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## Selectmen push for solution to brown water Health concerns raised by high levels of iron, manganese

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The Board of Selectmen waded into the brown water controversy this week, calling for answers and action from the town's public works officials.

Over the past month or so, residents from neighborhoods across the community have been complaining that dark, murky and muddy water has been flowing out of their taps at home. Some are concerned about the health and safety of the water, as well as the stains it leaves behind on toilets, bathtubs and clothing.

Some in town have reported that the brown water is gunking-up their hot water heats and water filtration systems.

Even people in North Reading, which gets much of its water from Andover, have complained about the brown water.

Public Works Director Chris

Cronin, accompanied by a consultant at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting, said the brown water was due to iron and manganese sediment in the water system that is stirred up by heavy demand on the water supply in the summer due to pool-filling and lawn-watering.

He said brown water typically happens in the morning, when people are using a lot of water, but that the problem dies down by the end of the day.

Selectman Chairman Alex Vispoli had trouble accepting the theory that overuse was causing the problem.

"It doesn't happen every year, and this isn't a record year for drought," Vispoli said. "Why are other towns the size of us not seeing this problem?"

He told Cronin that brown water would be on the Selectmen's agenda every week for as long as it takes the town to come

up with a solution to the problem.

Water-use ban?

Selectman Christian Huntress was concerned that residents believe the town might have a health issue. He asked if the town would consider a water-use ban or restrictions on watering, which would lower demand and presumably solve the problem.

"Even if it's not a public health problem, it's certainly a public health perception," Huntress said.

Cronin, however, said residents are reluctant to abide by a voluntary ban, something that was tried in 2016 and which actually led to an increase in water usage.

Selectman Annie Gilbert pressed him, saying the town needs to reconsider that option.

"We have a community that's not used to conserving and restricting water, and we have a growing population, and we have a population that will continue

to grow based on projections," she said. "We really should be seriously discussing ways to conserve on a voluntary basis to start with."

### Health concerns

Stacey Albuquerque, a resident of 197 Greenwood Road, also expressed concern about the health issue.

"There's a question over if our water is safe," she said. "You have to be very careful in giving these absolute numbers that the manganese level is safe if every house has a different level. It's disgusting and it's very frustrating. You tell the town the water is safe, but it's only safe to a point."

Her husband, Joe Albuquerque, noted that high levels of manganese have been shown to have deleterious effects on children, especially babies.

The testing that's been done so



Courtesy photo

Brown water has been reported all over town. This picture was taken recently by a homeowner in Andover.

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South Elementary school first grade teacher Joellen Zappas decorates her class in preparation of the start of school.

## School starts next Wednesday

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What summer vacation?

That's a popular question as Andover teachers and students are getting ready for the opening of school next week on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

"Didn't exist" is what first-grade teacher Joellen Zappas of South Elementary School said of this year's summer vacation and many school staffers would agree.

Snow days, forced days off from power outages last fall and a

post-Labor Day school start pushed the last day of school in 2018 to June 29 - less than a week before the Fourth of July. As a result, this year's summer vacation from school was just eight weeks long. Usually, summer vacation is about 10 weeks long.

School officials and the teacher's union don't want a repeat of a short summer vacation next year so they voted to start school before Labor Day. Families get an extra long Labor Day weekend as there is no school on Friday, Aug. 31.

Short summer vacation or not, it's back to business for local educators

as many are like Zappas who has been busy getting her classroom ready for weeks. She got her classroom from a retired teacher.

At Andover High School, Principal Philip Conrad is getting ready for a large freshmen class.

"The enrollment at AHS is fluid at this time of year. At this point I would say that we will have more students than last year as the freshmen class is expected to be larger than the class that just graduated," he wrote in an email adding that the new year-long class schedule will continue.

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## Neighbors oppose Draper Lofts plan for parking, ATM

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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The owner of the historical Rose Cottage at 2 Chestnut St. is by no means against development in town. But a nearby development plan that abuts her backyard will add more parking spaces for commercial use to an existing parking lot and two ATMs.

That hits too close to home for Jennifer Tietjen who says a 25-year-old town variance should protect her historical neighborhood from an intruding parking lot. Her home is in the Central Street National Historic Register District. Touchdown town and the variance prohibits rezoning in the District. But the developer is looking

to modify that variance. The modification request comes before the Planning Board on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Touchdown LLC of Wilmington is renovating two buildings at 27 and 45 Main St. and the latest plans for the backside of the project call for adding more parking spaces to an existing 41-space parking lot and installing two ATMs in the parking lot.

TD Bank is located at 61 Main St. and is an adjacent business to the redevelopment project. Currently, the bank serves customers in a drive-thru canopy located in the parking lot. Touchdown bought 27 and 45 Main St. from TD Bank and wants to

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## Baker faces pushback over fundraiser for Lyons

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Gov. Charlie Baker will headline a fundraising event for Andover state Rep. Jim Lyons, which has drawn criticism from Democrats and liberal groups who point out that the Republican conservative has bucked the governor on transgender protections, abortion and LGBT rights.

Baker, also a Republican, will deliver the keynote speech Lyon's fundraiser at the Lanam Club in Andover

on Aug. 27, his campaign said.

Lyons, who is running for a fifth-term representing the 18th Essex District, frequently criticizes the Legislature's Democratic leadership and opposes same-sex marriage, transgender protections and abortion — policies that Baker has embraced. Baker is running for a second term.

Jay Gonzalez, one of two Democrats vying for the party's nod to challenge Baker in the Nov. 6 elections, See BAKER, Page 2

## No. Main Street McDonald's closed for rebuild

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McDonald's restaurant on North Main Street is in the midst of a six-week renovation and will not reopen until mid-September.

McDonald's announced on Aug. 14 that the company and its franchisees are modernizing 140 restaurants in the state, including Andover's popular restaurant which is the only restaurant in town with a drive-thru window.

It's part of a \$6 billion plan to overhaul 8,700 restaurants across the United States and Canada.

"It's an exciting time," said Carissa Haley, who is

the franchise owner of the Andover restaurant and has been there for nine years. "We've never been through anything like this. The last dining room renovation was done in 2003."

McDonald's says the company is spending \$6 billion on modernizing dining rooms with "globally and locally inspired decor."

In Andover, the Happy Meal crowd benefits most from the modernization as there will be a new "sparkle table" for kids to enjoy, Haley said. The table lights up which is fun for kids.

A mother of five children under the age of 13-years-old, Haley said her brood "tested

out the table and loved it." "It was approved by my kids, so I know kids will like it," said Haley who lives in North Andover.

In addition to dining room improvements, restaurants will also feature digital self-order kiosks that make ordering and paying for a meal easier; remodeled counters, new table service that offers guests a chance to relax while their food is being made, new digital menu boards inside and at the drive-thru and larger display cases.

Haley, who also is the franchisee of McDonald's restaurants in Amesbury and

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

The McDonald's restaurant in Andover will be closed during its remodeling.

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Carpenters from Marceau construction install drywall and tiles.



Construction workers use heavy equipment to move gravel while they pour concrete for the footings for the new drive thru.

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Newburyport, said there will be a grand re-opening celebration in Andover in October. The date will be announced soon.

"It's going to be such a nice dining room here. We can't wait," Haley said. Her staffers are currently being trained about the new equipment. Most are also working at her two other franchises while waiting for the Andover restaurant to re-open.



Carissa Haley, owner of McDonald's restaurant in Andover, talks about the new entrances being rebuilt and the improvements being done throughout the restaurant while it's closed for remodeling.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo



Some Chestnut Street residents are opposing a new driveway, which will also be used for a drive-up ATM, that a developer is trying to add to a parking lot that abuts their properties.

**PROTECT**

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demolish the bank's canopy and set up the ATMs. "Now, the parking lot is fine. It's used by bank workers and customers and that's fine. After 5 p.m., it's quiet. I can use my backyard and we enjoy eating outside, my 3-year-old can play and our dog can go out," said Tietjen who bought the home with her husband Garrett five years ago. "The proposed modifications to the variance are more properly described as a complete reversal of the intent of the variance."

Another neighbor, Aime Hellauer, lives at 6 Chestnut

St., is also relying on the variance to stop a larger parking lot from being built in the historic district. "Employees arrive around 9 a.m. and depart around 5 p.m. weekdays. There is one way in and one way out," said Hellauer who has lived in her historic home for five years. "Now, there is no real noise and certainly no continuous traffic or 24 hour bright lights. Putting an ATM drive through there will have a significant negative impact on the neighborhood."

Preservation Chairwoman Karen Herman is also opposed to the parking plan and wrote a letter to the town's zoning board saying any modification to the

variance would be a mistake. "Abutting neighbors, like the Rose Cottage, have a right to expect that a variance will continue to protect them from adverse intrusion in the future," she wrote.

Touchdown is well aware of the neighborhood opposition to the parking plan for the project, called Draper Lofts. Developer Paul Kneeland of Touchdown has said he is not sure if he will go ahead with the plan as he knows about the neighborhood concerns.

Residents can share their objections at the Planning Board public hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Town Offices.



Neighbors, from left, Kurt and Amie Hellauer and Jennifer and Garrett Tietjen, with their daughter, Caroline, stand in the yard that abuts a proposed parking lot and drive-thru ATM.

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called his support for Lyons "reprehensible."

"Lyons' hateful rhetoric and backwards thinking do not represent who we are," said Gonzalez, a Cambridge Democrat, in a statement. "By actively supporting Lyons' campaign — and the campaigns of other Republican candidates with similar views — Gov. Baker is working against LGBTQ and women's rights."

Andover attorney Tram Nguyen, a Democrat challenging Lyons in November, said Baker's support for Lyons suggests he's pandering to conservatives.

"As a governor that is holding himself out to be a moderate Republican who is pro-choice and supports LGBTQ rights, I find it troubling that he is embracing such a far-right legislator," Nguyen said. "Lyons' views are so extreme that he can't even get fellow Republicans in the Legislature to support him."

Lyons is leading efforts



Gov. Charlie Baker campaigns in September 2016 for state Rep. Jim Lyons, left.

File photo

to repeal a law banning discrimination against transgender people in public spaces, which Baker signed two years ago, she noted.

Local Democrats, including 3rd Congressional District candidates Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, and Alexandra Chandler of Haverhill — the first openly transgender candidate to run for Congress in the state — are organizing a protest outside the event.

Lyons brushed off the criticism and said he welcomes Baker's support, stressing his work with the governor on opioid addiction and other major issues.

"I'm very proud the work I've done with Gov. Baker on the opioid epidemic, increasing local aid and supporting law enforcement," he said Thursday.

Baker campaign spokesman Terry MacCormack

defended the governor's support for Lyons, saying that while the two might not agree on thorny social issues, they "share a personal commitment to combating the opioid epidemic."

"The governor has long supported marriage equality and women's health, does not expect that everyone he works with on Beacon Hill will share his position on every issue, and believes in working past political differences to deliver the best results for the people of Massachusetts," MacCormack said in a statement.

Baker, who officially kicked off his reelection campaign last weekend with his running mate, Shrewsbury Republican Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, is facing a heated primary challenge from Republican Scott Lively, a vocal, anti-gay pastor who has called the incumbent governor's GOP credentials into question.

"Baker knows that he has problems with the more conservative wing of the party," said Arline Isaacson,

a political consultant and co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. "But I'm not sure why he's worried, because I think most conservatives are going to end up voting for Baker anyways."

She pointed out that Baker has supported dozens of LGBTQ initiatives over the past four years, which is why his support for Lyons is "so painful."

Deborah Shields, executive director of MassEquality, said she was "deeply disappointed and confused" by Baker's efforts to raise campaign money for Lyons.

She suggested the move will erode his support among the LGBTQ community. "Jim Lyons is opposed to just about every law that stands for equality and fairness," she said. "It's shocking that Baker would come out and support him."

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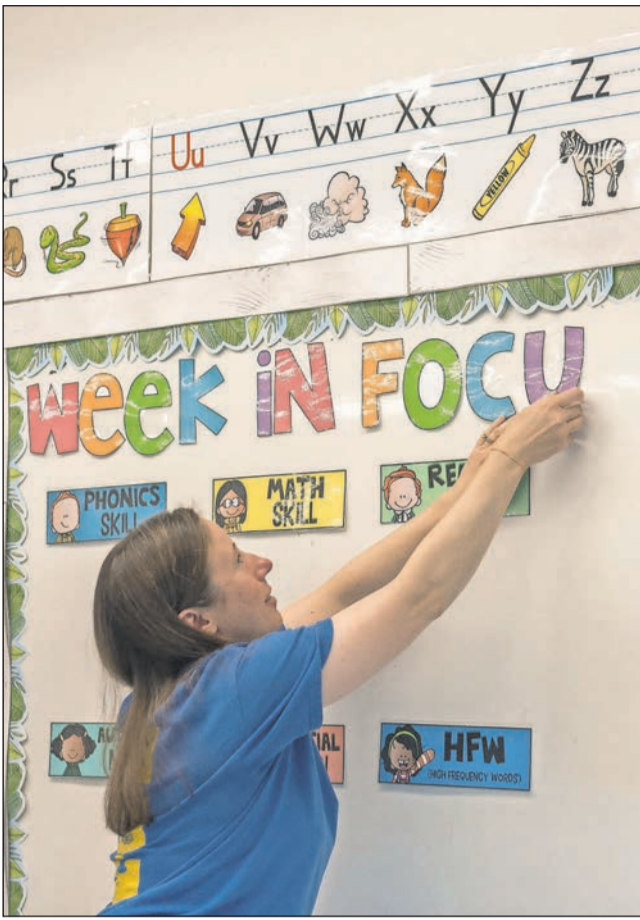
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South Elementary school first grade teacher Joellen Zappas decorates her class in preparation of the start of school.

