, Nicholas, Scott and Grace Bowman, John and his wife, Jessica Grasso, Justin and Giana Grasso, Gerald and Genna Grasso, great-granddaughter, Camille Courtney and many nieces and nephews. She was also the loving mother of the late Gerald D. Grasso and sister of the late Nancy Bongiorno and Carol Cameron.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral service was celebrated in the **Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathleen's memory may be made to the Andover Youth Center, P.O. Box 5051, Andover, MA 01810. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemaglioizzi.com.**

Partnering in history

Historical Society, L'Italien contribute artifact to Statehouse exhibit

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A bit of Andover history will be enjoying some special attention at the Statehouse.

A shuttle with bobbin and linen thread that was used as early as the mid-1800s in the production of textiles at the former Smith & Dove Mill in Andover will be part of a new Statehouse exhibit showcasing the rich culture and varied histories of regions across the commonwealth.

State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, worked with the Andover Historical Society in selecting the shuttle to spotlight the area's industrial history in the exhibit. It will be displayed alongside artifacts sponsored by all 47 state senators.

"The artifact I submitted really represents the rich history of Andover and really our whole region," L'Italien said. "I believe this item and its origins from the former Smith & Dove mill in Andover will help

paint a picture of Andover's history."

Founded in 1835, the Smith & Dove Manufacturing Company was the first successful flax processing mill in the United States. It produced high-quality linen thread for carpets, sail twines, shoe threads and other related goods.

In addition to contributing to Andover's commercial development, the founders of Smith & Dove — John Smith, Peter Smith and John Dove — were avid abolitionists and philanthropists, and notably donated much of the initial funding for the construction of Andover's Memorial Hall Library.

Though Smith & Dove Manufacturing Company left Andover in 1928 for Ludlow, the mill building remains in town just off of Essex Street as part of Dundee Park.

The shuttle with bobbin and linen thread was donated to the Andover Historical Society last year by Charles Simpson



State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, stands with the shuttle with bobbin and linen thread on loan from the Andover Historical Society for a new exhibit opening this month at the Statehouse.

COURTESY PHOTO

in memory of his grandfather, William James Simpson. The elder Simpson worked as a superintendent at the Smith & Dove Mills during the 1920s, according to the society's development and collections manager Marilyn Helmers.

"We were very pleased that Sen. L'Italien had thought of

us to be able to provide something that could represent the district in this exhibit," Helmers said.

The exhibit is being unveiled at the Statehouse in mid-May and is expected to remain on display for up to 18 months. It will be open to the public for viewing.

POLICE LOG

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Wednesday, May 6

Arrest
 Justin Paul LaForge, 28, of 81A Seaverns Road, Merrimack, N.H., was arrested on River Road at 3:13 p.m. and charged on a warrant.

Incident
 A caller from Austin Avenue reported at 7:09 p.m. that "some bones in the cemetery" had been found. Officers reported that they were animal bones.

Friday, May 8

Incident
 A caller from Chandler Road reported at 4:14 p.m. that "it appears kids are running a string across the road." Officers reported finding nothing suspicious.

Sunday, May 10
Incidents
 Residents of Bullfinch Drive reported at 10:06 a.m. that their wedding band and engagement ring were stolen sometime last week. A caller from North Main Street reported at 2:11 p.m. that a woman was in a dark-colored car with the doors

wide open and was "slumped over the wheel." Officers reported that the woman's car had run out of gas.

A 911 caller from River Road reported at 4:11 p.m. that a man had possibly overdosed on heroin. The Fire Department reported that the man refused to be transported to the hospital.

Monday, May 11

Arrests
 Sean McCarty, 47, of 28 Silverbroad Road, Salem, N.H., was arrested on River Road at 2:35 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Tracy Sellars, 31, of 168 River Road, was arrested on River Road at 2:35 p.m. on a warrant charge.

Incidents

A caller from Blanchard Street reported at 2:06 p.m. that she had a "large deceased raccoon in front of her home." The Department of Public Works was notified "and refuses to remove it."

A caller from Porter Road reported at 3:51 p.m. that a car was driving around Phillips Academy "operating erratically." The caller reported that one kid was on top of the moving car. The school's public safety department was notified and had the same description of the car that had been "bothering students and faculty." Officers did not find anything suspicious when they arrived.

Frederick K. "Freddie" Welch

April 23, 1924 — May 10, 2015

HOLMES BEACH, FL — Frederick K. "Freddie" Welch, 91, of Holmes Beach, Fla. formerly of Andover, died May 10, 2015. He is survived by his loving children, Frederick K. Welch Jr., Pam Benham, Jill Welch, William Welch, Robyn Bensinger and Matthew Welch; sister, Evelyn Shea; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Frederick was preceded in death by his wife

of 43 years, Helen and parents, William and Helen Welch.

Freddie was a World War II Navy and Korean War veteran. He retired as a Police Officer in Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on **Sat. May 16, 2015 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Holmes Beach, Fla.** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to **VFW Post 10141, Bradenton, Fla.**

Mr. Joseph A. "Tony" Clinton, Jr., 85

December 25, 1929 — May 11, 2015

ANDOVER — Mr. Joseph A. "Tony" Clinton, Jr., a resident of Derry, N.H., formerly of Andover, and beloved husband of the late Claire C. (Concannon) Clinton, passed away at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, N.H. on Monday, May 11, 2015. He was 85 years old.

Born in Springfield, Mass. on December 25, 1929, he was the son of the late Joseph A. and Jenipher (Hood) Clinton. Mr. Clinton was a U.S. Air Force Veteran. He was a graduate of Salem State College and had been employed by the U.S. Customs Service as well as the U.S. Postal Service for many years. In his spare time, Tony enjoyed traveling and exploring around the country. A well read person, he had a special

love for history as well as the railroad and trains. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Sheila E. Clinton of Fairfax, Calif.; and grandson, Noah Matthew of Berkeley, Calif.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral service will be celebrated in the **Christ Church, 33 Central Street, Andover, on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours will be held in the Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Monday, prior to the service, from 10 a.m. to noon. Interment will be held in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemaglioizzi.com.**

Rail work bringing added delays

By BILL KIRK
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The replacement of 15,000 railroad ties on the train tracks from Reading to Haverhill, which started last week, is expected to cause delays — and bus rides — for commuter rail riders for most of May and part of June, according to Keolis Commuter Services, the company that manages the MBTA.

The news comes after the worst winter in commuter rail history, when service to Haverhill was cut by 50 percent as a result of breakdowns caused by record snowfalls. Keolis and the MBTA announced last month that the work is part of a larger, \$100 million investment in rail service that includes the \$58 million rehabilitation project on the Merrimack River Bridge between Haverhill and Bradford, a \$50 million project to install double tracks along portions of the Haverhill line, and repair work on the Shawsheen River Bridge in Andover. Mac Daniel, a spokesman

for Keolis, said work on the Haverhill line was scheduled to begin May 4 and continue through June 12. The work is being done between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., allowing for normal train service during the early-morning commute and afternoon and evening service.

During those off-peak, daytime hours, buses are taking passengers to their destinations. Buses are stopping at each station along the route, between Reading and Haverhill, adding about 25 minutes to the journey in and out of Boston. All other passengers will see minor delays up to five minutes.

Daniel said the work of replacing the railroad ties is somewhat complicated. First, the tracks need to be lifted up, then the ties themselves removed, and then the ballast, or stone bedding, needs to be brought in and tamped down. Then the new railroad ties are placed on top of the stone and the rails reattached to the ties, using gauges that use lasers to measure the correct distance between rails.

The project includes

inspection of the ballast, the rail ties and the iron rails along the route. If pieces of the rail need to be replaced, he said, they will.

A similar project was conducted on the Lowell line, where 12,000 ties were replaced earlier this spring. MBTA interim General Manager Frank DePaola said the project will improve safety and comfort for commuters.

"This project is a critical part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the delivery of safe and reliable commuter rail service for many years to come," he said.

Keolis General Manager Gerald Francis agreed, although he acknowledged that the delays come on top of a long, difficult winter for weary commuters.

"We understand these projects are happening shortly after full service was restored on March 30," Francis said. "Many of these ties are approaching the end of their life cycle and the work is necessary. Delays should be minimal, and we will be monitoring the projects' impact on commuters to

make sure it stays that way."

The MBTA and Keolis have come under criticism for their handling of the winter snowstorms. It took months for regular commuter rail service to be restored after a series of breakdowns and infrastructure problems left the T network in shambles.

Daniel said the Haverhill line was among the hardest hit in the state.

"The Haverhill line was impacted the most," he said. "We saw a drop in service from 100 percent to less than 50 percent. There were a lot fewer trains running."

He said that while company officials assume ridership decreased during that time, there is no accurate way to count the number of people who take the commuter rail because of the different ways people buy tickets. He said conductors on the train don't count people who have passes, for example.

"On some lines, demand was unchanged (during the winter), but on the Haverhill line, we don't have boarding figures," he said. "We don't know."

BOURDON

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to accept and love himself for who he was. But it took leaving the East Coast and heading to Los Angeles for him to really begin living his life.

"It was really scary, but also really exciting," he said. "I finally could be myself ... it felt very liberating."

Today, he is happily married and raising a family in Andover. He and his husband, Jimmy Kontoravdis,

who he met in Los Angeles, wed within the first year of same-sex marriage becoming legal in Massachusetts, and will be celebrating their 10th anniversary in September. They have two children, Lukas, 5, and Maya, 3.

Acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community has undoubtedly grown over the past decade, Bourdon said.

But as the president and executive director of Greater Boston Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People (PFLAG), he knows there's still considerable work to be done.

"The biggest change that I can see is that there's a lot more awareness and familiarity with LGBTQ issues, people and society as a whole," he said. "But at the same time, I see people every single day who are still struggling."

Bourdon, 39, brings his own experiences to the role. Since taking over as Greater Boston PFLAG's top administrator in February 2014, he has worked

to broaden the reach of the organization, which strives to support, educate and advocate with the goal of creating a safe and inclusive environment for LGBTQ people.

"That involves a lot of getting in there on the ground level to open people's hearts and minds," he said.

Under his leadership, the organization ran 16 different parent and family support groups — six of which were specifically designed for parents of transgender or nonconforming children.

Two of those groups are based in Andover. One is for parents with a LGBTQ child, while the other is specifically geared for transgender or gender nonconforming children.

The organization also reached more than 15,000 people through its award-winning Safe Schools and Communities Program, which offered 250 workshops and educational programs statewide, including 180 in middle and high schools.

"Nowadays, I think a lot of youths still struggle with the same things I did," Bourdon

said. "I see a lot of acceptance, but it's still hard to be different as a kid. If boys are a little feminine and girls are a little masculine, they are still a target."

On Monday, the organization held its main event — its annual Pride and Passion Gala — at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. The group's primary fundraiser typically hosts 600 people and nets upwards of \$500,000.

The event honored Rep. Joe Kennedy III and Jason Collins, the only professional basketball player to come out before retiring from the sport. The two were roommates at Stanford University in California, and will be recognized for their friendship and acceptance of each other.

Derrick Gordon, a UMass basketball player who recently came out as gay, was also on hand to speak about his experiences.

"They're the shining example of what it means to be supportive of each other," Bourdon said, "and how much impact you can have to be out and proud of your identity."

Bourdon has been working in the LGBTQ community since graduating college. He previously served as program administrator for the Office of LGBT Student Services at New York University and as the assistant director of the LGBT Resource Center at the University of California, Los Angeles. He was director of the LGBT Center and co-chairman of the Social Justice Leadership Initiative at Tufts University in Medford before taking over at Greater Boston PFLAG, which is based in Waltham.

"My first year has been great," said Bourdon, who also has a Master of Education from UCLA and a Doctorate of Education from Northeastern University in Boston. "It has been an opportunity for me to take my passion and all that I had learned and developed in my career in LGBTQ and social justice issues and really expand my reach in a great way, seeing that this organization serves almost the entire state of Massachusetts."

The past year for Bourdon

has also been spent settling into Andover with his family. He said there were several reasons they chose the community, including its school system, its proximity to Boston and its recreational and cultural offerings.

But they also sought a community that celebrated diversity for their Latino children being raised in a two-dad family.

"We wanted to be in an environment where the fact that having a different family is OK," he said.

It's the same environment he's working to create through PFLAG.

"We need education, role models so it's not a taboo topic, so being different isn't a bad thing," he said.

For more information on Greater Boston PFLAG, its local support groups, or to volunteer or donate to the organization, visit www.gbpfllag.org. Tom Bourdon is also hoping to meet members of the Andover community to connect with on LGBTQ issues; email him at tom@gbpfllag.org.

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Young, old and in between took advantage of Saturday's warm weather to enjoy the 40th annual Crafts in The Park. TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Andover passes test for floodplain monitoring

By BILL KIRK
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A number of property owners are finding their land now falls within the federal, 100-year floodplain. But they are not really in any danger, according to a state official.

However, the recent expansion of the floodplain may be hard on local property owners' pocketbooks.

Richard Zingarelli, program manager for the Flood Hazard Management Program, which is part of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, sent a letter to selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski last month confirming a 2014 visit by one of his staff members.

Based on observations and a meeting from last June, it was determined that "there appears to have been some recent development in the 100-year floodplain as delineated in Andover's Flood Insurance Rate Map."

The letter said that "It is important that proposed projects are reviewed to determine if they fall within the 100-year floodplain. ... Based on discussion during the meeting, review procedures seem thorough in Andover."

Building Inspector Chris Clemente and Conservation Commission Director Bob Douglas were a bit mystified by the letter.

"I met with the guy a year ago," Clemente said. "The only place I can think of (in the 100-year floodplain) is Atria Marland Place. They are doing extensive renovations there. But it was thoroughly reviewed before it was permitted."

Douglas said that based on the letter, "Andover is properly regulating" work in the floodplain.

"Any work that goes into the floodplain, the developers have to file a permit and it is evaluated so it doesn't push water somewhere it doesn't belong," he said. "I couldn't think of any examples of work we've

done in the past." Zingarelli said the letter was more or less a formality acknowledging the visit by his staff member and confirming that Andover is, in fact, closely monitoring activity in the floodplain.

"It's a pretty standard letter," he said. "We periodically, in our role as state coordinator, meet with communities and review procedures, to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to be doing under the National Flood Insurance Program. ... The town is meeting those requirements."

He said development is allowed in the flood zone as long as it's within local, state and federal guidelines.

