



HALLOWEEN RESCHEDULED

- What: Trick or treat
- Date: Sunday, Nov. 5
- Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

* See related story on page 5.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 a.m.



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STORM WREAKS HAVOC



A tree rested on powerlines near a house on Summer Street.

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Power may be out in Andover until Thursday at midnight

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Some Andover residents may be waiting until Thursday night to have their power back.

According to National Grid, power is estimated to be fully restored in Andover by Thursday, Nov. 2 at 11:45 p.m. As of Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. there were 5,928 customers in Andover without power, down from over 8,000 Tuesday morning.

Town offices were closed Monday and Tuesday, as were Andover Public Schools. Superintendent Sheldon Berman said Monday that he hoped to re-open schools Wednesday.

Merrimack College also canceled classes on Monday and had a late opening on Tuesday. Trick or treating was postponed Tuesday night until Sunday night (See related story, Page 5.)

At a press conference held at the Andover Public Safety Center on Monday, police Chief Patrick Keefe urged residents to "stay off the roads" unless absolutely necessary so as not to interfere with cleanup efforts. Public works crews will be clearing limbs and branches from roads during the daytime on Tuesday, officials said.

Sunday's storm knocked over a reported 20 trees, although many more went down that weren't reported. Numerous utility poles and electric/phone/cable wires were also brought down throughout Andover. Traffic lights were out at a number of



A Halloween decoration landed in the branches of a downed tree on Wolcott Avenue.



A car with a North Carolina license plate is crushed by a tree on Avon Street.

busy intersections.

and wires.

The town's tree department worked to clear downed trees and tree limbs from homes

According to Lt. Edward Guy, a spokesman for the Andover Police Department, no homes

"There were several houses where the electrical telephone cable services were ripped off the homes themselves. That is something that has been an issue throughout the town."

Police Lt. Edward Guy

were directly struck by trees during the storm, although some homes were damaged.

"There were several houses where the electrical telephone cable services were ripped off the homes themselves," Guy See **STORM**, Page 2



KELSEY BODE/Staff Photo

Residents gather behind the Cormier Youth Center on Monday for a rally to support Andover Youth Services. They waved signs reading: "We BELIEVE in AYS."

Residents rally for Bill Fahey

Hundreds march as show of support for popular but embattled youth director

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Despite serious storm damage that left thousands without power, hundreds of Andover residents young, old, and in-between came out to support Andover Youth Services Monday.

The rally came a couple weeks after popular Director of Youth Services Bill Fahey returned to work following a lengthy suspension by Town Manager Andrew Flanagan for allegedly failing to adequately oversee one of his employees.

"I don't know if we should look back at any of the negativity," said Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Paul Salafia, a longtime supporter of Fahey's. "I think this rally is to promote a nice, positive feeling moving forward."

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Release of redacted minutes challenged

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The school committee recently released heavily redacted secret meeting minutes that reveal Chairwoman Susan McCreedy has already started talking with Superintendent Sheldon Berman about extending his contract.

But there's not much else in the document that can be read by the public. The Andover Townsman has filed an appeal with the state records division seeking full copies of the minutes rather than redacted versions. In addition, the School Committee neglected to release one whole set of minutes from an executive session.

The redacted, or blacked-out, minutes from the Sept. 7 executive session say: "Susan See **CHALLENGE**, Page 3

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12-Step Recovery yoga begins in Andover

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A program that blends yoga and 12-Step Recovery is coming to Andover this month.

Mindful Body Yoga and Ballard Vale United Church will be offering Yoga of 12-Step Recovery sessions every first and third Tuesday of the month in Shaw Hall, 23 Clark Road. The first session is set to take place on Nov. 7 and the second session will be on Nov. 21.

The Yoga of 12-Step Recovery (Y12SR) provides a mental, spiritual, and physical process to help those struggling with addiction heal



Kacy Zurkus

and strive towards their goal of non-addiction.

The program is open to those with substance and behavioral addictions, as well as people who are impacted by the behavior of individuals struggling with addiction.

The sessions will be lead by Kacy Zurkus, a certified yoga instructor. Zurkus is also Y12SR certified. She trained with Nikki Myers, who created the Y12SR process. Myers herself has

struggled with addiction and is a yoga therapist, somatic experiencing practitioner, and certified addiction recovery specialist.

"I recognize maybe what other people do not want to see," Zurkus said. "Even towns like Andover are struggling with the epidemic of opioid addiction."

Zurkus also offers sessions at the Lake Shore Retreat in Wakefield, at the Yoga Loft in Wilmington, and at Buddhaful Souls in Rowley.

"I think people struggle with many different kinds of addiction that can maybe lead to a drug addiction," Zurkus said. "It's sort of at

"It has been very fruitful for everyone who participates."

Kacy Zurkus, yoga instructor

the root of why we turn to shopping or chocolate or alcohol — it is something within ourselves we want to escape. Any addiction is welcome with Y12SR. The whole purpose is to connect mind body and spirit and to be able to live the goal of recovery."

Y12SR sessions are open to people with both substance and behavioral addictions, as well as those who are impacted by the addiction of someone in their

life. A Y12SR session begins with a sharing circle. After the sharing circle, where people have the option to share what they want to and listen to others. Then the group participates in a simple yoga class paired with meditation.

"It has been very fruitful for everyone who participates," Zurkus said of the sharing circle. "Because it is not an exchange, not a discussion, not a conversation. It's a sharing circle where those who wish to share are able to express what they are feeling and then move on to the next person. It's really just releasing those issues See **YOGA**, Page 2



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said. "That is something that has been an issue throughout the town."

Making matters even worse is that there was a chemical fire in a tractor trailer on the northbound side of Interstate 495, near the Interstate 93 exit at around 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Evening commuter traffic experienced serious delays as the fire smoldered for hours before firefighting crews could put it out and hazmat teams could contain the chemicals. (See related story, page 5.)

Local drinking water was safe, according to town officials. The water treatment plant remained in operation thanks to backup power generation. However, there was a reported spill of millions of

gallons of raw sewage into the Merrimack River as a result of the power outage at the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District sewage treatment facility.

Health Director Thomas Carbone advised residents to clean out their refrigerators as necessary to avoid food spoilage. However, according to Carbone, food in freezers can remain there for up to 48 hours before spoiling.

Carbone warned residents about proper use of generators that could discharge fumes into their homes. Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious matter, he pointed out.

Residents who need to charge their cell phones can do so on Tuesday at the Memorial Hall Library starting at 9 a.m. or the Youth Center starting at 8 a.m.

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A large limb fell from a tree into the pick-up entrance of The Pike School in Andover grabbing power lines and stopping parents from entering the school.



Anil Navkal photo

Red Spring Road had a number of trees reportedly blocking the way for cars.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Public Health Director Thomas Carbone, flanked by Police Chief Patrick Keefe, left, and Fire Chief Michael Mansfield, talks about food safety during a press conference at the Andover Public Safety Center following Sunday night's storm.



Anil Navkal photo

A woman takes her dog for a walk on Walcott Avenue.

AYS

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forward not just for AYS, but for the town. The town gets way too negative and this is a positive event."

Salafia was not alone.

"I think that recently people in town are just concerned at the lack of civility that has been going on, infighting among the boards,

and I think there is a little bit of fear that AYS might get caught up in that," said Paula Colby-Clements, a former School Committee member. "To make sure that those that sit on the boards know how we feel, I think people just wanted to come out and make sure people understood that we're here, and we've supported them all along."

The Andover Youth Services Appreciation Rally was organized by a group of AYS

supporters. The event was held on Oct. 30 in The Park in front of the Town Offices off Bartlet Street.

Attendees met in the gazebo near the Town Offices parking lot and walked around the building to the Cormier Youth Center. The rally began with teens who frequent the youth center holding up giant letters in front of the crowd that read "Believe" and holding a banner that read "We Believe in AYS." Former Selectman Brian Major was the event master of ceremonies, and Emily Abbott, a local teen, opened the rally by singing the national anthem.

Following Abbott's performance, a truck full of children led the rally to the Cormier Youth Center, all the while blasting tunes including "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey. Throughout the rally, people chanted "We believe in AYS" and "We love Bill."

"There were a lot of people that put some great effort into putting this on tonight," Major said. "We wanted to make sure Bill and the whole team over here understood that this whole community is behind him. We love what they've been able to do for our kids, our seniors, and we want this to be able to continue."

"It was awesome," Major added. "We don't let a storm get in the way. We don't let wires and electricity losses get in the way. This town came out in full support



KELSEY BODE/Staff Photo

Members of the Andover High Football team attend the Oct. 30 rally to support Andover Youth Services. From left: Peter Logee, Dan Blatman, Nick Dellatto, Payton Heidtke, John Marotta, Konstantinos Kantas, and Romano Duncan.

of Bill Fahey and AYS. The town just really showed their love and desire to keep this program thriving for the people of Andover."

Many teens attended the event, including the entire Andover High Football team.

"I actually moved here in eighth grade," said Payton Heidtke, Andover resident and member of the Andover High football team. "AYS was a good help to make friends and meet people because I could go on all the trips and meet everyone that would go on those trips that had similar interests as me. I believe what they've done has always been good. They always allowed everyone a chance go out and have fun."

During the day, 8,212 Andover National Grid customers were without power, numerous trees and wires

were down blocking roads, and several traffic lights at busy intersections were out, but upwards of 450 residents rallied nonetheless to show their support for AYS.

"It is literally a dark day in Andover," joked Selectman Laura Gregory. "So it is good to see something positive."

"Our goal was simple: Show Bill, Glenn, Tony, Neal, Jackie and the rest of the AYS crew how much the community truly values the work that they do every day to support the youth of Andover," wrote rally organizer Christa DiNapoli in an email. "We wanted to do something uplifting for the community and the entire AYS team. A rally was a way for community members to be present in support of AYS and its mission. The response has been very positive."

