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The first wave of runners sprint from the starting line on Bartlet Street during the start of the Step Up For Colleen 5K road race in Andover on Sunday. More on the race, page 9.

Dog ban defeated at Town Meeting

Leashed pets can still visit Spring Grove Cemetery

By WILL BROADDUS
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A proposal to ban dogs from Spring Grove Cemetery found itself on a short leash on Monday, May 8, at the third and final installment of 2017 Town Meeting.

Article 82 was defeated by voters 254-150, while Article 83 was adopted, allowing dogs in the cemetery under restraint, with the provision that owners clean up after them.

But the divisive issue drew long lines to speak for and against its passage at the Collins Center, and military veterans figured highly in the voices raised both against and in support of the article.

"The cemetery has been there for 150 years," said Pat Scanlan. "Why are we addressing this now? I think the veterans below ground would appreciate the liveliness above ground."

Kathy Romano, who said that 98 percent of veterans' cemeteries do not allow dogs, had a different opinion.

"This is not an exaggeration of a minor issue," she said. "The trustees have seen an increase in dogs over the last five years."

Resident David Riley took a humorous approach to the issue, which he phrased in the form of a question.

"If I passed away tomorrow, could I be buried in the dog park on High Plain Road?" he asked. "If not, we should keep the dog park for dogs, and the cemetery for people."

In other Town Meeting business, a zoning bylaw to place a moratorium on businesses selling marijuana, which will be effective until December of 2018, passed easily.

Article 71, which would have allowed a See BAN, Page 2

Tax-exempt property faces state scrutiny

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Cities and towns for years have prodded tax-exempt schools, hospitals and non-profit groups to contribute more to municipal coffers — efforts that often fall short.

Some lawmakers want to give local officials the authority to demand those payments.

A proposal on Beacon Hill would require nonprofits to send annual payments to cities and towns under a yet-to-be-determined formula that weighs an organization's revenue, expenses and other factors.

Churches and houses of worship — non-taxable under federal and state law — would remain exempt from property taxes. So

would property owned by the federal, state and local governments.

State law exempts nonprofit organizations from paying property tax, even if their cash-strapped communities are getting less money from the state and are forced to make cuts.

"These are large, powerful entities — hospitals, universities, museums — which are expanding by buying up land and taking it off the city and town tax rolls," said Geoff Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Nonprofits benefit from local services, he said, but often pay little in return.

"Increasingly, this threatens the ability of communities to provide police, fire and other services, but it also increases

property taxes paid by others," Beckwith said.

Not surprisingly, the effort is opposed by nonprofits who say trying to juice more money out of tax-exempt entities — which employ 17 percent of the state's workforce — is shortsighted.

"Nonprofits are a huge part of the Massachusetts economy, but they also provide a lot of social services and work with local governments on the biggest societal challenges," said Jim Klocke, CEO of Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, a Boston-based trade group.

Last year, nonprofit organizations accounted for about 530,000 jobs and \$30 billion in wages, he said.

Beckwith points out that smaller groups generally lease

space, and as a result already pay property taxes that are reflected in their rent.

Tax-exempt property is a broad category. Federal, state and local governments don't pay for their buildings and facilities. Parklands aren't taxed, either.

Another measure before lawmakers would require the state to reimburse cities and towns every year for a percentage of lost revenue from tax-exempt government owned properties within their communities.

State agencies already pay communities fees for hosting public schools or facilities, but city and town leaders complain the estimates of property values are well below actual values.

Salisbury, with miles of See SCRUTINY, Page 3



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Women from the Andona Society gather in near the bandstand as they get ready for the annual Clown Town event in The Park. The 61st annual Clown Town carnival event will take place on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. Pictured in front are Sandy Kelly, left, and Donna Coppola. In back are Linda Haskell, left, Jennifer Sloan and Heather Nask, right.

Clown Town returns for 61st year

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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The clowns are back as the Andona Society is hosting its ever-popular Clown Town

event May 19 and 20 in The Park, located downtown at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets.

It's the 61st year for Clown Town, a two-day event ideal

for young families as there are carnival rides and games along with food and drinks.

"Andona's Clown Town is a big family carnival," See CLOWN, Page 4

Residents to help shape Historic Mill District

May 18 meeting invites people's opinions

By WILL BROADDUS
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Who is better suited to decide what Andover should look like than the people who live here?

That's the idea behind a meeting planned for May 18 to develop design guidelines for the Historic Mill District.

"We want to use the same process that we did to

create the historic district itself, which is to engage the community in a set of public meetings," said Charles Kendrick, a member of the Historic Mill District Task Force.

The district is a 100-acre section of downtown Andover which includes the railroad station, old town yard and Dundee Park, and was outlined by a zoning bylaw that was approved at Town Meeting in 2015.

"It is such a complicated chunk of land, if you think about its borders, that it's very hard to create a sense of

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Special Interest

Living Healthy Series: Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come to one or all of these cutting-edge presentations by local experts in each field. Here's the lineup: "Home Town Resources" panel discussion with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, May 11; "Diabetes Management

and Plant-based Diets," with Pavilion Medical, May 22; "Personal Branding for the Working World," with Christopher Payne-Taylor, president of Brandindividualist, June 1; "Marketing Your Maturity," June 8; "Healing Foods," with Jaxon Stallard, certified culinary professional, holistic nutritional health coach and cancer survivor, June 15. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 6 p.m.; \$5 suggested donation. Call 978-623-8320 to preregister.

Films

Screening Room: Award-winning, independent films are

shown every Thursday, now through June 22, at 6:30 p.m. Seating and snacks start at 6 p.m.

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Energize with Exercise: Mondays, May 22 to Aug. 7, 3:30 p.m. Join Denise Boucher, instructor, for a fun aerobics and weight training workout, \$60.50; Thursdays, May 25 to Aug. 10, 3:30 p.m., \$66.

Belly Dancing: Thursdays, May 25 to June 22, 6 to 7 p.m. Learn basic moves from fast and fiery to slow and smooth set to a fantastic mix of world music. Improve flexibility and self-confidence while having

fun. Suitable for women of all body types and fitness levels; \$32.50.

Serenity Yoga: Thursdays, May 25 to June 22, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Active, calming practice of flowing postures with 15 minutes of meditation. Instructor Sheila Wescott combines the traits of gentleness, spirituality and a genuine "teacher's heart." Previous experience suggested but not required. Beginners are always welcome; \$32.50.

Yoga in the Park: Tuesdays, June 29 to July 27, 7:15 p.m. Meet in the park near the bandstand for this fun

mid-summer yoga class with instructor Sheila Wescott; \$32.50.

Nordic Walking: Wednesdays through June 14, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Hike the Avis trails for a cardiovascular upper and lower body workout. Poles will be provided. Get outside and enjoy the weather; \$49.50.

Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Thursdays beginning at 6 p.m., by advance appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals. Kapp will massage pressure points that correlate to Qi in the body, offering a refreshing, healing therapy for hands or feet. Must register by the day

before to hold a spot.

Everyday Mindfulness with Chip Carter: Fridays, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Connect mindfulness with one's "everyday life" in a very real and practical way; \$5.

All events are held at The Center at Punchard and are open to the community. Space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 978-623-8320 for information or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org for complete listings. Registration can now be completed online as well.

MILL

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place, and an understanding of what to do with 100 acres of this land that's been used for so many purposes," Kendrick said.

The meeting is being held to ask residents for help in defining a look and feel for the district, and it will be followed by at least two more meetings during the summer. The design ideas that come out of this process will be formally adopted by the town's Planning Board in the fall.

The May 18 meeting will feature representatives from Gamble Associates, an urban design firm from Cambridge that selectmen chose this spring to work on the project. The firm will ask people what they think about everything from street lights and building materials to traffic patterns.

"Now that we have this new zoning and different stuff is going to come to downtown,

IF YOU GO

What: Historic Mill District public meeting

When: May 18, 7 p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover

More information:

andoverma.gov/181/

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how do we want to make and look and feel of this area to evolve?" said Paul Materazzo, Andover's town planner. "You don't want it to evolve like anywhere U.S.A. You want to have an Andover-centric development opportunity."

The Historic Mill District is home to hundreds of residents and dozens of businesses. Any guidelines that are created will not affect existing property rights, town officials said.

"The uses and the densities are already set," Materazzo said. "This is to help guide development, from building design and massing to landscaping and streetscape." Suggestions from the first



FILE PHOTO

A May 18 meeting at Memorial Hall Library will ask residents to help develop design guidelines for the Historic Mill District, a 100-acre section of downtown Andover.

meeting will be incorporated in design ideas that Gamble Associates will present for further discussion at the follow-up meetings.

"It tries to create a sense of

place out of something that's a whole list of uses so they don't compete with each other, they reinforce each other," Kendrick said.

He believes that the design

guidelines could produce a town's economy.

"If this all turns out, what's also going to happen is the place that people want to go to

develops in an economic sense, and becomes an engine," Kendrick said. "From that point of view, you will produce a much more productive set of assets than exists now."

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Andover residents who oppose Article 82, a proposal to keep dogs out of Spring Grove Cemetery, stand to be counted as a close vote is taken on the third night of Town Meeting.

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restaurant selling coffee and breakfast sandwiches from a drive-thru window was defeated after complaints that it would set a zoning precedent which could cause

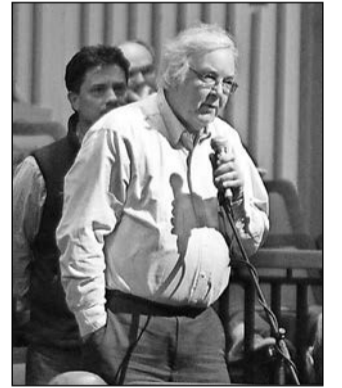
problems in other parts of town.

Other residents were concerned about the impact it would have on traffic in the Dasecomb and River roads areas, and others were concerned about litter.

"I'm concerned you're going to take your coffee to the end of the road and watch the sunset, and then throw your cup" in the conservation area, said James Landy.

Article 76 asked to stop a municipal services facility from being built on a capped landfill on Ledge Road until a future Town Meeting has a chance to vote on its environmental impacts. The motion was passed with a standing count of 230 in favor and 165 against.

Mark Fournier, director of public works, said the project complies with all regulations. He also said that, without the



David Reilly addresses the Town Meeting audience concerning Article 82, a proposal to keep dogs out of Spring Grove Cemetery.

facility, Andover will have to pay \$130,000 a year to ship street sweepings somewhere else to be processed.

But Joe Albuquerque, who proposed the article, said there the environmental impacts had not been adequately discussed by residents.

"The selectman stated the process would be to make recommendations, and bring it back to Town Meeting with approval," he said.

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state-owned beaches, received \$269,946 in fees from the state during the last budget year, according to the Department of Revenue.

The state paid Danvers \$222,453; Andover \$210,663; North Andover \$232,515; and Salem \$53,305.

More than 13 percent

of taxable property in the state — valued at \$151 billion — is owned by non-profits and held off the tax rolls, according to the revenue department. In the North of Boston region, the portion of tax-exempt property in each community ranges from 6 percent to nearly 20 percent of overall assessed value.

In Lawrence, nearly 20 percent of property in the city, by value, is tax exempt. The largest tax-free entity is Lawrence General Hospital, which has more than 450,000 square-feet of property valued at nearly \$65 million, and pays no taxes to the city.

In Salem, nearly 14 percent of property is not subject to tax. The portion in Beverly is 10 percent.

Some cities are more aggressive about negotiating payments from larger nonprofits.

Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll recently reached an agreement with North Shore Medical Center to give the city \$1.7 million over five years to help pay for road upgrades, new police officers and public school programs as part

of the hospital's expansion. The agreement, which is pending approval by the City Council, would come on top of the more than \$1 million the hospital pays the city every year in lieu of taxes.

In Andover, the selectmen adopted a policy three years ago that "encourages" nonprofits with assessed property values of more than \$4 million to pay one-quarter of their tax bill. The town gets payments from Phillips Academy, the largest of five private schools in Andover.

Under an agreement, Phillips paid \$242,000 beginning in 2015 — a sum that will increase annually over the next eight years. The school paid more than \$2.8 million under a previous, 15-year agreement, which expired in 2014. Danvers brings in about \$1.3 million a year from nonprofits including Partners Healthcare, which owns the Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care, and Northeast Hospital Corp., which owns the Lahey Outpatient Center.

In Amesbury, where more See SCRUTINY, Page 4

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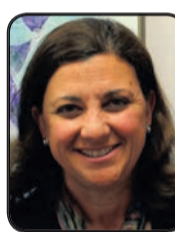
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Take a hike into history May 21

STAFF REPORT

Have you ever caught a glimpse of an old stone wall running through a thicket of trees along the highway?

Or, while out walking in the woods, have you ever passed an earthen dike or a stream with an abandoned millrace or sluiceway?

If so, you have probably taken a glimpse into the history of Andover and the Merrimack Valley.