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“AHS continues to fully implement the 7+H schedule which was instituted

last year. The 7+H schedule includes year-long classes, variable length periods, personalization, advisory, and professional learning opportunities for teachers,” Conrad wrote.

At the town’s elementary schools, this week has been filled with orientations for new families and special visits for any nervous kindergartners and their parents. For example, High

Plain Elementary hosted a Kindergarten Play Date

event on the school’s playground on Aug. 22, complete

with Popsicles and other refreshments.

**WATER**

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far, according to public works officials, indicate that the levels of iron and manganese are below the legal limits set by federal regulators.

**Solutions**

Cronin said there are long- and short-term solutions.

“We want to take a look at the treatment process and make sure that it’s optimized to get as much of the iron and manganese out of the water as we possibly can,” Cronin said. “The second is to come up with a more aggressive flushing program to clean the pipes as best you can.”

Currently, the town flushes the system in the fall and the spring.

Consultant Jim Rivard of Woodard and Curran said the water department wants to prioritize which pipes that have the largest increases in flow and highest levels of manganese when it comes to replacing water mains.

“I’m glad you’re saying you’re prioritizing because I think it’s going to be a long-term fix,” noted Selectman Paul Salafia.

Rivard said the best way to eliminate the problem is to get rid of all the old iron pipes that are not cement lined.

“Typically any new pipes put in the ground now are

cement lined, and don’t have that build up of rust inside the pipes,” Rivard said.

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# Town plans on possible changes for The Park

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The town continues making plans for possible changes to The Park.

Following a series of public hearings and after soliciting feedback via a townwide survey, the Director of Community Services Joe Connelly said the next step is to come up with a master plan for the historic, downtown open space.

As such, the town has hired a consultant to “evaluate current usages and current conditions,” Connelly said. Based on the results, short-range and long-range plans will be made.

A plan presented in 2015 outlined the objectives and goals of the park, playstead and municipal complex plan. The goals aim to create and maintain a welcoming space that promotes a healthy, active way

of life. Preserving the dignity of the veterans monuments and providing continuous stewardship of the public realm are also included in the plan’s goals.

The feedback from veterans so far has been positive. Connelly said that none of the veterans monuments are currently handicapped-accessible, as the grass makes it difficult for wheelchairs or walkers. He said that “accessibility will absolutely be covered” in the plans. Connelly also said they want to “beautify the monuments.”

Not everyone thinks The Park needs to be changed.

Sara Allen, an Andover resident for the past year, was at The Park on Monday for the first time. She said she’s driven by it before, and decided to spend a day reading outside.

“It’s such a nice area,” said

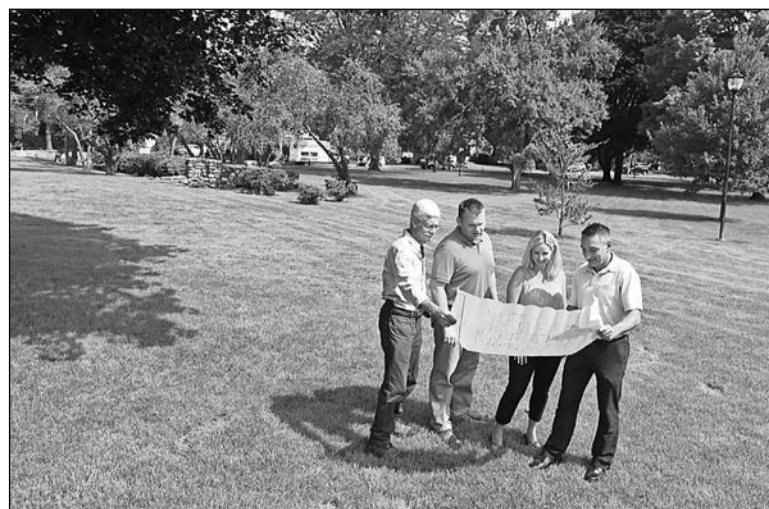
Allen. “I love the big trees. I hope they aren’t making any changes to them.”

Gloria Espada of Lawrence was visiting The Park with her granddaughter to take photos. She said changing the park would be “devastating.”

“They should leave it just the way it is,” said Espada, adding that “there’s so much history in this park.”

Connelly noted that there has already been a “phenomenal” amount of public input, with three hearings, including the last one which more than 50 people attended. He said 350 people responded to the survey.

Connelly said the town aims to present plans during a School Committee meeting in either late August or early September with cost estimates by November.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Town leaders look over plans for The Park one day last week. They are, from left, Deputy Director of Public Works Marc Fournier, Deputy Town Manager Mike Lindstrom, Senior Planner Lisa Schwarz and Director of Community Services Joe Connelly.

# New Alzheimer’s law does more for patients, families

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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State Sen. Barbara L’Italien, D-Andover, joined a number of other legislators last week for a signing ceremony with Gov. Charlie Baker of a new bill to help people suffering from Alzheimer’s Disease.

The bill signing took place at the Alzheimer’s Association chapter in Waltham.

The new law is a proactive approach to tackling what is becoming the country’s next big public health crisis. Although Alzheimer’s is increasingly common, many people are not properly diagnosed or informed on how to live with the disease and access medical services.

An Act relative to Alzheimer’s and related dementias in the Commonwealth supports better diagnosis, treatment, and care by focusing on providing patients and their families information to help them understand the diagnosis, create care plans, and access treatments necessary to living with the disease. It also requires training for doctors, nurses, and other hospital caregivers on how to better identify and treat patients with



Courtesy photo

Gov. Charlie Baker – surrounded by legislators, state officials and members of the Alzheimer’s Association – signed a bill making it easier for Alzheimer’s patients and their families to receive services.

“This new law is a result of great collaboration among legislators, hospitals, advocates, and doctors and years of hard work,” L’Italien said. “It will make a huge difference in the lives of the growing number of families struggling to understand and navigate life with dementia. Today, we are making Massachusetts a national leader for those families.”

Currently, fewer than half of patients who have Alzheimer’s are properly diagnosed and of those, less than 50 percent are properly informed of their diagnosis. The new law seeks to change this, so individuals with the disease have the information they need to pursue treatment and adjust their lifestyles.

Daniel Zotos, director of Public Policy & Advocacy of the Alzheimer’s Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter, said that “because of this legislation, families impacted by Alzheimer’s and dementia and our health care system will be much better prepared in fighting this epidemic.”

He added, “This is a very significant policy achievement and this landmark law will stand out as one of the most comprehensive dementia policies in the country.”

Alzheimer’s.

L’Italien, whose late mother Claire Sullivan L’Italien died from Alzheimer’s last April, said: “Almost everyone we meet these days has a personal connection to Alzheimer’s. Thousands of seniors and many younger adults

suffer from the disease across our Commonwealth.”

The bill was sponsored and successfully shepherded through the legislative process by L’Italien and Rep. Danielle Gregoire, D-Marlborough, co-chairs of the Elder Affairs committee, in concert

with state Sen. Jason Lewis, D-Winchester, and Rep. Kate Hogan, D-Stow, co-chairs of the Public Health committee.

Joining Baker was Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, and officials with Alzheimer’s Association.

# Search is on to replace Veterans Director

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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After the resignation of Veterans Services Director Alicia Reddin last Monday, Andover is looking to hire a replacement.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said the job description will be finalized and advertised this week. He will then start to accept applications.

“I’m expecting it to be

a competitive process,” said Flanagan, noting that the salary for the position ranges from \$55,000 to \$80,000.

After being under fire for political and profane tweets posted from her personal Twitter account, Reddin’s resignation was accepted by Flanagan. He said that “Ms. Reddin’s resignation [was] in the best interests of the town and its veterans.”

As far as the cost of her resignation to taxpayers, Flanagan said only that “we will owe her the cost of her time earned but at the time there is no agreement.”

The tweet that got Reddin into hot water said: “You caused this. Now: UN-(expletive) YOURSELF and get these slime-sucking Republican (expletives) out of office. REGISTER. VOTE BLUE. REPEAT.”

The tweet was posted in

a closed Andover Facebook group late last week.

Another tweet from the account said: “In all seriousness — if you or your family are not registered to vote, did not vote in the Mid-Terms or for a blue candidate for Congress and Senate...all of this is absolutely your fault. #Tre45on #Fbr #BlueTsunami2018.”

The account the tweets came from is no longer active.

Cal Perry, who is active in local veterans affairs, said he and other veterans who were on the original hiring committee that recommended Reddin met with Flanagan last week and agreed she had to go.

Perry said: “It was the only path we could see,” adding that they “all approved of the decision.”

Flanagan said, “It is my hope that the town at large understands the unique duties of this position and that it is my obligation to ensure first and foremost that the person holding the job can effectively perform those vital duties.”



JESSICA VALERIANI/Staff photo

A white SUV collided with a garbage truck on Main Street last Tuesday at 11:55 a.m. No one was injured.

# Car collides with trash truck

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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Police said there were no injuries when a car and a garbage truck collided on Main Street at 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14. The car was taking a left

turn off of Main Street when it collided with the truck, police said.

The airbag in the white Toyota Land Cruiser went off but the driver was not injured.

Police kept the road closed until the tow truck removed the damaged vehicles.

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Sign up for one or more of the groups at [www.andovertrails.org](http://www.andovertrails.org).

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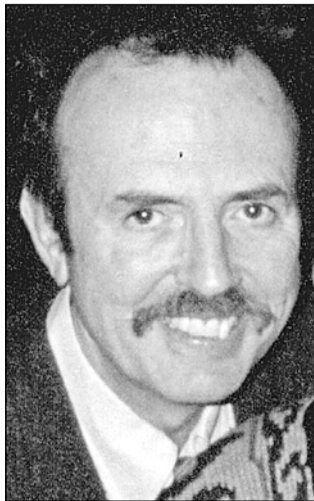
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■ **OBITUARIES**

**Mr. Laurence “Larry” W. Gibson, 73 Years**

January 19, 1945 - August 20, 2018  
Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

NORTH ANDOVER — Mr. Laurence “Larry” W. Gibson, a resident of North Andover, formerly of Andover, and beloved husband of Younja An (Ahn) Gibson, passed away on Monday, August 20, 2018, at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill. He was 73 years old.



Mr. Laurence “Larry” W. Gibson

Born in Boston, on January 19, 1945, he was the son of the late Laurence W. and Helen (Hollander) Gibson. He graduated from Boston College in 1966 with a B.S. in Political Science. After college, Larry served as a captain in the US Army, serving active duty in South Korea. It was there that he met his wife, Younja. The couple married in Seoul, Korea in 1970 before moving to the United States. After returning to the U.S., Larry worked for New England Telephone as a Business Office Manager for 25 years. He also had an entrepreneurial spirit and worked tirelessly with his wife to run the Fishing Well Restaurant in Lawrence in the 1980s, and Sunday’s General Store in Andover in the 1990s. In his spare time, Larry enjoyed going for walks, watching and rooting for the local sports teams, and taking road trips to visit his children and grandchildren.

Larry was cherished by the many who were lucky to have known him for his sharp wit, candor, intelligence, and his zeal for life. Above all, what set Larry apart was his devotion to his family. He was immensely proud of and loved his children and grandchildren more than anything. He will be dearly missed.

Besides his beloved wife of 48 years, Younja, he is survived by brother Thomas F. and his wife Diane Gibson of Belmont; his loving children Caroline

A. and her husband Kerry E. Hoyt of Burbank, California; Laurence W. and his wife Jaclyn A. Gibson of Warren, New Jersey; Matthew J. Gibson and his wife Melissa O. Tomascik of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania; Victoria E. and her husband Brian A. Suslak of Andover; and grandchildren, Laurence IV, Branden, Gwendilyn, Lucy, Matthew, Berti, and Edward.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours will be held at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Larry’s memory may be made to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 330 Brookline Avenue, Shapiro 9, Boston, MA 02215, or to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843. For additional information, please visit, [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

**Political entertainment**



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

The 3rd Congressional District candidates had to deal with T-Rex, the time keeper, if they went over the time limit when responding to the question at the youth-led candidate forum on Aug. 15 at the UTEC Catalyst Center in Lowell.

**No shortage of millionaires running for 3rd District office**

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Running for Congress isn’t a poor man’s game, and the race to represent the Merrimack Valley in Washington has no shortage of millionaires.

Five of 11 candidates seeking to replace outgoing U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, report assets worth tens of millions of dollars, according to financial disclosures filed recently with the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rick Green, the only Republican candidate in the race, tops the list of multimillionaires running for the 3rd Congressional District seat. He reports a net worth, combining assets and debts, as high as \$50 million — or as low as \$25 million — including his online auto parts business, 1A Auto Inc., his \$350,000 salary and other assets.