"We allow development in floodplains as long as it's done to certain standards — so the floors are high enough and won't be damaged, that sort of thing," he said. "The fact there is development in the floodplain is not a problem."

However, it does come with risk.

The Balmoral condos in Shawsheen Square, for example, have had "some pretty serious flooding" in the past few years. Washington Park, also located along the Shawsheen River, is vulnerable to flooding as well.

"They have been looking to see what they can do to help protect them, maybe putting up a berm or other methods to protect the property," he said. "There are areas along the river, most of them developed long ago, where they would not be allowed to build the same way. The standards today would be different."

The new flood maps may also place some properties in the flood zone that weren't there in the past. He said in those cases, the owners of those properties may be forced to purchase flood insurance.

"If you already had insurance, premiums don't necessarily go up, due to grandfathering," he added.

WARM WELCOME

Crafts in The Park organizers must have paid off the weatherman, because they couldn't have asked for a better day for this past Saturday's annual event.

People came in droves to stroll through The Park at Chestnut and Bartlett streets and peruse the more than 150 vendors offering an array of handcrafted jewelry, glassware, fine art and more.

Christ Church hosts the event, considered Andover's oldest juried crafts fair. Proceeds support church mission work and programs.



ABOVE: Hannah Peters, left, of Andover, tests out some wooden toys with her cousin, Magnolia Paskavitz, 7, of Ipswich, during Saturday's Crafts in The Park.



AT LEFT: Lucille Gosselin, 82, and her daughter, Celeste Thornhill, look over items for sale at one of the more than 150 vendor booths that filled The Park.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

There's a lot to do in May at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Friends of Memorial Hall Library Annual Meeting featuring master mentalist Rory Raven, Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m. Using humor, wit and amazement, Raven will read minds and bend spoons in a show for adults. He has entertained audiences throughout the Northeast and beyond with his act. The Friends of Memorial Hall Library will have a brief meeting before the show. Reservations are requested at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or by calling 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

From Container Gardens to Rain Gardens, Thursday, May 28, 7 p.m. Demetra Tseckares of Gardens by Demetra will share her lifelong passion for organic gardening, design and habitat building. Tseckares will demonstrate how to make the most of the outdoors using consistent organic practices. Her custom gardens never rely on pesticides, herbicides or chemical fertilizers to thrive, and provide lasting and healthy enjoyment. The program sponsors are Andover

Department of Municipal Services, Greenscapes North Shore and the library.

Other May events:
Discover Your Past Genealogy Club, Thursday, May 14, 10 to 11 a.m.

Career Networking Group, Thursday, May 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Friends Alcove 2. Certified career coach Arleen Bradley heads the free group that helps participants expand their network of business contacts, share ideas and learn effective job search strategies.

Writers Group, Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m. The group provides constructive advice and feedback for writers of adult fiction, nonfiction and memoirs.

Piano Showcase, Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of piano music performed by students of the Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association.

Conversational English, Monday, May 18, 10 a.m. to noon. For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members welcome; all Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602 to register.

MHL's Monday Movie, Monday,

May 18, 7 p.m. Attend the movie and enter to win the DVD.

The Beehive: eBook How-To Sessions, Thursday, May 21, 10 a.m., Friends Alcove 2. Download free best-selling titles to read on the computer, iPhone, Android, Kindle or other compatible eBook reader. Bring the device, USB cord, library card and questions for the hands-on session with Overdrive. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or email gdeyermund@mhl.org with which device will be used.

"Books in Bloom," Wednesday through Friday, May 27 through 29. Enjoy floral arrangements inspired by book covers and created by members of Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover.

All programs are held at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, unless otherwise noted, and are sponsored in conjunction with the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Online registration is requested at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

For the complete library calendar or more information, visit www.mhl.org or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.



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Two parents sought for interim superintendent screening panel

STAFF REPORTS

The School Committee is seeking two parents to serve on the preliminary search committee for an interim superintendent/transitional leader to oversee the Andover public schools for the next school year.

The interim superintendent, who school officials say will likely be a retired Massachusetts superintendent, will replace Marinel

McGrath, who is stepping down in mid-July.

The parents or guardians will join two School Committee members, two principals, two teachers and a central office administrator on the screening committee tasked with reviewing and interviewing the candidates for the interim post. The committee will then make its recommendation of one or more finalists to the School Committee for its ultimate

decision.

Interested parents or guardians must submit an application form, available through the School Department, to the town's human resources office at 36 Bartlet St. or email it to Gillian Chartier at gchartier@aps1.net, by the end of the work day on Friday, May 15.

The Preliminary Screening Committee will hold its first meeting on Friday, May 15, from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

to review its interview protocols. The first candidate interview will be held on Monday, May 18, at 11 a.m. to accommodate an out-of-state applicant. All other interviews will be held on Tuesday, May 19, and Wednesday, May 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interested screening committee members must be available to attend all interviews, which will be held in private session in the School Committee Room at

the Town Offices.

The School Committee has hired a consultant to assist with the identification of potential candidates and to reach out to those considered to be the best fit for Andover's needs. School officials are seeking a leader with a specific set of skills to help the district focus on moving forward with its multiple strategic initiatives. The transitional leader will serve one year.

A search for a permanent superintendent will begin this fall. Focus groups, another preliminary screening committee and receptions for the finalists will be part of that process.

For more information on the Preliminary Screening Committee or the search for an interim superintendent, contact Candace Hall in the human resources office at the Town Offices at 978-623-8530 or visit www.aps1.net.

RESIGNATION

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career there as a teacher and then assistant middle school principal before coming to Andover. His wife is also an educator in the Chelmsford schools.

School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert said she was among some board members who urged Murray to reconsider, even saying right up until his resignation was announced last week that the principal's departure was "still up in the air."

"My impression was that it was any other district — I don't think this would have happened," she said. "Chelmsford is a very special opportunity for him, given his family connection there and his deep roots and ties to that community."

Kerry Costello, president of the Andover Education Association, the union representing teachers and other staff, said the news of Murray's departure has resulted in some "general anger" from Andover High School faculty, "though I wouldn't venture to say where it's directed."

"As president of the AEA, my first thought, of course, was another major interim position?" Costello said. "You need stability, leadership, a steady hand, continuity — that's important at all schools, but especially at a high school. It's a big learning curve when someone comes in at the helm, no matter the circumstance."

"The fact that (the position) has the perception of a revolving door doesn't help that. It's hard on morale. Those who don't know the internal workings must say, 'Oh, it's the teachers or the union giving principals a hard time,' but it's not. We, the staff, understand and get that. But it's still hard to carry along when it's a constant change."

Andover High School senior Jason Grosz, who serves on the school's student government policy bureau and is the student liaison to the School Committee, said that Murray's resignation was more of a shock than Lord's departure.

"I was shocked, and most of the students I talked to were as shocked as I was," said Grosz, who has had three different principals in his four years at the high school.

"I don't know for sure with teachers or the administration, but there were no rumors before (Murray's) resignation among the student body. Before Lord resigned, he was absent for a few weeks, so there were rumors about his contract not being renewed. There was nothing like that with Mr. Murray."

Still, Grosz said he did not believe the turnover in principals has "an extreme impact on learning."

"The principal is the leader of the school as a whole, but teachers are the leaders of every classroom," he said. "Teachers dictate the environment of a school — not the principal."

Former Superintendent Claudia Bach, who hired Murray as West Middle School's principal a decade ago, called his departure "a terrible loss for the schools."

Bach, who still lives in Andover, was at the helm of the district in 2009 when Peter Anderson retired as Andover High principal after 10 years on the job. The position has seen recurring turnover ever since.

Saying she still cares deeply about the school district, Bach said she doesn't know why there has been the pattern of turnover.

"I don't know much about the inner workings anymore. I wouldn't believe that this is a trend of any sort," she said. "The district is still very strong and is an excellent one."

Bach added, "When I was superintendent, we had good things happen and some unfortunate things happen. I have never tried to judge or second-guess anybody's leadership. It's a very demanding job and I know everybody tries to do the very best they can do — every superintendent and every principal."

Parent Advisory Council co-president Rosemary Halloran said her group was "surprised and quite disheartened" by Murray's decision. But she expressed confidence in the high school.

"Our Andover High community is a bright and resilient bunch," she wrote in an email. "We have outstanding teachers, students, and parents, and we will work

together to continue to support and celebrate all the great work happening at our school."

Parent Dana Campbell of Johnson Road, who has a junior at the high school, said that while she was disappointed, she was not shocked.

"Quite honestly, I was not completely surprised by the news as it seems that we have had a revolving door of leadership at Andover High," she said. "As a mother of three kids who have attended the high school, it is disconcerting that there has been such a lack of continuity in leadership."

"No one seems to understand why there has been so much turnover in leadership at AHS, but there is a strong sense in our community that this pattern needs to be broken if the school is to preserve its reputation for maintaining high academic standards for its students and teachers."

Renita Johnson of Abbot Street, whose youngest child graduated from Andover High in 2012 after having had three principals in four years, said that the turnover has almost become tough to keep track of.

"It's not just principals," she said. "My son went through a few guidance counselors when he was at the school. He'd ask them to write recommendations, but how can they write one when they don't know him?"

Since Anderson's retirement in 2009, Andover High has not had a high school

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TENURE

1999-2009: Peter Anderson, retired after 10 years
2009-2010: Jonathan Harris, resigned to take a position in Texas
2010-2012: Thomas Sharkey, interim, came out of retirement to serve Andover High for two years
2012-2014: Christopher Lord, resigned unexpectedly in December 2014; recently hired as principal of Leominster High School
December 2014-June 2015: Steve Murray, former West Middle School principal; served as interim for four months, permanent from March through June

SEARCH STATUS REPORTS

The Andover School Committee will update the community on the search for a new Andover High School principal as well as on the search for a principal to replace retiring Bancroft Elementary School Principal Malcolm Forsman at its regular meeting on Thursday, May 14.

Updates on the searches for an interim superintendent to take over for retiring Marinel McGrath, who steps down in July, and an interim director of student services, following an unsuccessful search for a permanent director, will also be given.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the School Committee room on the second floor of the Town Offices building on Bartlet Street.

leader for more than three consecutive years.

"It may not have a great impact on students academically, but I know that kids knew Anderson well and liked him," Johnson said. "And they liked (interim principal Thomas) Sharkey (2010-2012), too, but then the next change comes."

"You start to get to know these principals and all of a sudden they're gone. It's subtle changes like this that make a difference."

Costello said the loss of continuity is something that

affects the staff, too.

"You get used to someone. You build trust. You build a foundation of working together. Then, it's gone with no continuity or commitment. Then, it's gone again," she said.

"Personally, Steve made a decision to take a job somewhere else. At the end of the day, it's his decision and he made his choice. I don't have to like it, or know all of the reasons, but he made it. For me, it's easier in that respect because it's their own personal decision to leave."

SEARCH

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candidates. I remain optimistic for a July/early-August appointment."

He agreed with Murphy regarding hiring an interim town manager.

"There are multiple options available to the Board of Selectman that we will discuss as a board," he said. "We have to remain focused on our primary mission — hiring the right town

manager for the town of Andover."

Screening committee

One of the reasons for the delay is that it has taken weeks for the Board of Selectmen to appoint a screening committee to review the pool of applicants for the job.

The screening committee will narrow the field down to three to five finalists, from which selectmen will choose the new manager.

Until then, the names of the candidates who applied for

the job remain private. Even the number of people who have sought the job remains unknown. Neither selectmen nor the town manager hiring consultant would reveal the number of people who have submitted resumes.

After putting out the call for members of the screening committee, 28 people expressed interest and five were chosen.

They are: Tim Vaill, chairman of the Economic Development Council; Sheila Doherty, the town moderator; Annie Gilbert, chairwoman of the School Committee; Don Robb, a former member of the Finance Committee and School Committee; and Nancy Jeton, chief of staff for John Palfrey, head of school

at Phillips Academy.

"I'm delighted and honored," said Jeton, a former planning director for the town in the 1980s who served 15 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals and is currently on the Youth Center Building Committee.

Vaill said he was also happy to be on the committee, noting that he currently serves on the board of directors of the International City Managers Association, which manages retirement money for cities and towns, including Andover.

"We have 1.25 million clients all over the country," he said. "It puts me in close contact with town managers a lot."

He also serves on the state's

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board, which manages money for the state's retirees. Vaill served for 17 years as chairman and CEO of the billion-dollar Boston Private Financial Holdings company before retiring a few years ago.

He said the committee's priorities would be to look for a good job description after which members would set a baseline of criteria to evaluate possible candidates.

Gilbert, who has been on the School Committee for six years, said she was surprised, but happy to be selected.

"I feel honored to do it, it's a big moment for Andover," said Gilbert, who has also served on Andover Coalition

for Education and various PTOs and other school-related committees as well as the League of Women voters.

Her husband, Robert Gilbert, also owns two businesses in town, Andover Liquors and a law firm.

"We have a big stake in Andover's future," she said.

Selectmen Monday night said they were happy with the committee.

"These are highly competent people," Kowalski said. Selectman Paul Salafia said it was a "diverse group. ... I'm proud of what we did."

Selectmen picked their top five candidates, scoring them between 1 and 5. In all, 28 people applied for the committee, but only 14 received points from selectmen.



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IN PRAISE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

7 projects win 2015 awards for maintaining character, integrity of town properties

The driving forces behind seven historic preservation projects that have succeeded in revitalizing and protecting the character of the community will be celebrated next week with the presentation of the 2015 Andover Preservation Awards.

The Andover Preservation Commission, jointly with the Andover Historical Society and the BallardVale Historic District Commission, will hand out its 25th annual awards in a ceremony on Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.

The event, which coincides with National Preservation Month, recognizes individuals, organizations, institutions and businesses that have demonstrated commitment to historic preservation and maintaining Andover's heritage.

Stewardship is the overriding theme of the awards this year. The seven historic preservation projects completed by owners, builders and architects vary in size of property, type and style of structure and the underlying reason for preservation, but all sought to maintain the integrity of the structures.

The properties being celebrated this year are the Arden Estate, 276 North Main St.; Boutwell Barn, 410 High Plain Road; Deacon Paschal Abbot House, 51 Red Spring Road; Jenkins-Pomeroy-McCarthy House, 46 Chestnut St.; Edward W. Burt House, 160 Lowell St.; two MBTA railroad bridges over the Shawsheen River; and Holt Farm, 89 Prospect Road.