For most of the past 300 years, the land in Andover and neighboring towns was deforested and bustling with agricultural and economic activity.

These remaining vestiges of that agricultural, pre-industrial past are reminders of the people who came before us.

During the 20th Century, while this land was set aside for conservation, it was re-covered with second-growth forest, as well as some invasive species of plants and trees.

On Sunday, May 21, the Andover Trails Committee



On May 21, hikers will be led through some of the most beautiful and historic parts of Andover.
Courtesy image

IF YOU GO:

What: Hike into history
Where: Skug River Reservation parking lot on Salem Street Andover. Additional parking is available just beyond the parking lot on Wagon Wheel Road.
When: Be there by 12:50 p.m. The hike will launch at 1 p.m.
Details: The hike will include: The Skug, Taft and Hammond Reservations, owned by AVIS; the Mary French and Great Swamp Reservations, owned by the town's Conservation Commission; the Ward Reservation, owned by the Trustees of Reservations; and, Harold Parker State Forest.

Loop," named for legendary hiker and local naturalist Al French, who will be there, offering his own wisdom and knowledge of the area.

The two-hour, four-mile loop hike, a favorite jaunt of French's, will pass through seven separate properties and traverse a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail. Along the way, Jane Cairns of the Andover Historical Society, John Kimball of the Ward Reservation and French himself will share stories of generations of ownership, Andover's conservation heroes, and the efforts to restore a portion of the Ward Reservation's colonial meadow ecosystem.

will offer a guided hike featuring the "Al French



Gardeners prepare their plots for the upcoming season in one of Andover's community gardens.
Courtesy photo

Andover's Community Gardens take root

By WILL BROADDUS
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Andover's newly expanded, all-organic community garden opened its 2017 season on Sunday, April 30. The day before, volunteers prepared the gardens by adding compost to garden beds, creating pathways, putting up fencing, and clearing debris and weeds.

Now in its second year, the community garden is at the Virginia Hammond Reservation on High Plain Road, and allows local gardeners to rent a small parcel for growing their own flowers and vegetables. Beginners can work side-by-side with experienced gardeners to learn how to plant, maintain and harvest organic produce.

There are 42 beds at the garden, in several different sizes: 4-by-10 feet, 4-by-20 feet, 5-by-10 feet and 5-by-25 feet. This year the plots rent for .75 cents per square foot, with all fees going to defray maintenance costs of the facilities. A 40-square foot plot, for

example, would cost \$30 for the season, while the largest, at 125 square feet, would go for about \$93.

The community garden returned to Andover last year for the first time since the 1990s. As spring and summer passed, seeds sprouted, flowers bloomed, and the gardens took shape. As a reward for that success, the Andover Community Garden Association received permission from the Conservation Commission to add space at the High Plain location, where Andover Municipal Services provides compost and wood chips, while also providing access to water.

In addition, the association has announced that they are expanding to a new location at the Andover Historical Society, on land behind the historic Amos Blanchard House and Barn on South Main Street. An additional nine plots, measuring 5-by-10 feet and 5-by-25 feet, are planned for this location at the same rental fee.

There are only a few remaining plots available in each location, offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

These include elevated beds at the High Plain Road location to accommodate gardeners with disabilities or physical limitations. Gardeners who commit to a bed are expected to tend to the garden regularly by weeding, harvesting from their gardens and using only organic products.

At the High Plain Road location, an on-site tool shed for storage of supplies was built as Eagle Scout projects by Mitch Duerr and Parker Cain, who also installed composting bins, a bench and a food donation bin. In addition, Andover High School student Evan Lundgren was instrumental in helping the community garden obtain approval for expansion from the Conservation Commission.

For more information about the Andover Community Gardens or to rent a plot, please contact Jane Ward at jane@andovergarden.com.

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said Andona Society President Jennifer Sloan. "It's our biggest fundraiser and all proceeds raised by Andona go to Andover Public Schools and youth programs. Clown Town is an old-fashioned carnival with rides, games, food, music, raffle items and much, much more. Visitors really enjoy it."

It's also been a long time for the rides operator.

Sloan said Cushing Amusements has been running rides and midway games at Andona's Clown Town for more than 35 years. Cushing tickets never expire although few families go home with tickets.

Presale tickets are a great way to avoid long lines at Clown Town and Andona has a custom of selling presale tickets at The Park before Clown Town officially opens. Pre-sale tickets will be sold on Thursday, May 18, from 4 to 7 p.m.

All proceeds raised by Andona go to Andover Public Schools and youth programs through a grant application fund.

"Our fund request process is very successful as we pay for a summer campership program for needy children, swimming lessons for handicapped children of Andover and scholarships for graduating seniors, to name some of the programs that we help," Sloan said.

Andona, now celebrating its 65th year, also donated over \$11,000 to local schools this year. The money was used to buy books, team uniforms and much more. Andona also awards about \$20,000 in scholarships each year.

Sloan said sponsors are important to Clown Town



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Women from the Andona Society walk through The Park in their clown costumes in preparation for this year's Clown Town. The 61st annual event takes place Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. Pictured, from front to back, are: Sandy Kelly, Donna Coppola, Linda Haskell, Heather Nask and Jennifer Sloan.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Clown Town
WHERE: The Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets, downtown Andover
WHEN: Friday, May 19, 6 to 10 p.m. (carnival rides and games only); Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all carnival rides and games plus all Andona booths including face painting, kiddie games, slush, yard sale, booth sponsors, sand art, etc.). Heavy rain date is Sunday, May 21, noon to 6 p.m.
PRE-SALE TICKETS: Sold on Thursday, May 18, at The Park, from 4 to 7 p.m.
PROCEEDS BENEFIT: Children of Andover
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Clown Town is a great opportunity to participate in a community service. Saturday, May 20, student volunteers in grade 6 and up are needed for shifts in Andona's field booths. Volunteer hours are in 2-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. High school students needed to help with field set up from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and field breakdown from 4 to 5 p.m. Visit Andona.org for more details or email clowntown@andona.org.

revenues and the premiere Big Top Sponsors this year are Lannan Mazda (returning long time big top sponsor), Andover Stop and Shop (returning big top sponsor thanks to strong support

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than 9 percent of property is tax-exempt, the city has reached agreements with a medical marijuana cultivation facility and owners of a commercial solar array to provide payments in lieu of property taxes.

Mayor Ken Gray said the city needs money but its leaders recognize that nonprofits contribute to the community.

He doesn't want to drive them over the border into tax-free New Hampshire.

"It's really a balance," he said. "We don't want create disincentives for them."

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April 13, 1950 — May 7, 2017

PALMETTO, FL — Lawrence Dewing Westfall, 67, died surrounded by his family on May 7, 2017. He was born on April 13, 1950, in Lawrence, Mass. He grew up in Andover, Mass., where he graduated from Andover High School in 1968. Larry later went on to earn his BA degree in theater at the University of West Florida. Larry was an educator at Bayshore High School in Bradenton, Fla., for 15 years. He inspired many students in his Drama classes. Besides teaching, Larry was an avid writer. He wrote a few screenplays to keep his creative juices flowing. He also performed at the Riverfront Theater in Braden-



ton, Fla. Larry is survived by his wife of 38 years, Valerie Westfall; his son, Brannon; daughter-in-law, Renee, and his precious granddaughter, Penny Layne, all of Palmetto. He also leaves behind three sisters, Lesley Whitley of Andover, Mass., Leila Leland of South Berwick, Maine, and Linda Jewett of Denver, Colo.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial Services will be at a later date in Andover, Mass. Memorial donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice, Inc. Arrangements by Brown and Sons Funeral Homes and Crematory, 43rd Street Chapel, Bradenton, FL. Condolences may be made at www.brownsfuneral.com.

■ POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 1

A caller from Memorial Circle reported at 12 a.m. that she let a neighbor borrow her car, a red Honda Accord, but that the neighbor was not answering her door, and the caller couldn't get her keys back. An officer confirmed that no one would answer the door, and reported that the neighbor's phone number went directly to voice mail. The caller said she would secure the car, and the officer said he would follow up with the resident about the keys.

An individual walked into the police station at 1:41 p.m. requesting to speak with an officer about an altercation that had taken place in a parking lot on Bartlet Street.

A caller reported at 2:06 p.m. that a car had crashed into a pole on Shawsheen Road. National Grid was notified, and the car was towed.

Police assisted the Fire Department at 4:32 p.m. in responding to a chemical explosion at Morpho Detection on Frontage Road. A message was left with OSHA at 4:45 p.m. regarding the incident. Units reported that they were cleared by the Fire Department command at 10:27 p.m.

A caller reported at 7:16 p.m. that his neighbor's door

on Grandview Terrace had been open all day, and he was concerned for her well being. An officer reported that the apartment was empty, left a card and secured the door.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

A resident on Sunset Rock Road called police at 6:57 a.m. to complain that she was "upset and concerned with" a truck dumping materials at a new house.

A resident of Corbett Street called at 3:30 p.m. to state that a hydrant in front of her house appeared to be leaking. An officer responded and found water "coming up about three feet off the hydrant." The water department was notified.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Police received a call at 9:32 a.m. about "a suspicious male" on Main Street, "walking with an abnormally heavy gray or tan backpack on, wearing a knitted dreadlock hat." The police spoke to the man, who told them he was waiting for a dental appointment and was using an ATM.

Police responded at 3:28 p.m. to a report of a man in his 30s on Shawsheen Road who appeared disoriented. They called an ambulance for Frederick Lauten, 51, of 10 Brechin Terrace, Andover,

who appeared to have a laceration to the head from a fall, and arrested him for assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Police arrested Christopher Noel, 25, of 117 Masicupp Trail, Tyngsborough, at 5:36 p.m. on North Main Street on a warrant for possession of a class A substance.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

A caller to 911 at 1:51 a.m. complained about people dragging on River Road. An officer checked the area, but didn't find anything.

Someone called at 12:33 p.m. to report a "suspicious shoe" that was seen on a trail off High Plain Road. An officer checked the trail on a bicycle, and didn't find anything.

A caller on Donald Circle at 9:25 p.m. said the fire hydrant on that street was "leaking again," which an officer confirmed.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

There was a call to police at 8:05 a.m. concerning a disgruntled employee who had just been fired and was refusing to leave the premises on Haverhill Street. An officer escorted the ex-employee from the building, and asked him not to return. The ex-employee will request their

final paycheck over the phone. A caller at 10:29 a.m. reported a man with a beard who was begging for money on North Main Street.

Staff members reported an out of control, 26-year-old man throwing things all over the office at 10:58 a.m. on Haverhill Street. Police reported that there was an "argument over health insurance."

An officer arrested Anibal Garcia, 21, of 2 Imman St., Apt. 29, Lawrence at 10:46 p.m. on River Road for an outstanding warrant for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

A resident of Dale Street called at 8:41 p.m. to report two or three cars "that keep going back and forth to the end of the road and she feels that it is suspicious." The officer who responded didn't find anything.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

A caller from Sioux Circle reported at 3:35 p.m. that "there was a male party looking in her windows, and when confronted, said he was trying to sell solar panels." An officer encountered the man in the area of 5 Wabanaki Way, and informed him of town bylaws regarding solicitation.

Panel to look at state mandates on schools

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Educators say unfunded mandates are siphoning away limited money from school districts, and the state isn't doing enough to ease the burden.

Lawmakers hope to get a handle on the problem by assigning a task force to study eliminating regulations found to be burdensome, costly or unnecessary.

The committee, approved this week with the House's version of the \$40.3 billion state budget, will review laws, regulations and directives that impose reporting rules and other mandates on 404 school districts in Massachusetts.

"We need to take a comprehensive look at the multiple requirements placed on school districts and do everything we can to eliminate anything that is duplicative or outdated," said House Minority Leader Brad Jones, R-North Reading, who offered the budget amendment on behalf of the House Republican caucus. School officials have been complaining about these mandates for years, but their protests are now resonating with lawmakers who are under pressure to ease the pain. By a rough count, school officials say they're forced to abide by more than 80 federal and state mandates a year, many of which involve paperwork.

"School officials should be putting their time into educating our kids, but instead they're spending time filling out report after local, state and federal reports," said Rep. Brad Hill, R-Ipswich, a co-sponsor of the measure. "And much of this paperwork is duplicative."

North Shore lawmakers, including Hill, Sens. Joan Lovely, D-Salem, and Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, meet regularly with superintendents and often get an earful about mandates.

"While enrollment in many school districts is decreasing, the cost of education is going up so quickly it's becoming unsustainable," Hill said. "There's just too many mandates on the books, and it's really stifling innovation and local control of school districts."

State Auditor Suzanne Bump's office conducts reviews of unfunded mandates passed onto local governments. Recent reports have highlighted unfunded costs to school districts for transportation or services to students who've been suspended or expelled. Creating a task force to review mandates - which must also be approved by the Senate and survive Gov. Charlie Baker's veto pen - has bipartisan support.