The rally included a "Yes We CAN Drive" to collect food donations for Lazarus House. Organizers of the event encouraged people to donate canned soup, canned tuna and chicken, pasta, one pound rice bags, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, and ground coffee. Approximately 25 boxes of food were donated to the Lazarus House after the rally.

The "We believe in AYS movement" also distributed 600 signs that read "AYS believes" around town. A second order of 300 signs was expected late last week.

"I was driving in Andover and I was like, what is that green and white sign that says 'We Believe in AYS,'" Bill Fahey told attendees of the rally. "I was like-- we're AYS. Then it went from one sign to two signs to 100 signs, to 300 signs."

Fahey described hitting a low point in recent months after he was suspended from the Youth Center for weeks. "Those signs and those messages from all of you made me feel like Popeye getting spinach again," Fahey said. "I was like, oh my God, these people are the best. I love you all. That's all I can say. You've brought me back to life."

Fahey described to the crowd his time so far at AYS, their mission, his belief in the youth of Andover, and encouraged attendees to "give more and take less," a common theme at AYS.

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verbally and then working through body to release them, where we hold them in our tissues."

The yoga part of the session isn't daunting, according to Zurkus.

"It's very gentle," Zurkus said. "We don't do a lot of the challenging poses. Every pose is intentional. It's about using our bodies to strengthen our backs open our hearts, and which poses help us to do that and remind us to do that."

Y12SR sessions are free. Donations are accepted, however, and the money is given to the Y12SR Urban Outreach Program.

Those interested in Y12SR can contact Kacy Zurkus, Y12SR Leader, at kacy.zurkus@kszfrelance.com.

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Truck fire shuts 495N for 12 hours

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A chemical fire in a tractor-trailer forced State Police to shut down the northbound side of I-495 Monday for nearly 12 hours, creating a traffic and public safety nightmare until all lanes were reopened just before midnight.

At around 12:30 p.m. Monday, other truck drivers notified the ACV Enviro tractor-trailer driver that they saw smoke coming from his trailer. When he pulled over, he saw the smoke and detached the cab from the trailer. ACV Enviro is a company that offers services including ultra high pressure hydro-blasting, light general construction, and hazardous waste transportation and disposal.

The Andover Fire Department and the state Hazardous Materials team responded to the incident.

The ACV Enviro tractor-trailer was carrying several hazardous materials.

"The trailer was carrying a cornucopia of hazardous household products such as aerosol cans, ether, acetone, fertilizer, paint and varnish, all waste products and some flammable liquids as well," said Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield. "It was all waste products picked up from in and around the Worcester area and was being transported to Portsmouth."

According to Mansfield, when responders began hearing aerosol cans explode from within the trailer, they were forced to think of a plan B and a plan C to protect not only the public, but first-responders on the scene as well. Ultimately it was decided that the best way to diffuse the situation would be to allow as much of the fire to burn off as possible, and for firefighters to use foam to smother the rest of the much smaller fire left afterward. Using as little foam as possible is also environmentally friendlier, Mansfield said.

"That is why the highway was shut down," explained Mansfield. "We don't like to do that. It is a last resort. It created a huge



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

A tractor trailer transporting chemicals burst into flames while traveling on 495 North in Andover on Monday.

inconvenience for thousands of motorists. It was a very complex incident and these types of incidents take quite a while to understand and develop an action plan for; but the main thing is that we are always keeping public safety paramount to everything else going on, not only safety of the public but also first-responders."

As of Tuesday morning the Massachusetts State Police had not filed any criminal charges against anyone in regard to the fire. According to a Massachusetts State Police media representative, officers did a visual inspection of the truck and did not find any violations of Motor Carrier Laws.

They were unable to do a thorough, hands-on exam because of the flames and the chemicals within.

"I think it was truly an accident," Mansfield said. "I think the company that was hauling the material may take a look at what their loading procedures are in the future to prevent this from happening again, but I don't think anybody is pointing the blame at anybody at this point."

No one was injured in the incident and air quality measurements in the nearby neighborhood did not show any reason for concern.

ACV Enviro could not be reached for comment.

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(McCready) provided an update on discussions with Dr. Berman regarding vacation buyback/carryover and his openness to extend his contract through a successor contract."

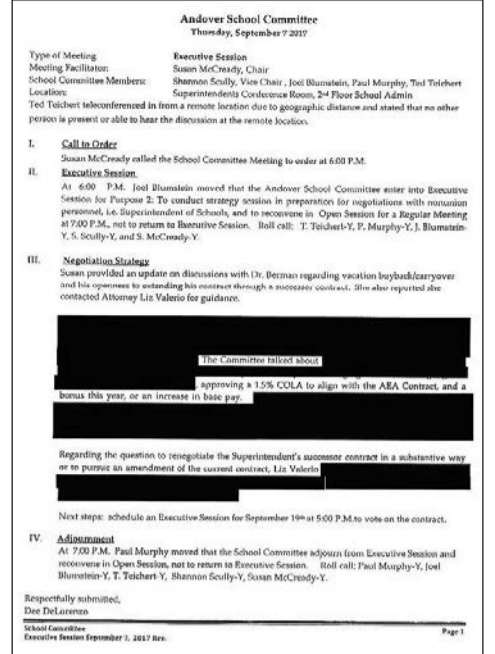
The Sept. 7 executive minutes reveal the committee sought legal counsel on whether to "re-negotiate the superintendent's successor contract in a substantive way or to pursue the amendment of the current contract." The name of the legal counsel is redacted from the minutes.

Ultimately, the committee approved an amendment to Berman's contract on Sept. 28, voting to approve a 1.5 percent pay increase and one time \$5,000 bonus for Berman. The pay increase brought his salary to \$223,000, not including the bonus or other pay.

Meanwhile, Aug. 31 executive session minutes reveal that the committee discussed at that meeting "items Shelley asked to be considered and clarified" in addition to "options to consider a salary increase/COLA/bonus as provided for under the existing contract terms."

Redacted minutes from the executive session meetings on Aug. 31 and Sept. 7 during which Berman's contract negotiations were discussed were released on Oct. 18 as required by law, after they were approved for release, and redaction, by the school committee.

The School Committee unanimously voted to release the redacted minutes on Oct. 12.



Redacted minutes from the Sept. 7 School Committee meeting where contract negotiations for Superintendent Sheldon Berman were discussed.

The Andover Townsman received copies of the minutes on Oct. 18.

The Townsman has since appealed the release to the state Public Records Division, which is part of the Secretary of State's office, as well as the Attorney General's office, on the grounds that the minutes are so heavily

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South Church to hold bike drive Saturday

BY KELSEY BODE
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South Church is holding its annual bicycle drive this Saturday. More than 150 volunteers through the church will participate in a plethora of volunteer activities on Nov. 4 for the annual Day of Service, including the Bikes Not Bombs Bicycle Drive, doing repairs to the A Better Chance House in Andover, donating baked goods, cleaning the kitchen at Bread and Roses, volunteering with the Conservation Commission, building with Habitat for Humanity, volunteering at Lazarus House, and more.

The bicycle drive will donate bikes to Bikes Not Bombs, an organization that sends bicycles to Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean to be used for transportation. Approximately 6,000 bikes are sent annually to these areas, donated by people from all over New England. Bikes Not Bombs also educates students about bicycle mechanics in their inner city youth programs. For the past



Members including Candy and Ron Dann, Donna and Colin MacLean and Carolyn Holden help break down donated bikes in front of South Church on a previous Day of Service.

few years, they've encouraged more young women to ride bikes and learn the bicycle mechanic trade. The organization employs some of the alumni to their youth program by selling bikes as well.

The drive will be held from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. at South Church at 41 Central Street. Bikes of all kinds are welcomed, from mountain bikes, road bikes, BMX bikes, tandem bikes, children's bikes, adult bikes, tricycles, and more). Kick scooters will also be accepted. The only

stipulation is that bikes cannot be rusty.

The drive will also be accepting bicycle parts, tools, helmets, bags, lights, pumps, locks, and cycling clothing. It is encouraged that a \$10 donation be made along with any bike to help pay for it to be shipped overseas. Donors can also obtain a tax receipt



Father and daughter David and Julie Strong making cookies at South Church for delivery to facilities serving the ill, the elderly, veterans and others in need of a lift.

for their donation. "Bikes can provide transportation for places that just don't have cars or people who can't get to work otherwise," said Lynn Welbourn, a member of the Board of World Service Committee at South Church. "It fosters employment. It's just a wonderful mission."

South Church held their first Bikes Not Bombs Bicycle Drive in 2006. Over 200 bicycles were donated. Since then donations have waned, averaging between 40 and 50 donations a year.

"There are a lot of non profit organizations that talk about global things and local things," said Scott Helmers, an organizer for the South Church Bicycle Drive. "Bikes Not Bombs is one of those organizations that has really gotten the local and global missions synchronized and working together. Of the bikes they collect between 10 and 20 percent are used locally in the downtown Boston area and are used in youth programs. The majority of the bikes get shipped overseas where they ship them specifically to economic development programs. Often the bike makes the difference for someone to get to a job or bring produce to market."

Donations can also be brought to the Bikes Not Bombs shop at 18 Bartlett Square, Jamaica Plain. Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.

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Solar-powered speeding sign to be installed at Phillips Academy

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Phillips Academy will be installing a new speed radar sign by their campus. Campus officials have been working to make the crossing safer after a Jan. 30, 2017 incident where a student crossing the bell tower crosswalk on Route 28 by the campus was hit by a motor vehicle and sustained significant leg injuries.