Since 1990, the Andover Preservation Commission has lauded projects that have made significant contributions to preserving the historic and scenic character of the community.

The public is invited to next week's awards ceremony. Admission is free, but reservations are requested. Call the Andover Historical Society at 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org/preservation to make a reservation.



2015 ANDOVER PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

- A. Arden Estate, 276 North Main St.
- B. MBTA railroad bridge, over Shawsheen River
- C. Boutwell Barn, 410 High Plain Road
- D. The Jenkins-Pomeroy-McCarthy House, 46 Chestnut St.
- E. The Deacon Paschal Abbot House, 51 Red Spring Road
- F. The Edward W. Burt House, 160 Lowell St.
- G. Holt Farm, 89 Prospect Road.

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Caring class; Rotary Club honors top citizens, educator, student of 2015

More than 350 guests came out to honor the Rotary Club of Andover's 2015 Citizens Who Care as well as Educator and Student of the Year at its annual awards ceremony last Thursday, May 7.

The ballroom was filled with family, friends, colleagues and supporters of the honorees.

CITIZENS WHO CARE

CLAIRE BISHOP

Since 2003, Bishop has been on the board of directors for the Lazarus House in Lawrence, and currently serves as president. A recent capital campaign is allowing the board to fulfill a dream of opening another house providing classroom space for teaching life skills, a critical part of the Lazarus House mission. The capital campaign will also allow Lazarus House to expand to provide transitional housing for single women as well. Bishop also has a long history with St. Augustine's Parish in Andover, where she has donated countless hours.

SUSAN CONNOLLY

Connolly brings her own experience of putting herself through college and defining her own path to her involvement with Andover's A Better Chance program. Since 2010, she has served as its full-time volunteer CEO and member of its board of directors. She is also known for her upkeep of the A Better Chance House as a self-taught plumber, electrician, carpenter and painter. She says she enjoys the opportunity to watch the ABC House girls grow to mature young women through the program.

DAVE DOUB

A resident of Andover since 1992, Doub has served on the board of the Andover Village Improvement Society for the past 19 years. Working with others dedicated to preserving the town's natural habitat, he has designed and led the construction of many bridges and boardwalks throughout AVIS lands, most notably the new truss bridge at Vale Reservation, and led 50 adult volunteer wardens in maintaining the 30 miles of trails on the reservations. He was one of the visionaries



The 2015 Rotary Club of Andover Citizens Who Care, Teacher of the Year and Student of the Year honorees pose for a group photo at last week's dinner and awards presentation.

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of the Shawsheen Greenway River Trail concept. He also coached lacrosse for 14 years through Andover Youth Services.

MARIE FLYNN

Flynn, who moved to Andover in 1961, is a longtime member of Quota International, supporting its mission of helping disadvantaged women and children. Through Quota, she works to provide Christmas presents for children, financial support for mothers, access to education and schooling, and care for kids. She also supports Lawrence YWCA's Fina House. Through St. Michael's Parish in North Andover, she aids the Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill. After retiring from her customer service job at the Lawrence Post Office, she volunteered as a receptionist with the Andover Department of Community Services.

ANNIE GILBERT

A former middle school teacher, Gilbert got involved with the PTO, various school activities and eventually the Bancroft School Improvement Council after moving to town. That led to her involvement with the Andover Coalition for Education, serving as vice president. In 2009, she

successfully ran for Andover School Committee and was appointed to the School Building Committee for the new Bancroft School, becoming part of a team dedicated to the success of Andover schools. She was recently re-elected to the School Committee and serves as its chairman. She also serves on the board of Parent to Parent.

TED GORRIE

A 1961 graduate of Andover High School, Gorrie returned to Andover in 1992. About 10 years ago, he helped his Notre Dame Alumni Club in sponsoring the Summer Service Learning Program, which sees 250 students provide community service within their hometowns. He has grown the local program from four to eight students. He has also worked to bring Notre Dame to Lawrence students through the Summer Scholar Program, which sends students from around the country to the university each year. He serves on the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence's board of directors as well.

KEVIN LYNCH

An Andover native and 1977 graduate of Andover High School, Lynch's character and his outlook on life can

be defined as "What are you doing? Who are you helping?" He is best known in town as coach. Through Andover Junior Football League, he has coached thousands of kids, continuing to do so even after a near-fatal heart attack in 2009. He is also a lifelong member of St. Augustine's Church in town and believes in the importance of giving back.

PHYLIS O'GRADY

A relative newcomer to Andover, O'Grady has become synonymous with the annual Andover Day event. She has devoted herself to the success of the community festival as co-chairman, directing the setup of tents, musicians, vendors, clean-up crews and more for the enjoyment of the thousands of people who crowd Main Street to attend the popular event every year.

AMY SEBELL

Charity and volunteering have been a part of Sebell's life since childhood. Growing up, she was involved with Girl Scouts, youth groups and her temple. She became involved with Temple Emanuel after moving to town in 1982 and is chairwoman of its Social Action Committee. Through Temple Emanuel, she works with Bread & Roses, organizing Yom Kippur food drives

and cooking for 200 people once a month. She enjoys aiding people who are at risk, and she and her husband recently brought a Lawrence High School student into their family.

CLAIRE STAHLEY

Raised with a Jesuit influence, Stahley's volunteer work is "all about heart." She began volunteering with the Learning, Living, Loving Pre-School at West Parish Church after coming to Andover, and continued volunteering with Shawsheen School, Bancroft Elementary, Doherty Middle and Andover High schools as well as Andover Youth Foundation. She is most enthusiastic about her work with the Family to Family program, which fulfills countless needs. She also teaches CCD classes at St. Michael's in North Andover.

CHARLES ZANAZZI

Zanazzi settled in Andover with his wife, a teacher at Pike School in town, in 1987. Ten years later, he joined First Essex Bank, which encouraged employee involvement in the community. Through Pike School, he acquired an interest in early childhood issues, and became involved with Lazarus House. He joined the Exchange Club of Greater Lawrence and has

been focused on children's issues ever since. Since 1992, he also has worked with Lawrence Family Health Center to assist in its mission of providing education; food, shelter and safety, and healthcare to thousands.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

MARK MERCER

The Andover High School teacher has a passion for music. He teaches Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Show Choir; music theory and music production. His students give more than 35 performances each year at school and in the community. Under his direction, Andover High School choirs have performed around the country. He is also a champion for music teachers. Believing that music can build confidence in students, he fosters an environment that is fair and respectful, but also comes with high expectations. He brought The Tri-M Music Honor Society to Andover High to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements and to inspire others to excel at music and leadership.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

CAITLIN PATTEN

Caitlin was 10 when her family started volunteering once a month at Lazarus House in Lawrence, cooking and serving meals for 30 or more people. The experience made her realize how much she wanted to help make a positive difference in people's lives. A member of the Andover High varsity soccer team, she participates in the Warrior Way, a program where student athletes visit middle school classrooms to talk about leadership skills. Caitlin also demonstrates leadership skills as part of Student to Student, in which seniors mentor incoming freshmen as they navigate their first semester of high school. She is also an after-school reading and math mentor for third- and fourth-graders at Robert Frost Elementary School in Lawrence.

The Rotary Club of Andover is a civic organization of men and women who seek to do good for the Merrimack Valley. The club meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Visit www.rotaryandover.org.



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Sumberg, who is president of the board of directors for Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, is a longtime Andover resident.

LaFlamme, Faziolis honored by Home Health Foundation

David LaFlamme, CEO of North Shore Bank and past board chairman of Home Health Foundation, as well as Clive and Suzanne Fazioli, founders of the Fazioli Charitable Foundation, were honored at Home Health Foundation's annual Legacy of Leading benefit dinner recently at Andover Country Club.

The event paid tribute to those who support the health and well-being of the Greater Merrimack Valley communities, and demonstrate a commitment to the mission of the agencies of the Home Health Foundation.

Home Health VNA is a nonprofit agency affiliated with HomeCare, Inc. and Merrimack Valley Hospice. Together, they serve more than 100 communities throughout the Merrimack Valley, northeastern Massachusetts, and southern New Hampshire. Visit homehealthfoundation.org for more information.

Howard tapped as AAA trainer

Josh Howard of Andover, branch manager of the AAA office in Lowell, was recently selected to train groups of employees on "Member Service Excellence Standards," which is at the core of the company's mission statement.

Howard himself has completed nearly 100 courses, most of which are part of AAA's leadership program.

"We are an organization focused on service and my goal is to let people know we can help to save them lots of valuable time and in many cases, a considerable amount of money," Howard said in a release.

In addition to providing travel services, Howard's staff of financial service counselors can help with acquiring auto loans, insurance and more. His team can also assist with a variety of travel needs.

Howard and his wife, Heather, both grew up in Andover. They live on Launching Road with their six children.

Sherwin-Williams opens in Shawsheen

The Andover Sherwin-Williams store celebrated its new location at Shawsheen Plaza, 209 North Main St., with a grand opening event.

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Looking for traces of evidence

Morpho Detection pinpoints drugs and explosives in airports, nuke plants

By BILL KIRK
bkirk@andovertownsmen.com

Next time you go through a TSA checkpoint at the airport, look for a piece of equipment about the size of an old fax machine with a pop-up screen on the back.

If you get a closer look at the machine, and are asked by a TSA worker to swab your hand, chances are you are getting screened for drugs or explosives.

Morpho Detection of Andover held a ribbon cutting and grand opening last month for its new, 65,000-square-foot Frontage Road headquarters, where machines like those are assembled and shipped throughout the world to combat terrorism and narcotics trafficking.

President and CEO Karen Bomba presided over the event, welcoming special guest U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, who actually cut the ribbon in the new lobby of the facility, which has been open since January.

But it was the tour of the facility that really got everyone's attention, as engineers and scientists showed how the technology works by picking up traces of explosives or drugs that are hidden in fibers of clothing or the pores of a would-be criminal's skin.

Research and development manager Stefan Lukow took a fiber swab about the size of a Band-Aid, ran it across the top of his hand, and inserted it into a slot in the front of the machine. Nothing happened. For an airline traveler, that would be a good thing.

He then took out another swab, which had been pre-loaded with an illicit substance, slid it into the machine, and waited a few seconds before a loud alarm



U.S. Rep Niki Tsongas, center, cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the grand-opening celebration for Morpho Detection's new research and development as well as manufacturing center on Frontage Road in town.

bell sounded and the top of the screen turned red with the words, "Explosives detected."

Each unit costs about \$32,000, less than the company's competitors, Director of Manufacturing Paul Moreira said.

Bomba, who has been CEO for 1 1/2 years, said the fastest-growing market for the devices is in Europe.

Moreira explained how the technology works in its "Entry Scan," a device used in every nuclear power plant in the country and many of them overseas to detect traces of explosives on clothing or in someone's hair. Thousands of employees a day walk through the scanner, and minute particles from their bodies are scanned for traces of explosives or drugs.

Kurt Bistany, director of engineering, explained that the machine is sensitive

enough to pick up minute amounts of a product, measured in picograms, defined as one one-millionth of a gram.

The Morpho technology also has other uses.

He said one trial was done on prison inmates where swabs were used to detect drugs in their sweat. He said the technology is so sensitive it can pick up drugs or explosives in a person's skin even after they bathe numerous times.

He noted that even if

someone was in the same room with drugs or explosives, the technology can pick up evidence.

Another project was done for the police department in Kent, England, on paper currency to determine if it was contaminated with drugs. Any money found to exceed a certain number of picograms of cocaine could be seized as drug forfeiture money, he said.

He said he also went to nightclubs in England and swabbed tables where

suspected drug users were sitting. Even after the tables had been washed, he said, they were able to find traces of cocaine and track it back to the patrons who had been sitting there.

Bomba said that Morpho, which is owned by Safran, of Paris, France, moved to Andover from Wilmington because it needed a larger facility and still wanted to be in the area for its employees.

About 110 people work in the Andover plant, which she said is "bigger and more modern."

The company does plan on expanding its product lines, but is currently running into a talent gap, she said.

"We have openings for 28 engineers, scientists and computer scientists," she said. "We could be developing products faster with the added talent."

Safran is a global company with 68,000 employees. Morpho, a subsidiary, has 800 employees, she said.

In addition to the local employees and others who flew in from around the country, Bomba also mentioned the company's partners that were at the ceremony, including Cirtronics, a contract manufacturer based in Milford, N.H.; NETCO, a Windsor, Maine-based distributor; Compass Packaging, a North Billerica packaging company; and CERAMCO, a Conway, N.H., manufacturer.

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Spring into summer with BoomerVenture

The BoomerVenture campus isn't wasting any time gearing up for summer. Organizers of the program have announced its new season of classes and special events to take the community into warmer days.

Here are some of the offerings in store for the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

Nordic Walking: Wednesdays, May 27 through June 24, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. Enjoy a top-rated cardio workout while hiking the AVIS trails. Denise Boucher will lead the treks; \$27.50.

Social Security - Someday or Today?: Thursday, June 11, 6:45 p.m. Jeffrey Hollins from the Social Security Administration will conduct a pre-retirement seminar about retirement and survivors benefits, Medicare, and disability claims as well as tips on the best age to file or to file and suspend benefits. Registration opens June 1; free.

Community Drum Circle: Thursday, June 25, 6:45 p.m. Join your joy. Reduce stress, improve the immune system and have a blast while playing West African, Japanese and a variety of other percussion



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Bill Swank, 91, of Salem, N.H. sketches John Weiss of Andover during a demonstration at The Center at Punchard in Andover earlier this month. Swank, a professional illustrator and cartoonist, still teaches art classes. His artwork is on display at The Center.

instruments. Bring an instrument or enjoy the ones provided. Morimoto is a personal leadership coach/consultant/facilitator and Whitney is a professional musician. Registration opens June 1; \$10.

Exercise and Wellness

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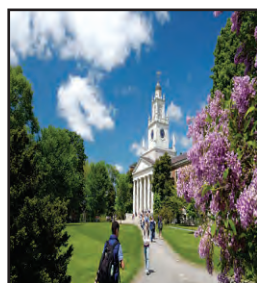
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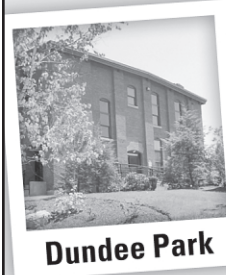
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Opinion

Town Meeting needs another look

Town Meeting 2015 is in the history books.