"Unfunded mandates are a real challenge for school districts," said Rep. Linda Campbell, D-Methuen, who voted for the Republican-sponsored amendment. "We need to take a good look at some of them to see if they're even necessary."

The 11-member committee would include leaders of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Education, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education and two lawmakers appointed by the House and Senate minority leaders. The other six seats would be held by school officials appointed by the education commissioner.

Teachers' union leaders support the effort but say they have concerns that the panel will be stacked with state

officials.

"Unfortunately this board wouldn't include educators, parents and students, who are the ones most affected by these mandates," said Barbara Madeloni, president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Local education aid, known as Chapter 70 money, has increased an average of \$126 million a year since the 2011, according to state data.

Gov. Charlie Baker's fiscal 2018 budget calls for a \$227 million increase to \$4.6 billion. But state commission two years ago found the funding formula, known as the foundation budget, underestimates the cost of education by upward of \$2 billion a year.

"The foundation budget is woefully underfunded," said Glenn Koocher, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Districts that once focused on big-ticket expenses like pensions and health care, he said, are now analyzing and struggling to foot the bill for smaller mandates.

Those include a 2013 state law requiring school administrators, teachers and others who work with children to undergo national background checks.

School districts are required to pay the fee for those background checks - \$55 for teachers and \$35 for other staff.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:

Friday Speaker Series: Triple Header: Friday, May 12, 8:30 a.m. Meet Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe and learn about what the police department does for every day; Officer Robin Cataldo, the senior center police liaison; and chat with Annmary Connor, the new director of the Andover Senior Center. The \$4 fee includes breakfast.

Health and Wellness Fair: Tuesday, May 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair, sponsored by the Andover Senior Community Friends, will include give-a-ways, health information, and all aspects of living healthy, from physical to legal and beyond.

Appetite for Andover: Tuesday, May 23, 4 to 6 p.m. at the new Oak and Iron Brewing Company, 18 Red Spring Road. Support the Andover

Senior Center at Punchard and join other Andover residents for a social event to celebrate May as Older Americans Month. Tickets are \$15 and will include appetizers as well as a "flight" of four beer samplers. Purchase tickets early as space is limited. Indicate whether transportation to and from this event is needed when purchasing a ticket.

FBI: A conversation on Justice and Counter-terrorism:

Wednesday, May 24 and June 28, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Led by Jay White, a former FBI agent, discussions will focus primarily on current developments in the area of criminal justice and counter-terrorism. Participants are encouraged to share information concerning books, articles, documentaries and other media related to the topics that would be of interest to the other members.

National TAP Dance Day:

Wednesday, May 24, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Celebrate tap dancing in all its exciting forms with veteran tapper and teacher, Audrey Nason. Watch a DVD of dancers at the 2016 Bates Dance Festival then join a group of committed tappers to learn a basic step (the Shim Sham) and have a chance to dance for a short period. Open to all tappers, beginning to advanced, and anyone who

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Church leaders and parishioners walk with candles behind the tomb of Christ around the outside of the church during the Lamentations-Epithaphio service on Holy Friday at the Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Christian Church in Andover.

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would like to observe or give it a try. A continental breakfast is included; admission is free with registration.

Matter of Balance: Thursdays through May 25, 10:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. at the Cormier Youth Center, 40 Whittier Court. This course is open to anyone who has fallen in the past or has a fear of falling. Attendees will learn exercises to help improve balance, flexibility and strength. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. Free with preregistration. Call 978-946-1211 or visit www.healthyliving4me.org.

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

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

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

Foot Care: Appointments are available on the third Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of every month (nail clipping only) for Andover residents. Limited to one appointment every other month. The fee is \$10. Call The Center to make an appointment on the first day of the month.

Bereavement Support Group: Learn new ways to carry on traditional ways of doing things and figure out how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotion. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Lois Marra, of Home Health VNA Hospice, will facilitate the group. Call to register.

Pain Management Support Group: This monthly group usually meets the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at 1:30 p.m. This intimate and confidential group is open to anyone who is dealing with chronic pain management issues. Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN, is the facilitator. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to be added to the list.

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Runners pose for a picture before the start of the Step Up For Colleen 5K road race at The Park in Andover on Sunday.

Thousands run fourth annual Ritzer memorial 5K road race

By PETER FRANCIS
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ANDOVER — Gray skies and pink T-shirts garnished The Park on Sunday as runners and walkers prepared for the fourth annual Step Up For Colleen road race.

The pink T-shirts honored the memory of Colleen Ritzer, a charismatic Danvers High School teacher and Andover native murdered by a student in 2013.

Over the last three years, the 5K road race raised more than \$85,000 for the Colleen Ritzer Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has helped 30 high school students from the Andover, Danvers and Nashoba school districts pursue teaching degrees.

And while roughly 3,800 people signed up to participate in the fourth installment of the race Sunday, the infectious optimism of Ritzer's spirit permeated The Park and helped beat back the clouds.

"I think there's a power from above," said Louise Cummings, a special education teacher at Andover High School who joined a team of 15 other teachers from the school in completing the 3.1-mile course.

"This is a great tribute to a great person," she said.

To those who knew her, Ritzer was a beacon of positivity, and some of her favorite quotes and musings were placed on cards along the race course.

To Cummings and Helen Fitzgerald, a speech pathologist at Andover High, the quotes were one of the most moving parts of the Step Up For Colleen experience.

"They were so powerful. I wish there had been more," Fitzgerald said.

Cummings runs for the Merrimack Valley Striders running club and has experience helping to organize road races.

She said the continued success of the race is no accident.

"I know how hard it is to organize a race," Cummings said. "And to do it for four years and to get 3,800 people, it's a testament to the organizers, the family and Colleen herself."

Jen Kenny and Kristen Moriarty, both fifth-grade teachers at Bancroft Elementary School in Andover, participated in the race together, with Kenny running for the first time.

Moriarty has run in every Ritzer road race, and taught Ritzer's sister and brother, Laura and Daniel, at Sanborn Elementary School.

"They're a great family," she said.

In a small town like Andover, it is hard not to come in contact with just about everybody at some time or another.

Ritzer's death at the hands of Philip Chism, a Danvers student who was sentenced to prison in December 2015, has haunted the town and its residents who know the Ritzer family and miss Colleen dearly.

Just as they have at the start of each Step Up For Colleen, Laura and Daniel Ritzer were joined by their parents, Thomas and Peggie, on a podium to address the participants.



Leon O'Connor, 2, is hoisted up on his mom's shoulders for the national anthem before the start of the Step Up For Colleen 5K road race.



Jordan Torres, 17, center, and Lauren Najarian, 18, right, of the Andover High School lacrosse team hand out snacks and drinks to runners at the finish line.

"Whether you knew Colleen as a friend, teacher, family or whether you never had the pleasure of meeting Colleen, we're all here for a reason today — to honor Colleen and her passion for life," Laura said. "We have to do what Colleen would want us to do and 'Find the good in the day.'"

She added that an additional eight students will receive scholarships to pursue teaching degrees, receiving thunderous applause from the crowd. Mandy Crowley of Plymouth, who grew up in Andover and remains a family friend, said while the annual road race doesn't make Colleen's loss any easier to accept, the large turnout year after year never ceases to amaze her.

"I love the big wave of pink (T-shirts) you see when you go up the first hill," she said of the slope near Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. "It gives me such a good feeling."

Runners and walkers traveled from all over New England to participate in the day's festivities, but a good many hailed from Andover and

surrounding communities, as well as Danvers, the North Shore town where Ritzer taught high school math.

One Danvers family, the Hathaways, have participated in three Ritzer road races and took to the course with their two dogs, a yellow Labrador named Cali and a mutt named Larry.

"There are lots of Danvers people here," said Richard Hathaway, as he stood after the race with his wife, Lynne, and children Krissy and Trevor, both students at Danvers High.

While they never had her as a teacher, Lynne Hathaway said Ritzer was a "familiar face in the hallways" of the school.

In addition to Cali and Larry, dogs roamed throughout The Park.

Caroline Cashin of Boxford has participated in all four Ritzer road races, and brought along Sadie, her 8-year-old Staffordshire blue pit bull.

Cashin knows the feeling of losing a loved one. Her husband, state police Capt. Richard Cashin, died on duty eight years ago, and the Call to Honor

Triathlon is held in his honor each year.

"This is just breathtaking," Caroline Cashin said as she looked out at all of the pink T-shirts. "It's a great cause and it's wonderful they continue to give out these scholarships."

The top male finisher of the race, Colin Carroll of Andover, repeated as champion with a time of 17:03, while the top female finisher, Emily Gaudet of Thompson, Connecticut, ran the 3.1-mile course in 20:06.

Also on hand for the event was Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, whose office secured Chism's conviction in 2015 and has formed a close bond with the Ritzer family.

In addition to his family, Blodgett was joined on the course by members of the team who tried and convicted Chism, including Assistant District Attorney David O'Sullivan and victim witness advocate Maureen Leal, and state Trooper Steven Buccheri, the lead investigator in the case.

"This is the second year we've officially participated. We couldn't while the case was being tried," said Carrie Kimball-Monahan, the office's spokeswoman, adding that some people in the office may have come on their own in the first two years of the race.

"We deal with a lot of loss and are with families as they deal with tremendous loss," Kimball-Monahan said. "This event is a way to remember a remarkable young woman and it's an opportunity to be part of a positive celebration of her life."

A positive celebration for a positive woman.

"Colleen was all about love, community and connecting to others," said the race's director, Nina Caron, before the first wave of runners took off up Bartlet Street. "She lived with purpose and this race is a testament to her legacy."

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ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY
FRIDAY, MAY 12

ACADEMY JAZZ BAND IN CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Works by Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, Walter Becker and Donald Fagen, Jaco Pastorius, Duke Ellington and others will be performed; free and open to the public; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

CRAFTS IN THE PARK, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Park, 34 Bartlet St. The juried show, now in its 42nd year, includes finely made, non-imported handcrafts with 200 booths of pottery, jewelry, women's and children's clothing, leather goods, stained glass, furniture and much more; the Mill City Jazz Band will provide the music; sponsored by Christ Church, all proceeds will support its mission and outreach to service and educational organizations in the local community; held rain or shine; email jury@craftsinthepark.com, www.craftsinthepark.com.

SENIOR RECITAL, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. Vocalists Colin Lata and O.J. Wigwe will perform works from the American Songbook; admission is free and open to all; 978-749-4263, email music@andover.edu.

CAR WASH, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of the Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road. Sponsored by the Lawrence Rotary Club, in conjunction with its high school youth group, The Interact Club of the Greater Lawrence Technical School; the washing, rinsing and drying will be done with enthusiasm by the kids; a \$5 donation is requested; all proceeds will be donated to Lazarus House in Lawrence.

DEPOSIT BOTTLE DRIVE, hosted by the AHS Marching Band, 9 a.m. to noon, West Middle School, 70 Shawshen Road. Redeemable bottles and cans will be collected; all proceeds will benefit the Andover High School Marching Band; held rain or shine.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

STRIKE UP THE BANDS, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. The Phillips Academy Music Department will present a concert featuring the Academy Concert Bands and ensembles, under the direction of Vincent Monaco and Peter Cirelli; enjoy the music of Mozart, Curnow, Standridge, Anderson, Arlen, Filmore, and McCay; admission is free and the venue is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

MONDAY, MAY 15

SIXTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, Andover Country Club, 64 Canterbury St. The Wish Project hosts the annual charity tournament to raise funds to help serve families in need in Greater Lowell; The Wish provides furniture, clothing and baby supplies to help families get back on their feet; all are welcome to enjoy a great time for a good cause; check in and have lunch at noon, 1:30 p.m. shotgun start; www.thewishproject.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

LIVING HEALTHY FAIR, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court. Guest speaker, Commissioner of the Division of Banks Terence A. McGinnis, will discuss elder fraud and abuse; visitors will learn about health, wellness, housing, financial, legal resources and more; a free grab-and-go lunch, health checks, free giveaways, and free durable medical equipment checks will also be offered; the free event is geared toward seniors, caregivers, friends and families; individuals who join the Andover Senior Community Friends will receive free raffle tickets.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

SENIOR RECITAL, 6:30 p.m., Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Jacob Peffer

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Andover Cultural Council honors 2017 grant recipients

STAFF REPORT

The Andover Cultural Council honored its 2017 Grant Recipients with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception on Thursday, April 27 at the Andover Historical Society.

Co-chair Molly Foley was "thrilled" that the Andover Historical Society hosted the event.

"The Andover Historical Society is one of our grantees this year and we also helped to fund their current exhibit 'Opening Doors: A Better Chance of Andover.' It was a perfect location," said Foley.

Fifteen of the 20 grantees were represented at this year's reception.

Dr. Sheldon Berman, superintendent of Andover public schools, spoke about the necessity of arts and culture in partnership with core school subjects, the impact of APS's New England Arts for Literacy multiyear federal grant and congratulated APS principals Liz Roos, Michelle Costa and Tracy Crowley on their ACC grant awards.