Phillips Academy officials worked with the Andover Police Department and Jacobs Engineering to find ways to improve the safety of pedestrians at the bell tower crossing. They came to the conclusion that a solar powered speed radar sign informing drivers of their speed would hopefully encourage them to slow down and check their speed.

"As always, it is the priority of the Andover Police Department to ensure that everyone in the community

Andover Police Department, wrote in an email. "Phillips Academy and the Andover Police Department have worked collaboratively to ensure their students and staff are safe when walking throughout the campus. Last year's horrible accident on Route 28 is an example of the need to always look for improvements and solutions for safety issues. Safety Officer Glen Ota has worked tirelessly with the Phillips Academy Staff to put measures into place, such as the speed sign, to provide a safer community for the students and staff. We are committed to work with Phillips Academy."

A speed radar sign will be installed on the northbound side of Main Street (Route 28) along the Dwight Street triangle this fall.

Representatives of the school presented their findings to the Board of Selectmen on Oct. 16 to gain their approval. The sign had already garnered approval from the state. Selectmen

approved the installation of the sign unanimously.

"We are proposing a speed radar sign at the northbound side of Route 28 as you approach the Phillips Academy campus," Jennifer Smith, capital projects manager at Phillips, told selectmen. "In 2016 an unfortunate incident occurred where a pedestrian was struck in the bell tower crosswalks and injured. It made us re-evaluate our needs for that area."

Smith described the dangerous aspects of the hill by the crosswalk.

"As you approach the bell tower crosswalk from the northbound side there is a slight hill," Smith said.

"That hill does provide a difficult sight line, so by the time a vehicle is on top of this crosswalk, especially at night, the lights of the vehicle are just coming down to see the individual. We are proposing a speed radar sign which would alert the driver as they approach the space how fast they are going and before they reach the top of that hill, so they have the opportunity to slow down."

Phillips Academy will pay for and maintain the sign.

"Great idea," Selectman Dan Kowalski told Phillips representatives at the Oct. 16 meeting. "You've done a lot of nice improvements to those crosswalks over the years. It's unfortunate, the accident."

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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:

Townie Trips: Thursdays, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Center offers in-town traveling for those who want to get their hair done, go out to lunch, to a friend's house or to the library. A one-hour minimum stay at the destination is required. The cost is \$4 one way or \$7 round trip. Travel plans should be arranged by Tuesday at noon. Call 978-623-8323 to schedule transportation.

Wellness Clinics: Stop in for a blood pressure and weight check with trained nurses Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Get help with day-to-day health needs. This service is free and confidential.

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

Mindfulness Meditation: Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

Business

Emotions and investing do not mix

John Spoto

Financially Speaking



Emotions trump smarts. Making good financial decisions can be difficult, even for

smart people. One reason is that most people make decisions based on their biases and the emotions they are experiencing at the time rather than a thorough review of the facts. In other words, their choices hinge more on what they feel rather than what they know. While many emotional or intuitive decisions turn out to be correct, others, particularly financial ones, turn

out to be wrong.

The difference between theory and practice. Conventional economic theory assumes that people make financial decisions based upon rational rather than emotional factors. However, in the real world when faced with incomplete information and uncertainty, they often behave unpredictably and irrationally. Individuals in similar personal and financial situations behave very differently when deciding how to spend, save and invest their money.

Since the 1990s the field of behavioral finance has applied knowledge developed in the areas of psychology and neuroscience, as well as finance and economics to more fully understand how people approach financial decision-making. This includes how biases and

emotions can distort reasoning and influence the choices that we make. The implications are important because if we can better understand the role these factors play, we can learn to recognize and harness them to improve the quality of our decisions.

Humans are emotional beings; so, don't underestimate the difficulty of controlling those emotions. It is not easy to ignore the euphoria when the stock market is soaring and every-one else (you think) is making a killing, or the panic when the market is plummeting as it has done in the past couple of weeks and your retirement savings and child's college fund seem to be evaporating by the day.

The key to successful investing. What distinguishes successful investors from others is not the ability

to predict the direction of the markets because history has shown that no one can do this consistently. Nor is it financial genius, because the road to financial success is littered with stories of brilliant people who have been spectacular failures at investing. Rather it is the ability to acknowledge the powerful negative impact that emotions have on the decision-making process and develop a plan to resist the emotional pull when making important financial decisions.

In other words, great investors do not confuse facts with feelings, and they understand that success is mostly about behaving rationally, not emotionally.

In the next couple of articles, we will address some of the important principles of behavioral finance and discuss how you can apply them to help you become a better investor.

This article is for general information purposes only and is not intended to provide specific advice on individual financial, tax, or legal matters. Please consult the appropriate professional concerning your specific situation before making any decisions.

John Spoto is the founder of Sentry Financial Planning in Andover and Danvers. For more information, call 978-475-2533.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

12 Canterbury St.: Jill A. Houser and Pamela J. Papalardo to Michael R. and Laura F. Blake, \$530,000

60 Center St., Unit 1: Dena L. Hayden to Kristin P. Lummus, \$197,000

3 Colonial Drive, Unit 3D:

Joseph Silvestro to Paul S. and Melissa M. Addezio, \$105,000

77 High St.: Laura K. Reed and Charles L. Koffman to Dennis Donegan and Charlene X. Liang, \$564,900

53 Stevens St.: Paula Mar-ron and Susan Delande to Bin Wang and Shao Y. Lin, \$320,000

BUSINESS BRIEF CASE

Novogradac expands with new Andover location

Novogradac & Company LLP, a certified public accounting and consulting firm with more than 20 locations nationwide, will open its second office in Massachusetts in November. The firm recently leased a 5,200-square-foot space at 40 Shattuck Road in Andover with Cummings Properties, and will take occupancy mid-month. The company will maintain its office at 101 Arch St. in Boston.

Novogradac serves a broad range of industries, with an emphasis in the real estate sector. The firm provides publicly and privately held national enterprises with audit, tax, valuation, expert witness and litigation support, property compliances, and general consulting services. The more than 25-year-old company also works extensively in the affordable

housing, community development, historic preservation, and renewable energy fields.

"Strategically, Andover is a good fit for Novogradac," said Mike Truesdale, Cummings Properties leasing director, who worked on the lease with Robert LeClair of Boston Realty Advisors. "With Shattuck Road being so easily accessible from the highway, it extends the firm's reach farther north along the Interstate 93 corridor and into other New England markets."

Cummings Properties acquired the 120,000-square-foot three-story commercial building in June. The first-class office/R&D building is in a well-known business community at the intersection of Interstate 93 and River Road, across from Minuteman Park. In addition to Novogradac, other Andover-based leasing clients include Agri-Mark/Cabot Creamery, Woodard & Curran, and Caradigm.

Casey named to Massachusetts 2017 Super Lawyers

Lawrence J. Casey, of Andover, an attorney with Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., was among those



named to the list of 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Twenty-three attorneys from the Boston-based firm were ranked.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The results will be published in Boston magazine and in New England Super Lawyers, which is published by Thomson Reuters.

Erickson named public policy advocate of the year

Scott Erickson, owner of Grace Morgan House, was awarded the prestigious Public Policy Advocate of the Year by the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association (Mass-ALA) during the Mass-ALA Annual Awards Dinner at Lombardo's in Randolph, in front of a crowd of about 600 people. The winner of the award is determined in a vote by the Mass-ALA Executive Board.



In his nomination, Sen. Richard Moore stated that, "More than any other provider in assisted living, Scott Erickson has advanced the cause of low-income seniors by fighting to give those who qualify for the Medicaid Frail Elder Waiver to be able to choose assisted living."

Matt Jones, master of ceremonies, in giving out the award stated that Erickson has "instigated three meetings with EOEA Secretary Alice Bonner, EOEA and Mass Health Staff to advocate for the shift. It is difficult to find anyone who has done more to advance this cause."

"Scott is largely responsible for bringing this issue (the near absence of low income assisted living in Massachusetts) to the attention of Mass-ALA leadership and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs," said Jones. "His efforts have led Mass-ALA to introduce legislation directing the administration to file a Medicaid Waiver to permit eligible seniors to choose to live in assisted living — Senate Bill 344."



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Education

Andover exceeds state MCAS averages

By LISA KASHINSKY
AND KELSEY BODE

Andover students averaged significantly higher than the state average on their MCAS scores this year. These are the first scores from the “next-generation MCAS,” a new version of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System taken earlier this year by students in grades 3 through 8 for English Language Arts and mathematics. Elementary and middle school students continued to take the old MCAS exams, referred to as “legacy MCAS” for science, and 10th-graders

took the legacy exams in all subjects for their high school graduation requirements.

The new MCAS tests are scored along the following levels: exceeding expectations, meeting expectations, partially meeting expectations and not meeting expectations.

Of Andover Public School students who took the “next generation MCAS,” 61 percent scored as meeting or exceeding expectations in math and 64 percent scored as meeting or exceeding expectations in English. For a local comparison, Andover students scored higher in these areas than

students from North Andover, Methuen, and Haverhill.

Just under half the students in the state met or exceeded expectations on the new English and math exams, the top two tiers of the exams’ new scoring system. Given the scoring differences and increased rigor of the exams, a student who might have scored proficient on the legacy MCAS might have achieved only partially meeting expectations on the new exams, the state cautioned.

The scores from those tests were made publicly available this month, and came with a cautionary note from the

state: don’t try to compare how students scored on the old MCAS versus the new.

“It is the first time, we do have some lessons to learn,” Superintendent Sheldon Berman told the School Committee at its Oct. 26 meeting. “I think we can do much better. I’ve asked all principals to look through the data and have meetings with their faculty and to do an item analysis. The item analysis will chart what questions did we do well on and what questions did we not do well on. So are we covering what is on the test. The second is to do student analysis to see

which students aren’t doing well and on what questions. I’ve asked each school to do that on each grade and bring the analysis back to us.”