A three-day affair, those who bothered to show up approved — or rejected — more than 50 warrant articles dealing with everything from multi-million-dollar budgets and spiraling health care costs to aging water pipes and crumbling roads.

There were moments of confusion, hilarity and solemnity. Moments of wisdom, impatience and absurdity.

But overall, Town Meeting once again proved to be an imperfect form of government. (Not that there is any such thing as a perfect form of government, of course.)

It's nice that people get together once a year to vote on certain matters of importance to the town. But do voters really know what's going on? We'd say that in many instances, they do not.

During the first night of Town Meeting, a vote was taken on a health insurance line item. Selectmen had chosen one number and the Finance Committee had chosen another, higher number. Voters went with the Finance Committee's number. It is not known why. The background that led to those two, different numbers was never adequately explained to people sitting at Town Meeting.

Then there was the school budget.

There had been hours and hours of discussion about how selectmen wanted to save money for taxpayers by reducing the rate of increase in the budget. The town manager reluctantly went along, and the budget was trimmed accordingly.

But then the School Committee decided to pursue a \$423,000 increase in the school budget. School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert said she didn't like it when Town Meeting became the "Wild West" — when advocates for a certain position would pack the hall and vote on one issue. But that's what she and other school supporters did. And Town Meeting voted to increase the School Department budget by \$423,000.

Almost immediately after the school budget vote, about half of the roughly 800 people in the hall walked out and never came back, leaving those who remained to continue conducting the Town Meeting business at hand.

Andover has 35,000 people — larger than many cities in Massachusetts.

It has a huge and expensive school district. It has hundreds of employees and pays out millions in benefits and salaries to its union employees. It has major highways, manufacturing plants, office buildings, huge apartment complexes, subdivisions and more. It has a growing heroin and opiates problem, an influx of new students to its filled-up classrooms.

Some are now saying that runaway spending on personnel is leading to a doomsday scenario of bankruptcy due to rising pension and retiree health care costs.

Yet Town Meeting voters will spend just a few minutes — or less — passing huge budget line items like health insurance for \$17.2 million and then spend over an hour on whether or not to allow electronic voting — an item that would have cost an estimated \$35,000, had it been approved.

There was so much confusion about the e-voting warrant article that even though an amendment passed, the amended article that was nearly identical did not. It didn't help that the town moderator, an advocate for the warrant article, seemed to let the debate get away from her. She should have stepped down from the podium and spoken about the issue from the floor as an advocate. But she didn't, and the measure failed miserably.

Maybe it's time for a look at how things could be different. Maybe a charter review commission — a group of volunteers that could delve into the pros and cons of open Town Meeting vs. representative Town Meeting vs. a city form of government with a mayor and a city council.

It couldn't hurt to simply look at the issue.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Andover High School has lost its fourth principal in five years. Is the turnover cause for concern?

GRAVE CONCERN. The principal is the captain of a school. A revolving door at the helm creates an operation with no solid direction for staff and students and an environment of uncertainty and stagnation.

MILD CONCERN. The principal unites a school community. While day-to-day operation of the high school will remain on track, the growth and advancement of programs will suffer without consistent leadership.

NO CONCERN. The principal is more of a figure head. As long as the faculty and staff stay focused at the task at hand, the high school will fare fine and students will continue to thrive and excel.

LAST 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? With 104 votes, the answers were:

NO. It's time to explore other forms of government and consider a potential change. **67 votes, 65 percent.**

MAYBE. Andover is best suited for Town Meeting, but the current framework may need to be modified. **24 votes, 23 percent.**

YES. Open Town Meeting remains an effective form of government for the town of Andover. **13 votes, 12 percent.**

Greetings —

David Waldie, a World War I veteran from Andover who at one time lived on Brechin Terrace, is the owner of a new "auto truck" for use in the delivery of bakery products he sells for Mitchell the baker, according to the July 17, 1914 edition of the Andover Townsman. The delivery truck would have been similar to the one pictured. "Waldie has done well in this line and his friends wish him all success," the article says.

Cheers —



Postcards from Home is an occasional feature developed and produced by Susan McKelliget, first vice president of the Andover Historical Society, using postcards to offer a window into Andover's past. Do you have an idea for a Postcard from Home? Email us at townsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

POSTCARDS FROM HOME



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All Those Years Ago

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 14, 1915

W.H. Coleman & Co. is building an addition to its garage on Park Street. The business has grown so rapidly during the past year that the operation has been badly crowded and it's necessary to enlarge the quarters.

Thomas E. Rhodes and Daniel A. Collins have purchased Vim Auto Trucks, the former for his catering business and the latter for use in the Lawrence-Andover Express.

An advertisement for the Andover Savings Bank announced that "We Celebrated Our Eightieth Birthday on Tuesday Last." Our citizens of 1834-35 were alive to the need of a Savings Bank in the town at that early time. Our officials today are likewise alive to the financial needs of the community.

75 Years Ago

May 9, 1940

Six Andover boys will leave this afternoon for Washington and the World's Fair, the occasion being the ninth annual school safety patrol parade and convention in the capital city Saturday. Those making the trip are Robert Waugh, William Street, Shawsheen; Stewart Fraser, Elm Court, Stowe; William Christie, Brechin Terrace, Indian Ridge; Alex Ness, Center Street, Bradlee; Edwin Stevens, Center Street, Ballardvale; James O'Brien, Church Street, St. Augustine School.

An advertisement for Blood's Beehive Bakery on Barnard Street promotes: Special cakes for Mother's Day, 45 cents; Delicate white layer cakes, boiled icing and filling, covered with long shredded coconut, on the top is an American Beauty rose. Also, strawberry chiffon pie, 32 cents; apricot-dipped cupcakes, six for 15 cents

50 Years Ago

May 13, 1965

Shoppers' dividends will be abundant for the next two days in uptown stores

25 Years Ago

May 10, 1990

The trustees of the Andover Village

where merchants are offering special buys and prizes. Coupons in this issue of The Townsman will entitle shoppers to cash savings or make them eligible for 24 merchandise prizes. The promotion is a project of the Andover Chamber of Commerce with Kenneth Thompson, chairman of the retail division, in charge.

The Ballardvale Fire Station is to be a bold red when newly painted, instead of neutral gray as previously.

The School Building Assistance Commission has approved preliminary plans of the new high school and architects are now preparing site development and working drawings.

Topping the employees honored for town service list was James Goodwin, who was with the town for 51 years before his retirement last June. He began his municipal career in 1913, working as a trouble-shooter for the Water and Sewer Department and for a two-year stint in the Tree and Highway Department.

Improvement Society announced at their April meeting that the group's West Parish Meadow Fund drive has received pledges of \$425,000. AVIS is trying to purchase it to preserve the 18-acre meadow behind West Parish Church.

When Juan Ortiz, a native of Puerto Rico living in Lawrence, started classes at an upstart law school in Andover in 1988, he had no guarantee he'd be able to practice law upon graduation. But a vote Tuesday by the Massachusetts Board of Regents licensed the school as a fully accredited institution and brought the dream of being a lawyer a little closer to reality for Mr. Ortiz.

Health Director Everett Penny Jr. Is not opposed to allowing a methadone van to stop in Andover, but he said Wednesday that there has not been any official request from the Department of Public Health to start such a program here.



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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sour experience for Mother's Day breakfast

Editor, Townsman:

Until today, Shawsheen Luncheonette was one of my favorite breakfast spots where I was willing to wait in line outside in the cold and snow of winter or the heat of summer for its great breakfast menu. Today, Mother's Day, that all changed.

Knowing it was hot out, 80 degrees, and that we would be waiting in a long line in the sun, I was prepared like any good mom. Sunscreen for myself and kids and a liter bottle of water to share as we all know there is nothing worse than hungry kids saying, "How much longer?" and "I'm thirsty."

When we finally got in and were seated, the first thing out of our waitress' mouth was not "Happy Mother's Day" or "Good morning," it was, "No outside beverages. You know our house rules are no outside drinks. We sell water here."

Now, I understand it is rude to bring in a Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts coffee, but really, in the 15-plus years I have been going there, I have gotten many free glasses of water with

my coffee, but I have never purchased a bottle of water. What harm would it have been for, after a simple "Good morning," for her to say, "Would you mind if I brought you all a glass of water? We prefer no outside beverages."

Instead, a regular customer of 15 years was embarrassed in front of her children, left without breakfast and won't be returning. I am also a small business owner and my motto is the customer is always right. Clearly, that is not the motto here.

LORALIE BRENNEN
Prospect Road

Demanding accountability for mandatory spending

Editor, Townsman:

Whichever side of the recent Town Meeting vote on the school budget you fell on, let's please not forget an important question. Where's the accountability for the elected officials who put us into this mess, who put a gun to the head of the voters and forced us to choose between taxes and teachers?

Even supporters of higher school budget funding conceded this: The school budget has skyrocketed

— faster than inflation, faster than economic growth, faster than student or general population growth — because of mandatory spending, principally because of unfunded legal mandates and collective bargaining contracts. The refrain was, "We'll lay off teachers because we can't touch the mandatory spending."

So, where's the accountability for our representatives on Beacon Hill who imposed these mandates? Former state Sen. Barry Finegold, current Sen. and former state Rep. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, and others should answer for jeopardizing basic services by passing feel-good laws that stick local taxpayers with the bills. Where's the accountability for the School Committee members who approved these collective bargaining contracts? The stated excuse was, "We assumed we would be able to raise taxes to the maximum limit." In other words, they assumed the tax-and-spend gravy train would never end, so they spent future income for immediate gratification.

The choice between teachers and taxes was unpleasant, divisive and totally unnecessary. If we keep voting for politicians

who don't act responsibly with mandatory spending, this internal strife over basic services will only get worse.

TRAVIS BLAIS
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MVRTA bus 'attractive' option to commuter rail

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to point out that there is a very attractive public transportation option for commuting to Boston in addition to the train. It is the MVRTA commuter bus.

Its schedule does not work for everyone, but it is clean and comfortable, keeps a good schedule, the drivers are courteous, and the fare is reasonable. The commute time does depend on traffic conditions, but someone else is driving and using the HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) lane. During this winter's storms, I think we on the bus probably fared better than anyone commuting to Boston.

I like trains and think the commuter rail could be a much more attractive option than it is. I feel very lucky to have the MVRTA with the trains as a backup.

KATHY BAIRD
10 Robandy Road

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TownsBeat

ROUGH RESPECT

Rugby Club breeding legion of new devotees to the sport

BY TIM LIMA

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It's known as a hooligan's game played by gentlemen. But in Andover, ladies take the field as well.

Four years ago, Andover High School's Rugby Club began as part of one student's senior exhibition project.

What started as a small, completely student-run group has quickly blossomed into a 30-member, co-ed team of students who simply enjoy playing the game.

Co-captain Joe Vano, 18, a senior at Andover High, runs the club with classmates Roberto Reyese and Max Drew.

Vano said that the team-first approach that rugby encompasses is what has drawn the attention of players.

"It's a complete brotherhood," he said. "We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores on the team, so there's a lot of kids that I'd never have met if not for the club. It's a good way to introduce the young kids into the school and hang out with them."

By brotherhood, Vano means sisterhood, too. Three of his teammates are female.

The sport of rugby is considered by many to be comparable to football. But there are some glaring differences. Rugby is played with a larger, rounder ball and players record a "try" as opposed to a touchdown when they cross the end zone, earning five points for the score.

While the art of tackling is paramount in both sports, rugby players don't wear pads. And while football is almost exclusively a forward-passing game, the forward pass is outlawed in rugby. To advance down field, rugby teams must carry or kick the ball and passes must be either lateral or directed backward.

Chris Ranwell is the Andover High club's volunteer coach. A former rugby player in England, Ranwell said he was approached in 2012 by club founder Chris Newton who wanted to get the group off the ground.

"He said he wanted help from someone who had rugby experience," said Ranwell, 50, whose son played hockey with Newton and whose daughter was a classmate of his.

Ranwell stepped in to guide the team, which is part of the Massachusetts Youth Rugby Organization. The statewide organization oversees the scheduling and record keeping.

He said several students have gone on to continue playing rugby in college, with their high school training giving them the ability to walk onto teams. The sport helps them to get acclimated to the college environment and gives them a way to meet others who enjoy the game, too, Ranwell added.

Andover's squad practices twice a week to prepare for its club games against area schools. While fundraising efforts foot the bill for some of the team's expenses, such as buses to away games and jerseys, much of the costs are paid for out of members' own pockets, with support from Andover Youth Services.

What drives students to pay for a largely unknown club sport, rather than taking to baseball, softball or lacrosse?

"I'm a pretty big guy, so I played football for many years," Vano said. "The initial attraction to rugby was just touching the ball and making some glory plays — scoring. It's an amazing game."

In its first year, the team went undefeated on its way to a state title. Wins have been harder to come by this season. Andover started out slow and found itself on the losing end of its first two games of the year against Cambridge and Brookline, the two toughest teams in the league.

But to members, there's more to being involved with the club than game outcomes.

"There have been many good friendships evolving from the rugby club," Vano said. "Since starting two years ago, I've fallen in love with it."

He said the appearance that rugby gives of being "just a bunch of people running around smacking the hell out of each other" isn't a wholly accurate one. In rugby, more so than other sports, he said the respect players show to their opponents is unmatched.

"They say it's a hooligan's game played by gentlemen," he said.

"There's no back talking or trash talking. There's a lot of respect for people on the other side, because they're going through the same thing you are."

After games, Vano said, the home team oftentimes hosts a meal for the visitors.

"In America, there's nothing else like it," he said.



Andover High Rugby Club players Max Drew, 18, left, and Caden Bailey, 15, toss rugby balls past each other as part of a drill during practice.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos



Members of the Andover High Rugby Club stretch before a practice at Recreation Park. The rugby ball, foreground, is a slightly larger, rounder version of the football.



Andover High Rugby Club senior co-captain Joe Vano, 18, right, tries to put some distance between himself and Simon Pereira, 17, during a recent practice.



Kevin Trebicka, 15, tries to dash around Pat Ritchie, 18, during Rugby Club practice at Recreation Park.



Assistant coach Calum Tilston gives the Andover High Rugby Club some pointers during a water break.



Xo-captain Joe Vano, 18, right, is snagged by Simon Pereira, 17, during practice. Unlike football, rugby players don't wear pads. But tackling remains paramount to the game.



Assistant coach Calum Tilston watches from the ground as Graham Focke, 15, scoops up his own fumble during a recent practice at Recreation Park.