After Joseph Thibodeau, District Director for Senator Barbara L'Italien, shared his experiences growing up in Andover deeply involved in the theater, he presented certificates to the grantees on behalf of Sen. L'Italien. Before guests mingled and enjoyed the exhibit on display, Mary Pritchard and Susan Connolly of ABC House spoke to the group about how important the process of writing the grant application was to organizing their ideas and how being awarded the grant was a great boost to their confidence, convincing them that they were indeed embarking on something special for the community.

ACC Co-chair Nora Pelt explained, "As a town appointed council, the ACC receives an annual allocation from the state through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We, in turn, award those funds to arts and culture programs right here in Andover."

This year's grantees include a 60-piece orchestra, an almost 50-year-old choral ensemble, a 20-year-old chamber music ensemble, a one-woman play, community gatherings like the Chinese New Year celebration and the Dr. MLK Jr. Unity Brunch and a harvest festival performance for area seniors.



Courtesy photos

A number of school officials attended the Andover Cultural Council reception to honor this year's grant recipients, including, from left: Andover Public Schools' Fine Arts Coordinator Beth Delforge, Bancroft Elementary School Principal Vivian McNeely, South Elementary Principal Tracy Crowley, West Elementary Principal Liz Roos, Bancroft Elementary Principal Michelle Costa, Asst. Supt. Nancy Duclos, and, Supt. Sheldon Berman.



Andover Poet Laureate Linda Flaherty Halmmaier poses with former Andover Cultural Council chairwoman Leslie Malis.

Through Andover Recreation, Memorial Hall Library and the schools, this year the ACC helped to fund programs for children in theater, music, dance, origami, puppetry, and storytelling.

Pelt went on to say, "Over the past five years, the number of applications we receive has doubled. Looking forward as a funding organization, we continue to look for ways to increase our budget because we have seen time and time again that those working in the world of arts and culture know how to stretch a dollar further than most could imagine."

For more information about the Andover Cultural Council, visit www.AndoverCulturalCouncil.com or follow them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



Attending the reception were, from left: Lauren Kosky-Stamm of the Andover Historical Society, Susan Connolly of A Better Chance of Andover (ABC), Elaine Clements of the Andover Historical Society, and Mary Pritchard of ABC.

LIST OF WINNERS

Organization	Amount
A Better Chance of Andover	\$550
Andover Baptist Church	\$400
Andover Choral Society	\$337
Andover Historical Society	\$200
Davis Bates	\$225
Creative Living Inc.	\$250
CREST Collaborative	\$75
Jennifer Zhang/ Chinese American Association of Andover	\$450
Henry Lappen	\$200
Jim Manning	\$250
Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild, Inc.	\$250
Vivian McNeely	\$250
Merrimack Valley Community Music School	\$400
Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Society	\$300
Mistral	\$300
Marie Montgomery	\$275
Jeff Nathan	\$250
New England Classical Singers	\$300
South Elementary School	\$200
West Elementary School	\$250



Courtesy photo

The Fortunato Ensemble is comprised of members, left to right: Mary Jane Rupert, pianist, Donna Fortunato, mezzo-soprano, and Peter Bloom, flutist.

Acclaimed chamber music trio to perform at Christ Church

STAFF REPORT

A trio of acclaimed chamber musicians are the featured performers for a Gala Vocal Chamber Concert on Saturday, May 20 at Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover.

The musicians are: D'Anna Fortunato, mezzo-soprano; Peter H. Bloom, flute; and Mary Jane Rupert, piano.

They will offer music of Camille Saint-Saëns, Maurice Ravel, Amy Beach, George Frideric Handel, Felix Mendelssohn, Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel, Elliott Schwartz, Frédéric Chopin and Franz Schubert. Fortunato, mezzo-soprano has appeared as a soloist with preeminent American orchestras, including Philadelphia, New York Philharmonic, San Francisco, Houston, Cleveland, Boston, Dallas, Minnesota, St. Luke's Orchestra and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. She also participated in Roger Norrington's worldwide performances of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. She has performed with Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Bach Aria Group, Boston Chamber Music Society, and other noted ensembles. In 2006, Ms. Fortunato was a Grammy nominee in three categories including best classical vocal recording. Bloom performs concerts in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand and is featured on more than 40 recordings, including Sony Classical, Dorian, Leo Records and other labels. He is a winner of the American Musicological Society's Noah Greenberg Award. He has performed for The National Gallery in London, Animusic

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Gala Vocal Chamber Concert featuring D'Anna Fortunato, mezzo-soprano; Peter H. Bloom, flute; Mary Jane Rupert, piano. A reception follows in the Parish Hall

WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m.

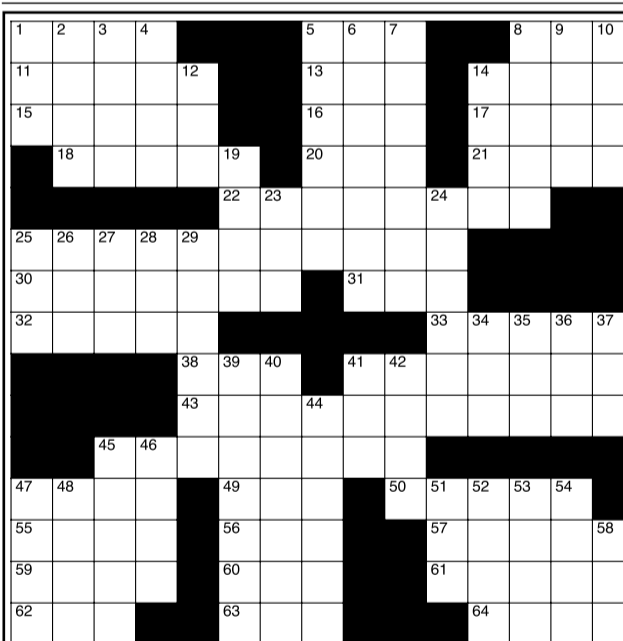
WHERE: Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover

COST: Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 for students and seniors; \$35 for families.

For more information call Christ Church at: 978-475-0529

Portugal in Braga, New Zealand School of Music in Wellington, Sydney & Southern Highlands Music Society in Australia and many other places. He is also a noted jazz artist and has given lectures and master classes across the globe on such wide-ranging topics as historical performance, new music, musical improvisation, jazz standards, and exploratory jazz, and masterworks of the literature.

Rupert has performed throughout the world from Carnegie Recital Hall to the Beijing Concert Hall. She has appeared as concert pianist and harpist with chamber ensembles, choral groups and orchestras across the United States, including the Record Players, the Southcoast Chamber Players, Musica Sacra, Cecilia Society, Masterworks Choral, the Boston Philharmonic and many others. She serves on the faculties of Boston College and Tufts University. Rupert's recordings can be found on the North Star label and Harmony Hill.



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- Inquires
- Chinese dynasty
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- "The Wire" actor Idris
- Resistance fighters
- Criticize

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will perform original compositions of R&B, Jazz, and Flamenco flavors on the saxophone; the concert is free and open to all; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

HMD PUBLIC MEETING, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. Andover's Historic Mill District (HMD) is a collection of historic structures, natural features and transportation amenities, all in close proximity to downtown; Gamble Associates was hired by the town to help create design guidelines for the HMD that will establish a common frame of reference for future redevelopment; going forward, these guidelines will clarify expectations about what is in keeping with the existing neighborhood and new construction; join the HMD Task Force and Gamble Associates in guiding the future vision of Andover's Historic Mill District; <http://andoverma.gov/181/Andover-Historic-Mill-District>.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

SPRING CONCERT, 8 p.m., Butler Middle School, 1140 Gorham St., Lowell. The Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra will present "They're Playing our Song: Spring Pops Concert Series"; admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and students with ID; ample parking is available and the venue is handicap accessible; tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <http://communityboxoffice.com/Tickets>.

ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING, conducted by the Special Education staff. Screenings are for 3- and 4-year-olds; parents who

are concerned about their child's development may schedule an appointment; 978-247-8200.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m., The Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Route 28. Hosted by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; new and changing labor laws that employers should be aware of will be discussed; featured speakers include Attorneys Matt Freeman and Kevin Sifers, from Jackson Lewis, P.C., Jack Myers, president, and Stephanie Sewade, executive vice president, of Luke Jackson Benefit Solutions, Cathy Darby, human resources director for the Town of North Andover, and Kristine DiFiore, vice president of human resources at Home Health Foundation; a full hot breakfast buffet is included; all members and prospective members are welcome to attend; \$25 for members, \$45 for nonmembers; 978-686-0900, www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

MAY 19 AND 20

ANDONA'S 61ST ANNUAL CLOWN TOWN, The Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets. The old-fashioned carnival will feature rides, games, food, music, raffle items and much more; hours are 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday; in case of heavy rain, Clown Town will be held on Sunday, May 21, noon to 6 p.m.; all proceeds raised by Andona go to Andover Public Schools and youth programs through its fund request process, summer campership program for children of Andover families in need, and scholarships for graduating seniors; businesses and local organizations interested in having a booth on the field on Saturday may do so by sponsoring Andona; email waysandmeans@andona.org to become a field or booth

sponsor; student volunteers, in grades six and up, are needed on Saturday for shifts in Andona's field booths; volunteer hours are in two-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; high school students are also needed to help with field set up from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and field breakdown from 4 to 5 p.m.; www.andona.org, email clowntown@andona.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

SPRING HISTORIC WALK, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road. Enjoy a morning stroll while learning all about the cemetery's history and the notable people buried there, and then tour the chapel which features Tiffany stained glass windows; meet at the arch at West Parish; free, held rain or shine; www.westparishgardencemetery.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

SPRING BALL, 6 to 10 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Music by D.B.'s Orchestra, dance instruction by Tom Webster of Dance New England from 6 to 7 p.m.; \$15 per person, \$25 per couple; tickets available at The Center at Punchedard and the Andover Bookstore; 978-623-8321.

SPRING CONCERT, 2 p.m., Chelmsford Senior Center, 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford. The Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra will present "They're Playing our Song: Spring Pops Concert Series"; admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and students with ID; ample parking is available and the venue is handicap accessible; tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <http://communityboxoffice.com/Tickets.php?a=44>.

MONDAY, MAY 22

MORNING TEA WITH MY DOLL AND ME, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Bring a favorite doll and come dressed in your tea-party

finest for treats, snacks and tea for sipping; geared for children ages 2 to 5 and an adult caregiver; includes a story time, craft activity and a mini fashion show on the stage; \$15 for children; 978-623-8340, email rec@andoverrec.com.

MAY 22, JUNE 26 AND JULY 24

SEN. BARBARA L'ITALIEN'S OFFICE HOURS, fourth Monday of each month, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St. Residents are also welcome to contact the senator's office at 617-722-1612; Sen. L'Italien represents Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and Dracut.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

NETWORKING BREAKFAST, 7:45 to 9 a.m., Residence Inn Andover, 500 Minute-man Road. Hosted by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; this event has been rescheduled; its original date was Thursday, May 4; enjoy breakfast, prizes and more all while networking with fellow members of the business community; \$10 for members, \$20 for nonmembers; information, registration at www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

MONDAY, MAY 29

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, 10 a.m., through town. The route will lead from the intersection of Elm and Florence streets to Main Street, to Punchedard Avenue, Bartlet Street and end at The Park; a collation will be held in the Doherty Middle School cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. for all parade participants; political activity cannot be accommodated in or during the parade; in the event of heavy rain, all observances will take place inside the Memorial Auditorium; civic, patriotic and fraternal organizations are invited to march in the parade; 978-623-8915.

Townspeople

Netflix series prompts concern among educators

By ZOE MATHEWS
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A month after “13 Reasons Why” was released on Netflix, educators are alerting parents about the series, saying the show’s graphic depiction of a teenager’s suicide could put already vulnerable students at risk.

In the Merrimack Valley, Methuen, Andover, and Sanborn public schools already have sent out letters alerting parents of the series’ content. North Andover and Lawrence public school administrators said they are drafting a letter to be sent out, too.

Andover Superintendent Dr. Sheldon Berman said the show is sparking conversations during a time when the community is still reeling from the suicide of a student last year.

“The one thing I want to be careful of is that we ensure that we are having these kinds of conversations with our children, and that parents are aware,” said Berman, “because they may not be aware of what children are watching.”

The series, based on a 2007 novel with the same title by

‘13 Reasons Why’ delves graphically into rape, substance abuse and suicide among teens

Jay Asher, centers around 17-year-old Hannah Baker, who kills herself and leaves behind cassette tapes for the people she believes were responsible in some way for her decision to commit suicide.

Netflix released the 13 episodes of the series — one for each side of a tape — all at once at the end of March.

“Hey, it’s Hannah, Hannah Baker,” the first tape begins. “Settle in, because I’m about to tell you the story of my life, more specifically why my life ended. And if you’re listening to this tape, you’re one of the reasons why.”