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education said when releasing the results that the new exam system was a better indicator of “readiness for the next grade level,” and that the new exam was incompatible for comparison with the old MCAS.

Still, MCAS results are generally used by districts to measure student progress and inform teaching practices, like Berman intends to do.

Student growth percentiles measure progress each year by comparing changes in students’ MCAS scores to the changes in MCAS scores of other students with similar scores in prior years. The median transitional student growth percentiles for the state were 50 for the next-generation MCAS English and math exams. Andover’s growth percentiles were slightly lower than those of nearby towns and cities.

Parents can expect to receive their child’s scores from their school district soon.

School Committee approves Berman’s goals amid tension

By KELSEY BODE
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Tempers flared during a recent School Committee discussion of school Superintendent Sheldon Berman’s goals for the coming year.

School Committee member Ted Teichert wanted to establish very specific goals based on state guidelines.

The chairwoman of the committee, Susan McCready, said Teichert’s goals were not specific.

“Okay Susan you do it your way,” Teichert said during the Oct. 12 meeting. “Obviously you don’t want to listen to what I am saying. You asked me to do this and

I am doing it. I am providing information on specific goals.”

“You haven’t given anything specific,” McCready responded. “You’ve given a hunch of print outs about different goals from DESE.”

The goals, which had actually been submitted by Berman, were approved on a 4-1 vote, with McCready, Shannon Scully, Joel Blumstein and Paul Murphy voting in favor of approving the goals and Teichert voting against their approval.

Teichert was concerned that the goals were not measurable. He proposed methods of measuring the goals and additional goals that

could be added to the list, like considering MCAS score improvement by seeking a goal of an increase of five or 10 percent. Other members of the committee did not agree, feeling that focusing in on MCAS scores could risk encouraging teachers to “teach the test.” Some members suggested Teichert meet with Berman to discuss the measurability of his goals. Committee members also suggested considering an addendum to the goals in the future.

McCready was not in favor of an addendum to the goals and defended the goals they had been presented with. “This is an aggressive

set of goals,” McCready said. “If we are going to put an addendum on to it, I think that’s weird and just setting something up to fail.”

One school committee member explained why he did not want to wait any longer to review the goals further.

“I don’t think we should hold up the vote on what he has thoughtfully put together,” Murphy said at the meeting. “I also think it is reasonable for Ted to sit down with the superintendent to talk about what could be measurable goals. I think whether we should measure MCAS is something we should talk about, but not to

the detriment of something Berman has already put together.”

The goals

Berman issued six main goals for the 2017-2018 school year. His goals, in brief, include:

- Creating an “agile strategic plan that will be carried out in seven sprints.” The facets of the agile strategic plan involve progress in literacy, the Andover High school schedule, mental and behavioral health, social-emotional learning, accessible digital media, progress monitoring and innovation.

- Facilitating the process for renovation, replacement,

and/or additions to the West Elementary and Andover High schools.

- Assisting students with reading challenges, specifically by increasing literacy and assisting students with dyslexia.

- Comparing the curriculum offered at Andover Public Schools with other districts in the state.

- Promoting and enhancing communication between parents, administrators, teachers, and staff.

- Working closely with school and town officials to put forth a well-documented and strategic budget.

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Selectmen, school committee receive update on open meeting law

By KELSEY BODE
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The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee were briefed on updates to Open Meeting Law over the past few weeks.

Town Council Thomas Urbelis and Town Clerk Lawrence Murphy presented the

revisions to Open Meet Law regulations to the selectmen on Oct. 16. Murphy gave the School Committee a review of the changes on Oct. 26.

The revised Open Meeting Laws, as approved by the state Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker. The law went into effect on Oct. 6.

Some of the changes discussed include the following:

- Since the town uses its website to publicly post information on meetings, if the website goes down 48 hours before a meeting the town has six business hours to get the website up and running again. If this does not occur the meeting must be rescheduled.

- Complaints on Open Meeting Law must be filled out on the Attorney General’s complaint form, must be signed, and does not have to be recognized if made anonymously.

- The chairman of a board or commission has 7 business days to ask the complainant follow-up questions if more context is needed to answer the complaint issued. The individual issuing the complaint has 10 business days to answer these questions, and then the committee or board has 10 business days

to respond.

- A mediator may be called in by a public body if someone files five or more Open Meeting Law complaints within one year, at the expense of the public body. If the person who issued a complaint does not want to comply with mediation, their complaint can be dropped.
- Open Meeting Law complaints may now be resolved without a hearing by the Attorney General. “This means the AG may order nullification of an action taken by a public body in violation

of the OML without a hearing,” Murphy said in a memorandum to the two boards on the Open Meeting Law.

- A member of a public body may only participate remotely under the excuse that “physical attendance would be unreasonably difficult.”

- Finally, meeting minutes must be released within 30 days or three meetings of the public body, whichever is latest. If the public body can explain why it needs more time to approve minutes, it may be granted more time.



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TownsBeat

HAPPY HOWL-O-WEEEN!



Quentin Beaulieu, 3, hugs his dog Fred, who was dressed up as a firefighter for the annual Howl-o-Ween event and parade.



Hugging their rescue dog Max are twin sisters Emma, left, and Abby Kowalski, 9, of North Andover.



Josephine Vail, 8, of Andover dressed up with her dog Princess Pringle, as the big bad wolf.



Shoshana Siegel, left, of Andover and Angel Bartlett walk Velvet and Lilly, dressed as Thing 2 and Thing 1, during the annual costumed dogs parade in The Park Saturday morning. Dozens of dogs and their human companions descended on The Park for the event run by the town Recreation Department.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



From left to right, Dylan Mihailidis, 9, of Andover, his sisters Elise, 7, Alexis, 11, and their mother Kelly holding her youngest Katie Vogiatzoglou, 3 months old, with their dogs Fuzzle and Minmin.



Alivia Baldwin, 10, of Andover, and her dog Hoyt dressed up as Where's Waldo.



Rya Hodnett, 6, of North Andover, and her dog Brady dressed as Dorothy and Toto.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER THURSDAY, NOV. 2

MVPASAP'S QUARTERLY MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Greater Lawrence Technical School auditorium, 57 River Road. The public is welcome to attend the fourth quarterly meeting of the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project (MVPASAP); the guest speaker will be Sheriff Kevin Coppinger, who was sworn in as the 31st Sheriff of Essex County in January; Coppinger is committed to bringing positive changes to the Sheriff's Department by improving staff members' skills, training and accountability, expanding mental health services and detox treatment to confront the opioid epidemic, improving re-entry programs and community follow-up, and by strengthening collaboration with municipal public safety leaders and community groups and organizations; 978-314-9819, email kathryn.laverriere@gmail.com.

NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE SERIES BREAKFAST, 8 to 9:15 a.m., Residence Inn Andover, 500 Minuteman Road. Hosted by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Donald Ruhl will be the featured speaker; a complimentary continental breakfast is included; sponsorship opportunities are available; registration is required; 978-686-0900, www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

NOV. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 AND 30

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, Saint Michael Parish, 196 Main St., North Andover. The

meetings are open to anyone who struggles with food; 781-641-2303.

NOV. 3 AND 4

HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY BACK, Align Health, 1 Dundee Park Drive, Suite 2. Excess Halloween candy will be collected from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday and Saturday; the candy will then be shipped to troops serving overseas; each child will receive a goodie bag for all unopened, uneaten candy and Align Health will provide a card for anyone who would like to thank the service members; 978-474-0836, www.align-health.com.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

FUEL ASSISTANCE, The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court. Winter is just around the corner, and with it increased fuel costs; the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council will help with fuel assistance applications from 9 to 11 a.m.; individual appointments are mandatory, and proof of income is required; registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis at the front desk of the senior center or by calling 978-623-8320.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

IRONSTONE FARM'S SPIRIT OF GIVING GALA: VINTAGE BASEBALL, 6 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. The event is a fundraiser for the Andover nonprofit Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm; Jon Abrams and his Billy Joel's Rock 'n' Roll Show, a Billy

Joel tribute band, will provide the musical entertainment; Dennis Eckersley and Bob Lobel are this year's honorees; NECN's Matt Noyes will lead the live auction, games, silent auction, inspired dinner by Lenzi's, valet parking; tickets are \$150 per person, or included as part of a sponsorship; 978-475-4056, email neilfater@challengeunlimited.org, www.ironstonefarm.org/gala.

BIKE DRIVE, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St. The drive is being held as part of the church's annual Day of Service, and will be conducted rain or shine; all types of bikes (road, hybrid, mountain, BMX, tandem, etc.), in all sizes, will be accepted, along with parts and tools, accessories (helmets, bags, lights, pumps, locks, etc.), and cycling clothing; even some broken items (a cracked frame with usable components, worn tires, tubes with holes) can be donated; there's no need to inflate the tires or even dust them off; items that cannot be accepted include rusted bikes, kick scooters, anything motorized, exercise equipment, tricycles and trail-a-bikes; all donated bikes will be given to Bikes Not Bombs (BNB), which collects bikes, runs bicycle mechanic training programs for inner city youth, and ships the bikes to Africa and Central America as much-needed transportation; a tax receipt can be provided for the donation, if desired; a \$10 cash donation to BNB for each bike, which helps pay the shipping cost to send

them overseas, is optional; 978-475-0321, www.bikesnotbombs.org.

NOV. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 AND 27

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, North Andover Senior Center, 120R Main St. Anyone who struggles with food is encouraged to join; 781-641-2303.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

A GIFT OF MUSIC: FREE CONCERT SERIES, 2 p.m., Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St. Pianist Janice Weber will perform works by Beethoven, Liszt and Schubert; the free concert is presented by Friends of the Lawrence Public Library, Inc., and supported by the Catherine McCarthy Memorial Trust and the White Fund; all are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of music; www.lawrencefreelibrary.org.