Kevin Trebicka, 15, right, attempts to grab Graham Focke, 15, after the latter recovers a loose ball during practice. Rugby has been called a hooligan's game played by gentlemen.



Joe Vano, 18, right, kicks the ball as Pat Ritchie, 18, follows during Rugby Club practice. In rugby, players advance the ball by kicking and carrying it, with only lateral and backward passing allowed.

WRITING FROM WITHIN

Young author draws from own life for pre-teen novel

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It was the day of the One Direction concert and Chloe and her group of best friends were super-psyched because they had tickets.

Then, her parents got involved with a last-minute, must-go family event in Nantucket on the same summer day. The concert was now a no-go for Chloe and her sixth-grade pals. Doors slammed, tears flowed and Chloe's precious copy of "City of Bones" was dropped in disbelief. The teenage drama was about to begin.

That's the opening scene in a new book, "Summer with a Twist." Written by Doherty Middle School sixth-grader Citra (pronounced Cheet-ra) Tenore, it's 234 pages of middle-school girl drama that realistically captures the issues that bother Chloe at this point in her life.

Those four yucky boy cousins whom she must spend a weekend with lead her long list of annoyances. Her younger brother is also on that list, while having the whole middle row in the family's SUV to herself on long drives is super cool, so

that's not among her current crop of grievances.

"I wanted the story to be real ... I wanted the reader to hear Chloe," said 12-year-old Citra, who has a real-life younger brother, too.

The daughter of John and Rina Tenore, the first-time author spent several months last year working on the self-published piece of fiction, at times sequestering herself in her bedroom at night for five-hour marathon writing sessions.

The characters are loosely based on people in Citra's life, while some of the pre-teen mishaps and freaky issues in the book are exaggerated versions of her own experiences.

Citra said she hoped to "... make every pre-teen feel like they're looking in

IF YOU GO

What: Launch for pre-teen author Citra Tenore's debut book, "Summer with a Twist"
When: Saturday, May 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover
More information: www.CitraTenore.com



COURTESY PHOTO

The book cover for "Summer with a Twist" by pre-teen author Citra Tenore.

a mirror" when they read about Chloe, a smart, sarcastically funny character.

"I just really wanted this book to be a real story about a middle-schooler. ... I write about what bugs us, that's all," said Citra, who is bugged by silence and clowns, but loves thrill rides at amusement parks. "... It's writing with real thoughts, words and emotions about the things that pre-teens experience."

She dedicated the book to her fourth- and fifth-grade

teachers at South Elementary School, who always encouraged her to write, Citra said.

Fifth-grade teacher Melissa Nussbaum said she was honored to be one of the teachers Citra acknowledges in her book.

"I was shocked that Citra wrote and published an entire novel in nine months," Nussbaum wrote in an email. "Citra was a thoughtful, creative writer in fifth grade. She always took great care editing her work."

Nussbaum added, "What I remember most about Citra and her writing was that she needed a lot of encouragement to share her stories with others. But when she did, her audience was always entertained and impressed."

The very shy Citra remembers reading a story out loud in fifth grade and that experience helped her come out of her shell.

"I remember how that made me realize just how much I enjoy entertaining others through my writing," she said.

Citra will formally launch "Summer with a Twist" at a reading and book-signing later this month at



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Citra Tenore tells a group of fifth-graders at South Elementary School how she got the ideas and inspiration for her new book, "Summer with a Twist." The work of fiction draws on the 12-year-old's own experiences as a pre-teen girl.

Memorial Hall Library. Copies of the book (\$8.99) will be available for purchase and signing.

Then she will turn her attention back to the next book in the series of Chloe's middle-school adventures.

West Parish History Walk, lantern festival and more

A Spring History Walk through West Parish Garden Cemetery on Reservation Road sets out Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants will enjoy a beautiful morning walk while learning all about the history and the notable people buried in the garden cemetery. The walk will also include a tour and overview of the chapel at West Parish featuring original Tiffany stained-glass windows.

The free event goes off rain or shine from the arch at West Parish.

Also coming up at West Parish:

■ Children's Garden Spring Festival is planned for Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to celebrate spring with various activities for families and children up to 8 years old. Youngsters will be able to pet baby farm animals from the

Enchanted Animal Farm, play in the sandbox, plant seeds and watch them grow, learn to tell time using the sun dial, and build a fairy house or take a scavenger hunt. The festival will be held at the Children's Garden at West Parish Garden Cemetery. Admission is free.

■ The annual Family Lantern Festival is set for Saturday, June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The community is welcome to experience the spectacular lighting event based on an ancient Asian ritual. Participants will decorate lanterns to send messages of faith, love and peace as well as remember loved ones with their names on lanterns.

The event will include entertainment on the lawn starting at 7 p.m.; bring a lawn chair or blanket. All lanterns will be launched together on the pond at sunset. Admission is free.

Out & About: Clown Town returns for weekend of old-time fun

Clown Town returns to Andover this weekend, transforming The Park in downtown into an old-time community carnival for the two-day event.

The town tradition hosted by The Andona Society opens Friday, May 15, from 6 to 10 p.m., and continues Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Heavy rain postponement date is Sunday, May 17, from noon to 6 p.m.

There will be rides for all ages, games, activities, food, music and more, all based at The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets.

Proceeds go to supporting local programs benefiting the town's young people. Admission to Clown Town is free. There is a charge for the rides and various activities. Visit www.andona.org for more information.

Phillips music ensembles set to perform

Phillips Academy's a cappella society, Symphony and Chamber Orchestra are preparing to give their spring concerts on the Andover campus over the next two weekends.

The Fidelio Society, a select a cappella choir of 18 voices, leads things off this Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m. in Cochran Chapel,



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Gabriella DiVincenzo of Andover, one of the student directors in Lawrence Academy's production of one-act plays, performs alongside Gary Lai, right, in a scene from the recent staging of "Lungs" at the Groton school.

180 Main St.

The society is the oldest musical organization on Andover Hill. Its program will include madrigals, sacred songs, contemporary music and folk songs.

Next weekend, the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras take the stage, performing Friday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m., also in Cochran Chapel.

The program will include the music of Klaus Badelt, George Gershwin, James Newton Howard and Michael Giacchino under the

direction of Christina Landolt and Elizabeth Aureden; Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for String Orchestra in C Major, Op. 48," and John Williams' "Star Wars Suite for Orchestra" under the direction of James Orent.

Featured performers will be senior violinist Joshua Henderson performing the first and second movements of Wieniawski's "Violin Concerto No. 2, Op. 22" and senior pianist Seho Young performing the first movement of Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor,

Op. 18" under the direction of Orent.

Admission to both concerts is free. The public is welcome. For more information, contact the Music Department at Phillips at 978-749-4260 or email music@andover.edu.

Local trio joins tradition of student-directed plays

Three Andover students will band with Lawrence Academy's Honors Theatre Ensemble this weekend in carrying out the Groton school's well-established tradition — a production of student-directed, one-act plays.

The production of eight works of varying styles and genres is a fast-paced romp through theater. And the audience gets a close-up view of it all as they join the performers on the stage of the school's Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center in an intimate seating arrangement created specifically for the event.

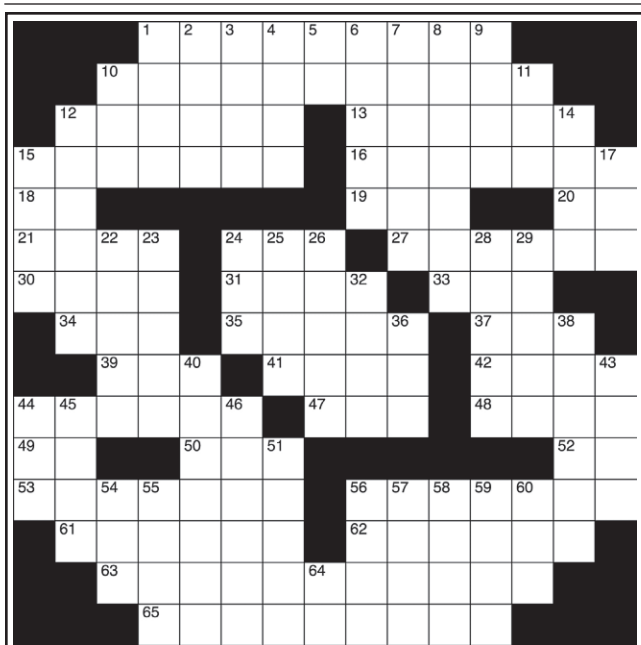
Senior Gabriella DiVincenzo, a member of the Honors Theatre Ensemble who recently appeared in the group's in-the-round performance of Duncan MacMillan's "Lungs," will be directing fellow students in "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind" by the NeoFuturists.

Junior Emily Pisacreta, who performs frequently at school with the dance program, will be making her acting debut under DiVincenzo's direction.

Senior Maddy Thero, who previously appeared in an original production called "Oklahoma! City," will participate as a member of the cast of "Medea" by Wendy Wasserstein, directed by senior Hannah Davis of Concord.

Performances are this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact theater director Joel Sugerman at jsugerman@academy.edu.

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



CLUES ACROSS

- Library furnishings
- A major N. Am. river
- Music for a narrative poem
- A set of steps
- Shooting stars
- Keenly perceptive
- ___ denotes past
- "3:10 to Yuma" actress Gretchen
- Old English
- Sami
- Brake horsepower
- Interlocks
- Twofold
- Green, iced and Earl Grey
- Maddie and ___ singers
- Bridge-building degree

CLUES DOWN

- Digestive fluid
- Capital of Norway
- Plural of os
- Young goats
- "Peanuts" creator's initials
- State in NE India
- Type of TV program
- Shoulder adornment
- Meat-roasting rod
- Protective floor pad
- Anger
- Spread over
- Blackthorn fruit
- Commingle
- Affirmative
- Horse used to set the pace
- Appeals
- British thermal unit
- Complex red organic pigment containing iron

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- Flat-topped flower cluster
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- Tayra genus
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- Rags
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- In a way, aided
- Humilities
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- Scientific research workplace
- Purplish red
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- Commercial-free TV station
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Education

\$2M upgrade to Andover High library fails by 6 votes

By TIM LIMA

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A \$1.95 million proposal to upgrade the Andover High School library/media center fell six votes shy of approval last week on the second night of Town Meeting.

The project, aimed at alleviating overcrowding and creating a more modern space for students, needed a two-thirds majority vote to move forward. While it won the support of 206 voters, it needed 212 votes to pass. There were 112 voters opposed.

In presenting the article, School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert said that today's 10,400-square-foot high school library reflects what libraries once were — quiet learning areas designed for study and whisper.

The modern-day library is less in need of bookshelves and in greater need of space, acoustics and accessibility to allow for group learning and instruction, Gilbert said.

The warrant article had the full support of both the School Committee and Board of Selectmen. But five of eight Finance Committee members opposed it, unsure of its necessity and concerned about unplanned costs with the project — including the

price tag tied to the potential removal of asbestos.

Recent graduate Dan O'Leary also questioned the overall need for the project.

"I graduated last year, and I didn't see a need for renovations to the library during my tenure at AHS," he said.

He said the school faces more dire needs — such as updated computer processing systems. Currently, he said, all school computers work on Windows XP — something he said is "very outdated."

But Selectman Alex Vispoli voiced support for the renovations, saying that the library is cramped and dark.

"When you're in the library, you feel like you're in the bottom of a basement somewhere," he said. "New libraries are open. We feel it's a high return on an investment for a high school that has bigger issues facing it down the road."

For Neil Senior of Alderbrook Road, that was the reason he recommended a no vote.

"The high school needs much greater attention and has bigger problems that need to be addressed," he said, noting his concern with spending \$2 million to fix only part of the problem.

Several school funding requests gain Town Meeting OK

While Town Meeting turned down improvements to the Andover High School library, it supported many of the School Department requests brought to a vote last week.

Town Meeting kicked off by approving a school budget that was \$423,000 higher than what the Board of Selectmen had proposed. The \$73,296,591 spending plan for fiscal 2016, which starts July 1, will cost the average homeowner roughly \$30 more in property taxes.

It allows six classroom teachers to be spared from layoffs. The schools will now need to cut four or five full-time classroom teachers to stay within the budget.

Here's how Town Meeting voted on other School Department requests:

Andover High School Track

The track and field stars at Andover High will soon have a new surface to run on. Town Meeting approved \$250,000 to resurface the track with a new rubberized athletic surface and sub-base. The project will

be funded using \$148,767 in free cash and \$101,233 transferred from unspent funds.

West Elementary School Improvements

Town Meeting OK'd \$319,000 for design and engineering services to repair and renovate West Elementary School. Improvements will focus on school safety, circulation, drainage and infrastructure needs. The request had the full support of the Finance Committee, but was unanimously opposed by the Board of Selectmen.

Funding for the actual construction, estimated at approximately \$3.2 million, will be sought at next year's Town Meeting.

Building Maintenance and Renovation

Improvements at several schools to the tune of \$455,000 were approved by Town Meeting. The money will be used to upgrade the lighting to both walkway entrances to Lovely Field, renovate life skills classroom 375 at Andover High

School, repair and repaint the exterior masonry at Doherty Middle School, replace the seat cushions in West Middle School auditorium and complete the second phase of sealing the remaining exterior masonry to Wood Hill and High Plain Middle School walls. The funds will be borrowed and repaid by the town over 10 years.

Shawsheen School Lease

Town Meeting charged the Board of Selectmen with petitioning the Legislature to change the 1923 deed for Shawsheen Elementary School, which was the former site of American Woolen Company. The petition will seek approval to allow the building to be used for general municipal purposes as well as administrative offices for both school and town departments. The building is currently designated for school use.

A request for \$130,000 to be raised to pay for an office space and reuse study for the Shawsheen School was withdrawn. Both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen had

recommended disapproval.

Safety and Security Upgrades

Town Meeting approved \$600,000 in safety and security communications upgrades to school and municipal facilities. Officials said every town and school building currently has different communication capabilities available in individual offices and classrooms. While some rooms have no communication capability, others have very limited service.

The article will fund the installation of a new state-of-the-art digital system with full voice capabilities, online unified communications, two-way paging, real-time clocks and integrated schedule and bell management. Officials said the upgrades will provide "critical life-safety enhancements to improve communication in the event of fire, natural disaster or intruder situations."

The request had the full support of the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee.