In the disclosures, candidates report the approximate value of investments, real estate holdings, stocks and bank accounts, as well as their debts and income over the past two years. They are not required to disclose the value of their primary homes, personal property or the income earned by family members.

Also, candidates are asked to report broad estimates — not exact figures.

The money matters because several hopefuls have partially funded their campaigns with personal loans or contributions. Any

■ See more coverage of the 3rd District bid for office. Page 10.

of them could chip in tens of thousands of dollars of their own money at any point in hopes of winning the primary and general election.

Green, for instance, has loaned his campaign \$170,000 since entering the race last year, according to reports filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Rufus Gifford, a Concord Democrat and former U.S. ambassador to Denmark, reported assets ranging \$3.5 million to \$11.2 million in an amended disclosure to the House clerk on Friday. He listed liabilities of \$100,000 to \$250,000 for a Bank of America home equity loan.

Gifford’s campaign also listed assets from a family trust set up by his father, Chad Gifford, who oversaw some of the state’s biggest financial institutions.

The campaign notes those aren’t considered his assets because Gifford doesn’t control the fund but listed it in the “spirit of full disclosure.” “Most financial advisers would not include such trusts — or potential access to trusts — in personal net worth calculations,” Dean Lieberman, Gifford’s campaign spokesman, said in a statement. “These are not considered Rufus’ personal assets.”

A previous disclosure by Gifford’s campaign overstated the range of a Bank

of America investment account by tens of millions of dollars, which the campaign attributed to a clerical error after North of Boston Media inquired about his disclosures.

Despite his access to vast private wealth, Gifford has so far has chipped in only \$70,000 of his own money to his campaign.

Democrat Lori Trahan, of Westford, reported assets ranging from \$2.4 million to \$8.2 million in her latest disclosures. Those included jointly owned real estate developments, retirement and bank savings.

She reported liabilities of \$2.1 million to \$7.3 million, most of which is tied up in mortgages and construction loans.

Trahan’s campaign pointed out the Lowell native wasn’t born into money, stressing her and her husband’s working-class roots. “Education and hard work gave us the opportunity to build successful businesses, which is why I am 100 percent focused on delivering those same opportunities to the people of this district,” the statement said.

Trahan had loaned her campaign \$100,000 as of June 30, according to reports to the Federal Election Commission.

North Andover Democrat Abhijit “Beej” Das, CEO of Troca Hotels, listed his assets ranging from \$2.2 million to \$7.6 million. Das has loaned his campaign more than \$325,000 to date, FEC

reports show.

Democrat Dan Koh reported assets from \$719,000 to \$2,891,004, which included his retirement account and salary. He didn’t list any liabilities.

Other candidates in the race reported assets well below the million-dollar mark.

Rep. Juana Matias, D-Lawrence, reported assets of \$302,000 to \$630,000 in her disclosures, which include her \$79,602 salary from the state Legislature. She also listed liabilities from student loan debt ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

State Sen. Barbara L’Italien, D-Andover, reported assets ranging from about \$353,000 to \$700,000, including a \$107,499 salary. She listed liabilities ranging from \$75,000 to \$165,000.

L’Italien’s initial disclosure to the House excluded several assets — including the source of \$70,000 in loans to her campaign — which prompted her campaign to submit an amended report earlier this week to resolve the discrepancies.

Bopha Malone, a Bedford Democrat and vice president at Enterprise Bank in Lowell, listed her assets at between \$590,000 and \$1.8 million, including stocks, retirement savings and a \$83,700 salary.

Alexandra Chandler, a Haverhill Democrat, reported assets ranging from \$53,000 and \$270,000, and liabilities between \$215,000 to \$430,000.

**Police launch successful search for missing boy**

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
[jvaleriani@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:jvaleriani@andovertownsmen.com)

An 11-year-old boy who walked away from his North Street home Sunday morning was found not too far away a couple hours later, at the Family Dollar store on South Broadway in Lawrence, police said.

Police would only release the boy’s first name, Zaid. Lt. Christopher Moore of the Andover police said six police officers conducted the search starting at around 9:15 a.m.

At about 11:30 a.m. someone who had seen a photo of the boy on social media called police to say he had been seen in Family Dollar.

“He was looking to buy some food,” said Moore. “I’m not sure what exactly he was buying.”

Andover police reported Zaid as white, with long brown hair, and brown eyes.

Police said he was wearing a green T-shirt and blue shorts.

Zaid had last been seen walking north on North Street.

“He walked away from home this morning,” said Lieutenant Christopher

Moore of Andover.

Andover police took to Twitter and Facebook about half an hour later to release the information and a description of the missing child. A picture of Zaid was posted to both social media sites.

Moore said the entire shift of Andover police that was scheduled to work on Sunday morning was included in the search party to find Zaid.

“There were four officers and two detectives,” said Moore.

Moore said the boy was found after someone saw the post on Facebook, recognized Zaid, and called the police to inform them. The police then went to Family Dollar to find the boy.

Moore could not release Zaid’s last name, but said he comes from a full household with parents and siblings. He added that the family lives in West Andover, near River Road.

There are no charges pending.

Zaid’s family and police appreciate everyone who helped out in his search and called in with information, police said on Facebook.

■ **POLICE LOG**

STAFF REPORT  
**TUESDAY, AUG. 14**

At 6:50 p.m., a 16-year old reported she was out running with her dog on Blueberry Hill Road when a female in a white BMW began following her, yelling at her, and then tried to take her dog. An officer reported that it was a misunderstanding.

A tent appeared to be set up on the back of a truck that backed into the weeds on Murray Hill Lane at 7:16 p.m. Police told the owners of the truck to move along.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15**

A crash with personal injury was reported on

Route 125 Gould/Route 28 at 2:40 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 16**  
Angel Rivera-Valle, 29, of 97 Mercer Street, Boston, was arrested at 11:40 a.m. for motor vehicle violations.

A shotgun and a hand grenade were found in a home on Tiffany Lane at 1:37 p.m. The shotgun was retrieved and the bomb squad handled the grenade. The grenade was reported to be inert.

Rodger Johnson, 69, of 88 Beacon St., Lawrence, was arrested at 6:38 p.m. for a probation violation out of Lawrence District Court.

Gregory Lavallee, 33, of 459 Arlington St., Dracut, was arrested at 11:15 p.m.

for possession of Class E substance, the prescription drug gabapentin.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 17**  
A crash with personal injury was reported on Andover By-Pass at 5:22 p.m.

A young dog reportedly scratched a child near Dundee Park at 1:18 p.m. The dog owner would not provide a vaccination report to the parents. The mother was angry the dog owner was near her son to begin with. Police reported the dog did not bite or scratch the child.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 18**

Smoke came from a vehicle crash with personal injury on Union Street at 8:32 p.m.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 19**

At 7:01 p.m., a caller from Essex Regional Center reported seeing a male driver choking a female passenger in a silver Mazda. The caller followed the car onto Route 495 north until they exited onto Route 93 North.

Traffic issues on Shaw-sheen Road at 2:15 p.m. were reported to be caused by an injured raccoon.

**MONDAY, AUG. 20**

Police received a call at 9:11 p.m. that David Martinez, 27, was overdosing on heroin on Sutherland Street. Martinez was taken to Lawrence General Hospital and charged with possession of a Class A substance.

■ **REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

**16 Burton Farm Drive:** Christopher Clark and Mary E. Polanco to Michael S. and Nancy J. Rottman, \$679,900

**2 Cameron Road:** Rogers RT and Glenn A. Rogers to Gregory Vemis, \$590,000

**12 Charlotte Drive:** Edward J. and Lisa E. Ganem to Matthew C. and Stefanie L. Sousa, \$660,000

**57 Cheever Circle:** James M.

and Kristina A. Collins to Scott A. and Jeanne E. Clark, \$465,000

**140 Chestnut St.:** Kenneth W. and Ellen E. Davidson to James F. Coble and Holly E. Hall-Coble, \$687,500

**2 Colonial Drive, Unit 3A:** Erica L. Ates to Michael Reichert, \$210,000

**41 Crenshaw Lane, Unit 41:** CA INT and Yvon Cormier to Barrett FT and William C. Barrett, \$1,325,000

**6 Furnari Farm Lane:** Colin and

Christine M. Beauchemin to Charles T. and Alyssa R. Kelly, \$765,000

**15 Granli Drive:** Joan M. Roberge to Thomas P. Mulligan and Sarah S. Lee, \$873,000

**48 High Plain Road:** Martin A. and Kathleen M. Serrano to Jason S. and Heather L. Badower, \$665,000

**25 Juniper Road:** Thomas P. Mulligan and Sarah S. Lee to Andre Machado and Hae Y. Kim, \$665,000

**7 Lancaster Place:** James F.

and Christine D. Moulton to Stephen E. and Suzannah C. Anthony, \$729,000

**6 Lincoln Circle:** Pamela J. Ward to Martin A. and Kathleen M. Serrano, \$590,000

**49 Lupine Road, Unit 7:** Michael C. Silverman to Shanshan Wang and Jinhua Lu, \$295,000

**5 Oriole Drive:** Matthew and Kathryn Hershey to Philip H. Martin and Melissa Malone, \$850,000

**375 S. Main St.:** Richard W.

and Amy E. Lyman to Katherine Y. Fergus and Chris J. Machold, \$1,120,000

**15 Shattuck Road:** DC 15 Shattuck Road LLC to Andover Technology Partners, \$15,000,000

**8 Spencer Court:** Patricia A. and Paul F. Vey to P. and P. Vey IRT and Allison P. Vey, \$500,000

**4 Suncrest Road:** Bin Xi and Juan Yang to J.E. Goncalves-Demendonca and Janethe D. Deoliveira, \$575,000

**38 Taylor Cove, Unit 38:** Pravin N. and Sangeeta R. Nair to Kehan Wang and Siyu Chen, \$700,000

**54 Tewksbury St.:** George C. Madden RET 1998 and Carol L. Madden to Michael C. Silverman, \$369,900

**6 Tilton Lane:** Jeffrey C. and Nicole M. Salowe to Paul A. and Erin P. Olsen, \$712,000

**15 Woodcliff Road:** James L. and Kimberly R. Landry to Merrimack College, \$600,000

# Fish on at Pumps Pond

STAFF REPORT

Twenty-one kids casted and baited as a popular fishing workshop held every summer at Pumps Pond supplied the learn-to-fish instructions with help from a seasoned angler.

Jim Legacy, an angler educator from Mass. Wildlife,

offered the how-to instructions to the novices while a few experienced young fishermen helped.

The workshop was for kids ages 7 to 14. Some parents even stayed for the two-hour workshop. But they didn't get to fish. They were put to work and baiting the hooks.



Zach Enners, 9, removes the hook from a fish he caught.



Gabe Shneer, 7, reacts to catching a fish during a Mass. Wildlife fishing workshop at Pumps Pond Monday morning.

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Mir Durrani, 8, and Daniel Shneer, 9, react to a worm being hooked on as bait.

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Vincent Giaino, 9, gets help unhooking his fish from Jim Legacy, Angler Education coordinator at Mass. Wildlife.



Gabe Shneer, 7, shows off his fish.



Legacy shows a young girl how to cast during the fishing workshop he ran on Monday.

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Mir Durrani, 8, poses with a fish that he caught.

# Opinion

## Reporting the news in a fragmented nation

Controversial police contracts, takedowns of drug operations, hospital mergers, Little League tournaments and July 4 horrors are the kinds of events and stories that our newspapers thrive on. It's the kind of community-based coverage our readers count on us to deliver.

Certainly we always look for connections between local affairs and national trends and stories. We've made conscious efforts to broaden our vision in the past six months by checking in with people on the North Shore and Merrimack Valley about their attitudes toward national politics, leaders and issues. Still, it's sometimes easy to become so engrossed in what's happening at home that we neglect the bigger picture — the political and economic forces at work in our country.

Last Thursday, newspaper editorialists around the U.S. carved out space on their opinion pages to address the inflated national rhetoric that suggests — some would say encourages — hostility and violence toward the press. There are far too many examples of both bombast and attacks on working journalists to count here.

For the most part, we've been lucky to have avoided those locally. Still, it's no stretch to imagine it all changing in an instant. Even in its mildest form, this hostility erodes the value that citizens place in facts, and in local journalism.

Let's face it: We likely wouldn't be talking about any of this but for the current occupant of the White House. President Donald Trump, as candidate and now as our nation's leader, thrives on direct engagement with voters. A series of open-ended Republican primary debates in 2016 saw the real estate tycoon and reality TV star gain political footing by appealing directly to at-home audiences. His roiling campaign rallies became legendary. So did his Twitter account.

Trump's particular brand of populist politics doesn't always mesh well with press coverage — it just gets in the way. So his disdain for the media is not surprising. And to be fair, it's a feeling that's pretty much shared by every other occupant of the Oval Office in recent memory.

But when the president ratchets up his hostility and calls the press an enemy of the people, his rhetoric goes beyond exaggeration to the point of dangerousness. Repeating that message again and again, so that it becomes an accepted part of the background noise of American politics, imprints on untold minds and potentially affects every one of us who does this work for a living, whether we do it in Washington, D.C., or Wenham, Massachusetts.

