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Ormond steps into disaster

New job positioned her to help businesses affected by gas disaster

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Just under two months into her new job as the director of business, arts, and cultural development, Ann Ormond completed her newsletter database that included contacts for every business owner in Andover.

This database would serve as a quick way for Ormond to communicate and update business owners of things happening in and around town.

Only a few days later, the Sept. 13 gas disasters caused

by over-pressurized gas lines struck, and forced hundreds of those owners to close their businesses - some for weeks, and some for months.

The feeling of uncertainty regarding when they would be able to reopen their doors to customers was accompanied by the weariness of how severely their businesses were hit. Waiting for restored gas service, safety inspections, and new appliances were burdens on top of their dwindling patronage, as shopping and dining wasn't a top priority for homeowners who were also

left without heat and hot water.

"The silver lining was that I was building the database to talk about what was going on, and what was happening in town," she said. Now, she would be able to quickly contact business owners to assist them through what would become an extensive recovery period.

Ormond said her position as the director of Business, Arts, and Cultural Development allowed her to be a voice for the business community.

"I knew what my role was," she said. "My role was to

champion and guide the business community and be their advocate."

Ormond would spend the next few weeks — turned quickly to months — listening to owners, making herself present in shops and restaurants downtown, and deciding the best way for each individual business to move forward.

Her position is unique to Andover when it comes to the three communities — Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover — that were affected by the disasters.

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BRYAN EATON/Staff photo.

When Ann Ormond was hired last year to be the town's director of Business, Arts, and Cultural Development, she had no idea that her job would soon be consumed by helping businesses cope with the gas explosions disaster.

Chinese New Year



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Members of the Angel Dance Company perform *The Kate Dance* during the Andover Chinese New Year Show. The event featured 30 dance performances and dinner at the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover. Please see page 9 for more coverage of the celebration.

Two seats, four candidates for Board of Selectmen

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Roland Kim is the last candidate to join the race for the Board of Selectman, making it a four-person race for the two open seats.

The other three candidates include incumbent and current Chairman Alex Vispoli, former congressional candidate Dan Koh, and newcomer Alexander Bromberg.

Vispoli is seeking reelection after first joining the board in 2004. He hopes to continue serving and work towards putting value in taxpayer dollars,

pushing a low-tax agenda, and being responsive to residents.

He hopes to have the opportunity to continue the momentum and initiatives that he has started in town, adding that he has the commitment and energy to continue serving.

Koh, 33, announced his candidacy months after losing his congressional bid in September, where he trailed winner Lori Trahan by 145 votes following a recount he called.

He said his heart is in local government, and See **BOARD**, Page 3

At 210, Andover Bookstore now oldest indie in country

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Andover Bookstore turns 210-years-old this year, making it the oldest independent bookstore in the country.

After many years of being no. 2 on that list, the former no. 1 on the list, which is located in Pennsylvania, is now managed by Barnes & Noble, so its independent label has been permanently checked out.

"Yes, it's true," Andover Bookstore owner John Hugo wrote in an email to the Townsman. "Yes, I think it is good news. We are working on a new strategy to add it to our marketing."

The Moravian Book Shop in historic Bethlehem, Penn., has reigned for years as the

oldest continuously operating independent bookstore in the country. It was founded in 1745. Andover Bookstore was founded in 1809 - 64 years later - and the same year that President Abraham Lincoln was born.

The 15,000-square-foot Moravian Book Shop is used often by college students and staff at nearby Moravian College. The shop is now under the management of Barnes & Noble, and is currently closed as it's undergoing a big renovation.

"We look forward to seeing it thrive and continue to serve the Bethlehem community for the next 273 years," Moravian College President Bryon Grigsby said in a local newspaper story last October about the Barnes & Noble takeover.

Those renovations include a new lounge area, food and beverage options, and interior and exterior aesthetics, including enlarged vintage maps of the college's campuses on the walls and should be complete by the end of the year.

Hugo was not surprised to learn of Moravian's latest chapter that now includes Barnes & Noble management as the independent bookstore business is tough, he said. The Kindle, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon are huge competitors for independent bookstores.