NOV. 5, 12, 19 AND 26

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. The meetings are open to anyone who struggles with food; 781-641-2303.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

NAGC PROGRAM, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover. The North Andover Garden Club and the Andover Spade & Trowel Garden Club, will host the program, "Home Décor that Adds Sparkle to Your Holidays," with Betsy Williams; the Andover-based life-long gardener, herb grower, florist and cook, will demonstrate how to create beautiful floral

arrangements for Thanksgiving and the holidays; novices and more experienced decorators will benefit from Williams' demonstration; free and open to all; email northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com, www.northandovergardenclub.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

DEATH CAFÉ, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St. Join Richard Davis of Andover and other adults for an open, lively and insightful discussion about death; while not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject; come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share one's thoughts, feelings and questions; socializing, refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; registration is requested as seating is limited; details, www.deathcafe.com and registration, www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

OPEN HOUSE, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Saint Michael School, 80 Maple Ave., North Andover. Prospective families are invited to see the classrooms in action, ask questions and complete an application for the 2018-2019 academic year; the school serves students in nursery, pre-K, kindergarten and grades one through eight; RSVP, st-michael@comcast.net, 978-686-1862.

NOV. 9, 28 AND DEC. 14

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS, Blanchard House and Andover Historical

Society, 97 Main St. Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains and give in to that irresistible urge to look behind the "staff only" and "no entry" signs; while touring the Blanchard House attics, closets, nooks and crannies, visitors will hear stories about the items in rarely seen collections; the stories will change with every tour, so there will always be something new; tours will start at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28 and Thursday, Dec. 14; admission is free, but registration is required; http://andoverhistorical.org/behind-the-scenes.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES, 10 a.m. at West Parish Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road; 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery, 124 Abbot St.; and noon at Ballardvale Green, intersection of Andover and Center streets. A luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 7 High St.; the program will be held rain or shine; in case of moderate to heavy rain, a brief ceremony will be held at Elm Green at noon; 978-623-8381.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 7 High St. With the busy holiday season approaching, the American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood now to help ensure a sufficient supply for patients this winter; donors are encouraged to download the free Red Cross See CALENDAR, Page 10



Students partake in a DNA science experiment as the Curiosity Cube, a traveling science lab, visits the Bancroft School in Andover.



Sarah Diminico, 10, studies her test tube to check the reaction of chemicals during an experiment.



Bridget Rinklin looks at her test tube during one of many experiments.

Curiosity Cube brings science to elementary school

By KELSEY BODE
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Bancroft Elementary fifth-graders were smiling, giggling, and asking questions on Thursday as they learned about DNA, 3-D printing, and brain cells.

The students had the opportunity to explore the Curiosity Cube, a mobile science lab developed by MilliporeSigma, an international science company. The Curiosity Cube began traveling around the country in March, and will end its 2017 tour in late November.

MilliporeSigma employees volunteer to run the experiments in the cube and answer STEM questions, giving students the opportunity to talk with people who work in science about what they do. Eight volunteers attended the Bancroft Curiosity Cube visit.

The goal of the cube is to expose students through four minute sessions to interactive and hands on science experiments and to inspire them to explore STEM careers.

“Listen to the kids,” said Frank McCall, fifth-grade teacher at Bancroft. “They are very engaged and asking questions. They are being exposed to upper level concepts in an accessible way for fifth-graders.”

All of the three experiments related in one way or another to units McCall has taught or will teach his students this year, in relatable and understandable terms about what the bigger concepts they were learning about may be applied in real world scenarios.

According to Rebecca Dowd, a Curiosity Cube Coordinator who has traveled with



Holding containers of chemicals, students, wearing safety glasses, gather around a table at the Curiosity Cube.

AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos



Curiosity Cube coordinator Rebecca Dowd talks to Bancroft students as the traveling science lab stops for a visit at the school in Andover.



Kathleen Silva mixes liquids for a science experiment at the Curiosity Cube last week.



Tieran Moriarty, 10, partakes in a science experiment.

engineering concepts and 3-D printing, examining healthy and cancerous brain cells through a digital microscope, looking at a human skull with gestural technology, and learning about DNA.

MilliporeSigma aims to reach 350,000 students through the Curiosity Cube's 2017 tour. The cube is traveling across the country, not just the Boston area. It's next stop is Maryland.

According to Principal Michelle Costa, when administrators and teachers heard about the Curiosity Cube and what it had to offer, they jumped on the opportunity to have it visit Bancroft.

“We are making a strong effort to bring more enriching programs to Bancroft,” Costa said. “We jumped on this opportunity. I think rotating through the centers allows students to see different capacities of science and they are so engaged.”

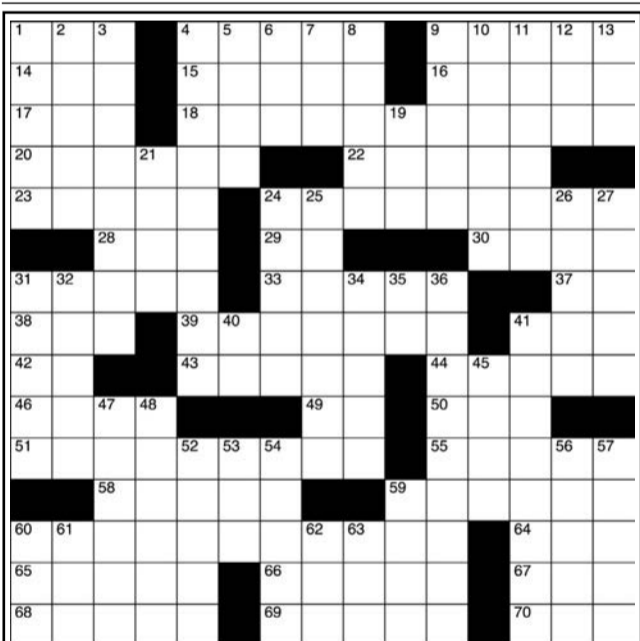
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the lab across the county, students sometimes realize after visiting the Curiosity Cube the different

options science might open for them. “A light bulb goes off,” Dowd said. “Students think,

I can do this. They see all of the things they can do with science. Sometimes they say things like, I never

realized I could be a scientist too.” Experiments in the lab introduced students to



CALENDAR

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Blood Donor App; 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), www.redcrossblood.org.

REUNION CONCERT, 4 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Acclaimed choral group, Convivium Musicum, will present repertoire from its 30-year performance history; Michael Barrett is the music director; \$25 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students; reception to follow the concert in the parish hall; 978-475-0529. **SATURDAY, NOV. 18**

BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER, 9 a.m. to noon, West Middle School parking lot, 70 Shaw-sheen Road. Support the Andover High School Marching Band by dropping off redeemable bottles and cans; the bottle drive, held rain or shine, will be conducted simultaneously with a Mattress Sale Fundraiser; save up to 50 percent off of name brand retail prices; free local delivery and set up; all proceeds will benefit the marching band.

MATTRESS SALE FUNDRAISER, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., West Middle School cafeteria, 70 Shaw-sheen Road. Shop for a new mattress at Andover High School Marching Band's fundraiser; save up to 50 percent off of name brand retail prices; browse easily through the "showroom"; professional sales staff will be on site; all sizes and many styles available; layaway, free local delivery and set up; held in conjunction with its Bottle Drive Fundraiser; all proceeds will benefit the marching band. **SUNDAY, NOV. 19**

ACTIVE BYSTANDER TRAINING FOR THE COMMUNITY, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation

Road. Harassment and assaults on racial and religious minorities, on people who are immigrants, on people who are trans, and others, are becoming increasingly publicized; West Parish Church will host a workshop aimed at training people to respond to such conflicts in a constructive, non-violent way; through discussion, role-playing and personal reflection, participants will explore why people choose to be passive or active bystanders in a conflict; they will also reflect on how small actions, like supporting people who are targeted for harassment, can have big consequences in society at large; this curriculum was developed by Quabbin Mediation with input from Ervin Staub, a psychology professor known for his work on the psychology of mass violence; the Rev. Liz Magill, of South Acton Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will run the workshop; registration is required; 978-475-3528, email westparishchurch@verizon.net. **MONDAYS THROUGH NOV. 20**

DECEMBER MONDAY, DEC. 18

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Russ McQueen will entertain visitors with oldies and favorite songs; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

JANUARY MONDAY, JAN. 22

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Join Patty Dumont for "Breath, Mind and Body," a program on relaxation and mindfulness; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar

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JANUARY MONDAY, JAN. 22

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Join Paul Wayne for a sing-a-long; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

978-623-8320. **SUNDAY, JAN. 28**

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, 3 p.m., North Andover High School auditorium, 430 Osgood St. Titled "A Voice from Heaven," the concert will include John Rutter's Requiem, Felix Mendelssohn's "Grant us Thy Peace" and Psalm 42, and Mack Wilberg's "Peace Like a River"; a professional orchestra and soloists will accompany the chorus; www.andoverchoralsociety.org.