Some in the national press corps give Trump reason to complain. Far too many stake out a position instead of delivering unvarnished reporting. That's always existed, of course, but it seems especially so now that the internet and broadcast have blurred lines between reporting and commentary. Trump's successes — an expanding economy, stepped up job creation or the thawing of relations on the Korean peninsula — don't get the same attention in some quarters as his missteps. But that hardly warrants his rhetoric.

There's something just as bothersome in all of this, which especially affects reporters working — and living — locally. That's the idea that the news media are singular. We certainly aren't.

Though it's hard to weave this distinction into the us vs. them narrative that plays to the crowds, the fact is the majority of journalists working in the United States today aren't covering the president but instead write about selectmen, city councils, school committees, crimes, court hearings, hockey tournaments and neighborhood events that are the marrow of community life.

It's not that we need some kind of special recognition for this work, but it's important to appreciate these stories, photos, videos, calendar announcements and news briefs for what they are — part of a neighborhood's DNA.

At its best, local journalism is information our readers need, want and value. It guides and keeps watch. It is shared information that brings together people who might live near each other — in the next town, on the next street or in the next house over — but don't always get a chance to talk. It holds local institutions — government, schools and business — accountable.

We don't always get it right, and that's part of the conversation too. We give our critics a daily printed platform. In the web comments and on social media, the space to take apart our stories, our facts and our assumptions is limitless. You can let us know what you think when you see us on the street.

That exchange has always been so. It would be near impossible to cover a community without it.

But that kind of give and take gets lost — nationally and here at home — when we start branding entire professions as enemies of the state.

## WEB QUESTION

### This week's question:

Hundreds of newspapers across the country last Thursday (and this Thursday in the Townsman) ran editorials condemning the rhetoric from President Trump that the media is the enemy of the people. Do you think the media is the enemy of the people?

**Yes.** They skew the facts and lean way too far to the left.  
**No.** The media is our only hope against an out-of-control despot.

**Yes and no.** Local media is fair; it's the national media that's biased.

### Last week's web question:

Alicia Reddin, the town's new director of Veterans Services, sent out a profane tweet that has gotten her into some hot water. It was done on a personal Twitter account but some people seem to think it reflects poorly on her and on the town. Do you think she should be punished somehow?

**Yes.** She should be fired. It was obscene and outrageous.  
**98 votes.**

**No.** She made a mistake. Give her a break.  
**23 votes.**

**Not sure.** Maybe she should be given a formal reprimand and a suspension, but not fired.  
**17 votes.**

## A WORK IN PROGRESS



Workers from Painters Pride have installed scaffolding around the Andover Baptist Church steeple while they repair and repaint the structure on Central Street in downtown Andover.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### L'Italien will fight for people with disabilities

**Editor, Townsman:**

An estimated 48.9 million people, have a disability. Among all people with disabilities of working age (29.4 million), 52 percent are employed. The other 48 percent are alienated from society because of their disability. It's unfortunate, but disabled people live in a country that has misunderstood beliefs about them. Our legislators haven't done enough to create inclusive environments for the disabled in our community.

My state Sen. Barbara L'Italien isn't part of the group of legislators who don't do enough for the disabled. Disability is the issue that attracted Barbara to public service. Barbara's eldest son Rudy is diagnosed with autism. Barbara has been a champion for individuals with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, and educational disabilities.

The reason I support Barbara is her stance on disabilities. My younger sibling is diagnosed with a developmental disability. Barbara has been an advocate for my sister's rights and dignity during her tenure in the Massachusetts Legislature. Barbara has dedicated her life to people with disabilities and I'm confident she will continue her dedication in Washington when she serves as your U.S. Representative.

Disabled men and women deserve to have a voice in their communities and Barbara is that voice. Vote Barbara L'Italien in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Elect Barbara to be a voice for me, my sister, and families like ours in Congress.

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### Dan Koh will be an education advocate

**Editor, Townsman:**

I proudly served as superintendent to the Andover Public School District for 12 years. As someone who cares deeply about our education system, I am frightened by Secretary Devos and the Trump administration's attempts to cut resources and funding for public schools. We need leaders who will stand up for our schools and be a champion for students and teachers. That's why I'm throwing my full support behind Dan Koh in the race for the 3rd Congressional District seat.

Dan, an Andover native, understands that all children deserve access to a

quality education, regardless of their socioeconomic background. I've heard Dan speak many times, and I'm always impressed with the passion he brings to this topic.

As chief of staff to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, he worked to strengthen the public school system, expand universal Pre-K, and protect after-school programs from funding cuts.

Dan is also open about his experience growing up with ADHD, and the impact that caring, quality educators had on his life. He is exactly the type of advocate we need fighting for our teachers, students and families.

I urge Andover families to cast their vote for Dan Koh in the Sept. 4 primary.

**CLAUDIA BACH**  
19 Chandler Circle  
Andover

### Vote Finegold for state Senate

**Editor, Townsman:**

The day after Labor Day, I urge Andover to head to the polls and vote for one of our own. As someone who has worked for Barry Finegold in the past, I understand better than anyone why he is such a great leader. Barry is incredibly smart, driven and will work as hard as he can to make sure the job at hand gets done.

These are all qualities our next state senator should have. We need leaders on Beacon Hill who will work hard for their constituents. I know that Barry will fight for all of Andover, and that is why I'm supporting him in his race for state senate.

**MARGARET SULLIVAN**  
77 Corbett St.  
Andover

### Reserve parking spaces for elderly

**Editor, Townsman:**

I noticed something when I visited my daughter in California. The parking spaces reserved for the handicapped in shopping centers and town parking lots in her town are marked handicapped OR elderly.

While not all seniors are handicapped many are afraid of slipping on ice or falling in bad weather. Many need to walk slowly or with assistance, or may be due to illness. This way they can park closer to the door of the business or offices.

Seniors in Andover often feel their needs don't get addressed enough. This may be a considerate thing to do, particularly when the handicapped spaces are often vacant. Stop and Shop reserves spaces for mothers with children, which is a very nice, community-sensitive thing to do. How about also taking care of the elders?

If marked clearly "for the Elderly" I don't believe those spaces will be abused.

**CHAMPA BILWAKESH**  
5 Garfield Lane E  
Andover

### Dan Koh is the right choice for Congress

**Editor, Townsman:**

In February, I started volunteering for Democrat Dan Koh, an Andover native running for Congress to replace retiring Congresswoman Niki Tsongas. I have never been this active in a political campaign in my life.

When I was asked by friends and family why I decided to support Dan, I told them I was working for him because I feel he is the most qualified candidate.

I told them he served as chief of staff to Mayor Marty Walsh for four years, overseeing 18,000 employees and helping Boston achieve one of the most prosperous stretches in city history.

I told them his name was first to be certified on the ballot because he put together a grassroots organization of volunteers who collected 2,000 nomination signatures in the snow and rain.

I told them I am impressed that he has the energy of the marathon runner that he is, which translates to an incredible work ethic.

I told them he has the integrity we need to represent us in Congress.

I told them if they're looking for the most qualified candidate to fight for a fair economy and affordable healthcare, they should join me in supporting Dan Koh on Sept. 4.

**STEVE MARLEY**  
22 Gavin Circle  
Andover

### Why is Gov. Baker supporting Lyons?

**Editor, Townsman:**

I find it very difficult to understand how Gov. Charlie Baker could endorse an ultra-conservative, anti-LGBTQ candidate like Jim Lyons for state representative.

It was understandable when Trump asked Baker to send our National Guard to the Mexican border, that our governor said "sure thing Mr. President, how many, how soon?" After all, Charlie Baker is a Republican.

If Charlie Baker endorses Jim Lyons, and agrees to help his fundraising efforts, are we now seeing that Charlie Baker isn't so moderate as he tries to appear, and that he isn't so LGBTQ friendly as he claims.

Will the real Charlie Baker please stand up for something that the people of Massachusetts can applaud?

**KEN THOMPSON**  
92 Herrick Road  
Boxford

### Support Finegold for state Senate

**Editor, Townsman:**

I would like to take this opportunity to support Barry Finegold for state Senate.

Barry is a thoughtful man of integrity and vision who has been working for the community for decades. Barry has excelled at sorting out issues and focusing on solutions. For me in particular, as a private citizen, state Representative and state Senator Barry supported Andover Youth Services and the building of the Cormier Youth Center.

His support was just not in words but in actions. Barry was always there for advice and was an active partner as the long struggle for a youth center finally became a reality. In addition, Barry lobbied on the state level and succeeded in securing funds to support youth service programs which went to enhance the program and bring much needed support to some of our most vulnerable young people in the community.

Please join me in supporting Barry Finegold for state Senate. We need his compassion, positive spirit and tenacity as we face the challenges ahead.

**DIANE COSTAGLIOLA**  
15 Belknap Drive  
Andover

### L'Italien for Congress

**Editor, Townsman:**

I write in support of the candidacy of my dear friend of 23 years, State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, for U.S. Congress.

Barbara is easily the best-qualified candidate in the race for U.S. Representative from Massachusetts. Among all of the other candidates vying to fill the seat of retiring Rep. Niki Tsongas, not one has been a legislator for more than one term, and most have never held elective office.

Barbara has served four terms as a state Representative and nearly two as a state Senator, getting the people's business done in Boston while being a great wife and mother to her beloved husband and four children (one of them autistic) in Andover.

In each term of both state elective offices she has held, my friend Barbara L'Italien has been an effective voice for the people of Massachusetts. She alone of all the candidates in this race has the qualifications and experience to sit in the United States House of Representatives.

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# TownsBeat



Noel Viana, left, of Painters Pride looks out from high above downtown Andover while he and the company restore the steeple of the Andover Baptist Church in downtown Andover.



Noel Viana inspects the wooden trim of the church steeple.



Noel Viana removes the old rotten trim of the roof.

## Steeple restoration begins at Baptist Church

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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The scaffolding surrounding the steeple at the Andover Baptist Church on Central Street is evidence that a major facelift is underway at the historic, downtown structure.

Located at 7 Central St., at the intersection of Central and Essex streets, the nearly 200-year-old building was in need of some sprucing up.

“That’s just what is happening, said Karen Herman, chairwoman of the Andover Preservation Commission.

“The Preservation Commission was very excited about the project to paint, repair and restore the steeple of the Andover Baptist Church,” she said. “Built in 1834, it is the second oldest church building in Andover. We reviewed and approved the project last April and were impressed with the scope of work and attention to detail proposed by the contractor, Painter’s Pride, in this significant preservation effort. The Andover Baptist Church is truly a landmark structure in the town.”

Church pastor Rev. Lyndon Meyers could not be reached for comment about the renovations, but Herman said the Preservation Commission is thrilled that the steeple is being so well taken care of.

“The steeple project is to scrape, repair, and repaint to restore the steeple,” she said. “It is, as you can see, an enormous undertaking because of the scaffolding required and the care which must be taken in stabilizing the wood. No church would undertake these projects casually. It is very costly.” Both South and West



Workers from Painters Pride have installed scaffolding around the Andover Baptist Church steeple while they repair and repaint the structure in downtown Andover.

Parish churches, located in Andover, have impressive historic buildings with wooden steeples and have done this type of restoration

in the past, Herman said. “In all cases, it’s a gift to the town to have these magnificent buildings preserved,” she said.

The contractor, Painter’s Pride of Framingham, specializes in church restoration and is an approved contractor for the Boston



Workers from Painters Pride have installed scaffolding around the Andover Baptist Church entrance to get up to the steeple for repairs and repainting of the structure.



Looking out from inside the scaffolding toward Memorial Hall Library and downtown Andover.

### HISTORY AT A GLANCE: HISTORIC ANDOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

On Aug. 28, 1834, the church was dedicated. It is now the second oldest original church building in Andover.

When the church was first constructed, the basement rooms had been rented out to businesses, including a grocery store, a clothing store, a plumber and a men’s shoe shop.

In 1924 the Baptist Church congregation voted to use the entire building for church purposes and at that time renovations were made. The porch foundation was relaid and the steeple repaired.

Improvements had also been made in 1892, adding electricity and installing the pipe organ.

The church was again renovated in 1963.

Source: Andover Preservation website; <https://preservation.mhl.org/7-central-street>.

### ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### AUGUST THURSDAY, AUG. 23

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, 2 to 7 p.m., St. Augustine Parish, 35 Essex St. Donors can make an appointment by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

#### AUG. 25 AND 26

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bridges by EPOCH at Andover, 254 Lowell St. Tour the brand new memory care community, meet the dementia care team and learn about the comprehensive care the facility provides throughout all stages of memory loss; the community was purposefully designed to increase comfort and reduce confusion for people living with dementia; personalized care and 24-hour support are included for a predictable, monthly fee; reservations are requested; 978-775-1070.