— Tim Lima, staff writer



Charlie Dankens as Chad, seated, rehearses a scene from West Middle School's "High School Musical." Courtesy photos

Grant to fund West Elementary security cameras

Security cameras are in the works for West Elementary School thanks to an almost \$5,000 grant from the town's insurance carrier.

In recognition of the town's commitment to safety and controlling costs, Andover has been awarded a \$4,998 loss control grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association to enhance security at West Elementary.

The addition of the security cameras will allow real-time oversight of the elementary school, rapid response to property crimes, and evidence documentation in the case of a loss. The cameras will help safeguard against theft and vandalism, protect the public, and mitigate potential and future financial

losses to the town, officials said in a release.

MIIA, which provides property and casualty insurance to the town, awards loss control grants to its member municipalities to fund equipment purchases and implementation training programs that address safety and loss prevention issues. These efforts are aimed at helping protect the town, its employees and citizens by avoiding accidents and potentially costly claims.

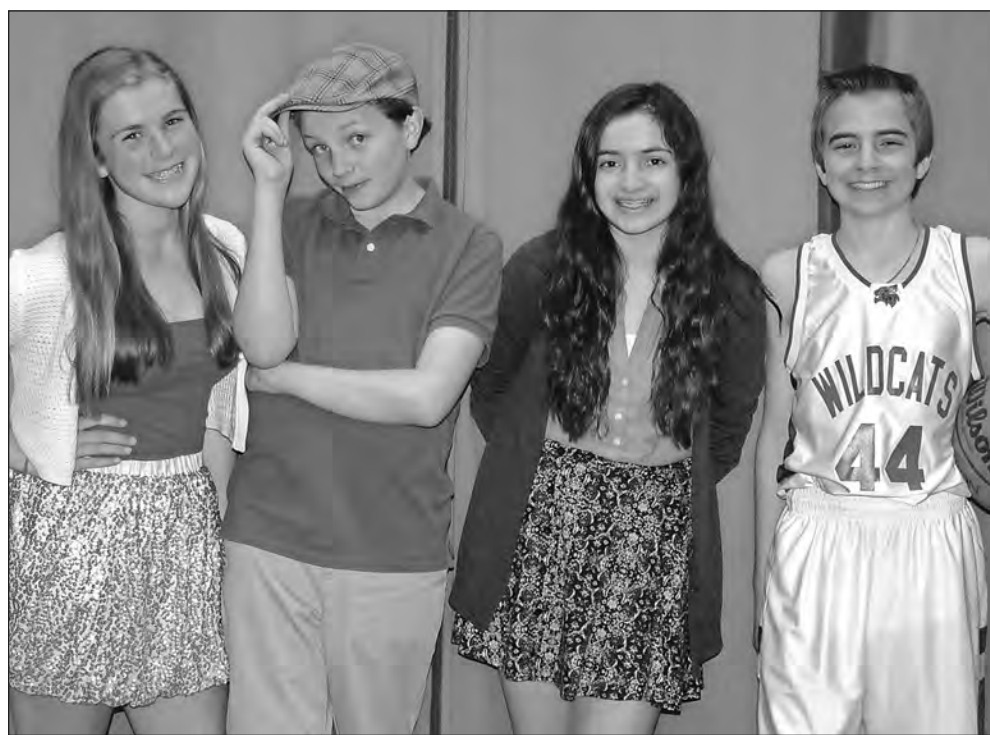
As the nonprofit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, MIIA insures nearly 400 cities, towns and other public entities in the state. For more information, visit www.emiia.org and www.mma.org.

Wildly popular 'Musical' bound for West Middle

West Middle School transforms into East High School this weekend for the Drama Club's production of Disney's smash hit "High School Musical."

Under the direction of West teachers Katie Simko and Emily Lapointe and starring a talented cast of students, the family production of the wildly popular movie is filled with the kind of songs that will get audiences dancing in their seats.

The show will be performed Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 17, at 1 p.m. in the West Middle School Auditorium on Shawsheen Road. Tickets are \$10, with children under 5, and available at the door.



Ready to take the stage in West Middle School's production of "High School Musical" are, from left, Jessica Shay as Sharpay, Spencer Daniel as Ryan, Sofia Garcia as Gabriella and Alex Vassilopoulos as Troy.

Student peer mediators fine-tune skills at forum

Peer mediators from Andover High School participated in North Shore Community Mediation Center's 12th annual Peer Mediators Forum last month at the Peabody Marriott Hotel.

The students observed a simulated mediation, which was a role-play focused on social media and how conflicts arise when actions are taken too far online. They also practiced and fine-tuned their mediation skills and addressed the ethical issues one faces as a mediator.

Honorable Amy L. Nechem, chief justice of the Juvenile Court, highlighted her life and career in the forum's opening address.

Peer mediation is a voluntary, confidential way for students to resolve conflicts and improve relationships. It has become increasingly

widespread as part of the broader effort to cultivate a culture of peace and safety in schools. Student mediators help their peers listen to each other, identify key wants and needs, and generate options to end disputes.

Andover High peer mediators Fatouma Kone, Cece Root, Rosalie Schwaebler, Larry Zhu, Neal Callahan and Kim Bergey were joined at the forum by representatives from Lowell, Peabody and Cambridge Rindge and Latin high schools, Triton Regional High in Byfield and Amesbury Middle and High schools.

For more information about peer mediation, call Anya McDavitt, director of youth programs at the North Shore center, at 978-232-0002 or visit www.nsmediation.org.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

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West team top prize-winner at Science Trivia Challenge

Five West Middle School eighth-graders recently took top prize in the middle school division of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Science Trivia Challenge.

Students Floyd Greenwood, Sara Earl, Adam McKnight, Mitchell Duerr and Ayan Chowdhury participated in the event as part of the Cambridge Science Festival, and earned a dinner with Nobel Lauriat and MIT Professor Richard Schrock, scheduled to occur in June.

The MIT Science Trivia Challenge is a team event that quizzes participants on biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, astronomy, computer science, earth sciences, inventions, local contributions to science and other subjects, according to its website.

Octopus expert, author to talk at Memorial Hall Library

Can an octopus have a mind and feelings, much less a soul? Nationally best-selling author Sy Montgomery thinks so, and she will be on hand to explain why on Wednesday, May 20, at

7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

In working with scientists researching these intriguing mollusks, Montgomery established such close friendships with giant Pacific octopuses that the animals would rise from their tanks to greet her, and then embrace her with thousands of powerful, white suckers.

Montgomery is the author of "The Soul of an Octopus" and "The Octopus Scientists." She has traveled from the cloud forest of Papua New Guinea to the Altai Mountains of the Gobi in pursuit of her work.

A book sale and signing will follow her presentation.

Ballplayer gives back at spring training

The pros could learn a thing from Worcester Academy junior Alexander Brickman of Andover.

As part of his baseball team's annual trip to Fort Pierce, Fla., to practice at the New York Mets spring training facility, Brickman spent some time with elementary school children at the C.A. Moore Elementary School. He and his teammates tutored students, read to them and even led their yearly spree day.

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



Andover High School peer mediators who attended the 12th annual Peer Mediators Forum include, from left, Larry Zhu, Neal Callahan, Fatouma Kone, Cece Root, Rosalie Schwaebler and Kim Bergey. COURTESY PHOTO

A Landmark moment

'Underdog' student pens winning letter of inspiration

By TIM LIMA
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For 17-year-old Matt Pramas, this is a victory lap.

Diagnosed with dyslexia prior to the third grade, the Andover student has spent the last eight years learning within the walls of Landmark School in Prides Crossing, which serves students with language-based learning disabilities.

"Writing never came easy to me," Pramas said. "I worked hard at it, and had a number of very inspirational teachers along the way."

But though his road to clear writing and fluent reading skills has been rockier than many, the high school junior's recent achievement has proven that he's made it.

Pramas was recently named one of 15 Massachusetts finalists in a regional writing competition that drew submissions from more than 3,000 students.

Called the Massachusetts Letters About Literature Contest, it tasked students with researching an author and thinking critically about the

impact of the writer's work. From there, applicants wrote a letter to their chosen author explaining how their work had influenced them.

Pramas chose the late Christopher Hitchens, who died in 2011 from cancer. The accomplished author, co-author and editor put his mark on more than 30 books, ranging in topic from politics to literature and religion.

"(Hitchens) was tremendously inspirational to me in terms of the way he wrote and the topics he wrote about," Pramas said. "He was an incredible educator, an intellectual person and wrote as he spoke."

In his letter to Hitchens, Pramas offered his thanks.

"Having been born with a language-based learning disability, I found and still find myself on the opposite wing of the majority," Pramas wrote. "But this near constant has led me to often willingly bring myself against the common rule."

"Over this current epoch, I have been educated on the great value of the underdog, and nothing less than a

significant thanking goes to you."

While Pramas is grateful to all his teachers, he said one in particular stands out.

Ed Storey, aptly named given his role as Landmark School's literature teacher, knows that his students don't often take kindly to writing. He said his goal has been to motivate his students, encouraging them to want to go to battle to acquire knowledge.

"I designed a competitive writing class a few years ago," Storey said. "My students — they're not writers instinctively. I wanted to make them want to write, and entering in this competition helps them look upon writing favorably."

Participation in the contest isn't a course requirement, Storey said, but many of his students take part anyway. He guides them by using the letters of former winners, breaking those works down to explain the organization of a successful submission.

For Pramas, this made all the difference.

"Landmark helps most by being aggressive organizers,"



Courtesy photo

Matt Pramas counts Landmark School literature teacher Edward Storey as among the educators who influenced him to overcome the challenges of dyslexia and succeed in the classroom.

he said. "They help to organize our thoughts, so that we can focus on the best way to combine them into what we want to say. Students here are exceptional thinkers — we just need graphic organizers to help us put our thoughts onto paper."

This year, 13 Landmark students submitted letters for the contest. Of those,

two were finalists, and one was a semi-finalist. Pramas' classmate, Eliza Wildes from Groveland, was the other top finisher from the school.

Pramas, the son of Nick and Diane Pramas and brother to Caroline, will receive an award for his accomplishment at the State House in Boston on Monday, May 18.

"It's a remarkable

achievement for these students, Matty and Eliza," Storey said. "They work incredibly hard and if you compared them to other students from the state, you'd find that they put in three or four times more effort in their studies."

"Two of the top 15 finalists (in the competition) are students at Landmark, so what we're doing here is working."

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Three Andover students were recognized for academic excellence during Cum Laude Day ceremonies last month at Lawrence Academy in Groton.

Senior **Gabriella DiVincenzo** was selected by the faculty to receive both The Eleanor and Cameron Smith Poetry Prize and The Class of 1965 Prize for Theatre.

Senior **Hannah Currie** and junior **Emily Pisacreta** were inducted into the school's chapter of the Cum Laude Society. Eligible students must be juniors or seniors who are in the top 20 percent of their class. Students, who must also demonstrate good character, honor and integrity, are chosen for the honor by faculty vote.

Currie will be continuing her studies in the fall at New York University in the Clive Davis School of Recorded Music within the Tisch School of the Arts.



Gabriella DiVincenzo

THE PIKE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the Term 2 honor roll at The Pike School in Andover:

HIGH HONORS

Grade nine: Izzy DiAdamo, Christian DiVincenzo, Nell Fitts, Domingo Gonzalez, Helen Salvatore, Suning Wang

Grade eight: Amolina Bhat, Zenia Bhatena, Amanda Brooks, Emma Brown, Cathy Cheng, Jack Curtin, Samantha Davidson, Lauren Fanning, Sabrina Gribbel, Ava Harrington, Abigail Johnson, Anna Lang, Tristan Latham, Emily Michaels, Mari Nakamura, Meredith Newton, Joshua Quirk, Rolando Rabines, Clay Rabold, Sarika Rao, Lily Rauh, Alice Ren, Nicholas Rice, Cade Rose, Nick Tilson, Katie Tsai, Ria Vieira

Grade seven: Kaela Aalto, Katie Brooks, David Chatson, Sophie Green, Ronit Gupta, Livy Hodge, Nikki Iamonaco, Nakul Iyer, Olivia Lai, Samantha Lee, Emily Ma, Aidan Marzeotti, Cassidy McGoldrick, Jonathan Mei, Jennifer Mills, Ishaan Mundra, Charlie Murphy, Aidan O'Brien, Katelyn O'Brien, Jack Palfrey, Therese Pelletier, Prem Prabhakar, Sophia Ranalli, Cameron Riley, Wil Rinaldi, Lindi Schroeder, Maddy Silveira, Carly Tilson, Rachel Tucker, Emma Willard, Charles Yang, Estelle Zhu

Grade six: Pratik Alladi, Jessica Andrews, Lizzy Chai, Emily Chen, Amelia Cheng, Tyler Corsi, Max Fan, Gracie Flanagan, Alex Fung, Logan Gauthier, Ethan Gerakariz,

Emily Huang, Katy Hylton, Talia Jachimowicz, Graeleigh Jones, Tanay Kommareddi, Meera Kumar, Zoe Maver, Kate McCullom, Kendall McCullom, David O'Brien, Elizabeth Packard, Bennett Pease, Steve Rosario, Andrés Rosas, Alex Ruan, Caroline Samoluk, Anya Sanchorawala, Yuting Shi, Jerry Shu, Chenchen Song, Isabel Torio, Leah Towler, Aria Uva, Alicia Wang, Ethan Weissman, Stephanie Yang, Emily Zhao

HONORS

Grade nine: Chris Mellen, Jack O'Connell, Christopher Ogden, Claire Sweeney

Grade eight: Max Alibrandi, Jack Anthony, Bella Borek, Mia Borek, Clayton Britt, Max Chaban, Aki Charland, Nicholas Coutracos, Daniel

DeLaus, Jonathan Gonzalez, Ben Heinze, Barrett Hodgson, Nikhil Khot, Brianna Lawlor, Amy Liu, Renae Lorden, Kaleigh Lyons, Carissa Mastangelo, Naimah McDonald, Tyler McGoldrick, Kaitlyn McKinnon, Vinay Metlapalli, Julianne Meyers, Reverie Nedde, Kailey O'Neill, Hannah Onofrio, Zach Papapetros, Kenyon Pelletier, Elena Ranalli, Jordan Richard, Abby Zerbey

Grade seven: Madison Abraham, Charlie Addesa, Tommy Aitken, Ian Aulbach, Brian Barker-Morrill, Eric Bishop, Cameron Bulens, Rachel Burba, Taylor Charpentier, Chloe Colby, Thano Danas, Elisa DiGiammo, Chloe Ginsberg, Douglas Hazel, Grace Hennessy, Dallion Johnson,