"It's a tough business in the face of the ever growing 'big river' of brown boxes bombarding people's homes. I'm hopeful we can continue to stay relevant and make a See **BOOKSTORE**, Page 2



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

John Hugo, owner of the Andover Bookstore, poses for a photo in his store, which now is the oldest independent bookstore in the country.

Beecher-Stowe letter penned in town to be auctioned

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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A letter written and signed by abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe was set to be auctioned last Thursday by Nate D. Sanders Auctions of Los Angeles at an initial bid of \$21,000.

Stowe, the author of the novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was a renowned abolitionist who supported the Underground Railroad, offering shelter and aid to escaped slaves from the South. Stowe and her husband, Calvin Ellis Stowe, housed runaway slaves in their home in Cincinnati.

The letter being auctioned off is a response to a correspondence Stowe received from a man who sent her an article outlining slavery's negative

impact on the country, according to a press release from the auction. She wrote the letter in Andover on Oct. 27, 1852.

Sam Heller, a spokesperson for the auction, said he expects the letter will certainly go for higher than the initial \$21,000. He said it demonstrates how committed Stowe was to fighting against slavery and overturning the horrors of it.

"It's a very rare item," he said. "It's over 150 years old, so it is definitely scarce with a lot of historic value."

The letter currently belongs to a collector named Paul E. Bechet, who also owns a first edition copy of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" that is still covered in its original wrapping and printed out of Boston. It is the See **LETTER**, Page 2



COURTESY PHOTO

Autographed letter written by Harriet Beecher Stowe in Andover to be auctioned off starting at \$21,000.

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Flu-related illness claims two lives in Mass.

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Two Massachusetts children have died from flu-related illness in the past week as the number of confirmed cases continues to climb, according to health officials.

At least 7,533 confirmed cases of influenza have been reported in the state so far this winter, compared with 6,321 during the same period in the 2016-17 season, according to the Department of Public Health.

The northeast region — including the North Shore and Merrimack Valley — has seen the most confirmed cases, at 1,959.

The flu is widespread in 45 states, with an estimated 10.1 million to 11.7 million

cases reported from Oct. 1 to Jan. 26, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The agency, which publishes weekly updates on its website, said at least 24 pediatric deaths have been attributed to the flu and pneumonia.

Those fatalities don't include a 4-year-old Middlesex County girl and a 12-year-old Worcester County boy who died last week, according to state health officials.

"These deaths are tragic and are a reminder of the dangers of flu and the importance of flu vaccination, our best protection against illness," Dr. Larry Madoff, director of the state Division of Epidemiology and Immunization, said in a

statement urging people to get vaccinated, take precautions, and "stay home when sick to limit the spread of disease."

Madoff said the flu season in Massachusetts "appears to mirror last year's in that activity is widespread and severe."

Last year's flu, and complications from it, killed an estimated 80,000 people nationally — including 185 children — the highest influenza death toll in 40 years, according to the CDC.

The H1N1 virus is the most widely reported strain of influenza A this season, however others have been more prevalent in the Southeast, according to the CDC.

Last year, the H3N2 strain, known to cause more severe illness, was most common.

Influenza B viruses, which lead to the same symptoms, are also circulating this season, the agency said.

"We might be looking at a flu season that is as bad if not worse than last season," said Dr. Alain A. Chaoui, a Peabody physician and president of the Massachusetts Medical Society. "We haven't seen a peak yet."

In New Hampshire, state health officials reported 39 new cases of influenza for the week that ended Jan. 19, bringing the number of cases to 216 this season.

There has been at least one adult death attributed to the flu in the Granite State, according to the state Department of Health and Human Services.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness. It can

cause a nasty but relatively mild illness in many people, but more severe illnesses in others. Young children and the elderly are at greatest risk.

Symptoms generally include fever, sore throat, body aches and headache.

Health officials warn people to cover their mouths when coughing, avoid people who are ill, and stay home when feeling symptoms.

Health officials also recommend annual flu vaccine for everyone 6 months or older — especially pregnant women, the elderly and children.

The vaccine may not prevent the flu, but the CDC says it can reduce the severity of symptoms and the length of illness.

Despite public education

campaigns, too many people don't get the flu shot, putting them at risk, health officials say. Nationwide, only about 45 percent of adults get the shot every year.