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 26

**ANNUAL ARMENIAN PICNIC**, noon to 5 p.m., Family Life & Cultural Center, 1280 Boston Road, Haverhill. The Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe will hold its annual picnic; the menu will include shish (lamb) kebab, chicken-kebab, losh (beef) kebab and khayma served with rice pilaf, salad and pita bread; hot dog plates for children will be available all day; a variety of Armenian pastries including paklava, nut and cream khadeyif, choereg (Armenian sweet rolls), and

spinach pies will be available for purchase along with beverages; combo meal selections will also be offered; live Armenian music will be provided by the Jason Naroian ensemble; raffle prizes, free parking, free admission, free coffee; most credit cards accepted; 978-372-9227, [www.hypointearmenianchurch.org](http://www.hypointearmenianchurch.org).

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**, 7 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

**ORGAN RECITAL: COLIN LYNCH**, 8 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway. Works by Widor, Wright, Gammes, Parry and Durufé will be presented; the recital is sponsored by Michaud Insurance Agency, Inc.; tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and will be available at the door; doors will open at 7:30 p.m.; [www.mmmh.org](http://www.mmmh.org).

#### SEPTEMBER THROUGH SEPT. 3

**AJFL FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING**, registration is open to students in grades two through eight for the 2018 season; parents can sign up at [www.ajfl.com](http://www.ajfl.com).

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

**9/11 CEREMONY**, 8:30 a.m., Town Offices, Bartlett Street. The ceremony will honor the victims of Sept. 11, 2001; 978-623-8381.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

**FALL BUSINESS EXPO**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60

Canterbury St. The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a Fall Business Expo, Trade Show Health and Wellness Fair; the Annual Healthcare Luncheon Conference will take place from noon to 1:15 p.m.; guest speakers will include John L. Alexander, MD, MHCM, FACEP, chief medical officer of Holy Family Hospital, a Steward Family Hospital, and Karen Gomes, RN, MS CPHQ, president and CEO of Home Health Foundation; a complete hot plated luncheon is included with the program; admission to the luncheon conference is \$30 for members, \$50 for nonmembers; registration is required; 978-686-0900, email [office@merrimackvalleychamber.com](mailto:office@merrimackvalleychamber.com), [www.merrimackvalleychamber.com](http://www.merrimackvalleychamber.com).

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

**ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S**, Brickstone Square. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the Promise Garden Ceremony at 9:40 a.m., and the walk at 10 a.m.; nearly 3,500 people from northeastern Massachusetts are expected at this year’s event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer’s disease; sign up as a team captain, join a team or register to walk as an individual at [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk).

#### OCTOBER SATURDAY, OCT. 20

**HYE KEF 5**, 7 p.m. to midnight, DoubleTree By Hilton, 123 Old River Road. The five-hour dance, presented by Armenian Friends of America, Inc., will feature musician

and singer Onnik Dinkjian, along with John Berberian (oud), Mal Barsamian (clarinet), Ara Dinkjian (keyboard), and Jason Naroian (dumbeg); continuous buffet, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., coffee and dessert, and a cash bar; tickets are \$55 if purchased before Sept. 16, \$65 after and \$50 for students 21 and under; tickets must be purchased in advance, as they will not be sold at the door; all sales are final; proceeds will benefit the Armenian Churches of the Merrimack Valley, St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of North Andover, the Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe in Bradford, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church of Chelmsford, and the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church of Salem, New Hampshire. For tickets, call 603-560-3826, 978-683-9121, 978-375-1616, 978-808-0598 or 978-475-8309. For more information, visit [armenianfriendsofamerica.org](http://armenianfriendsofamerica.org).

#### SATURDAYS THROUGH OCT. 20

**ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Amos Blanchard House and Barn, 97 Main St. Since 2007, the Andover Center for History & Culture has welcomed the community to the lawn to socialize while buying fresh, locally grown food; [www.andoverhistoryandculture.org/farmers-market](http://www.andoverhistoryandculture.org/farmers-market).

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 27

**NINTH ANNUAL IN PINK BRUNCH & COMEDY SHOW**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. Nationally-known comedian and motivational speaker Loretta

Archdiocese. The contractor’s list of references includes New England Bible Church in North Andover and Central Congregational

Church in Chelmsford. “A church needs to know that the contractor is competent and very experienced,” Herman said.

# L'Italien fails to list assets in campaign reports

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Democrat Barbara L'Italien failed to disclose the source of a \$70,000 loan to her congressional campaign in an official disclosure, but acknowledged this week she'd taken the money from a joint account she set up with her late mother.

L'Italien, a state senator from Andover, is one of 10 Democrats vying for the 3rd Congressional District seat. She didn't mention the joint account in a required report on her assets filed with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, despite having listed the loan on campaign finance filings

with the Federal Election Commission.

On Tuesday, L'Italien's campaign provided an amended disclosure listing that and several other assets that were left off the original filing — including her full state Senate salary, a \$15,000 checking account she shares with her husband, a business loan her husband has, and student loan debt for her daughters. L'Italien said she "takes full responsibility" for the oversight and hopes to get back to "discussing the kitchen table issues."

"I am sorry for any confusion I caused and for the distraction from issues like health care and education that impact people's daily

lives," she said in a statement. "I have spent the past few days making sure that my amendment would be thorough, complete and transparent."

L'Italien shared the bank account with her mother, Claire, for about 20 years until she passed away from Alzheimer's disease in April 2017, the campaign said.

Joe Katz, L'Italien's campaign spokesman, said the loan didn't violate federal campaign finance rules, which cap both contributions and loans from relatives at \$2,700 per election, because L'Italien controlled the account at the time and made the loan withdrawals after her mother's passing. FEC disclosures show

L'Italien made a \$50,000 loan to her campaign in December, and another \$20,000 loan nearly four months later.

But there were other discrepancies in her original financial reports.

In a report on her assets and liabilities with the House clerk, required of members of Congress and candidates, L'Italien initially listed her Senate salary as \$70,382 in the current and previous year, excluding extra pay she gets for committee assignments.

But L'Italien was paid a total of \$107,500 in 2017, which included her base pay of \$62,547, according to the Senate Clerk's Office.

Her campaign listed the

salary in the amended disclosure forms.

In the money race, L'Italien has lagged behind top candidates in the Democratic field seeking to replace outgoing U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell.

She had raised \$702,861 as of June 30, according to her campaign's filings.

She's spent \$363,713 overall, leaving her with \$339,148 on hand ahead of the Sept. 4 primary, according to filings.

L'Italien also recently took a \$746,400 mortgage on her Andover home, according to the state Registry of Deeds, but it's not clear whether she plans to tap into that for her campaign.

To be sure, L'Italien is not

the only candidate in the wide-open congressional race to reach into their own piggy banks.

Republican Rick Green, a Peppercorn businessman, has loaned his campaign \$170,000 since he entered the race last year, according to FEC filings. Rufus Gifford, a Concord Democrat, has chipped in \$70,000 of own money.

And North Andover Democrat Abhijit "Beej" Das has loaned his campaign more than \$325,000 to date, FEC filings show.

Christian Wade covers the Massachusetts Statehouse for the North of Boston Media Group's newspapers and websites. Reach him at cwade@cni.com.

# L'Italien welcomes Sam Adams brewer at local fundraiser

## Koch under fire over pro-Trump statement

By ZOE MATHEWS  
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, one of 10 Democrats running for U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas' 3rd District seat in Congress, has made it clear she is no fan of the policies of President Donald Trump.

In a recent campaign stunt, the Andover Democrat used air time intended for an Arizona candidate on the "Fox & Friends" television program to call out some of Trump's policies directly.

But at a recent campaign event, L'Italien welcomed and shared a drink with beer mogul Jim Koch, who has come under fire from other Democratic politicians for voicing his support for Trump's tax cuts. A photograph of the two quaffing brews along with some firefighter friends appeared on a firefighters union Facebook page.

L'Italien defended the appearance with Koch, saying that while she opposes the Trump tax cuts, she and Koch have other issues in common.

Koch, founder of Samuel



Sen. Barbara L'Italien, center, with Samuel Adams Brewery founder Jim Koch to her left, at a campaign event at the Oak & Iron Brewing Co. in Andover. This photo was briefly posted to a firefighters union Facebook page before it was taken down.

Adams Brewery and chairman of Boston Beer Company, attended a L'Italien campaign event "Beers with Barbara" at Oak & Iron Brewing Co. in Andover, days after he dined with Trump in New Jersey.

At his dinner with Trump, Koch told the president that the corporate tax cut pushed by the administration played a role in making his company

more competitive with foreign brewers.

In the wake of Koch's comments, Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone said he would never again drink a Sam Adams. Others have joined the backlash, with some even raising calls for a boycott.

Asked to comment on the controversy and her appearance with Koch, L'Italien said her relationship with

the brewery founder goes back a decade, referring to her work as chairwoman of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee in the state Senate.

"He was the first person to revolutionize craft brewing," she said.

In response to Koch's pro-Trump comments, L'Italien said, "I think it's well known where I stand on Trump's

policies."

L'Italien's campaign said Thursday she is in favor of repealing the tax cuts.

"A lot of wealthy people are big fans of Trump's tax bill, and it's no surprise, since it's a \$1.5 trillion giveaway to billionaires," L'Italien said in a statement. "It's the rest of us who are getting a raw deal. I was proud to support the millionaire's tax in the

*"I don't see a boycott changing Jim Koch's mind about a massive tax cut for the wealthy being good for his business, and I do worry it's going to end up hurting folks in my district."*

Barbara L'Italien

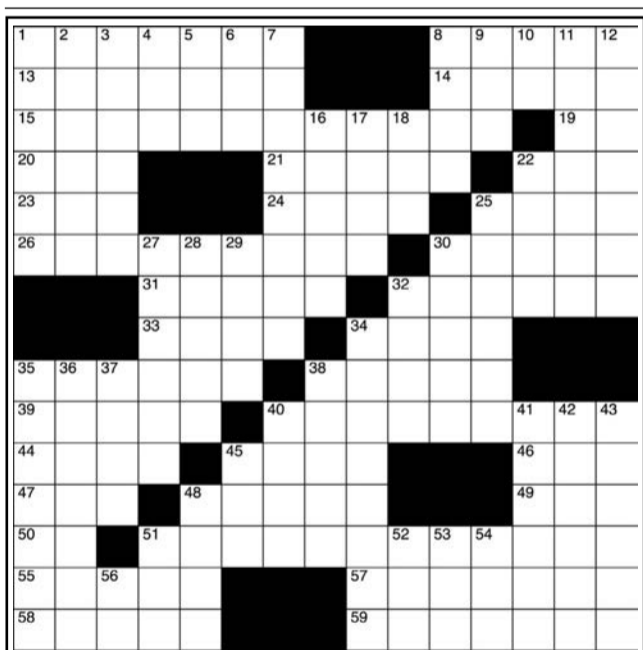
Legislature, and I am going to continue that fight to Congress."

L'Italien said she and Koch have other matters on which they agree.

"Jim Koch is wrong about Trump's tax scam, but we don't have to agree on that to agree that small craft brewers have been an economic engine for folks in my district," she said. "We're trying to get more people good jobs in our community. I don't see a boycott changing Jim Koch's mind about a massive tax cut for the wealthy being good for his business, and I do worry it's going to end up hurting folks in my district."

A photograph of L'Italien, Koch and others at the fundraiser appeared briefly on the Andover Firefighters Local 1658's Facebook page before being removed. Union officials could not be reached for comment on why the photograph was taken down.

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# Candidates have different paths to victory

By LISA KASHINSKY  
Staff Writer

After months of campaigning and millions in fundraising, candidates for the 3rd Congressional District have reached the home stretch before the Democratic primary.

Ten Democrats are slated to appear on the Sept. 4 ballot, a crowded field filled with like-minded policies and no clear front-runner just two weeks before voters hit the polls.

But only one of those 10 will move on to the general election in November. What, then, are the top candidates' paths to securing a primary victory?

"In a normal race, we'd have a lot of indicators about how people felt about these candidates," said John Cluverius, an assistant professor in UMass Lowell's Political Science Department and associate director of the university's Center for Public Opinion. "Instead what we have are five or six candidates who really have a solid path to victory, and we have very little information on ... what voters are thinking about each particular candidate."

The candidates hail from all corners of the far-flung district, which stretches from Haverhill to Marlborough to Winchendon. They are Jeff Ballinger of Andover; Alexandra Chandler of Haverhill; Beej Das of Lowell; Rufus Gifford of Concord; Leonard Golder of Stow; Dan Koh of Andover; state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover; state Rep. Juana Matias, D-Lawrence; Bopha Malone of Bedford, and Lori Trahan of Westford.

Political analysts put Gifford, Koh, L'Italien and Trahan at the forefront of the race, largely based on fundraising totals. Matias makes her way into the mix



State Rep. Juana Matias



Dan Koh



State Sen. Barbara L'Italien

through polling and name recognition as an elected official, too.

### 10 Dems, little difference

The 3rd District congressional race mushroomed this cycle in large part because Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, decided to vacate the seat after a decade in office. The winner of the 10-candidate primary will go on to face Republican Rick Green and unaffiliated candidate Mike Mullen in the November election.

As candidates battle their way to the top of the heap, polling hasn't offered much insight into a potential victor. The last poll experts could cite was one from UMass Lowell and the Boston Globe released in April that put Gifford, a former U.S. ambassador to Denmark, at the top with support from 11 percent of likely voters. He was followed by L'Italien and Trahan, and a tie between Koh and Matias.