Zoe Katz, Jacob Lapp, Myles McIntyre, Isabela Miller, Brooke Murphy, Claire Nagahiro, Liam Nestor, Casey O'Neill, Matthew Onofrio, Catherine Payne, Katy Riley, James Rogus, Vanessa Shipley, Abigail Vieira, Taylor Willis

Grade six: Kai Charland, Andy Cheng, Aniah Curtis, Demetra Danas, Alec Dempster, Ava DiVincenzo, Bianca Drouin, Andrew Fitzgerald, Kane Goodman, Avinaash Janarthanan, Ethan Kirby, Brady Lawlor, Alexandra Mastangelo, Teddy Mautz, Daniel Meehan, Derek Munroe, Ana Nikolopoulos, Thomas O'Connell, Paige Peters, Emma Riley, Cassie Robinson, Daniela Rosas, Sarah Wang, Michael Yu

ST. JOHN'S PREP HONOR ROLL

The following local students earned academic honors for the third quarter at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers:

HEADMASTER'S LIST

Juniors: Matthew Chiasson, Pete Dankert, John Romano
Sophomore: Andrew Selima
Freshmen: John Donovan, Timothy Hornick, Thomas Pendleton, Michael Slattery

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Senior: Walker Martin
Juniors: Oliver Eberth, Dillon Preston, Joseph Straceski
Sophomores: John Fraser, Ryan Lattanzio, Cole Sawyer
Freshmen: Matthew Garesche,

Kyle Lattanzio, Amol Raisiniani, Daniel Regan

HONOR ROLL

Juniors: William Hartnett, Joshua Hurst, Joshua Katz, Francis Straceski, David Yepez

Sophomores: Parker Cain, Alexander Dalton, Santiago Jacome, Christopher Kennedy

Freshmen: Evan Cavanaugh, Richard Hart, Connor Hurley, John Rickards

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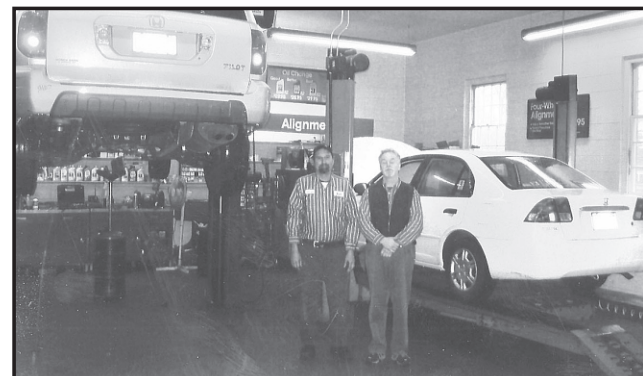
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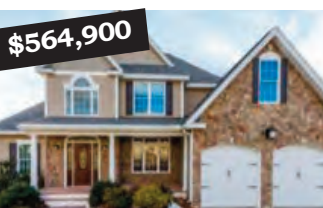
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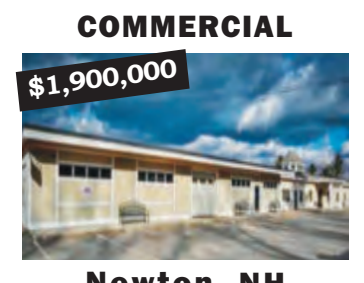
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Essex Probate and Family Court
45 Congress Street
Salem, MA 01970
(978) 744-1020
Docket No. ES15C0075CA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
In the matter of:
Lorene Eunice Lamb
Of: Andover, MA
To all persons interested in petition described: A petition has been presented by Lorene E Lamb requesting that:
Lorene Eunice Lamb be allowed to change his/her name as follows:
Lorene Eunice Lola Platt
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Salem
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 06/01/2015
WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 23, 2015
Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
AT - 5/14/15

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
Essex Division
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. ES15P1305EA
Estate of:
James E. Allen
Date of Death: March 2, 2015
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner Liane E. Allen of S. Ryegate, VT
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
AT - 5/14/15

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Essex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. ES15P1245EA
Estate of:
Delores Anne Sheehan
Also known as:
Delores A. Sheehan
Date of Death: 03/25/2015
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Dennis J. Vecchi of Andover, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
And also requesting that:
Dennis J. Vecchi of Andover, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on 06/01/2015**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 30, 2015
Pamela A Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
AT - 5/14/15

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Sunday May 16, 8:00am-2pm

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Rain Date is May 30th.
Toys, bikes, baby gear, outdoor toys, clothing, CDs, DVDs, books, electronics and housewares will be for sale. There will be something for everyone!

Moving SALE
ANDOVER, #2 & #7 Homestead Circle.TWO HOUSES! Household items, furniture, lamps, rugs, crystal, clothing, jewelry. Friday 5/15 & Saturday 5/16 8 AM-12 PM

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DANVILLE NH - Sat May 16th, 8am-3pm
MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE
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Legals
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Andover
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES
The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the lists committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover, by the Board of Assessors of said Andover, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Andover, on Friday, May 29, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.
Robert F. Burke. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 9 Nancy Circle, shown as Parcel 35 on Assessors' Map 63, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 3538, P. 11, and Ex. Probate Case No. 11P1017. Supposed subsequent owners: Ryan P. Burke, Shannon E. Burke and James T. Burke.
2012 tax (bal) \$3,904.54
2012 sewer bett int. \$701.80
2013 sewer bett \$825.65
Jeanne M. Dennis. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 59 Belle Haven Dr., shown as Parcel 13 on Assessors' Map 227, being Lots 56 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 36053-E and Lot 59 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 36053-F, described in Ex. No. Dist. Cert. of Title 16084.
2012 tax \$8,591.88
2014 tax \$9,191.49
Greencourt Realty Trust, Dana Willis, Trustee. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 280 South Main St., shown as Parcel2 on Assessors' Map 59, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 5912 P. 253.
2009 tax (hal) \$25,536.38
2009 sewer bett int. \$452.54
2010 tax \$26,464.42
2010 sewer bett int. \$848.08
2011 tax \$26,743.28
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2012 tax \$27,859.94
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Claire Lemieux. Land in said Andover at 19 Juliette St., shown as Parcel 157B on Assessors' Map 51, being the Westerly portion of Lot 36 on a Plan recorded in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, Pl. B. 10, Pl. 479.
2012 tax \$9.90
2013 tax \$10.16
Richard M. Sullivan and Mary F. Sullivan. Land in said Andover on Dascamb Rd., shown as Parcel 8 on Assessors' Map 203, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1024, P. 104.
2011 tax \$70.60
2012 tax \$53.76
2013 tax \$55.14
Gayle Wells. Land in said Andover on Webster St., shown as Parcel 3 on Assessors' Map 127, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 10537, P. 198.
2012 tax (bal) \$33.72
2013 tax \$161.06
2014 tax \$168.50
David J. Reilly
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover
(This form approved by the Department of Revenue.)
AT - 5/14/15

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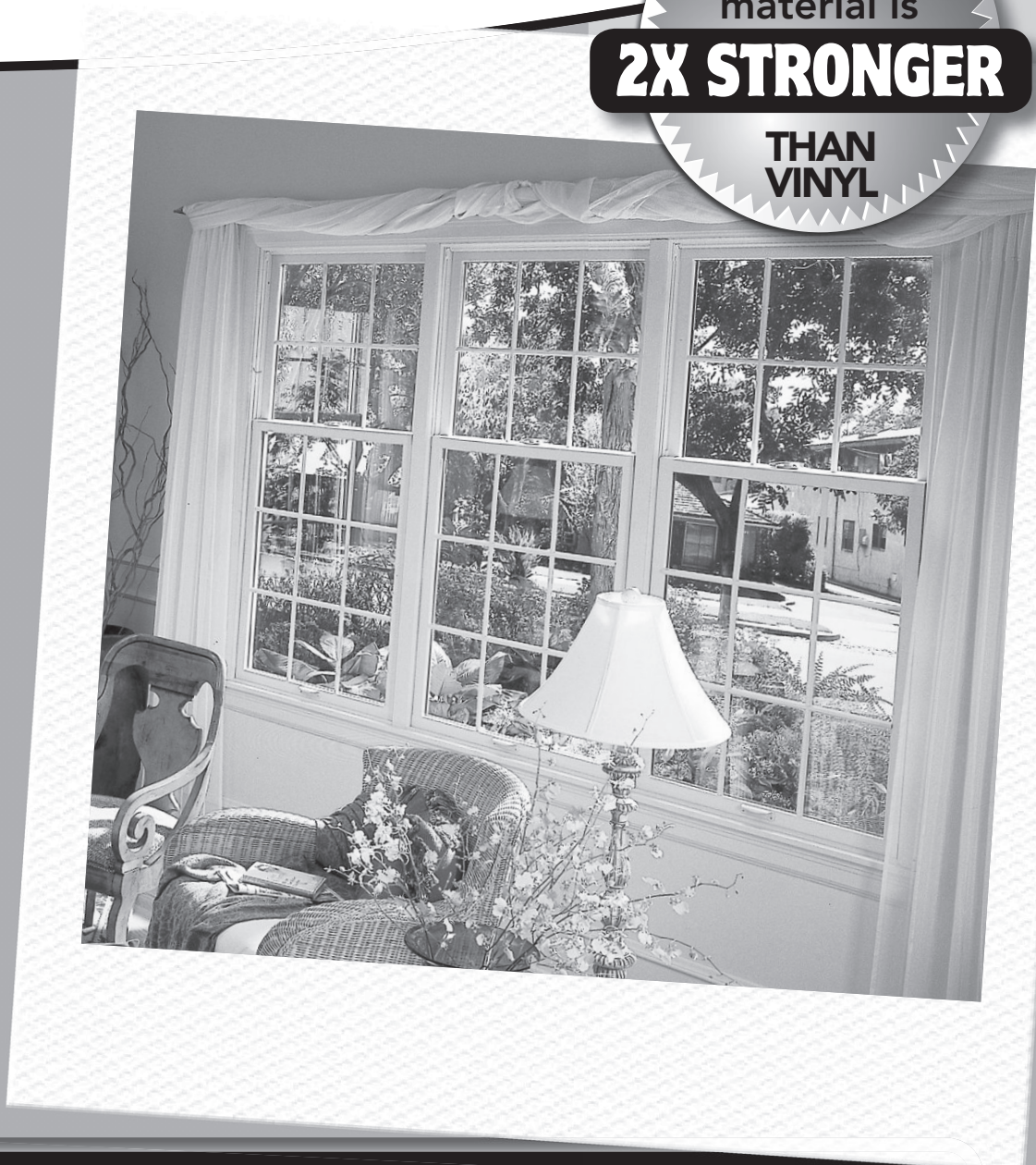
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Sports

In his blood

Pole vaulter Vetere follows in twin brothers' footsteps

By DAVID WILLIS
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Something just did not feel right to Joe Vetere. Try as he might, each time Vetere sprinted down the runway and attempted a pole vault, something simply felt off as he flung himself into the air.

Searching for answers, the Andover High senior had an expert just a call away in former Golden Warrior standout and current Naval Academy star pole vaulter Mark Vetere — his big brother.

"I was trying to work through an issue with my swing," Joe Vetere said. "I called up Mark and he said, 'This is what you have to do.' He gave me a couple drills to do and it worked great.

"It's so amazing to have my brothers to ask. I have always idolized them, and watching them inspired me to become a pole vaulter."

As a youngster, Joe Vetere was dazzled by the athleticism of his brothers — Mark, the No. 2 pole vaulter in area history — and fellow Eagle-Tribune All-Star Adam Vetere become superstars in the thrilling event and both go on to compete at Navy.

Now, RPI recruit Joe Vetere has become a star in his own right. He is the leading vaulter in the region this spring (13-0), and hopes to top his career-best of 13-3 and continue the dominant postseason he began with a victory at the Andover Boosters Meet last weekend.

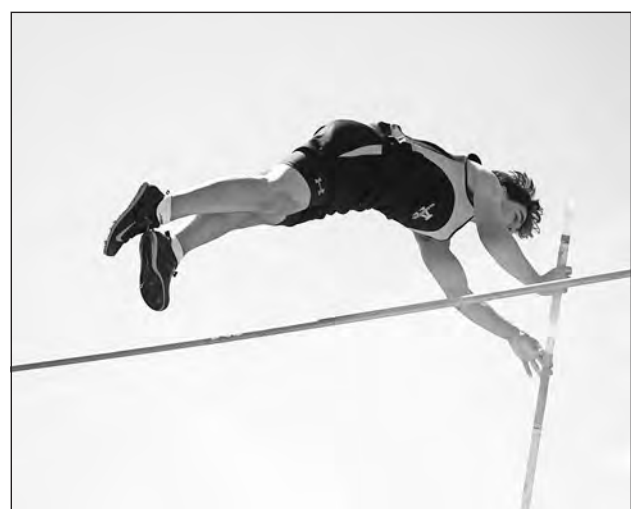
"The pole vault is really a competition between you and the bar," he said. "I know the form, I know how to get my body over the bar. But you have to be perfectly into each jump both physically and mentally to succeed. If you are timid, you won't succeed and you risk injury. You have to give it all each time."

Andover track coach Peter Comeau said you can see the fire in Vetere's eyes in competition and training.

"No one works harder or is more dedicated than Joe," Comeau said. "Pole vault may not have come as naturally to him as it did for his brothers, but he is as focused as any of them and is even more knowledgeable."



Andover's Joe Vetere is fearless as he attacks the pole vault. Vetere, the brother of ex-Andover track stars Mark and Adam Vetere, is now a star in his own right for the Golden Warriors.



Joe Vetere flies over the bar during a meet. Vetere grew up idolizing his brothers, former Golden Warriors track stars Mark and Adam Vetere, and is now following in their footsteps as the area's top pole vaulter.

"Every day, he gives it his all. Pole vaulting just runs through his veins."

A natural progression
Vetere grew up around the vault. He watched in awe as Mark set the Andover school record (15-6) and Mark's identical twin, Adam, hit 14-0.

"I always wanted to do everything my brother did

and as soon as I saw them pole vault, I loved it," the younger Vetere brother said. "They were so dominant and I knew I had to do it. It was only natural I would be a vaulter, too."

A former gymnast just like his brothers, Vetere admits the event was very awkward to him as a freshman.