Letters to parents have included resources from the National Association of School Psychologists, which issued a statement regarding the series.

“The series, which many teenagers are binge watching without adult guidance and support, is raising concerns from suicide prevention experts about the potential risks posed by the sensationalized treatment of youth suicide,” the



Beth Dubber/Netflix via AP

Katherine Langford portrays Hannah Baker in a scene from the series, “13 Reasons Why,” about a teenager who commits suicide. The suicide scene and other content has triggered concerns among educators at area schools.

association’s statement says.

The association did acknowledge that the series could serve as a door to conversation with young people, and “an opportunity to better understand young people’s experiences, thoughts, and feelings,” with the caveat that young viewers will likely need the support of adults to process the information they are taking in.

Netflix did not respond to questions, but released a statement in response to the controversy.

Netflix promised to add additional viewer content warnings at the beginning of the series, where before there were only warnings ahead of specific episodes that graphically depict scenarios of rape and suicide.

Methuen Superintendent Dr. Judith Scannell said there has been “a lot of chatter with the kids because they are totally intrigued by the entire series.”

“It was alarming to us because this is very graphic, it speaks to students at a very very delicate point in their lives, ages 13 to 17,” she said.

Scannell, who said she watched the show herself, encouraged parents to discuss the series with their children due to its graphic nature.

The series is rated TV-MA, described by the FCC as intended to be viewed by mature, adult audiences and may be unsuitable for children under 17. But the show — like the book it is based on — is intended for teenagers and young adults.

Krista McQueeney, an associate professor at Merrimack College who researches media and violence, said that though she has concerns about the show’s depiction of suicide and sexual assault, it can have a positive impact if discussed openly.

“What I find effective is when school systems give parents and guardians talking points to initiate conversations with young people about these difficult issues,” she said. “This can be especially helpful for parents who didn’t grow up in today’s digital society and/or may be uncomfortable navigating conversations about sensitive topics.”

McQueeney said most young people are able to “distinguish between fantasy and reality,” but the show still caused some concern because of its portrayal of an environment where teens feel there are no supportive adults.

“The series reinforces images of a secretive teen culture where adults can play no positive role,” McQueeney said. “According to mental health experts, seeking out a trusted adult — either by a friend or the teen her/himself — is one of the keys to preventing suicide. And if youth can report, achieve justice, and heal from sexual assaults, adults must play a significant part.”

From the studio to The Park

Local artists get ready for craft fair May 13

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Like many participating artists and crafters, Emily O’Hara of Andover has always been drawn to the town’s annual Crafts in The Park event. This year, she flips from an event admirer to an event participant and she is thrilled about it.

“It is my first year participating as an artist, although I have attended the event for years as one who loves creativity and supporting artists,” said O’Hara, who has an art studio at Island Street Studios on Island Street in Lawrence. “I like that it is a local event with an excellent reputation and that it is half a block from my home.”

O’Hara, an artist who specializes in all things silver, especially jewelry (Silver Labyrinth Design), is among the many vendors taking part in Crafts in The Park on Saturday, May 13.

“We are very excited to have more than 190 vendors, both new and returning exhibitors with a wide variety of finely made, non-imported items, featuring jewelry, pottery, stained glass, women and children’s clothing, art, home and garden goods, and furniture,” said Karen Herman, event



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover artist Emily O’Hara, owner of Silver Labyrinth Design, makes handcrafted jewelry in her studio at Island Street Studios in Lawrence. O’Hara will be at the annual Crafts in the Park event in Andover on May 13.

coordinator. The popular event is sponsored by Christ Church of Andover.

Always held on the day before Mother’s Day, the event allows shoppers to buy unique gifts for mom and that’s a big part of the event’s appeal.

“It’s our 42nd year and it’s Andover’s oldest juried crafts fair offering high quality original craft work,” Herman said.

Of course, the day wouldn’t be complete without the background sound of jazz. As such, Mill City Jazz Band will perform once again.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Crafts in the Park
WHEN: Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: The Park, Andover, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets
COST: Free
WHAT TO KNOW: 42nd year with 190 vendors this year
INFO: www.craftsinthepark.com
List of Andover crafters participating: Wilawan Chaiyarat, Origami Roses; Laurie Cox-Schreiber, Handmade Whimsy; Debbie Frio, DebbieFrioQuilts; Jennifer Hickman, Kittredge Candles; Dan Jacavano, Jacavano Studios; Veronica Johnson, Funtastic Soaps; Pam Newman, The Bead Lady; Emily O’Hara, Silver Labyrinth Design; Dee Secor, Dee designs; Anne Thiam, Thiam Designs.

“They have been performing at Crafts in the Park for years,” she said. “We love their lively music.”

For more information, see the website craftsinthepark.com which has the full listing of this year’s exhibitors.

Mercury Systems moves to Andover

By WILL BROADDUS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Large photos of fighter jets and warships dominate the walls at Mercury Systems, a high-tech company that recently moved its headquarters from Chelmsford to Andover. The images are cool to look at, but they also serve as reminders of what the company makes, and who its clients are.

“Mercury Systems makes electronics for defense applications that involve radar or sonar or electronic imagery,” said Richard Jaenicke, director of product marketing. “The electronics help do intelligence gathering, surveillance and reconnaissance so we can help keep our war fighters safe.”

Mercury held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, May 5 at their new space on Minuteman Road, which occupies three floors and measures 115,000 square feet, and where it moved in about a month ago.

The company was founded in Lowell 36 years before settling in Chelmsford, where it operated for 20 years before bringing all 300 employees from that site to Andover.

“We needed more space, a more modern space, and some place that was more open to a collaborative environment for our engineers,” Jaenicke said.

The layout of work stations and meeting spaces reflects a concept that CEO Mark Aslett calls Mercury One, which he explained at the ceremony.

“We’re a company that’s spread across the U.S.,” he said. “We’ve got 1,000 employees, and what we’ve done is invest in the latest technology — as well as the infrastructure — to work better together, to produce better outcomes for our customers as well as our shareholders.”

The layout includes circular areas called “scrums,” where teams can gather to discuss ideas when inspiration strikes. They feature a

large, interactive screen that allows engineers to see and talk to colleagues on other floors, or at company divisions in California, Indiana or Alabama, while writing on a digital whiteboard that they all share. The lack of phones on any of the desks at Mercury’s headquarters is actually meant to help, rather than hinder collaboration.

“We’re using Skype for Business,” Aslett said. “Our whole goal is to move from voice to video communications. It helps people build relationships across the company, and the speed in which the technology’s moving today allows better information sharing and collaboration.”

Along with encouraging employees to collaborate, the space is designed to keep them happy with a fully outfitted gym, on-site cafeteria, and sight lines that lead to natural light from outdoors. Mercury Systems is expecting to hire more of these employees in the near future.

“Right now, we’re the fastest growing defense company in the United States,” Jaenicke said.

The company started focusing exclusively on defense after Aslett took over in 2007, when it sold divisions in wireless communications and medical imaging.

Mercury adapts existing technologies for military use by making them faster, smaller, lighter and more powerful, as well as more durable. Servers, which assist computers, are reduced from the size of a large briefcase to something that would fit in a cigar box.

“Mercury actually does everything inside the computer part of the system,” Jaenicke said. “Mostly we do boxes filled with boards of computers.”

But those boxes increasingly also incorporate analog elements, such as radio frequency components, that assist in capturing signals and transmissions.

“We also make the software to make it all run together,” Jaenicke said.

Senior center hosts healthy living fair May 16

STAFF REPORT

Exhibits and demonstrations, ranging from protecting elders from fraud and abuse, to exercise and lifestyle, to hospital and healthcare and retirement planning, are all featured at a free Living Healthy Fair scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 at the Andover Senior Center at Punchard. The fair is the major event in the Living Healthy series being held during May to commemorate Older Americans Month.

The fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a

keynote address covering the threats of fraud and abuse to elders being delivered at 1 p.m.

The speaker is Terence McGinnis, the commissioner of the Division of Banks for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“I must emphasize that the fair is open to the public,” said Anmary Connor, director of the Senior Center at Punchard, “with a special emphasis on seniors, their caregivers and families.”

Connor continued, “Our primary mission is to serve the growing elder population

in Andover, but we realize the important roles played by daughters, sons and other primary caregivers. We are offering a free ‘Grab and Go’ lunch in hopes of making it more convenient for families and friends to attend during their lunch hours.”

The generosity of several sponsors is making the Living Healthy Fair possible, especially the primary sponsors, Blair House of Tewksbury, Edgewood LifeCare Community,

The Law Offices of Kimberly Butler Rainen, North-east Rehabilitation Hospital,

Santander Bank and Senior Whole Health.

Several other sponsors will provide information and demonstrations on housing alternatives, family resources, financial and legal services, retirement, wellness health checks, senior nutrition and medical equipment checks.

Details of the Living Healthy Fair are being coordinated by the Andover Senior Center at Punchard in collaboration with the Andover Senior Community Friends. The Senior Center at Punchard is located at 30 Whittier Court in Andover.

Mortgage Network puts together Troops race team

STAFF REPORT

More than 40 employees and friends from nine offices of Mortgage Network Inc., one of the largest independent mortgage lenders in the eastern U.S., participated in the recent Run for the Troops 5K in downtown Andover.

The race was held in part to raise money to build a new custom home for a wounded Connecticut soldier.

Proceeds from the event, put on by Run for the Troops, will enable another organization, Homes for Our Troops, to build a mortgage-free, specially designed home

for Marine Corporal Roger Rua of Middlebury, Conn., who was injured in the line of duty in Afghanistan in 2012. The vehicle Rua was riding in drove over a command-detonated improvised explosive device in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Rua sustained fractures to his spine, femur and sternum as well as traumatic brain injury as a result of the explosion. Initially paralyzed from the chest down, Rua was able to walk again using only a cane following months of physical therapy. Race proceeds also help military families through Fisher

House Boston and Brides Across America, an Andover group, as well as help soldiers with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder through the military programs at Ironstone Farm, also based in Andover.

“Mortgage Network was proud and privileged to help Roger by participating in the Run for the Troops 5K in Andover,” said Robert McInnes, president of Mortgage Network. “Roger’s story is truly inspirational, as are those of all of the many other veterans that have been helped by Homes for Our Troops. I know I speak

for all of our employees that being involved in the run was incredibly rewarding.”

William R. Kelly, a loan officer in Mortgage Network’s Danvers branch, and a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, agreed.

“It was great to see so many people come together to support our veterans,” he said. “Many thanks to all of the sponsors who donated time, effort and money to support this great cause.”

Based in Danvers, Mortgage Network provides mortgage banking services in more than 20 states through a wide variety of retail offices



Courtesy photo

The team from Mortgage Network under their tent at the start/finish line of Run for the Troops 5K, held recently adjacent to Town Offices.

built to fit each local market. Mortgage Network is more focused and agile than many larger competitors, which

allows the company to provide a high level of service to its customers and its business and referral partners.

Opinion

'13 Reasons Why' raises compelling questions

A few weeks ago, the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" was just one of the many titles available to the viewing audience on the pay-network. Like any other series, it had followers, but it was hardly the topic of conversation among the masses.

That all changed toward the end of April as parents, educators and members of the mental health community began to take note of the show's portrayal of modern high school life. It delves into topics such as cyberbullying, shaming, substance abuse, sexual assault, physical violence and harassment before reaching the graphic, minutes-long scene in which the female protagonist, 17-year-old Hannah Baker, commits suicide in a bathtub. Left behind are cassette tapes on which she has recorded the 13 reasons why she did so, speaking directly to the people whom she believes were responsible.

Now, "13 Reasons Why" has provoked a hot national debate with some saying it goes too far in its depiction of the suicide, as well as the toxic circumstances faced by high schoolers. Others argue that it's just this sort of attention that will open up necessary conversations.

The show most certainly is hard to watch, though we agree with those who urge conversations with teenagers about this series. The most important of these serious, difficult, necessary conversations is between parents and their children at home.

The National Association of School Psychologists recently distributed a letter warning of potential copycat behaviors and reminding of the vulnerability of young people in middle and high school.

"The series, which many teenagers are binge watching without adult guidance and support, is raising concerns from suicide prevention experts about the potential risks posed by the sensationalized treatment of youth suicide," the statement says.

Shortly after that letter was released, Methuen, Andover and Sanborn public schools distributed letters alerting parents of the series. North Andover and Lawrence public schools soon will follow, according to administrators. Their letters also include resources recommended by the association of school psychologists.

Commendably these messages are less about whether children should see the show; banning teenagers from watching anything, in most cases, seems likely to backfire. Instead school officials urge parents to be mindful of what kids are seeing by watching the series alongside them, when possible, and then talking about it.

In an interview with reporter Zoe Mathews, Andover Superintendent Sheldon Berman said the show is sparking conversation at a time when the community still is reeling from the suicide of a student last year.