With so many names on the ballot, Richard Padova, professor in the Global Studies Department at Northern Essex Community College, said candidates needed to focus on differentiating themselves. But that's proved hard in a race where the candidates "all tend to be progressive Democrats" who are "all proclaiming the same



Lori Trahan



Rufus Gifford

messages," he noted.

According to Padova, that means it's up to the best-organized candidate to get out the vote on primary day. And those are candidates like Koh, Gifford and Trahan, all of whom have amassed more than \$1 million in campaign contributions.

"The way you can do that is through a heavy advertising campaign, and in order to do that of course you need to raise a lot of money," Padova said. "The top-tier candidates right now are all running TV commercials, they have the advantage there in getting their message out."

### All about strategy

Given the large primary field, Cluverius believes "the margin of victory, the number of total votes (candidates) need to win, is going to be remarkably low."

He cited a strategy that helped propel Tsongas to initial victory — "not

to win everywhere, but rather to be second or third almost everywhere" — that he believes might come into play in this race as well.

While the 3rd District has a mix of suburbs and cities, Cluverius also said it "doesn't have a population center on par with a lot of other congressional districts," making it tough for candidates to "have a natural geographic constituency."

There's also a lot of overlap when it comes to candidates' home turf. Koh and L'Italien both call Andover home, and L'Italien's state Senate district includes Lawrence, the city that produced Matias. Trahan was raised in Lowell and lives in Westford, but Gifford, of Concord, has also targeted Lowell in his campaign.

"With 10 candidates it's really hard to lock down a big enough share of the vote in a small piece of geography in order to win the election," Cluverius said.



Andover's Gia Bramanti puts up a shot on the Pentucket net.



Andover's Shea Krekorian goes for a hook shot over a Pentucket defender during last Wednesday's final at Andover High.



Arigelica Hurley drives to the Andover hoop.

# Wet floor hinders Hoops for Hope, Andover girls share title

Both teams were prepared to finish the fight, but the court wasn't up for the battle.

In a Hoops for Hope girls championship that featured six lead changes in the first half, Pentucket and Andover were unable to complete their game, which was called because of wet floors at Andover High School. Heat and humidity have hindered conditions on the school's decades-old rubber courts last Wednesday.

"No. 1, our league is to get teams prepared for the winter," program director Melvin Berger said. "Nobody wants to get hurt in the last game. No. 2, we've had problems with this floor all year. We've had to cancel games multiple times.

"We don't want to take any chances on getting people hurt. The game was completely competitive, and we're just going to

*"The game was completely competitive, and we're just going to have co-champions. They were two great programs playing in a great game."*

Program director Melvin Berger

have co-champions. They were two great programs playing in a great game."

Pentucket entered the game looking to wrap up a perfect 14-game season, that included 10 wins entering the playoffs.

Andover, which dropped a game to the Sachems during an 11-11 season last year, relied on the long ball to stay close. Tatum Shaw and Brooke Hardock combined for five 3-pointers. Taylor Landry led the Golden Warriors with 18 points.



Andover's Brooke Hardock readies a shot on the Pentucket net during Wednesday's final Hoops for Hope game at Andover High.

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Pentucket's Casey Snow drives across the court during Wednesday's final Hoops for Hope game against Andover at Andover High.



Taylor Landry fires a pass to a teammate.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING: HAROLD PARKER STATE FOREST

Harold Parker State Forest in Andover has plenty of activities in store, from nature walks and quarry hikes to animal tracking.

All programs are free and open to the public. Here is what's on tap:

**Creature Catch:** Fridays, Aug. 24 and 31, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet at Frye Pond Beach to discover what lives in New England ponds. Nets and buckets will be provided. This activity can be wet and muddy, so wear appropriate clothing and shoes. All ages are invited to participate.

**We Walk the Woods:** Wednesday,

Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to noon. Join the park interpreter and the Friends of Harold Parker for a slow-paced walk through the forest while enjoying nature at its finest. Hike to a different part of the forest each week for a series of 12 hikes; meet at headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Appropriate for children 6 and up.

Participants should bring water, wear sunscreen/bug spray, dress in layers, and wear appropriate footwear. An adult must accompany children. Binoculars and cameras are also recommended for many of the

programs. All activities are canceled in the event of rain. Harold Parker State Forest campground is located at

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# Perry will be ready when called

## College Football

Michael Muldoon

CHESTNUT HILL — All throughout high school, E.J. Perry avoided parties like the plague.

It's not that he's anti-social, far from it. But the state rule is just getting caught in the same room where alcohol is present and there is a mandatory suspension.

He wouldn't risk it for his Andover High team or his family name. So he never went to a party, opting usually for video games with his good friend and Golden Warrior football teammate Mikey Comeau.

Not much has changed. Perry is still mature well beyond his years. As a quarterback at Boston College, that has served him well.

As he's found out the hard way, bigtime college football is not for the faint of heart.

Perry is battling for the No. 2 spot for the Eagles, who open Sept. 1, hosting UMass. Of course, the goal is to be No. 1. Second-string quarterbacks sometimes may as well be fifth string. Ask Matt Ryan's backup at BC, whoever that was.

Perry thought maybe he would be No. 1 ... at least early this fall and be able to shine against a soft early-season schedule with UMass, Division 1-AA Holy Cross, Wake Forest (starting QB is suspended) and Purdue (hasn't cracked the AP Top 25 since 2007) for the Eagles' first four games.

But last year's starter, Anthony Brown, has come back impressively from major knee surgery. Brown, a talented but still largely unproven redshirt sophomore from New Jersey, apparently is almost 100 percent and will start Game 1.

### Brown's to lose

I asked coach Steve Addazio at BC's Media Day if there is a competition for the starting position.

He said, "Your question



Boston College photo

Quarterback E.J. Perry of Andover throws a pass at a BC practice.

is Anthony Brown the starter? Absolutely. Absolutely. ... That's not open for debate right now. Anthony doesn't play so well, I guess we'll start having that conversation."

So Perry will have to beat out a fairly established player while also fighting redshirt freshman Matt McDonald from Newport Beach, California, (his dad, Paul, played 8 years in NFL), for the backup spot.

But he's a Perry, and they've never, ever feared competition.

"It is what it is," said the 6-foot-2 Perry, who is up to 210 pounds, 20 more than in high school. "You always have the opportunity to compete. As a competitor, I want to be on the field."

Brown got a lot of experience last fall, a big advantage, and proved his toughness playing in pain before the severe knee injury. His passing numbers were less than spectacular, though: 134 for 258 (51.9 percent), 1,367 yards, 11 TD passes, 9 interceptions.

When Brown went down in week 10, then senior Darius Wade got the call. There were all sorts of rumors that Perry, then a true freshman, might

soon get the nod over Wade.

Addazio had a frank discussion with Perry and his father, Andover High coach E.J. Perry III.

The family said, yes, they could burn that "redshirt" year, meaning young E.J. might only play in a few games but it would cost him a full year of eligibility.

He got just six late fourth-quarter handoffs in a blowout win over UConn at Fenway Park. That cost him an entire year of eligibility. Bolstered by freshman phenom running back A.J. Dillon, Wade played well down the stretch and Perry surprisingly never got in the 42-14 blowout win over Syracuse (it was 35-14 early in the third quarter) or the 27-20 loss to Iowa in the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium, capping off the 7-6 season.

### Still no complaints

With that maturity of a teen who refused to go to parties in high school, Perry backs his coach 100 percent.

"I met with Coach Addazio prior to the UConn game," said Perry. "He spoke to me and my father. I said, 'I don't care if it's one play or 1,000 plays.' The opportunity came. I have no regrets. I don't regret anything."

"A fifth year (for players who have redshirted) isn't even guaranteed. He (Addazio) told me he had no idea, it could be one play or every snap the last three games."

Unfortunately for Perry, it was pretty much the former.

Six late fourth-quarter handoffs. Zero passes. A year lost.

One thing about football, you never know. Brown could have a brilliant career or he could struggle or have more injuries. Perry could be the man or McDonald could be. But when your number is called, you'd better produce. You don't know if or when it will be called again.

BC has had a QB controversy almost every year since All-American Matt Ryan's last year at the Heights (2007).

BC's offensive coordinator is Scot Loeffler, an assistant at Michigan when one Tom Brady was enduring far more ups and downs as a Wolverine than he has with the Patriots.

### Impressing coaches

Addazio said, "E.J. has got a tremendous arm and he's got great athleticism. He, too, is starting to see the field."

That's encouraging, but there is a learning curve to both of them (Perry and McDonald) and they're still in that learning curve. They are competing like crazy right now. They're very talented. We're excited about them."

BC running backs coach Brian White, the former standout Pentucket Regional and Harvard quarterback, likes what he sees from Perry.

He said at the Media Day on Aug. 7, "Perry is doing a nice job. He's having a nice camp. Everybody here believes he has plenty of ability to do the job. He's a legit 4.55 40 guy. He's our fastest QB. He's a very explosive athlete. You really see the improvement. It's fun watching his development."

Perry was pleased with how he played in spring practice. He was No. 1 on the depth chart as Brown was still rehabbing.

He said, "It was a good spring. I got a lot of reps. I think I took a big step."

### Ups and downs

If and when that opportunity comes, Perry plans to be ready.

Few have outworked him since his pre-teen years, when he set out to become, and did become, one of the great athletes in area history.

The redshirt fiasco is behind him. The chance to get some early starts this fall likely are behind him, too. But he says he'll be ready.

"Every repetition and every day I get confidence," said Perry, who is opting for the bearded-look these days. "Coach Loeffler says confidence comes from preparation. I'm confident if I'm on the field, I'll help the team win."

He has the family to rely on. Uncle James is the head coach at Division 1-AA Bryant. Uncle John is a veteran receivers coach with the NFL's Houston Texans. Uncle Tim started at quarterback at Harvard.

His uncles on the Curtin side (mom is BC grad Kathleen Curtin Perry) were

baseball stars at BC and Harvard.

"They all give me good advice," said Perry, a business major who has a 3.3 overall GPA. "Especially my father. It's the competitive mindset."

His focus now to improve? "It's the rhythm and tempo of the offense and the speed of the game," said Perry, who still wears the No. 4 he had in high school as a nod to being E.J. Perry IV.

The level of competition is light years different from high school, when during an unforgettable senior year he threw for 3,398 yards and 47 touchdowns and rushed for 1,006 yards while scoring 13 TDs.

When did he know it was a whole different ballgame?

"There are times (All-American defensive end) Zach Allen is in your face or Hamp Cheevers jumps a route. These are NFL-caliber players," he said.

There is still a chance BC could petition the NCAA and get the redshirt year back. Particularly since the NCAA recently announced more liberal rules for redshirting which Perry easily would have qualified for.

But he says he's not banking on anything at this point.

The Eagle-Tribune three-sport athlete of the year as a junior, Perry forfeited half his senior year of basketball and his entire baseball season (Perry once thought he'd play baseball in college) as a greyshirt.

That's an athlete who begins college in what would normally be January of senior year in high school.

"I made the decision to solely focus on football," said Perry, who didn't lift heavily in high school but can now bench press 285 pounds. "When the opportunity came, I took it. I learned a lot. Playing Central Catholic in basketball, those things are great, but why wouldn't I take it?"

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# Townspeople



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People listen to speakers at Congregation Beth Israel in Andover for the "Hidden Stories: Immigration Beyond the Headlines" event.

## Living under a cloud of suspicion

Panel on immigration reveals pain, heart-break of deportations, family separations

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If anyone in the audience during last week's forum on immigration at Temple Beth Israel could relate to what speakers were saying, it was Georgia Leonce of Haverhill.

Leonce listened as speaker after speaker discussed the importance of organizing and fighting back against the injustice of the Trump Administration's policies of separating mothers and children, husbands and wives, in an effort to stem illegal immigration.

That's because Leonce's husband Jacob was recently deported, leaving her to raise their two daughters alone.

"It's painful, very painful," Leonce said after the nearly two-hour discussion, which was attended by about 50 people. "It's sad that America has become this place."

She was there at the behest of Heleena Mathew, a community organizer for the Merrimack Valley Project. Together, they go to forums and reach out to the immigrant community to help people cope with the waves of detentions and deportations led by ICE, the government agency responsible for holding and forcibly removing immigrants from the United States.

"Out of all my pain I have found a voice for all the women, moms and wives," Leonce said.

Mathew, one of the main speakers at the Thursday evening discussion, said aside from deportations, the policies of the Trump Administration have been hurtful in many other ways.

Mathew, an immigrant herself who came to America from India in 1999, said that being an undocumented immigrant in Lawrence is fraught with danger.

"People who were undocumented in Lawrence would not call the police if anything happened because of the risk," said Mathew. "People were struggling with finding jobs that wouldn't abuse them or steal their wages; people were struggling with driver's licenses; people were struggling with sending their kids to college because they weren't eligible for scholarships. There were so many things. So, we started this whole commitment to immigrant justice."

The panel discussion, titled "Hidden Stories: Immigration, Beyond the Headlines," included numerous first-hand accounts of families marked for deportation trying desperately to stay together. The forum also presented ways in which people can stand in solidarity with their immigrant neighbors.