FEBRUARY MONDAY, FEB. 26

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Roman Music Therapy Services, based in Wakefield, will offer a Drum Circle as a form of music therapy; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

MAY SUNDAY, MAY 6

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, 3 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 50 Bartlet St. The chorus will perform "Songs of World War I," to commemorate America's entrance into the First World War; the concert, which will feature a professional orchestra and soloists, is presented in partnership with the Andover Historical Society; www.andoverchoralsociety.org.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
4. Longtime sports columnist Cook
9. Tributary of the Rio Grande
14. Geological time
15. About ilium
16. Religion
17. Beverage holder
18. Its largest city is Fargo
20. Attaches muscle to a bone
22. Hindu queens
23. Sir ___ Newton
24. Developments
28. British thermal unit
29. The Ocean State
30. Smell
31. Line
33. Seizure
37. Where vets are tended to
38. Goddess of the dawn

CLUES DOWN

1. Muscles that control eyeball movement
2. Hillsides
3. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
4. Used to see far away things
5. Inventor Musk
6. We all need it
7. ___ King Cole
8. Earthy pigment
9. Stringed instrument
10. A language of the Inuit
11. Shuttered
12. Cereal plant
13. Senior officer
19. Sportscaster Patrick
21. What day it is
24. Petrels with saw-toothed bills
25. Bumps in the road
26. Stars
27. Riding horses
31. Swamp plant

Solution in Classified Section

39. Pear-shaped fruit
41. Taxi
42. Where injured ballplayers end up
43. Preceding period
44. Uncovers
46. Smudge
49. Dad
50. Peyton's little bro
51. Flawless
55. Judges
58. Expressed one's displeasure
59. Immature
60. PBS interviewer
64. Hat
65. Cover with wood
66. Acts dejectedly
67. Perform
68. Where people store their tools
69. Sulfuric and citric are two
70. Long-term memory

32. Type of bear
34. Style of cuisine
35. Home of the Flyers
36. Serious-mindedness
40. Velvet Underground album
41. Highly important
45. Winged
47. Cultured
48. Fastened
52. ___ Royce
53. Wreath
54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
56. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
57. Ninth month
59. Deployed
60. Cycles per second
61. Expresses surprise
62. Mythological bird
63. Open payment initiative

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Townspeople



RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photo

Col. Antoinelle Fischer of the Civil Air Patrol replaces the old American flags at the graves of veterans with fresh ones in the Spring Grove Cemetery on Sunday as part of Andover's push to have them all done by Veterans Day.

Veterans Day services on Saturday, Nov. 11

Volunteers, veterans put flags on graves all over town

BY KELSEY BODE

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ANDOVER – Andover will observe Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 11, with three brief ceremonies at the local cemeteries followed by a luncheon. The ceremonies are planned for 10 a.m. at West Parish Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road; 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery, 124 Abbot St.; and noon at Ballardvale Green at the intersection of Andover and Center streets. The luncheon will follow at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 7 High St. at 1 p.m.

The program will be held rain or shine. In case of moderate to heavy rain, a brief ceremony will be held at Elm Green at noon. For more information, call 978-623-8381.

In advance of the ceremonies, volunteers working with the Andover Veterans Services department replaced 3,800 flags on graves all over Andover.

Scouts, veterans, and patriotic citizens were invited to help with the event, which took about two hours.

Meanwhile, local veterans activist Bill Pennington is hosting an event with free beer and pizza for all veterans at the Oak and Iron Brewing Co. at 18 Red Spring Road.

The free beer and pizza is being served to all those with a military I.D. on Nov. 11.

Pennington, who organizes the annual Run for the Troops 5K, has partnered with Oak and Iron to serve free beer and pizza from noon until 5 p.m.

"I got the idea when I was thinking about my father and how he liked to sit in the backyard, have a beer and a lemonade, and sit with his buddies and shoot the breeze," Pennington said.



RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photos

Todd Young and his daughters Aeris, 7, center, and Kira, 10, right, replace flags at Spring Grove Cemetery.



From left, Catherine Fee, 10, Nicole DeBernardo, 10, and Kara Stefani, 11, all members of Girl Scout Troop 76130, replace the flags Spring Grove Cemetery.



Volunteers replace the old American flags at the graves of veterans with fresh ones in the Spring Grove Cemetery on Sunday.



George Stella places old American flags in the trunk of an SUV after swapping them out with fresh ones.

Meanwhile, registration is already open for the Annual Spring Run/Walk for the

Troops 5K. It is scheduled for April 22, 2018. Beneficiaries of Run for the

Troops 5K include Homes for Our Troops, Ironstone Farm, Veterans Northeast Outreach

Center, and Brides Across America. To register for the race, go to

www.runforthetroops5k.com. Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.

TOWN BRIEFS

Andover Community Trust seeks support for its 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 everything they need for free, including prepaid 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.

Conservation Commission volunteers needed

The Andover Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to help with the Retelle Reservation Interpretive Project. The goal is to create a self-guided tour of the property to highlight its history, flora and fauna, and wildlife relationships through numbered stations, QR codes and descriptive/interpretive panels.

The commission is seeking volunteers with skills in graphic design and art to create maps and interpretive panels; mapping and GIS; historical research; naturalists to help identify the flora and fauna and their interrelationships; and QR coding.

The project is the initiative of Kevin Porter, the commission's vice chairman and oversee coordinator, and Wilow Cheeley, a conservation overseer, is the project leader.

Anyone willing to volunteer their time and skills is encouraged to email cheleyw@gmail.com for more information.

GLCAC offers home safety repair program for seniors

The Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. is accepting applications for Project SENIOR, a free home safety repair program for residents 60 years and older living in Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover.

Project SENIOR helps senior citizens live safely in their homes by fixing common safety problems that can lead to injury. Examples include broken steps, decks and ramps; missing or loose handrails; no shower or bathroom grab bars; clutter

that poses a trip hazard or blocks an exit; and malfunctioning bathroom fans.

Operated by GLCAC and funded by Wells Fargo, the program was founded as a collaboration between GLCAC and the Lawrence Community Development Department. More than 100 seniors have been helped by the program since 2005.

The deadline to apply for assistance is Sunday, Dec. 31. For more information or to apply, call 978-681-4956 or visit glcac.org.

To submit an item for the Town Briefs, email townsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

ROBERT FROST POETRY NIGHT

The local Andover Cable Access will be continuing to air the 8th annual Robert Frost Foundation's An Evening of Poetry featuring the teachers and students of Andover High School will begin this month.

It will also be shown on Lawrence Cable Access, Methuen Community Television, on YouTube and on The Robert Frost Foundation's website.

The event took place last spring at the Café Azteca in Lawrence.

The Poetry Night was dedicated to the memory of the Robert Frost Foundation's Executive Director Emeritus Mark Schorr, a well-known and gifted poet and college professor who created the event along with Don Michaud of Don's Auto Care in Lawrence and former Andover High School teacher Harry Durso.

Dr. Schorr passed away in January.

The event was hosted by Durso.

Don's Auto Care of Lawrence once again sponsored the event and Joe Spanos Productions sponsored the video production.

Bethany Spanos created the night's poster and was the video editor.

The evening was held as part of The Frost Foundation's monthly Poetry Hoot Series.

Durso spoke about Mark Schorr's dignity and scholarship and his love for high school students' natural talent to write poems of depth and meaning. Durso later read three poems that he wrote in Mark's honor.

The night included the poets from Andover High School, but also included several other guest poets and members of The Robert Frost Foundation.

The evening's poets were;



Charlotte Gutterman



Elise Cabrera



Eric Pellerin



Alex Grimm

Andover High School students Charlotte Gutterman, a current AHS Senior and third-year participant, Alex Grimm, a current AHS senior, Skye Paderini a current AHS junior, and Elise Cabrera, a current AHS senior.

Andover High School

Teachers Eric Pellerin, an English teacher, and Bill Hecht, a special needs teacher, also read.

Special guests included Yulissa Nunez, a Lawrence High School English Teacher, Daniel Rice, a Methuen resident, and Andover Poet Louise

Hart along with members of The Robert Frost Foundation.

Don Michaud, sponsor of the night, said: "I just want to give an opportunity to young people to speak their mind freely. I have never been disappointed in their talent or courage."

Pellerin said: "It is an event I look forward to every year. Witnessing brave students, at the most vulnerable time of their lives, share their experiences through poetry is inspiring. Some people feel poetry is dead, but I disagree. The issue is that we need a lot less 'Tweeting' and much more 'thoughtful' use of language to express ourselves poetically."

Durso concluded the night

with his personal feelings that Mark Schorr would have been proud of the fact that his academic legacy is living on in the lives of the young poets who impressed the audience with their clarity and vision on Poetry Night.

Doors announced that all future Robert Frost Foundation Andover High School Poetry Nights will be dedicated in the memory of Mark Schorr.



One of Julie Lapham's creations.

► Andover

Renowned flower arranger set to visit Garden Club

STAFF REPORT

Expert designer Julie Lapham has more than 20 years' experience providing floral touches for special occasions and holiday gatherings. She has lectured and instructed garden clubs throughout the region and has taught International Design Symposium classes. In this demonstration, she will dazzle the eye with an array of creative arrangements and will share tips to help attendees decorate with seasonal flare. Her distinctive designs will be raffled off at the end of the program.

The proprietor of Julie Lapham Designs (<http://www.julielaphamdesigns.com/>), Southborough, Mass., is a National Garden Clubs, Inc., accredited master judge and a Garden Club of America (GCA) approved judge for flower arrangement.

She has won awards from both organizations, including the GCA's 2005 Katherine Thomas Carey Medal for outstanding achievement in flower arrangement

education. She has served as garden club coordinator for Art In Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, as co-chair of Flora in Winter at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, and for many years has been a member of the design division committee for the Boston Flower & Garden Show (FKA the New England Spring Flower Show). She has exhibited internationally at museums and shows, and was one of only six American designers who demonstrated at the World of Floral Designers USA show in 2011 in Boston. Images of her designs have appeared in several books.

The talk will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. The event begins with social time and refreshments, followed by a business meeting. Julie Lapham's demonstration will begin at approximately 11 a.m.

The event will be held at South Church, 41 Central St. Admission is a \$10 donation requested for guests, which includes refreshments.