"The one thing I want to be careful of is that we ensure that we are having these kinds of conversations with our children, and that parents are aware," he said, "because they may not be aware of what children are watching."

One sad, disturbing theme to "13 Reasons Why" is that the adult characters — Hannah's parents, other parents and school counselors among them — do not address or perhaps even recognize the main character's pleas for help, nor those of her peers. Throughout the series, it seems most parents have no idea what their children are dealing with or doing. It's the opposite, of course, of what we strive for in the real world.

So, however problematic one believes the series to be, "13 Reasons Why" is groundbreaking in that it dares to address the prickly topic of teen suicide.

If we are alarmed, we should be. There's a lot of truth in the series. And if that helps adults better understand how teens feel, think and react, then when it comes time for talking, we'll be better prepared to navigate these tricky conversations and gain insight into our children's worlds.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

Rain rain, go away? Last year, it was drought. This year, it's a monsoon. **Are you sick of the dreary weather?**

Yes. I need to sit under a sunlamp for a few hours a day so I don't get depressed.

Yes. I hope summer is better because spring stinks.

No. We need the rain, it's good for my lawn and flowers.

No. I like cloudy, rainy weather because it's cooler and I don't have to wear sunscreen.

Last week's question:

Two years ago, in one of the worst winters in memory, MBTA trains ground to a halt. That was followed by a massive re-structuring of the agency. Lack of ongoing maintenance has left miles of track in need of repairs. (See editorial above.) **Has the MBTA's reputation and service been restored to acceptable levels?**

Results, in order of most votes. (As of Friday, May 5.)

No way. The MBTA is a complete joke. Every train is late. They smell. The conductors are surly. And the seats are uncomfortable. 4 votes.

No. The MBTA is still a crapshoot. You never know what's going to happen as soon as you step on that train. 3 votes.

Sort of. I've seen some improvement, but not a lot. 1 vote

Yes. Things have definitely improved.

Is open town meeting still best for Andover?

Richard Howe

Special to the
Townsmen



This year's town meeting included several sessions with larger than usual voter turnouts.

On the first two nights 882 and 1,019 voters checked in, respectively. Of course not all of those voters were there for the entire meeting, which is a source of frustration for some community leaders.

On the first significant debate occurred on Article 4 when an amendment was proposed to cut the school department budget. The amendment failed by a vote of 270 (for) to 519 (against). About two hours later, a standing vote was also called on Article 35, which would have authorized the Board of Selectmen to sell or lease the current town yard site. This proposal also failed, by a vote of 125-364. In the meantime, some 300 voters had departed.

Perhaps these were mostly busy parents who wanted to support the schools but also needed to get home for their children. On the second

night of town meeting, the large turnout was clearly generated by the proposed Dascomb Road development, with many neighbors expressing their "Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY)" opposition.

Some single-issue town meeting attendees had not thoroughly read the Finance Committee Report. Even among those few who did, some were frustrated by the limited amount of information provided or the late-breaking changes introduced by those presenting warrant articles. The information provided by some presenters sometimes seemed contradictory and were not reconciled or fully explained. Presentations from the selectmen, town manager, and Finance Committee members were often cursory on issues that should have been more completely explained and debated. On the other hand, some voters felt their time was wasted listening to and voting on routine articles.

But even when 1,000 residents show up for town meeting, that is less than five percent of Andover's 24,293 registered voters. Does such a group fairly represent all age groups in town? A quick look around the hall seemed to indicate that most attendees seemed middle-aged and elderly, especially after the school parents departed.

In smaller towns, open town

meeting may be an annual celebration of community. Years ago I attended an annual town meeting in another town that occurred all day long on a Saturday, with a pause for an outdoor potluck picnic halfway through the warrant. But that would be rare today, with residents more engaged in activities for children and other family demands, with both parents working, or with people more distracted by media and spending time in traffic (sometimes at the same time).

As a result, as towns grow larger and more complex, many have shifted to other forms of government — giving up the direct democracy of open town meeting for a representative town meeting or a town council. For example, of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts, 38 have between 20 and 30 thousand residents. Seventeen of these have open town meetings, 15 have representative town meetings, and six have elected councils with either a mayor or town manager.

Andover has a population of about 35,000 residents. Of communities in the 30-40 thousand range, three (Andover, Dracut, Tewksbury) have open town meetings. Eight towns have representative town meetings, and seven communities have elected councils with mayors and/or city/town managers. For the 37 communities over

40,000 population, none have open town meetings, four have representative town meetings, and 33 have either mayors or town managers with city or town councils. Clearly, as communities grow larger, they generally gravitate away from the open town meeting form of government. Perhaps it is time for Andover to explore alternative forms of town government. Future columns in this series will continue to assess Andover's open town meeting, explore the strengths and weaknesses of representative town meetings and town councils, and conclude by outlining the process of establishing a local charter commission to consider alternatives.

About Richard Howe: Howe has attended town meeting regularly since moving to Andover 15 years ago. He was a member of the Finance Committee for six years. His local government experience includes serving as an alderman in Melrose, town administrator in Easton, representative town meeting member in Lexington, executive director of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, and staff support for the Governor's Local Government Advisory Committee. Howe played a key role in the formation of the Massachusetts Municipal Association in 1979.

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical
Society

100 Years Ago—May 11, 1917

Tyer Rubber Company has announced that a bonus of .15 cents per working day will be paid each month. The bonus dates back to April 1 and the first bonus will be paid during the month of June.

The contract for the new parochial school has been awarded by Fr. Riordan to Philip L. Hardy of this town. The building will be of two stories with eight rooms and an assembly hall. The school will front on Central Street with entrances from that street and Chestnut. Work will start at once and the large barn and carriage house on the present property will either be sold or torn down. The new school will be complete and modern in every respect.

The first store in the new Buchan and McNally Block on Park Street was opened yesterday by Robert J. Winters, who will conduct a .05, .10,

and .25 cent store. The store is well-stocked with an endless variety of articles which are always needed and at these popular prices with courteous treatment and efficient service, Mr. Winters hopes to receive a generous patronage.

75 Years Ago—May 14, 1942

The annual Lincoln spelling matches for students in the public schools will be held tomorrow night in the Memorial Auditorium. Prizes from the Alfred Lincoln fund, of \$3.75 and \$2.50 will be awarded the winners in each grammar grade, and the final prizes, from the Varnum Lincoln fund, amount to \$10, \$6 and \$4.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and tires, gas and automobile shortages may afford Andover residents an opportunity, this summer to see, right here in Andover, such plays as "Anything Goes," "Pal Joey," and "My Sister Eileen." The Guy Palmerton Players, a summer stock company which has been producing well-known Broadway hits at Wayland Park, near Fitchburg, is at

present considering the formation of weekly productions in Andover, Methuen and Lawrence.

50 Years Ago—May 11, 1967

The Townsmen started the greening process on Main Street Saturday, planting a Greenspire Linden near the corner of Chestnut and Main. The tree is a gift to Andover from Townsmen publisher Irving E. Rogers. At the planting ceremony on Founder's Day were Eugene A. Bernardin, president of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, Selectman William Stewart, Tree Warden Philip Busby, Selectman Roger Collins and Sidney P. White. The shovelers were Robert A. Watters, vice chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Marcelle W. Farrington, editor of the Townsmen, and publisher Rogers.

A three-storey frame apartment building at the corner of Main and Morton Streets will be the residence, starting in September, of the 10 talented boys from disadvantaged environments who are to be enrolled at the Andover

High School next fall by the Andover Committee for A better Chance, aka ABC.

25 Years Ago—May 14, 1992

Police have identified 17 persons responsible for spray painting graffiti on various town and private properties in the past couple of months, and have arranged for the offenders to repaint all the properties and pay the cost of cleanups.

A photo shows Allan Minkinen, who led the Andover Middle School Jazz Band in its medal-winning performance last week, being honored by parents of musicians in the All Town Band. With him is fifth-grader Eric Frishman.

Andover High School students and two of their faculty advisers recently attended the National Youth Leadership Council Convention on Community Service in Everett, Wash., last month. Jay Darrin and Dave Gangi accompanied students Dana Wald, Diane Aikman, Anna Branning and Kevin Sharkey to the National Service Learning Conference at the Everett Pacific Hotel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

any women be safe?

What if he knocked on your door?

Why are we willing to feed and shelter this murderer at our expense?

Why experiment with his mental rehabilitation?

Why waste these valuable resources? Many would say we have evolved, become more compassionate, no longer feel the need to retaliate. Others would say Philip Chism should pay the ultimate prices for his crime. Justice demands the death penalty.

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'Cooler heads prevailed' on Dascomb Road zoning

Editor, Townsmen:

The Warrant Article 57 debate at town meeting

demonstrated what is right in local politics.

A weighty zoning decision being pursued by well-intended town officials and residents based primarily on the promise of a tax windfall and an implied strings attached MassWorks grant without factual data, analysis, and consequences was delayed until cooler heads prevailed.

The winners? All concerned because Andover is a respected brand name throughout our state and region and you saw a rational, methodical path forward to further that reputation.

Living on Dascomb Road and having attended an informational meeting and the town meeting, I saw little talk of "not in my backyard" or movement toward limiting town access to the tax revenue stream and potential benefits. Instead, I saw thoughtful

debate on the planning needed to get critical analysis, how best to get there, and an informed voter base, both pro and con. Those to be commended were the people of Andover for their lively debate, a fair forum moderator, and Selectman Bob Landry for his principled resistance to the initial allure of seemingly easy money and for injecting some reality into the discussion of needing a coherent path forward.

The unlikely hero was Sal Lupoli, who showed great business acumen, patience, and a desire to color inside the lines with Andover residents on a successful outcome. I say that despite the fact that I was in the line to speak on the con side of the zoning issue and against 57. I'm cautiously optimistic.

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YWCA honors six women who work or live in Andover

STAFF REPORT

Six women with strong ties to Andover will be honored May 18 at the 34th Annual Tribute to Women, the YWCA of Greater Lawrence annual fundraising event.

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the YWCA of Greater Lawrence in 1892.

Tribute to Women is the signature fundraising event for the YWCA, supporting its extensive social services and social advocacy work on behalf of vulnerable women and families. The awards luncheon takes place Thursday, May 18 at Andover Country Club. Among the 22 honorees are:

Urvi Athia, owner and president, Primrose School of Andover;

Iлона Bolich, employee assistance program provider, IRS campus, Andover;

Marlene Hoyt, Executive Vice President and Director of Construction Lending, Enterprise Bank, Andover;

Tricia MacDonald, Executive Administrative Assistant, Pfizer;

Kerry Morrison, Andover Girls Lacrosse and Field Hockey coordinator, Andover Youth Services;

Leah Okimoto, founder and executive director of Aaron's Presents, Andover.

Pfizer is the main sponsor of the 2017 Tribute to Women.

All proceeds support YWCA programs and services in Greater Lawrence and across the Merrimack Valley and Essex County. Services include an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence; counseling and court advocacy for victims; comprehensive rape crisis services in Lynn, Haverhill and Lawrence; year-round childcare for infants through 13-year-olds at two sites in Lawrence and one in Haverhill; a summer day camp for children 5-13 in Salem, N.H.

Ballardvale Boy Scout troop sets up camp at Pole's Hill

STAFF REPORT

The Boy Scouts of Ballardvale Troop 76 held an open house at the Andover Conservation Commission's Pole Hill Reservation on Saturday, April 29.

The Troop, sponsored by the Ballard Vale United Church, was recognized as stewards of the Reservation by the Conservation Commission as part of its efforts to get local Scouts to help spread the word about Andover's green spaces. Part of the agreement

is that each year they host an event open to the public.

The Scouts worked on a service project in the morning.

During the Open House, visitors learned from the Scouts about camping, fire safety, Dutch oven cooking, and geocaching.

The Troop also conducted a scavenger hunt for visitors. Several local resident-historians were on hand to talk about the history of Pole Hill, New Stream, and the historic bridge and its recent renovation.

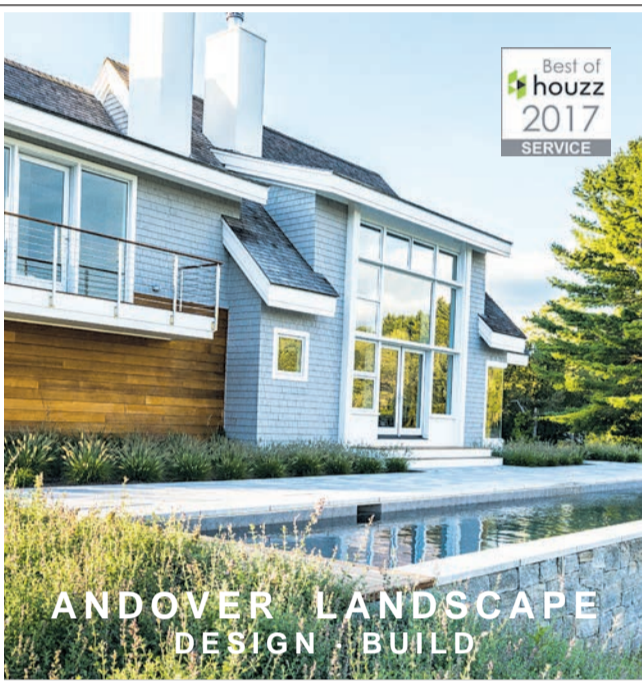


Future scout Declan Finlay, 5, talks with Don Milligan, Scout Master for Troop 76 for the last 29 years, during a visit to the campsite.