Rachie Lewis, the senior synagogue organizer from the Jewish Community Relations Council in Boston, said that after the 2016 election there was a large move in the greater Boston Jewish community to take a stand with their immigrant neighbors.



People listen to speakers at Congregation Beth Israel in Andover.



Cantor Vera Broekhuysen of Temple Emanu-El speaks to the audience.



Rachie Lewis, an organizer with the Jewish Community Relations Council, speaks about how the faith community has advocated for immigrant rights in the Greater Boston region.

"All kinds of faith organizations came together with congregations to say we are going to open up our doors and we are going to be partners in this work," said Lewis.

She said she was involved in a sanctuary situation in her home community, where a family has been living in a church for 14 months.

"The feeling that I am left with in seeing some of this work is just amazement at peoples' strength," Lewis said.

Cantor Vera Broekhuysen, a North Andover resident and member of Temple Emanu-El in Haverhill, said she got involved with immigrant work after the

2016 election, when she said she felt "stunned."

"You don't need another reason other than being human to deserve to live your life," Broekhuysen said.

In July, Broekhuysen and 25 other Jewish clergy took a trip to San Diego for immigrant work. While there, she and others visited a women's shelter. She met women who were only able to connect with their children through Skype. It made her realize "how impossibly difficult it is for a parent to lose access to their children, and have no idea when they're going to hold them again."

She added: "This country that has promised haven has now taken that promise and shredded it."



Aldonsa Pereyra of Lawrence speaks to the audience.



Rabbi Howard Mandell of Congregation Beth Israel welcomes guests.

# All Those Years Ago

## Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

### 100 Years Ago—Aug. 23, 1918

Last Monday morning a serious accident occurred at the Boston and Maine depot, when Miss Mary J. Guicken, of 48 Essex St., was struck and instantly killed by the Portland Express which passes through about 9:38 a.m. Miss Guicken was crossing the track and, not seeing or hearing the train, was struck and carried about 50 feet and was badly mangled. Miss Guicken had been employed for many years at the Smith and Dove

Manufacturing Co. and for the last two years had conducted a variety store on Essex Street.

Word was received last Saturday that two of our local boys were wounded at Chateau-Thierry on July 23. They are James G.B. Valentine, Co. L. 104th Inf., and Charles Young, son of Mrs. Young, Co. B. 101st Inf. The former was wounded last April and again in this recent drive.

A very informal but delightful gathering was held last evening at the residence of Charles Emerson Stone on Main Street, by friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. Winthrop Peirce, who have been associated with them in the "Barnstormers."

The affair took the form of a farewell party, as Mr. and Mrs. Peirce leave town today for their new home in Cambridge.

### 75 Years Ago—Sept. 2, 1943

Before a capacity crowd of 1,300, the largest seen here in years at any sports event, the Andover town team tied a strong Grenier Field team 4-4 in a marathon, 15-inning contest at the Playstead last Sunday. Had the breaks been with the local nine, all the way, the Townies would have won their 13th straight victory.

Possibly 1,500 local school pupils will take up their studies again next Wednesday morning when school bells will inaugurate a new

study season. Enrollment figures at present are only approximate since many families have moved into Andover this summer, and since a good number of older students will undoubtedly choose to remain on the jobs they have held all summer rather than return to their classes.

### 50 Years Ago—Aug. 29, 1968

An addition to the Standard International building in Elm Square is planned to accommodate expansion of the Northeast Airlines operation. Owners John Davidson and Phideas Dantos said the 4,000-square-foot addition which will permit expansion of Northeast's computer room. The

added space is necessary to house new computers being introduced to accommodate Northeast's reservation system.

A photo shows Andover High head football coach Dick Collins talking with one of his new assistants, Dick Bourdelais. The association is not new, since Bourdelais, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, was a co-captain of Coach Collins' second team here in Andover.

Proud owner of a new bicycle is Joan Deschenes of Boston Road. Her mother was the top bidder on this model at the annual bicycle auction held at the police station Saturday. Bicycles unclaimed are auctioned by

Ralph Sharpe each year.

### 25 Years Ago—Aug. 26, 1993

Residents who voiced concerns last week about plans to build a supermarket, medical clinic, and housing for the elderly at the former Marland Mills property off Stevens Street helped change a preliminary proposal, but the owner will continue his efforts to develop the site.

Senator John O'Brien, D-Andover, and Rep. Gary Coon, R-Andover, join with Massachusetts Elder Affairs Secretary Franklin P. Olivier to announce that grants have been awarded to the Andover Council on Aging for the 1994 fiscal year.

# The Lincoln portrait at Memorial Hall Library

## Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

The year was 1860 in the month of June. Abraham Lincoln had just been nominated as the Republican candidate for President.

The Republican Club of Boston engaged the services of a young artist named Charles Alfred Barry to journey to Springfield, Illinois, to draw a portrait of the man.

Barry's recollections of this momentous event were published in 1892 in the Boston Transcript. Barry said he had hoped to make a drawing (of Lincoln) from life that could be used as a study for reproduction on stone by "an eminent lithographer."

While only 30, Barry was no neophyte. He had already done many magazine illustrations and for eight years was head of art education in the Boston public schools. He also served as the first director of the Rhode Island

School of Design.

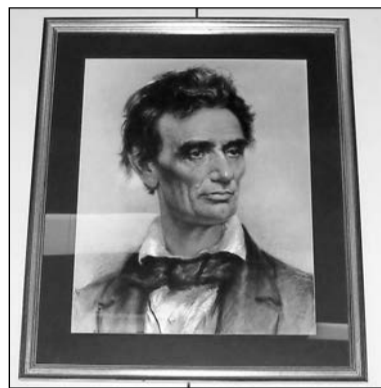
Most importantly, however, was the fact that Barry had been present at the hanging of abolitionist John Brown, sent there by a New York newspaper. He also reported on the contentious Democratic convention in April of that year.

Upon meeting Mr. Lincoln for the first time, Barry offered a letter of introduction that stated the purpose of his visit.

"They want my head, do they?" said Mr. Lincoln. "Well, if you can get it, you may have it. But no quills in my nose (as the sculptor Leonard Volk had done), and don't fasten me into my chair."

Barry assured Mr. Lincoln he would do neither. Instead, he followed the more modern method of observing his subject at his work in the Executive Chamber in the State House.

Previously, Mr. Lincoln made the comment to Mr. Volk that "I have never sat before sculptor or painter - only for daguerreotypes



Courtesy photo

Digital reproduction of the Lincoln portrait, which hangs in the Memorial Hall Library.

and photographs." That fact would make Barry's drawing the first portrait of Lincoln to be drawn from life.

Barry's sketch in chalk resulted in the work "Abraham Lincoln: A Campaign Lithograph" by J.E. Baker.

Later, in a 1947 article by Horace

Reynolds for the Christian Science Monitor, Mr. Reynolds commented on the significance of this drawing.

"It pictures a man in a crucial moment of his career, a pivot point in the Nation's destiny. The prairie years of preparation were over...the Civil War loomed ahead."

By chance, on February 12 of that year, Memorial Hall Librarian Miriam Putnam was riding on the train to Andover from Boston. Picking up a copy of the Monitor, she saw a photo of the Lincoln portrait along with Mr. Reynold's article.

Putnam said the shock "was enough to make me almost fall off the seat with excitement." Reading that "no one knows where this drawing is today," Putnam stated "there seemed to be no doubt in my mind that hanging on the walls of the Memorial Hall Library, where it had hung for 32 years, was the long-thought-lost Lincoln portrait.

Believing in the authenticity of her discovery, Miss Putnam contacted Bartlett Hayes Jr. of the Addison Gallery who agreed with her conviction. Other students of Lincoln portraits concurred.

But how did it come into the library's possession? Turns out the portrait had been bequeathed to the library in 1914 by George Henry Torr of Andover. Torr came to Andover in 1858 as a bookkeeper for the Smith & Dove Company, later serving as its president. Sadly, just how it came into Mr. Torr's possession has never been discovered.

Miss Putnam and the library trustees decided to hold onto the original portrait, displaying it by the circulation desk on the main floor. However, the original work had darkened considerably over the years, and in 2014 was preserved and stored in a controlled environment. The Lincoln portrait currently displayed is a digital reproduction of the original 1860 Barry chalk drawing.

## TOWN BRIEFS

### LaRoche performing stand-up to benefit women's health

This fall, nationally-known comedian and motivational speaker Loretta LaRoche will perform a stand-up routine to benefit women's health initiatives at Greater Lawrence Family Health Center. This will be just one part of the organization's ninth annual In Pink Brunch & Comedy Show fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas' district director, June Black, will be honored with the health center's Rosalyn Kempton Wood Award for Inspirational Leadership during the event. Black, a two-time breast cancer survivor who holds women's health causes near and dear to her heart, is being recognized for her time serving the Merrimack Valley.

In addition to LaRoche's routine, the event will feature silent and live auctions, brunch provided by the country club and a gift for attendees. Early bird tickets

are \$45 and will be available for a limited time at [www.glfhc.org/inpink2018](http://www.glfhc.org/inpink2018). Parties interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact the organization's External Relations department at [glfhevents@glfhc.org](mailto:glfhevents@glfhc.org).

### School supplies sought

Memorial Hall Library is once again collecting school supplies for the Community Giving Tree, which provided more than 2,000 backpacks to local children last year.

Residents are encouraged to drop off backpacks, notebooks, markers, crayons, folders, pencils, pens, erasers and glue sticks in the box in the library's Children's Room.

For details, visit [www.communitygivingtree.org](http://www.communitygivingtree.org).

### Join the fight against Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association invites local residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, Sept. 16, at

Brickstone Square.

Participants will complete a 3-mile walk and learn about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services from the Alzheimer's Association. Walk participants may also honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease during the poignant Promise Garden Ceremony.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Promise Garden Ceremony at 9:40 a.m. and the walk at 10 a.m.

In Massachusetts alone, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and over 330,000 caregivers. In the United States, more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, the sixth-leading cause of death and the only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented or even slowed. Additionally, more than 15 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Sign up as a team captain, join a team or register to walk as an individual at [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk).

### 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 overseer coordinator, and Wilow Cheeley, a conservation overseer, is the project leader.

Anyone willing to volunteer their time and skills is encouraged to email [cheelw@gmail.com](mailto:cheelw@gmail.com) for more information.

### Andover Community Trust seeks support for recycling program

Through its partner FundingFactory, residents' recyclables can be turned into affordable homes in Andover for Andover Community Trust. The funds raised will go toward building homes that people can afford. Andover Community Trust projects create opportunities, train students and change lives in the community.

Andover Community Trust's recycling program is easy to implement and entirely free. Simply encourage colleagues, friends and family to drop off their used name-brand toner (Brother, Canon, HP and Lexmark) and inkjet printer cartridges (Canon, HP and Lexmark) at 2 Dundee Park, Suite B02A.

Businesses can register as official "Business Supporters" of Andover Community Trust. FundingFactory provides Business Supporters everything they need for free, including 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](http://www.fundingfactory.com/register/support.aspx) for details.

### Join the Andover Chess Club

The Andover Chess Club meets on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Augustine's Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover.

Email inquiries to [andoverchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:andoverchessclub@gmail.com) or call club adviser Mike Henroid of Andover at 781-790-6461.

### Andover preschool screenings

The Special Education staff conducts screenings for 3- and 4-year-olds on the third Friday of every month.

Parents who have concerns about their child's development may call Mary Kay at 978-247-8200 to schedule an appointment.

To submit an item for the Town Briefs, email [townsmen@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:townsmen@andovertownsmen.com).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

### Need idea about what to read next?

Andover library cardholders now have free access to BookBrowse, a leading book recommendation and review website. Some of BookBrowse's

content is publicly available, but many premium features are now accessible to all library visitors and from home by MHL cardholders.

BookBrowse offers in-depth reviews that help readers decide if a book is right for them. "Beyond the Book"

articles explore factual aspects relevant to each book. The site features more than 200 recommended reading lists, by genre, time period, setting, award winners, and a wide range of themes. There are handpicked "if you liked this, try these" recommendations for over

3,000 books and 2,000 authors.

Book clubs will find rich information and guidance, including advice on starting and running a club, recommended books, reading guides, interviews with book clubs, and online book discussions. The site offers fun

quizzes, book news, polls, author interviews and book giveaways, and all books link directly to the library catalog so patrons can check availability with one click.

Check out the site at [www.bookbrowse.com/mhl](http://www.bookbrowse.com/mhl). All events take place at

the library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, and are sponsored in conjunction with the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar), or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:

**Friday Night Special:** Chinese American Association of Andovers and Andover Elder Services host free activities at The Center on Fridays, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., including Zumba, yoga, ping pong, Mah Jong, board and card games, and other social activities. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Bereavement Support Group:** Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions.

To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

**Pain Management Support Group:** This intimate and confidential group meets on the second Monday of the month, September through June. Open to anyone dealing with chronic pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to register.