COURTESY IMAGES

Julie Lapham, who has more than 20 years' experience providing floral touches for special occasions and holiday gatherings and who has lectured and instructed garden clubs throughout the region, will give a demonstration on creative arrangements and will share tips to help attendees decorate with seasonal flare.

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago—Nov. 2, 1917

News has been received by Robert Campbell of the death of John Aitken, who left Andover two years ago and enlisted in the Canadian Highlanders. He met his death at Salonika, while engaged in throwing bombs.

A Hallowe'en Social was held Saturday evening by the Christian Endeavor of the Free Church in the Parish House. A large number attended and a very enjoyable evening was spent in playing suitable games. Refreshments were served.

Now that Andover homes and Andover citizens have become accustomed to the absence of the boys, many will doubtless be interested to hear from these boys and know what they are doing and how army life seems to them. They vividly describe the passage over the sea, and from "Somewhere in France" they address letters. These letters are strictly censored, and many facts which the boys would like to tell and which friends would like to know, are eliminated.

75 Years Ago—Nov. 5, 1942

Somewhere in Andover, and sometime during the early part of next week, with a stick of bombs will be dropped from an enemy bomber just chased away from Boston by Army pursuit ships. The bombs will wreck buildings in a several-block area, demolish all roads leading into that area, cut off all communications and the water supply. That's part of the program for a surprise blackout, to be held here sometime between sundown Sunday and 11:59 p.m. Wednesday. Every available force of protection workers, organized under the committee on public safety, will be called upon to meet the needs of a large-scale disaster.

A surprisingly large percentage of Andover voters turned out for Tuesday's elections. The controversial birth control issue was defeated overwhelmingly throughout the state, Andover recorded itself in favor of it by the relatively small margin of 500 votes.

As had been expected in most quarters, the town went wet again, the sale of alcoholic beverages being permitted by a vote of 2,363 to 1,290. Strangely enough, the voters approved the permission of horse racing by about 50 votes while voting down dog racing by nearly 400 votes.

50 Years Ago—Nov. 2, 1967

Photo caption reads "An imaginative 'witch' sparked Halloween with fun for the children of one Andover neighborhood Tuesday evening. A long line of astronauts and pirates, hobos and queens, goblins and hippies waited patiently for a chance to taste the brew in her kettle."

The Townsman's Operation Morale list for troops in Vietnam include: L. Cpl. DeSantis, Esp. 5 William Cairnie, LCDR Philip D. Seymour, PFC James R. Lynch, PFC Marshall Darling, Capt. John Doherty, Lance Cpl. Robert G. Lauder, Joseph Chamberlain, USS Kearsarge, Clifford E. Ross, CSSN.

High School dance rules will apply in the future for all teenage dances held at the school, by vote of the school committee.

25 Years Ago—Nov. 5, 1992

The Democrats had a near sweep in elections affecting Andover's representatives Tuesday, with Rep. Gary Coon the sole survivor among Republicans. The trend was led by Democratic President-elect Bill Clinton's victory over George Bush, although that race was close here with 39 percent going to Mr. Clinton and 38 percent to President Bush. Ross Perot had a strong showing here with 21 percent of the vote, 3,588 votes.

Andover Video is the latest of the new businesses to open in downtown Andover. The new video store is located at 93 Main St. in Olde Andover Village.

Andover quarterback Pat Sharkey and Rick Mendez hooked up on a pair of long scoring passes in the first half, but Wilmington scored on the first play of the game as the rival freshman football teams battled to a 12-12 Merrimack Valley Conference tie last Friday at the Doherty Middle School field.

Candidate kicks off campaign with a run

By MIKE LABELLA
Staff Writer

HAVERTHILL — Daniel Koh literally hit the ground running as part of his candidacy for Congress in the 3rd District.

Just before dawn on Thursday, Koh and his wife Amy Sennett laced up their running shoes and embarked on a 13-mile run that began in front of the Andover Town Hall and ended at Haverhill's Wicked Big Cafe, 19 Essex St.

Both of them had participated in Sunday's Baystate Marathon and Half Marathon in Lowell, as a sort of tune-up run.

"We ran the half marathon," said Sennett, who got Koh into running when they first met in 2009 while attending business school.

"She was looking for a running buddy," Koh joked. "She was a runner and I was 40 pounds overweight."

Koh, 32, an Andover Democrat who served as chief of staff to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh for four years, officially announced his candidacy on Wednesday.

He began a month-long tour of communities in the 3rd District starting with Haverhill.

"Over the next month we will be running to all 37 cities and towns in the district, finishing at the Feaster Five Thanksgiving Day Road Race in Andover," he said, noting that for distant communities,

he will be dropped off along planned routes, and will conclude his run in those communities.

Koh had resigned from his job with Walsh on Sept. 1, when Koh announced he was creating an exploratory committee to test the waters in his first bid for Congress.

Prior to Koh's arrival in Haverhill's downtown, Wicked Big Cafe owner Mohamed Machkour was going about his normal routine of helping to serve coffee, pastries, breakfast sandwiches and other popular menu items to a loyal clientele.

"Andy Vargas was here last week and we had a big crowd, and now we're happy to host Dan Koh," Machkour said.

Vargas, a Haverhill City Council member, is running for the House seat that was vacated by longtime Democratic state Rep. Brian Dempsey.

Allison Carvalho of Haverhill, one of Koh's old classmates from the Pike School in Andover, arrived to wish Koh good luck in his campaign.

"Dan was a year ahead of me but I knew him and the nice crowd of kids he associated with," Carvalho said. "I told him I was happy to see him running for Congress and that I've been following him on Facebook."

Carvalho said Koh's campaign hits all of the points that are important to her



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Daniel Koh, left, who is a candidate for Congress from the 3rd District, speaks with his wife, Amy Sennett, after running 13 miles from Andover to kick off his campaign at the Wicked Big Cafe in Haverhill.

and her husband and their children.

"His message resonates with us," Carvalho said. "He understands how government works, and what Massachusetts needs."

Koh joins a growing field of candidates who are looking to succeed Rep. Niki Tsongas, who announced this summer that she will not seek re-election next fall.

Democratic candidates include Lori Trahan, a former Washington chief of staff to former Congressman Marty Meehan, Lawrence state Rep. Juana Matias, hotel executive

Abhijit Das of North Andover, Nadeem Mazen, a former Cambridge City Councilor who grew up in Andover and is returning to his hometown, and Steve Kerrigan, the 2014 Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor and long-time political director for the late U.S. Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy.

On the Republican side, Pepperell businessman Rick Green and former Navy pilot Scott Gunderson of Groton are also mounting runs for the 3rd District seat.

The candidates within each party will face off in a primary

in September followed by the general election in November 2018.

Koh said he realizes Tsongas is leaving big shoes to fill, but that he has the kind of hands-on government experience that is needed to do the job.

"I come from city government, where you have to get things done every day for people," he said. "For me, the path to election is for people to know that their representative will deliver for them when they need help, including issues such as obtaining money for affordable

housing projects and for road improvement projects such as roundabouts.

"People want to get from their home to work safely, they want steady, good paying jobs and they want their children to get a good education," Koh said. "Our politicians should care most about whether they are maximizing that life for their constituents and not about how loudly they can yell at someone in person or through social media."

Koh noted that one of his biggest concerns is having a president he believes is "unstable" and who may be taking this country in the wrong direction.

"Another concern is that nothing gets done in Washington, where people feel it's just yelling at the other side," Koh said.

Koh said he decided to embark on a running tour of the district as a way for voters to get to know him, so that they can make a good decision on Election Day.

"Most politicians expect people to come to them, but I want to go to the people as I want to work for them and there's no better way than to be on foot," he said.

Bordering New Hampshire and representing much of northern Worcester County and the Merrimack Valley, the 3rd District includes the cities of Lowell, Lawrence, Methuen and Haverhill, as well as Fitchburg and Marlborough.

SEE WHAT'S IN STORE AT BOOMERVENTURE

BoomerVenture has a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of the broadest possible range of Andover's 50-plus residents. Here are some of the offerings in store for

the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

Exercise and Wellness

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.

ON CAMPUS

Christopher J. Mara and Haley Spencer Baker graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston during its summer commencement on Aug. 20.

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The following local students, from

the Class of 2021, have enrolled at Colby College in Waterville, Maine: **Megan Hartnett**, a graduate of Andover High School; **Scott Jackson**, a graduate of Belmont Hill School; **Cara Moynihan**, a graduate of Andover High School;

and **Sophia Sherman**, a graduate of Burke Mountain Academy.

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Max Blanch, a member of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) men's swimming and diving team, helped the Engineers sweep

Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) with a final score of 216-84.

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Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,797 students in September. Among those who received degrees were

local residents, **Gabriella E. Smith**, Bachelor of Arts in biology with specialization in behavioral biology; **Catherine G. Muldoon**, Bachelor of Arts in sociology; and **Mihaela Maier**, Master of Science in bioimaging.

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Sports

CAPTAIN SOPHIA

Once a surprise star, Ju is now the leader for powerhouse Andover swimming

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Sophia Ju knew all eyes would be on her.

Sure, the Andover High senior faces the task of defending her Division 1 state title in the 50 freestyle she first won as a sophomore. But that she has already accomplished that.

This fall, Ju took on the daunting task of serving as the lone captain for the legendary Andover High swim team after her co-captain, Grace Alwan, left to swim for Team USA.

That heavy leadership role was one that weighed heavy on Ju's shoulders as the fall began.

"It was very painful to lose Grace, who was not just my co-captain but one of my closest friends," said Ju. "Being the only captain seemed like a very frightening task. I would be the only captain out there. But as the season has gone on, my coaches and fellow seniors have been such a tremendous help. I couldn't have asked for a more supporting team."

With Ju leading the way, Andover has delivered another masterful regular season. The Golden Warriors (12-0) locked up another Merrimack Valley Conference Large crown on Friday, and stand as the prohibitive favorite for another state title.