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Chris Norecross, who became an Eagle Scout in 1976, helps his sons, Owen, 16, an Eagle Scout with Troop 76 and Liam, a Star Scout working toward becoming an Eagle Scout, with a sign for their camp.



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Sports

DYNAMIC DEBUTS



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Andover ace pitcher Evan Christopoulos delivered a three-hit shutout as the Golden Warriors topped North Andover 1-0 last week.

Ace Christopoulos dominates to give baseball shutout victory

BASEBALL

Tim Kalantzakos doubled to left to score Josh Gruenberg from second in the fourth inning, and that was all pitcher Evan Christopoulos would need to stifle North Andover for the 1-0 victory last Wednesday. Christopoulos allowed three hits on the day, including a leadoff single in the top of the seventh, but got the next three Knights in order to finish the complete-game shutout.

"Basically, I saw from him what I've seen the past three years he's been on varsity," said Andover coach Dan Grams. "He spots his fastball well, but his curveball is his best pitch. He did an outstanding job today."

Josh Gruenberg pitched Andover to a 4-0 lead through six innings, then after moving to left field switched back to pitcher to pick up the save as the Golden Warriors held off Dracut 4-3 last Monday. Dylan Melody had two hits and Phil Leblanc drove in a run for the Warriors.

BOYS TRACK

Jameson stars

Jordan Jameson won the shot put (46-4) and javelin (126-8) to lead Andover to a 106-39 win over Lawrence last Wednesday. Owen Moser added wins in the high jump and 110 hurdles and Andrew Lucia took the 200 and long jump.

GIRLS TRACK

Julia and Julianna roll

Julia Barbanti won the 400 (65.3) and Julianna Kennedy took the 800 (2:20.4) to help Andover top Lawrence 118-25 last Wednesday. Emma Joel took the 400 hurdles and Sarah Cain won the 2-mile for the Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Doubles fight to finish

Annette Kim and Sidney Conway battled for a 6-0, 1-6, 6-3 victory at No. 2 doubles to help Andover deal North Andover its first loss of the season, 5-0 last Wednesday.

Kathleen Buck toughed out a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 victory at top singles as Andover beat Notre Dame 5-0 last Monday. Olivia Burns and Anna Higgins added a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 doubles.

BOYS TENNIS

Warriors keep cruising

Senior tri-captain Ben Calcechi and senior Kevin Larney took a tough 6-4, 6-4 win at second doubles as Andover flexed its muscles, whipping fellow unbeaten North Andover 5-0 last Wednesday.

Liam Alden and David Grossman took No. 1 doubles 6-0, 6-1 and Andover beat Methuen 5-0 last Monday. Michael Rosen swept No. 3 singles and Javier Camino won No. 2 singles.

SOFTBALL

Pacy leads outburst

Alexa Pacy had two hits and scored three runs to lead Andover to a

10-4 victory over North Andover last Wednesday. Megan Hartnett drove in two runs and scored two more and Sophie Bardetti was 2 for 2 with two runs and an RBI for the winners.

Katherine Powers drove in both of Andover's runs in an 8-2 loss to Lowell last Thursday.

Andover fell to Dracut 14-0 last Monday.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Lenes, Torres keep scoring

Led by four goals from Brooke Lenes, Andover cruised past Masconomet 16-6 last Thursday. Lauren Najarian, Darsie Peterson and Jordan Torres each scored three goals and Olivia Hodge made five saves for the winners.

Jordan Torres netted six goals to help Andover top rival Central Catholic 18-11 last Wednesday. Casey Brusard and Brooke Lenes tallied three goals each for the winners.

Jordan Torres scored one goal and assisted on three others to lead Andover past Tewksbury 13-4 last Monday. Darsie Peterson, Brooke Lenes and Mackenzie Evans each scored twice for the winners.

Despite four goals each for Darsie Peterson and Jordan Torres, Andover lost to Chelmsford 14-12 on Sunday.

BOYS LACROSSE

Bouncing back

Andover got three goals apiece from Chris Carver, Michael Biddle and Alex Trotter in a 19-2 dismantling of Haverhill on Saturday.

Michael Biddle scored four goals and assisted on two others as Andover rolled past Tewksbury 18-5 on Monday. Chris Carver added three goals and C.J. Puglisi made six saves.

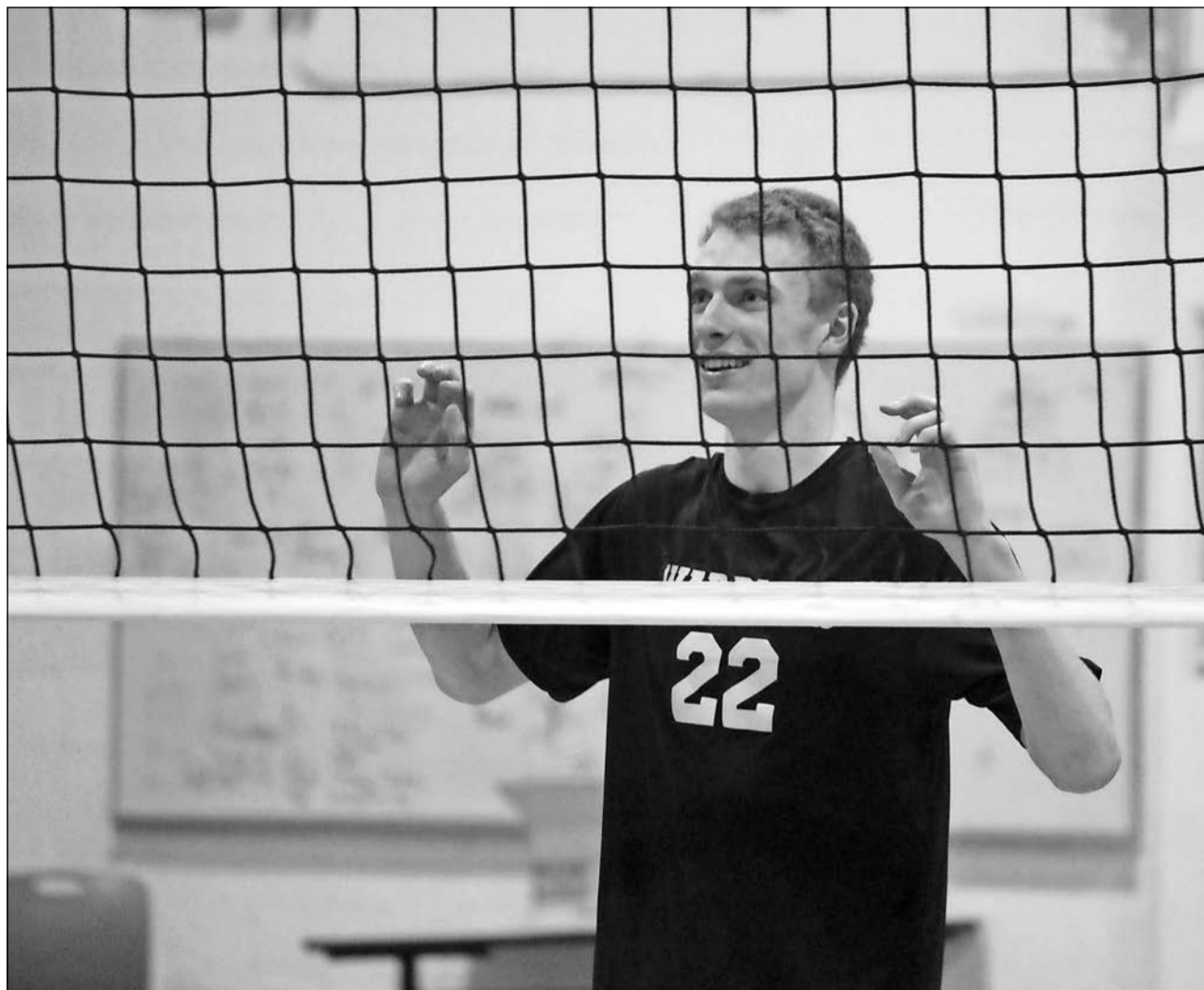
Brendan Croston and Michael Biddle scored two goals each, but Andover lost to fellow state power Reading 8-7 last Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL

Dean, Waters dominate

Devin Dean recorded team-highs in kills (19) and service points (16) to lead Andover to a 25-18, 25-13, 25-17 victory over Lexington last Thursday. Bruce Waters added 13 digs and Calvin Fumicello had three blocks.

Bruce Waters posted a monster 40 digs to help Andover beat Central Catholic 25-23, 25-19, 22-25, 25-11 last Wednesday. Jeff Hunt added 61 assists and 27 service points and Devin Dean had 39 kills for the winners.



PHOTOS BY AARON ROBERTS

Calvin Fumicello is all smiles during Andover's matchup with North Andover. Finally convinced to play, the 6-foot-5 middle hitter has stepped up this spring.

Zhan, Fumicello go from JV to crucial pieces for key players for red-hot volleyball team

BY DAVID WILLIS
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For Calvin Fumicello, it took nearly two full years of convincing for him to try his hand at volleyball.

For Yanchen Zhan, it was being cut by the baseball team, with a little help from the coverage of volleyball in the 2012 Olympics that led him to the sport.

But now, the two juniors have emerged as two of the most crucial pieces of the Andover High varsity volleyball team, which entered the week at a dominate 11-1 and the top team in the Merrimack Valley Conference. They are ranked No. 3 in Eastern Mass.

"Calvin's growth as a player has become more evident as he started having his breakout year," said Andover star Jeff Hunt.

"What is scary to think of is that he still has a lot more potential to uncover, and once he begins to find himself on the court he will truly excel.

"And Zhan has been a pleasant surprise this year. Although he is still learning to fine tune his craft, he is becoming a reason for our success and will help us make our mark come playoffs."

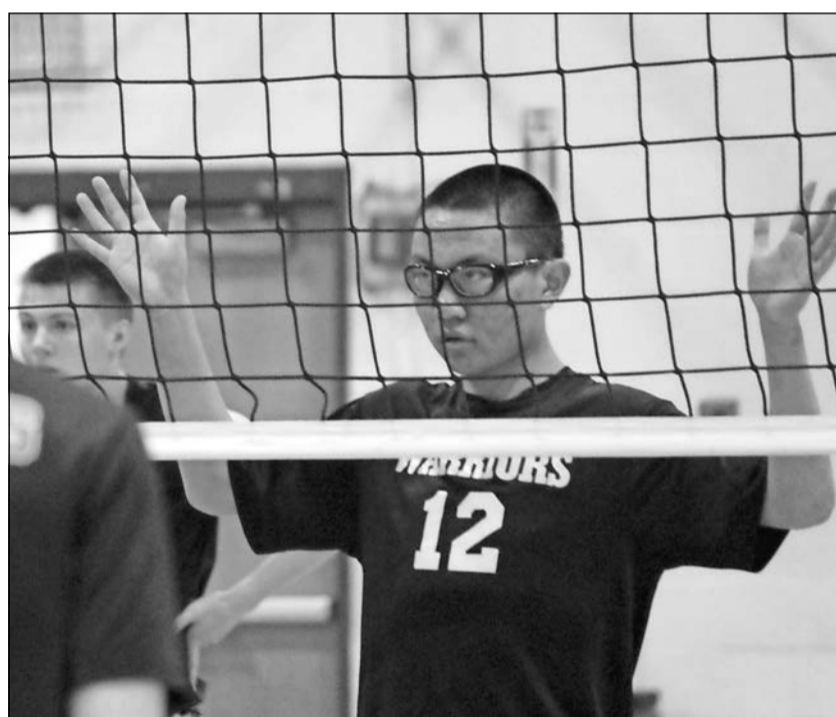
Man of many talents

Zhan is a busy man, to say the least.

A star student, he scored a 1,450 on his two-tier SATs, including a perfect 800 on the math portion. He is currently enrolled in three Advanced Placement classes — physics, US history and Java.

He plays the violin in the Andover High Orchestra and Northeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestra and teaches the instrument. And he produces promotional videos for the Andover High Environmental Club.

In his spare time, he also found the chance to become a volleyball star.



Andover junior Yanchen Zhan prepares for a hit against North Andover. A star student and top violinist, Zhan has emerged as a top outside hitter this winter.