**Computer Users Group:** Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at Memorial Hall Library.

**Council on Aging board meetings:** The COA meets on the second Thursday of each month at

8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

**Parkinson's Support Group:** Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, 1:30 to 3 p.m., September through June, and are open to all. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

**Brown Bag:** Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Boston Food Bank and The Center at Punchard, are expanding the Brown Bag program. This free program is for anyone 60 and over with an income less than \$21,978 for a single person or \$29,637 for a couple, on Mass Health, Chapter 115, food stamps or

fuel assistance. The grocery bag is available on the fourth Tuesday of the month and must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call Annmary Connor or Kristine Arakelian to check eligibility or to sign up.

For outdoor programs, any cancellations or changes will be communicated by email and/or phone to those registered. All participants need a health release form on file at The Center, updated annually. Bring binoculars, water, bug spray, a walking stick and wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Hikes are subject to change due to weather and conditions. Preregistration is requested; swipe in before going.

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## Main Street tattoo shop OK'd

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
jvaleriani@andovertownsmen.com

Andover's first tattoo shop has been approved to open downtown.

Null Tattoo is set to open at 77 Main St., where it will share a building with Caffe Nero, Block Advisors and other businesses.

Thomas Jessep, or TJ, is the owner behind Null Tattoo. "I was previously located at a tattoo shop in the Boston area, but I decided to start my own," said Jessep, adding that he chose Andover because he believes "the professionalism of the town

is a great setting for the type of tattoo establishment we'll be running."

Jessep says the shop will first start off with one artist, and one apprentice will be added a few months later. He also said that the shop will be by appointment only, as it will not be staffed regularly to accept walk-ins.

Jessep describes himself as a vegan, IT geek and art enthusiast.

In fact, Null Tattoo will be vegan-friendly, he said, meaning that all the materials used in the shop, including the furniture will be "cruelty-free and vegan

products." In addition, Null tattoo will be donating a percentage of its proceeds to animal sanctuaries worldwide.

The Board of Health held a hearing on the Null Tattoo application on Aug. 13 for its approval.

Thomas Carbone, Andover Board of Health director, said "the board did give a conditional approval to both the license for the establishment and for the practitioner."

There is still some paperwork that needs to be handled, he said, adding: "When they're ready, we're going to issue them their permits."

## Avoiding the obstacles to saving money

### Financially Speaking

John Spoto



Last week, we talked about the importance of making good financial decisions when planning for retirement. Although people have good intentions about how and when to save, left to their own devices, they fall prey to certain biases when making financial decisions. In this article, we'll address additional obstacles and introduce some solutions to work around these issues.

**Self-control.** Even those who have the computational skills to solve the problem and recognize the need to save more, many lack the self-control or willpower to reduce current spending in favor of future benefits. There is a constant battle being waged in the human mind between getting an immediate reward and being patient in order to receive a better one in the future. The lure of instant gratification often trumps making the smart long-term decision.

For those who expect pensions and Social Security to provide sufficient retirement income, self-control plays a minor role because neither requires willpower to save. The

employer and government do it by default. Unfortunately, as old-fashioned pension plans disappear and Social Security replaces less of pre-retirement income, fewer Americans find themselves in this category. Each of us is born with the capacity for self-control, some of it genetic, some of it experiential (life experience, parental influence, etc.), but clearly some are endowed with more than others. Self-control is the personality trait most closely associated with academic achievement, career success, and marital stability. For the retirement saver, a lack of self-control can lead to other behavioral impediments.

**Procrastination.** Closely associated with self-control, procrastination is the tendency to postpone unpleasant tasks. Instead of engaging in a goal-achieving activity such as retirement planning that involves complexity and may lead to frustration, people often opt for a stress-relieving activity such as watching a favorite television program. Herbert Simon, another Nobel Laureate related procrastination to "cognitive laziness" which is the attempt by individuals to avoid the hard work of thinking through a problem.

**Inertia.** Procrastination in turn produces a related psychological force known as inertia, which is the

resistance to change. This resistance often is the consequence of what is known as "loss aversion." This is the tendency of decision-makers to put more emphasis on what they could lose rather than how they might benefit. A key finding of behavioral economics is that people weigh losses significantly more heavily than gains. Some estimates peg the ratio at 2:1. In other words, losses generate twice as much psychological pain as gains yield pleasure.

Loss aversion affects saving decisions because once households become used to a certain level of take-home pay, they tend to view reductions in that level as a "loss," even when it is the result of increased savings. Compounding the challenge, saving for retirement involves a difficult trade-off between current and future consumption. The evidence is clear that most individuals have a strong preference for the immediate rewards of spending today over the future payoff of enjoying an increased standard of living in retirement.

In our next article, we'll offer some solutions to help improve the chances of securing a comfortable retirement.

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# Sports

## FOLLOWING HIS PASSION

Andover's Vispoli building prolific broadcasting career, including Red Sox

By DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

It was almost certainly the biggest win so far in the record-breaking 2018 Boston Red Sox season. The Sox had just rallied in the ninth to earn a dramatic marathon victory over their archrival Yankees, a win that all but locked up an American League East title.

And as the euphoria set in, Andover's Alex Vispoli took over the WEEI airwaves.

"It was really unbelievable to be on the radio for the Red Sox that night," said Vispoli. "To be part of the WEEI brand, and be part of a Red Sox/Yankees broadcast was amazing. Being on the air that night felt like the big time."

Vispoli had earned the opportunity, on Aug. 5, to fill in as pre-game and postgame host for the Red Sox on WEEI for the second time this summer, finding himself in the middle of an epic comeback.

"I was in communication with WEEI for a while," said Vispoli, who also worked a July 7 Sox game. "I had done some behind-the-scenes work for them, and kept bugging them for a chance. An opportunity opened up, and it was truly unbelievable. I hope more opportunities will open up, if not this year in 2019."

That was one of the latest highlights in what has become a prolific and accomplished broadcasting career for the 32-year-old Vispoli.

After nearly a decade as a minor league baseball announcer — he estimates he has called over 1,000 games around the country — the Phillips Academy graduate returned to Massachusetts three years ago, and now specialized in announcing college sports on television, radio and webcasts.

During the 2017-18 school year, Vispoli said he did play-by-play for 190 sporting events, ranging from Hockey East on NESN to track and field on the internet.

"It's been a long journey that has taken me to a lot of places," said Vispoli. "I just enjoy what I



Andover's Alex Vispoli, here announcing a game for Northeastern basketball, has become a fixture on college sports broadcasts.



Vispoli has done play-by-play for a variety of sports for ESPN-Plus and other outlets.



After a decade announcing minor league baseball, Vispoli has branched out into new sports, including hockey.

### VISPOLI'S BROADCAST JOURNEY

Here are some of the highlights from the broadcasting career of Andover's Alex Vispoli:

- Play-by-play announcer for five minor league baseball teams (Winston-Salem Dash, Dayton Dragons, Lynchburg Hillcats, Salem Avalanche and Frisco RoughRiders.)
- Studio host for IMG College (2008-12), focused mainly on Florida State and Georgia Tech football and basketball.
- Harvard football home games on NESN (2017-present).
- College games for ESPN-plus
- Hockey East (men and women) on NESN and Stadium Sports Network.
- Ivy League championships including track and swimming.
- Northeastern, Boston College and Harvard baseball games.
- Announced 24 different college sports since returning to New England.

"I wanted to be closer to my family," said Vispoli, who now lives in Arlington. "My parents still live in Andover, and I was in a long-distance relationship. I met my fiancée Dana (Marcinkowski-Desmond of Derry) by chance in 2011 and we are getting married next month."

Back in the Boston area, Vispoli began making connections in college sports. Now, he has become a regular on college broadcasts from football — he is heading into his second season as Harvard football TV play-by-play announcer — to rugby.

"I've done 24 different sports since I've been back," he said. "Schools reach out to me, and I have to stay very organized. I spend a lot of time preparing, much more time than I do on the air. I have to learn the sport. I watch video and read stories and talk to coaches. Every sport has its own lingo. If you don't know that, people will know you don't know their sport."

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do, prepare the best that I can and try to deliver the best broadcast I can every day."

### The start

Vispoli's journey to a broadcasting career began in Andover. As a child he would furiously read box score and keep his own stats while watching sports in TV. He also played soccer, baseball and basketball growing up, but did not find much success.

"I wasn't really good at playing sports," admitted Vispoli, the son of Andover selectman Alex J. Vispoli. "I realized that by the time I was in middle school."

So Vispoli found another way to stay involved in sports.

While a student at Phillips (class

of 2004), he covered Big Blue athletics for The Phillipian and had his own sports talk show on the Phillips radio station.

He then moved on to Syracuse University and its elite Newhouse School of Public Communications (class of 2008). There, he announced football, basketball and other sports for the school.

### Minor league adventure

After college, Vispoli embarked on a journey covering minor league baseball.

He spent time with five different minor league teams around the country, often doubling as media relations director and working 15-plus hour days with only

occasional days off during the summer.

He eventually settling with the Frisco RoughRiders (Frisco, Texas) — the double-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers — for four seasons (2012-15).

"It was a tremendous experience working for the Rangers organization in the Dallas area," he said. "I got to announce a few big league exhibition games. And I love announcing baseball. But I knew I didn't want to settle in that area. I wanted to be closer to home."

### Returning home

In the fall of 2015, Vispoli decided to return to Massachusetts.

# Captain of the ship

Andover rower Nussbaum earns four golds at Canadian Regatta

By KYLE GAUDETTE  
Staff Writer

When Allie Nussbaum speaks, her teammates listen.

They have no choice but to.

Like a quarterback calling the shots, Andover's Nussbaum quite literally steers the ship for her two rowing teams. She is what's known in the rowing world as a coxswain, which, if you've ever watched a team row, is the person in the back yelling instruction and encouragement to their team while actually steering the boat.

"It's pretty integral," said Nussbaum. "We're considered the middleman between the rowers and the coaches."

Two week ago, Nussbaum competed with her private club team, Vesper, at the Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario — right next to Niagara Falls. The Canadian Henley is one of the top amateur rowing events, started in 1880.

Nussbaum, who is entering her senior year at Temple, wasn't selected to compete at the event by her club team a year ago, but made up for the lost time in a big way.

She competed in five events over the week-long Regatta on Vesper's U23 team and won an impressive four gold medals and one silver.

Elite crews from around the world traveled to Canada to compete, making Nussbaum's



Andover's Allie Nussbaum, center, hoists the winning trophy as she celebrates with her club rowing team at the recent Canadian Henley Regatta.

accomplishments quite noteworthy. On the video call of her final event, one of the announcers remarked: "A lot of people are quite happy to come out of this Regatta with one gold. (Four) is a true testament of being a top-notch athlete."

Her team won the standard U23 8s (eight rowers in the boat over a 2,000-meter course), the light-weight 8s (all rowers weigh less than 130 pounds), one of the two dash events they were in (500-meter course) and the senior event (no age restrictions).

Nussbaum was surprised by the success.

"I came in with no expectations," said the Andover High grad. "I had no idea of the crews that we would

be racing. After we got the first one we knew that we were pretty fast in this field. It all worked out well in the end.

"Four (gold) medals is pretty unheard of, it's pretty rare. I would have been happy with just one medal."

Her club success if coming after a fine junior year at Temple. She helped the Owls take third at the American Athletic Conference championships, which tied the program's best ever finish.

And in the classroom, Nussbaum is an even bigger star.

The early childhood education major has been named a national scholar athlete by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches

Association the past two years (minimum 3.5 GPA). She is tied for first among all Temple student-athletes with a 3.96 GPA and finished her last semester with a 4.0.

"It's a lot of time management," she said "Luckily, I work as a secretary on campus at the academic resource center, so I get to do a lot of my homework then."

Nussbaum will continue to be involved with rowing after graduation next year, whether as a competitor or a coach.

"I want to be a coach when I graduate," said Nussbaum. "I've been rowing since I was 13. It's engraved with who I am. I wouldn't be happy if it wasn't a part of my life."



Nussbaum, second from left, poses with teammates and her four gold medals at the Canadian Henley Regatta.

### SEND US YOUR TOWN SPORTS NEWS

The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover's local sports teams and athletes.

We're asking coaches, players, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights from all the week's sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team, a spectacular play or sports milestone or even some candid shots from a game or practice.

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<b>High: 79°</b> <b>Low: 56°</b>	<b>High: 84°</b> <b>Low: 60°</b>	<b>High: 83°</b> <b>Low: 61°</b>	<b>High: 85°</b> <b>Low: 67°</b>	<b>High: 91°</b> <b>Low: 69°</b>	<b>High: 87°</b> <b>Low: 69°</b>	<b>High: 86°</b> <b>Low: 69°</b>

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**Free Form Friday:** Aug. 24, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Play Super Smash Brothers in the Activity Room and do a drop-in activity in the Teen Room. Different activities are held every week.

**Teen Movie Night:** Tuesday, Aug. 28, 6 p.m. Watch a movie in the Teen Room. Call 978-623-8463 for the title.

All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12, and are free to attend. Register online at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar) or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.

**MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM**

Here's what's in store for young people at the library at 2 N. Main St.:

**Dads and Doughnuts,** Saturday, Aug. 25, 10 a.m. This story time targets dads and children ages 2 to 5, although all are welcome. Take part in stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, and then have some coffee, juice and doughnuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library; registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org), or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

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