"I always tell kids not

to judge pole vaulting too quickly," he said with a laugh. "Early on, I felt so uncoordinated doing it. I was saying to myself, 'Why am I running with this giant pole to throw myself over this bar?' It's a sharp learning curve. But you have to work through those issues and work toward the next step."

Vetere found some success as a freshman, earning five dual meet victories and placing fourth at the MVC Meet. As a sophomore, he placed second at the Nashua North Invitational (11-0), fourth at the MVC Meet (11-6) and fifth at the EMass. Division 1 meet (12-0).

But he said it was in his junior season when he hit his stride. He won the Haverhill Invitational (12-0) and MVC Meet (13-0) and was second at Andover Boosters (12-6).

"Last year was really the turning point," he said. "I started to jump over 12 feet consistently, which was good. Then, when I hit my PR (personal record) of 13-3 (against North

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► Andover High Roundup

Herman huge in net, Cardillo scores winner for boys lacrosse

BOYS LACROSSE

Steven Herman came up huge in net for Andover, making five saves in the closing moments to preserve the tie, and **George Cardillo** scored the winner with 2:50 to go as the Golden Warriors edged Central Catholic 8-7 last Friday. **Michael Biddle** finished the day with three goals and defenders **Zach Walker** and **Tom Mapstone** each added a goal.

Brendan Croston and **George Cardillo** each tallied a hat trick as Andover rolled past Chelmsford 14-2 last Wednesday, May 6. **Jake Lakos** added two goals while **John Croston**, **Chris Carver**, **Andy Soucy**, **Griffin Clark**, **Matt Croston** and **Drew Manning** each scored once.

Michael Biddle scored two goals and assisted on another, but Andover fell to Billerica 10-7 last Monday, May 4. **Chris Carver** and **Jake Lakos** each added two goals and **Thomas Haut** scored once for the Warriors.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Alois nets four

Veronica Alois scored four goals and Andover beat Central Catholic for the 11th straight time with a 11-7 victory last Wednesday. **Caroline Curtin** added two goals and **Courtney Grygiel**, **Julia Manty**, **Darsie Peterson**, **Courtney Campbell** and **Casey Broussard** scored once each.

Led by three goals and five assists for **Veronica Alois** and two goals for **Carissa Reming**, Andover beat Central Catholic 13-3 on Friday. Eight other Warriors scored one goal each and **Gabby Vaccaro** earned the win in net.

Despite three goals for **Carissa Reming**, Andover fell to Billerica 8-7 last Monday, May 4. **Jordan Torres**, **Veronica Alois**, **Caroline Curtin** and **Emma Farnham** each added single goals.

BOYS TENNIS

Warriors stay perfect

Ryan Fu swept No. 1 singles and **Dylan Clancy** and **Owen Meech** took top doubles 6-0, 6-1 as Andover stayed undefeated by downing Lowell 5-0 last Wednesday, May 6. **Liam Alden** and **Mike Rosen** added a victory at No. 2 doubles.

Owen Meech won top single 6-1, 6-2 to lead Andover past Central Catholic 5-0 last Monday, May 4. **Mike Rosen** added a hard-earned victory at second singles 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

GIRLS TENNIS

Mukund grinds out win

Pooja Mukund battled for a 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 win at No. 2 singles as Andover downed Lowell 6-0 to stay perfect on the season. **Lynn Wang** won No. 3 singles and **Courtney Nash** took first singles.

Karena Yan earned a 6-0, 6-0 sweep at No. 2 singles and **Caroline Templer** won No. 3 singles as Andover downed Lawrence 5-0 on Friday. **Helen Zhao** and **Julia Jaime** earned a victory at No. 2 doubles.

Courtney Nash scored a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 1 singles and **Paige Webster** and **Pooja Mukund** took top doubles as Andover downed Central Catholic 5-0 last Monday, May 4. **Laurie-Maude Chenard** and **Sydney Ferry** added a victory at No. 2 doubles.

Pooja Mukund swept No. 3 singles and **Karena Yan** added a 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 2 singles as Andover took a 5-0 win over Haverhill last Tuesday, May 5. **Kathleen Buck** and **Olivia Burns** added a win at No. 1 doubles.

SOFTBALL

Hartnetts slug away

Paige Hartnett was 3-for-4, scored two runs and drove in another and sister **Megan Hartnett** had two RBIs and two hits as Andover crushed Lawrence 10-4 on Friday. **Tori Roche** (3-for-3, four runs) and **Amy Stankiewicz** each added two hits and **Abby Day** had two hits and an RBI.

Tori Roche was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a run scored as Andover topped Cape Ann League foe Pentucket 14-1 last Tuesday, May 5. **Jordan Fleming** also had three, **Megan Hartnett** added three hits and **Amy Stankiewicz** allowed just three hits to earn the victory on the mound.

Abby Day had two hits, but Andover fell to Haverhill 4-1 last Wednesday, May 6. **Allie Morganstern** added a hit and an RBI for the Warriors.

BOYS TRACK

Naveed takes two

Hamza Naveed won the 400 (50.6) and 200 (22.4) as Andover topped Central Catholic 89-56 last Wednesday, May 6. **Joe Vetere** won the pole vault and javelin and **Sebastian Silveira** took the triple jump and 110 hurdles for the Warriors.

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Andover sweeps Boosters track meet

Caveney sets school record

By DAVID WILLIS
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Even as his times dropped and the number of accolades rose, Sean Caveney still found himself a bit in the shadow of superstar teammate and fellow hurdler Sebastian Silveira.

On his home track this past Saturday, Caveney reminded everyone just how dominant he could be. The Golden Warrior senior won the 400 hurdles in a school-record 54.33, was second in the 110 hurdles and ran on the winning 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay on his way to boys MVP honors at the Andover Boosters Collins-McIntyre Invitational.

Andover swept the team competition. The boys surged to victory with 93 points, well ahead of No. 2 North Andover (50). The girls also dominated the field with 80 points, far

outdistancing second-place Acton-Boxboro (45).

"It was such an exciting day," Caveney said. "Last week at the Weston Invitational, I ran a great time so I felt like I had it in me. I was so, so excited to break the meet record and run my personal best."

Caveney's 54.33 broke Silveira's school mark (55.37) set last year and trails just the 53.68 run by Methuen's Dave Ramirez in 1985 for the area record.

Silveira (14.55) did best Caveney (14.74) in the 110 hurdles and they teamed with Andrew Matteucci and Justin Mantrana to win the shuttle hurdles.

Caveney says that despite the constant competition, he and Silveira fully embrace the friendly rivalry.

"We are each other's best competition," Caveney said. "We keep out competitiveness down and just have a lot of fun. It makes us better. It is awesome going back and fourth with him. Sebastian is a chill guy."

One record Caveney is

now focusing on is the 300 hurdles mark, owned by his coach Peter Comeau.

"I am excited to have the chance to run that at New England," he said. "I ran it a few weeks ago and coach Comeau's record was within reach. I want to chase it and get it because we have a little rivalry."

Chen looks healthy

Kevin Chen showed no signs of the torn ACL that ended his football season, running a blazing final leg for Andover's winning 4x100 relay.

"I had a huge lead going to my leg which was awesome," Chen said. "All those guys ran great and I just had to run as fast as I could and finish it off."

Chen teamed with Sean Roselle, Ray Gorzela and Kaleb Jones for the win.

"I was a little tired after the 200," Gorzela said. "But we all just did everything we could to take it home."

Andover Boosters Boys Meet

Top 5 team scores plus locals (26 teams scored): 1. Andover 93; 2. North Andover 50; 3. Needham 42; 4. Haverhill 39; 5. Peabody 38; 7.

Methuen 32; 10. Central Catholic 27; 19. Lawrence 9; 25. North Reading 2
Andover placers
Pole vault: 1. Joe Vetere 12-6; 5. Joe Aronov 11-0; Discus: 5. Andrew Marotta 131-2; Javelin: 5. Vetere 154-6; High jump: 4. Jonathan Rodriguez 6-2; 110 hurdles: 1. Sebastian Silveira 14.55; 2. Sean Caveney 14.74; 3. Andrew Matteucci 15.02; 4x100 relay: 1. Andover (Sean Roselle, Ray Gorzela, Kaleb Jones, Kevin Chen) 43.74; 400: 2. Hamza Naveed 50.33; 5. Andrew Lucia 51.63; 400 hurdles: 1. Caveney 54.33; 4. Silveira 58.42; 800: None; 200: 2. Gorzela 22.78; 2-mile: None; 800 Sprint Medley Relay: 2. Andover 1:38.75; 4x110 Shuttle Hurdles: 1. Andover (Silveira, Caveney, Matteucci, Justin Mantrana) 59.55

Andover Boosters Girls Meet

Top 5 team scores, plus locals (23 teams scored): 1. Andover 80; 2. Acton-Boxboro 45; Brookline 36; 4. North Andover 34; 5. North Reading 30; 13. Central Catholic 24; 16. Haverhill 18; 20. Methuen 10; 23. Lawrence 2
Andover placers
Pole vault: 5. Shannon Manuel 9-6; Javelin: 2. Erin Logee 104-20; Triple jump: 2. Hannah Chapman 35-0; High jump: 2. Brianna Deloury 5-4; 3. Casey McCarroll 5-0; 100 hurdles: 4. Hannah Chapman 16.18; 5. Brianna Deloury 16.46; 100 meters: 2. Hannah Ameen 12.65; Mile: 5. Sarah Rothmann 5:09.44; 4x100 relay: 2. Andover (Audrey Adam, Ameen, Michelle Gencorelli, Ally Bennett) 50.51; 200: 4. Michelle Gencorelli 26.29; 2-mile: None; 4x400 relay: Andover 4:20.04; 4x800: 2. Andover (Catherine Donovan, Colleen Mullins, Emily Rothmann, Sarah Rothmann) 10:07.46; 800 Sprint Medley Relay: 1. Andover (Ameen, Audrey Adam, Gencorelli, Amanda Devine) 1:53.24

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Sara Clark flies through the air as she competes in the triple jump during the Andover Boosters track meet this past Saturday at Andover High School. Both the Golden Warriors girls and boys track teams swept the competition.



COURTESY PHOTO

ANA Synchro will perform their 38th annual show on Sunday at the Andover/North Andover YMCA in Andover.

#GoSynchroGo! for ANA's 38th annual show

ANA Synchro presents its 38th annual show, #GoSynchroGo! on Sunday, May 17, at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. There will be two shows, at 1 and 4 p.m.

The 75-minute shows will feature all 50 members of the ANA Synchro competitive synchronized swimming team. The program will be enhanced by video shorts between

performances that tell the story of what's often called "the ultimate team sport," combining dance, gymnastics and swimming, as well as highlight the accomplishments of the ANA Synchro team. Theatrical lighting, audio and elaborate swimsuits enhance the production.

"This is a really fun time for our team," head coach Leah Pinette, who is in her second season of leading

the team, said in a release. "We spend the first part of our season mastering basics, we spend the second part competing at meets, and now, at the show, we can swim synchro just for the pure joy of it."

The show is an important fundraiser for the nonprofit ANA Synchro, which operates through the Andover/North Andover YMCA. The team is multi-tiered, with programs for beginners

to athletes on the U.S. National team. ANA Synchro hosts regular, free fun days for the community, where young girls can try the sport, and also participates in Y programs and activities.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and alumni and \$5 for students. To learn more, contact Pinette at 978-685-3541 or lpinette@mvyymca.org, or visit www.anasynchro.org.

VETERE

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Andover), it really clicked. I started to think, 'I got this.'"

Vetere's senior season is off to another impressive start. He won the vault at the Haverhill Invitational (13-0), Andover Boosters and Weston Twilight Meet (13-0) and was second in the Nashua North Invitational (12-6), while also adding success in the javelin.

He now has his sights set high for the track post-season before he begins his career with RPI.

"The first thing I am focused on is setting a

new PR with 13-6, which is hard," he said. "It doesn't seem like a big difference, but it really can be. But I am willing to put in the work."

"What I would really like to do is top 14-0 and maybe even make 14-6 and qualify for Nationals. I feel like I can reach it, but I know it will be a lot of work. My focus is helping my team win (Division 1) States and All-States."

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Send your photos, highlights and story ideas to townsman@andovertownsmen.com or call 978-475-7000, ext. 8733. We look forward to hearing from you.

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GIRLS TRACK

Chapman delivers hat trick

Hannah Chapman took the long jump (16-5.5), the triple jump (34-8) and 110 hurdles (15.9) as Andover topped Central Catholic 92-53 on Wednesday, May 6. Hannah Ameen won the 100, Cat Donovan took the 800, Michelle Genorelli won the 200 and Brianna Deloury took the high jump.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Merinders, Warriors score big win

Andover volleyball kept its playoff hopes alive with a tough 16-25, 25-16, 23-25, 25-15, 15-13 win over Lowell on Friday. Connor Merinder had 19 kills for the Golden

Warriors and Adam Yee had eight blocks.

Despite 15 kills for Connor Merinder, Andover lost to Lexington 17-25, 25-23, 25-21, 25-21 last Wednesday, May 6. Devin Deane added 16 kills and 26 digs.

Devin Dean scored team-highs in kills (14) and service points (11), but Andover fell to perennial power Lawrence 25-17, 25-19, 25-21 last Monday, May 4. Jeff Hunt added 21 assists and Ben Hunt had 10 digs.

BASEBALL

Hernandez's effort for naught

Gabe Hernandez tallied two hits, but Andover suffered a 3-0 loss to Chelmsford on Friday. Dan Gemmell added a hit for the Warriors.



Golden Warriors pitcher Daniel Amidon fires one over the plate during the second inning of last week's home game against Central Catholic.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Despite two hits for Christopher Nicholas, Andover lost to archrival Central Catholic 4-1 last Wednesday, May 6. E.J. Perry IV added a hit for the Warriors.

Christopher Nicholas had one of just two Andover hits as the Golden Warriors fell to Billerica 6-1 on Tuesday, May 5.

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This year's report presents a summary of the water quality test results for the past year, information on water conservation techniques, greenscaping practices for lawn and garden care, stormwater pollution prevention, and the protection of Haggetts Pond Reservoir and its surrounding watershed.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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- **249 Beacon St.:** Virginia Stewart to 249 Beacon LLC, \$250,000
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- **7 Leah Way, Unit 7:** Jamey C. Kocan to Joseph J. and Beth A. Benson, \$775,000
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