"Taking on a key role this year for the team has been a learning curve," said Zhan. "Previously, volleyball had been more of a hobby and a way to de-stress. Now that I'm starting, I had to find the balance of doing the best I can to improve my quality of play while letting the competitive juices flow. That took a while to get used to."

The 6-foot-1 outside hitter seems to have done exactly that, averaging an impressive 7.6 kills per game.

"Last year, as a backup, I learned that every player, even the backups, have an essential part of making the team successful, from playing hard in practice to cheering the team on during the games," he said.

"After being subbed in as a hitter in a tight game and helping the team earn a few crucial points, I began to feel that I truly belonged at the varsity level and knew that I had the potential to do more for the team in the future."

Now Zhan, like the rest of the squad, is dreaming big. "For the rest of the spring, I hope that the team will continue to build on the chemistry we have built on and off the court to win

the MVC and the North Section," he said. "And we want to follow that by being competitive and winning the state championship."

Towering Calvin

Standing 6-foot-5, Fumicello looks every bit the part of the volleyball superstar.

But initially, Fumicello did not plan to try the sport out. Instead, he was focused on his first loves, soccer and hockey.

It was Hunt, a soccer and hockey standout, that began to pursue Fumicello.

"I first met Calvin during summer soccer of his sophomore year," Hunt said. "Immediately everyone could notice his height so obviously I immediately thought he should play volleyball. Even though it took some convincing over a long period, I got him to come out and try out volleyball."

Fumicello's first season last spring, however, was far from a success. As a sophomore he missed nearly the entire season with a variety of injuries. But he entered 2017 with high hopes.

"With our starting middle hitter from last year graduating, I knew I would have

an opportunity to start," he said. "Being injured last season I was able to sit back and watch and learn, really focusing on the people in front of me in my position. I knew there would be competition for this spot this year, but I am glad I get to help the team win."

Fumicello won the starting middle hitter job, and he has emerged as a standout.

Through Monday, he leads the Warriors with 3.2 blocks per game, and added 4.3 kills a contest.

"He brings a serious edge with him," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "He has stepped up and been huge for us in the middle."

Now he hopes the Warriors can keep their run going.

"I'm very excited about our team's hot start and what is to come in the future for us," he said. "I hope we can continue to build on our recent success and win the league, and then even go on a run for the state championship."

Reach sportswriter/vid-eographer David Willis on Twitter at @DWillisET

THE WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Boys Tennis
Wellesley at Andover, 4:15 p.m.
Girls Tennis
Andover at Shrewsbury, 4 p.m.
Boys Volleyball
Andover at Billerica, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Boys Lacrosse
Andover at North Andover, 4 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse
North Andover at Andover, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Boys Track and Field
Central Catholic at Andover, 9:30 a.m.
Girls Track and Field
Haverhill at Andover, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 15

Baseball
Andover at Lawrence, 4 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse
Andover at Lowell, 6 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse
Lowell at Andover, 7 p.m.
Softball
Andover at Lawrence, 4 p.m.

Boys Tennis

Andover at Lawrence, 4 p.m.
Girls Tennis
Lawrence at Andover, 4 p.m.
Boys Volleyball
Andover at Methuen, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Baseball
Central Catholic at Andover, 3:45 p.m.
Softball
Andover at Central Catholic, 3:45 p.m.
Boys Tennis
Central Catholic at Andover, 3:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis

Andover at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
Girls Track and Field
Central Catholic at Andover, 9:30 a.m.

Boys Volleyball

Lowell at Andover, 5:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, MAY 18
Boys Lacrosse
Pinkerton at Andover, 7 p.m.
Boys Track and Field
Andover at Lawrence, 4 p.m.
Girls Track and Field
Andover at Lawrence, 4 p.m.



North Andover's Jake McElroy puts the tag on Andover's Joshua Gruenberg as he slides while trying to steal second base. North Andover's Sebastian Keane indicates McElroy is out.



North Andover's Jake McElroy and his teammate Sebastian Keane react to the umpire's safe call after McElroy tagged Andover's Joshua Gruenberg, who was stealing second base.

Celebrating the victory are, from left, Andover catcher Phil LeBlanc and his teammates Daniel Walsh and Michael Reilly.



Andover's Joshua Gruenberg is greeted by his teammates after crossing home plate to score the winning run.

Scenes from Golden Warriors' victory over rival

It doesn't get any closer than this. The Andover High baseball team recently faced rival North Andover in a game that had only one run. And it went to the Golden Warriors. With the win, they gained bragging rights over the North Andover High Knights.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Memorial Hall Library has a lot of programs and activities in store.

Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Silhouette portraits

Artist Jean Comerford, of Portraits in Silhouette, will create hand-cut silhouette portraits on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., just in time for Mother's Day.

A non-refundable prepayment of \$35 is required. The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of MHL.

Call 978-623-8451 or email straina@mhl.org to schedule an appointment.

Adoption genealogy research program

Join Larry Maurice, an experienced adoption researcher, for an Adoption Genealogy Research program on Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. Locating information about an adoption in one's family takes patience, good judgement and a broad knowledge base of laws, history and record types.

Whether the adoption research is for a modern-day reunification effort, or trying to place a deceased ancestor on one's family tree, successfully identifying birth parents uncovers the kind of rich and emotional family stories that

genealogists love to collect. Maurice will discuss the basic steps of beginning adoption genealogy work and tell some tales of reunion success and persistent brick walls.

Maurice began adoption reunion searching in 1992, and was a member of a research and advocacy team that worked to open adoption records in New Hampshire in 2004. He has been a volunteer at the New Hampshire Vital Records Genealogy Research Room for 25 years, and is a contributing member of the American Canadian Genealogical Society in Manchester, New Hampshire.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

Tour the Addison Gallery

Join Judith Dolkart, director of the Addison Gallery, for a walk-through and discussion of the "Frank Stella Prints: A Retrospective" exhibit on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. The exhibit highlights the artist's career as a printmaker.

Meet in the front lobby of the museum, 180 Main St., Andover. Space is limited. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430.

Other events at the library include:

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club, Thursday, May 11,

10 a.m. Most meetings will have a predetermined topic to discuss. Everyone is welcome. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430.

MHL's Thursday Movie, May 11, 6:30 p.m. A free movie is shown monthly in Memorial Hall. For this month's selection, visit <http://www.mhl.org/movies>.

Career Networking Group, Thursday, May 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Friends Alcove 1. Join this free group to expand your network of business contacts, share ideas, and learn about effective job search strategies. Facilitated by Arleen Bradley, certified career coach.

Conversational English, Monday, May 15, 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 are welcome. Call 978-475-4602 to join.

All events take place at the library, 2 North Main St., Andover, and are sponsored in conjunction with the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

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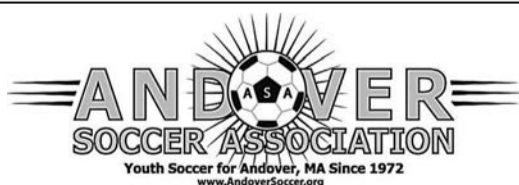
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Andover High School senior showcase May 22

The Andover Coalition for Education, ACE, is pleased to sponsor the first-ever Andover High School Senior Showcase on Monday, May 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Yvonne Cormier Youth Center on Whittier Street. This event is free and open to the public. Students of all ages are welcome to attend. Throughout the evening, graduating seniors will be on hand in the Phillips Room to showcase projects from a variety of Andover High School classes and programs, including Robotics, Engineering, the Senior Exhibition program, the Environmental Science Internship Class, the Senior Capstone Class, and "Confluence" — a partnership program with students from Lawrence, Phillips Academy, and Andover High.

Portfolio-level work from senior Fine Arts students will be on display in the lobby. In addition, students from the Innovation Lab will show off their "Food Computer," a computer-controlled, hydroponic greenhouse which just won a gold medal at the Beijing Youth Science Creation Competition in China. "The Senior Showcase is a great opportunity for the community to see some truly high-level work," said Steve Chinosi, director of Strategic Innovation for Andover public schools. "Parents and students in the lower grades can also get a glimpse of the growing

IF YOU GO

What: Andover High School Senior Showcase
When: Monday, May 22, 7-9 p.m.
Where: Yvonne Cormier Youth Center, Whittier Street, Andover
Admission: Free, open to the public.

number of innovative opportunities available to them at Andover High." Beginning at 7:30 p.m., members of the community may also visit designated classroom areas where students in the Senior Capstone Program will give a series of 10-minute "Ted Talks" on their research projects. Topics will include refugee aid, restoration of an antique tractor, mandatory civics education, developing outdoor trail connections between Andover, North Andover and Lawrence, and the design and construction of a specialized fish tank for the Andover High

School library. "ACE is thrilled to provide the community with the chance to see some of the incredible projects our seniors have produced this year," said ACE President Lenore Price. "Their work goes beyond the boundaries of the traditional classroom and directly into the real world. ACE is proud to have partnered with the Andover Public Schools in support of the programming that makes these opportunities possible." For more than 10 years, ACE has partnered with the Andover public schools to support innovative, system-wide initiatives that will inspire students to succeed in the face of today's global challenges. For more information, visit aceandover.org

ON CAMPUS

Anne Lyons was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International, during a recent campus ceremony at Quinnipiac University. Students inducted into the society must be business majors within the top 10 percent of their class if they are at the undergraduate level, or in the top 20 percent if they are at the graduate level. The society

offers students opportunities to attend national conferences and networking opportunities with business and financial professionals. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student can receive in a business program accredited by AACSB International. Julia Perry, a Saint Anselm College sophomore nursing student, participated in the

Blessing of the Hands, a ceremony that symbolically and literally pays honor to the hands of nursing students as they prepare for clinical care, actually touching, administering to and caring for the sick. The ceremony marks the beginning of clinical practice for the nursing program at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. A total of 76 students representing eight states

participated in the ceremony. Nurses were joined by faculty, family, and friends, listening to prayer and reflection. Local residents who received degrees from Simmons College in Boston include: Isabelle Campbell, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Zoe Porter, Master of Science in behavior analysis; Marissa Goldman, Master of Social Work; and Sarah Sardilli, Master of Social Work.

TOWN BRIEFS

Community Trust announces recycling program

Through its partner FundingFactory, residents' recyclables can be turned into affordable homes in Andover for Andover Community Trust. The funds raised will go toward building homes that people can afford. Andover Community Trust projects create opportunities, train students and change lives in the community. Andover Community Trust's recycling program is easy to implement and entirely free. Simply encourage colleagues, friends and family to drop off their used name-brand toner (Brother, Canon, HP and Lexmark) and inkjet printer cartridges (Canon, HP and Lexmark) at 2 Dundee Park, Suite B02A. Businesses can register as official "Business Supporters" of Andover Community Trust. FundingFactory provides Business Supporters everything they need for free, including pre-paid shipping labels and/or boxes. The volume and value of business-related toner cartridges can give a tremendous boost

to Andover Community Trust's fundraising balance. Business owners can go to www.fundingfactory.com/register/support.aspx for more information.

Tech school car wash

The Lawrence Rotary Club, in conjunction with its high school youth group, The Interact Club of the Greater Lawrence Technical School, is sponsoring a car wash between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 in front of the Greater Lawrence Tech School at 57 River Road, Andover.

The requested donation is \$5. Washing, rinsing, and drying will be done by the kids. All money raised will be donated to Lazarus House in Lawrence. So, please join us on May 13.

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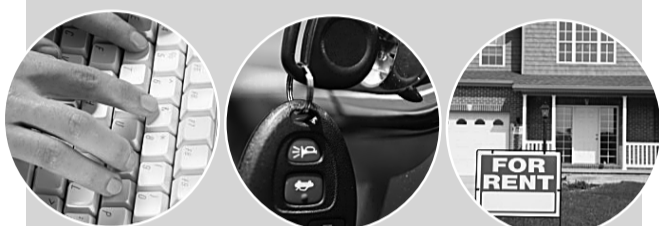
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\$1,099,900

NORTH ANDOVER

Newer Colonial in desirable library area of North Andover. This home features an eat in kitchen with gorgeous cherry cabinetry, center island bar, Stainless Steel appliances, granite counter tops and hardwood flooring. The formal living and dining rooms have hardwood flooring and the oversized family room includes a gas fireplace and cathedral ceilings. Finished third floor adds great bonus space.

\$649,900

NORTH ANDOVER

Exquisitely Designed Custom Built Cape Cod Home in North Andover's most prestigious cul-de-sac neighborhood! This home offers every amenity inside as well as lake views from the patio and all the privacy you desire. The gourmet kitchen with adjacent food pantry, the two story family room, formal living room, formal dining room with marble floor and butler pantry plus an elegant first floor master suite are just some of the features this home has to offer. A must see for the discerning Buyer with convenience to Brooks School, Olde Center, North Andover Country Club and Lake Cochichewick.

\$1,599,900

ANDOVER

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NORTH ANDOVER

NEW LISTING

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\$599,900

ANDOVER

NEW LISTING

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