And Ju has been in championship form, dominating in her 50 freestyle while also scoring victories in the 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle and as a member of the 200 medley relay.

Andover kicks off their postseason meets with the MVC Championship on Nov.



Andover senior captain Sophia Ju cheers on her teammate competing in the 100 breaststroke against Acton-Boxboro. The senior is the Golden Warriors' lone captain and a two-time defending Division 1 champion.

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5 at WPI. That is followed by Sectionals on Nov. 11 at MIT and the Division 1 state meet on Nov. 19 back at WPI.

"Sophia is just the best," said Golden Warriors head coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "She is an amazing swimmer and a two-year National Honor Society member who is truly smart and is amazing with our girls. We are so fortunate to have her in and out of the pool."

Surprise star

Ju never intended to become a star for the powerhouse Andover swim team. In fact, she had never been a competitive "race" swimmer when she went out for the team as a freshman.

Instead, Ju spent her younger years starring as a synchronized swimmer.

"I absolutely never thought I would have this kind of success," said Ju. "I thought that race swimming

would be great cross training for synchro, which is why I joined the team. My older sister Candace was also a synchronized swimmer and had been a part of the Andover High swim team, so I knew from her that it would be a lot of fun. But I didn't think I would be a state champion."

Hall of Famer Fitzgerald was even stunned by Ju's growth.

"I've never had anyone

like her," said Fitzgerald in Ju's freshman year. "How fast she's developed is amazing. I'm fascinated by her athletic ability."

A champ, and a captain

After a promising freshman year, Ju exploded onto the scene as a sophomore. That fall, she won her first Division 1 North title, taking the 50 freestyle in 24.74. She also swam on the winning 400 freestyle relay.

She followed that up last fall by repeating as 50 free champ (24.57) and as a member of the champion 400 freestyle relay.

"I would consider the 50 freestyle my event," she said. "It is such a short and fast event that my best advice would be to not hesitate and give it 100 percent."

This fall, Ju planned on sharing captain duties with Alwan. But when Alwan chose to join Team USA synchronized swimming, the responsibility fell to Ju.

"It was hard because Grace was also my co-captain for our synchro team as well as my closest friend," said Ju. "We have swam together for about 11 years and of course it would have been nice to finish senior year together. But she has wanted to be on the national team for so long and this was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I knew she couldn't give up. And everything has worked out."

Ju, who is considering swimming at a Division 3 college, now hopes more than anything to lead the Golden Warriors to another team title.

"I really want to enjoy my last season with this amazing community as much as possible," she said. "Being on the swim team has made me stronger both mentally and physically, and I want to be able to give back to the team what it has given me in my time in high school."

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Andover's Joanna Archambault, right, goes for a ball against North Andover. Archambault scored two goals against Lawrence to finish off the Warriors' unbeaten regular season.

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Roundup

Mancha, volleyball surging into postseason

VOLLEYBALL

Alexis Mancha had a season-high 19 kills along with 26 assists and 13 digs as Andover held off upset-minded Central Catholic 3-2 last Monday. Sophia Wang was also big with 28 assists, 29 service points and 13 digs for the Warriors (15-2).

Andover edged gritty Haverhill 3-2 last Wednesday.

GOLF

Lee takes fourth

Super sophomore Mac Lee tied for fourth as Andover placed fifth as a team with 311 points at the Division 1 North championship at Gloucester's Bass Rocks last Monday. The Golden Warriors were just three points behind No. 3 Lowell (308). St. John's Prep won with a 296.

FIELD HOCKEY

Warriors stay unbeaten

Andover wrapped up its third undefeated regular season with a 5-0 shutout of Lawrence last Wednesday. Joanna Archambault scored twice, Kate Gregory, Anna Vrontas and Emma Farnham each scored once and Jordan Torres had two assists for the Warriors (17-0-1).

SWIMMING

Grover doubles up

Freshman Ashley Grover won the 100 butterfly (1:02.29) and swam on the winning 200 medley relay as Andover closed out an unbeaten regular season with a 94-81 win

over Chelmsford on Friday. Sydney Ho won the diving, Mia Galat took the 100 freestyle and Vic Ambrose won the 200 IM and 200 freestyle relay.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Cain shines

Andover's Sarah Cain took a team-high ninth overall in 19:45 as Andover placed fifth as a team at the MVC championship on Friday. Grace O'Hara was next best for the Warriors in 16th while Emma Griffin was 36th.

BOYS SOCCER

Kuta does sit all

John Kuta scored one goal and assisted on the other as Andover beat Haverhill 2-0 last Thursday. Connor Nusky scored the other Warrior goal while Dario Tagliaferri and Clay Hallee combined on the shutout in net.

Despite an Allen Gao goal, Andover lost to Central Catholic 2-1 last Tuesday. Clay Hallee made 11 saves for the Warriors.

Panos Kareklas scored a goal, but Andover lost to Somerville 5-1 on Saturday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Rhodes goal for naught

Andover fell to nationally-ranked Central Catholic 5-1 last Tuesday. Maddie Rhodes scored the lone Warrior goal, while Izzy Shih made 1 saves.

Andover lost to Haverhill 2-0 last Thursday.

Football can't pull repeat playoff upset of Lexington

Andover starts fast but falls to powerhouse

By KYLE GAUDETTE
Staff Writer

LEXINGTON — For a moment between the first and second quarter, Andover had hometown Lexington in unfamiliar territory.

When QB Nick Dellatto hit star receiver Cedric Gillette for a 16-yard touchdown near the end of the first quarter, it gave Andover a 13-7 lead and marked the first time all season that Lexington had trailed in a game.

But it took Lexington just 82 seconds to reclaim the lead, as the second-seeded Minutemen scored on seven consecutive possessions to eventually earn a 52-33 victory over No. 7 Andover in the first round of the Division 1 North playoffs on Friday.

"I'm always proud of these guys. These guys never sell out for me," said Andover coach E.J. Perry III, whose team dropped to 3-5. "We're never going to be satisfied with second best. We're the type of team that wants to come here and win. That's the attitude they brought."

After shocking Lexington in an overtime classic last year, for a half it looked like Andover might do it again.

The Minutemen, now 8-0, scored on the first play of the game when dynamic quarterback Sal Frelick hit top target Anthony Bianchi for a 69-yard score. But thanks to two interceptions by Andover junior linebacker Nick Zalanskas, the Warriors were able to get a lead on two Dellatto TD passes to Patrick Dennehy and Gillette.

But Ben Quint broke off a 61-yard run to give Lexington a 14-13 lead, starting the run of seven straight scoring drives. He would break

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another 72-yarder to help the Minutemen take a 24-16 lead at the half.

Despite forcing three turnovers on defense in the first half, completely controlling time of possession, Andover still trailed.

The Warriors went on a six-minute drive to start the second half, but it eventually ended in a Shamus Florio 21-yard field goal — his second of the game.

With Lexington's high-powered offense, field goals weren't going to cut it.

"I take responsibility. I can't take field goals," said Perry III. "I think Florio did a good job. I thought, like last year, if we got to the half and it was reachable we were going to come out and give them an opportunity. But we had three times inside the 5-yard-line where we took two field goals and got nothing on one. So that was crucial."

After Florio's field goal made it 24-19, Lexington scored the next three

touchdowns to break open the game. Andover scored twice in the fourth quarter on touchdown runs from Tommy Duncan and Joshua Ramos.

Ramos was a workhorse, rushing 28 times for 155 yards. Dellatto also played well, completing 17 of 30 passes for 206 yards and two TD's. Dennehy (6-74) and John Marotta (5-71) were his top targets.

Lexington 52, Andover 33

Andover (3-5): 13 3 3 14—33
Lexington (8-0): 7 17 7 21—52

First Quarter
L — Anthony Bianchi 69 pass from Sal Frelick (Duncan Hewitt kick), 10:45

A — Patrick Dennehy 36 pass from Nick Dellatto (Shamus Florio kick), 4:21

L — Cedric Gillette 16 pass from Dellatto (pass failed), 1:09

Second Quarter
L — Ben Quint 61 pass from Frelick (Hewitt kick), 10:47

A — Florio 24 field goal, 4:49

L — Quint 72 run (Hewitt kick), 2:43

L — Hewitt 48 field goal, 0:00

Third Quarter
A — Florio 21 field goal, 5:02

L — Frelick 20 pass from Bianchi (Hewitt kick), 1:28

Fourth Quarter
L — Quint 14 run (Hewitt kick), 10:08

L — Bianchi 9 pass from Frelick (Hewitt good), 7:42

A — Tommy Duncan 11 run (Florio kick), 5:41

L — Bianchi 26 pass from Frelick (Hewitt kick), 3:34

A — Joshua Ramos 6 run (Peter Stylos kick), :53

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: Andover (37-176): Joshua Ramos 28-155, Tommy Duncan 3-14, Nick Dellatto 6-7; Lexington (26-29): Ben Quint 11-146, Sal Frelick 13-136, Anthony Bianchi 2-9

PASSING: A — Dellatto 17-30-1, 206; L — Frelick 8-14-2, 242, Bianchi 1-0, 20

RECEIVING: A — Patrick Dennehy 6-74, John Marotta 5-71, Brendon Moody 4-45, Cedric Gillette 2-16; L — Bianchi 6-132, Quint 1-61, James Lane 1-49, Frelick 1-20

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Free Form Fridays: Nov. 3 and 17, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Play Super Smash Brothers in the Activity Room or do a drop-in craft in the Teen Room. Different activities are held every week. **Community Adventure Trip Information Session:** Monday, Nov. 6, 3 p.m. Learn about the new field trip program for teens, sponsored by Andover Community Support Services.

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