"Getting vaccinated for the flu not only helps you but the whole community," Chaoui said. "I would encourage everyone to get it, especially if you or someone in your family has chronic medical conditions such as asthma, lung disease or kidney disorders."

For more information about influenza, visit www.mass.gov/flu or www.cdc.gov/flu.

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John Hugo, owner of the Andover Bookstore, stands next to the awning that has the date of 210-year-old shop.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos

Hugo checks one of the books he sells at the Andover Bookstore recently.

BOOKSTORE

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living," he said.

Andover Bookstore is located at 77 Main St. after

several years of being located at 89R Main St. in Andover. Hugo misses the former location but that building has been demolished to make way for a new restaurant set to open

in April.

"I still miss the old space and the fireplace - we have a great fireplace in our new space but current landlords aren't allowing a wood or

gas fireplace at the moment. I keep trying," Hugo wrote. "This was the only move possible as the coming restaurant attests to, but that's life."

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She said having this position allowed Andover to communicate with businesses fast.

"I look and say, 'Who would the business community have dealt with if this position wasn't here?'" she said.

The position was created in July by Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, and Ormond said she found people were glad there was someone in that position to help navigate them through the gas crisis, and act as their voice with Columbia Gas and town officials.

But Ormond was more than a voice. She dedicated hours and substantial efforts to hold events that would encourage patronage and, ultimately, bring revenue into the small businesses that needed it most. From a Small Business Saturday event to a shop-local weekend initiative, she brought people downtown and to the Shawsheen area at a time when customers were scarce.

Ormond previously served as president of the Newburyport Chamber of Commerce for 11 years, where she also spent a lot of time advocating for customers. She knew the importance of having

a liaison with a sole focus on businesses.

In her position at the Chamber and those she held prior, she has always been heavily involved with businesses. Ormond said she would rather visit a new downtown while on vacation than take a trip to the beach.

"I feel like businesses are the lifeblood of a community," she said.

Ormond was faced with the challenge of having to deliver tough news to business owners. Whether it be a delay in their claims, or in the installation of new appliances, Ormond was the one to break

the news. She noted how crucial it was to remain positive for them, and figure out what could be done in the interim.

And her efforts did not go unrecognized by members of the business community.

Danielle Berdahn, co-owner of Yella Grille with her husband Carlo, said Ormond acted as almost a therapist during the days following the gas disasters and the subsequent recovery process.

"Ann had a very innate ability to calm you, and you always felt like she was on your side," she said. "She's working for the town but you feel like she's your advocate."

LETTER

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most rare version of the original first printing, according to Heller. It will also be auctioned at an initial bidding price of \$20,000.

"(Bechet) thought it was

time for someone else to cherish it," he said. "It is a very historic and important letter."

Stowe moved to Andover in 1852. In a letter she wrote to her husband that encompasses her thoughts on the town, she recalled days spent horseback riding to Poms

Pond and climbing Prospect Hill with friends. She called Andover a "lovely" place with "so many beautiful walks."

"It seems almost too good to be true that we are going to have such a house in such a beautiful place and to live here among all these agreeable

people," Stowe said in the letter.

During the dozens of years Stowe lived in a home she referred to as the "Stone Cabin" in Andover with her family, she was the most talked about character in town. Andover is where Stowe published many of her articles, as well as where she published many columns for the Andover Advertiser.

In the fall of 1853, African-American abolitionist Sojourner Truth visited Stowe and stayed at her Andover home for several days. She was hoping to get a recommendation from Stowe on how to help sell her book: "Narrative of Sojourner Truth: A Northern Slave."

Heller said the letter did not sell during the auction Thursday, as it did not reach the necessary bids to sell, and it will now go into the online store for buyers who are interested.

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Countless fans climbed bus stops, street signs and buildings to get a vantage point during the New England Patriots victory parade in downtown Boston.

Fans fill Boston streets to cheer on Patriots

By KIERA BLESSING
Staff writer

BOSTON – First came the whoop of a siren, and an excited energy reverberated through the crowd gathered at Government Center. The confetti came next, catching the golden afternoon sunlight over Tremont Street like glitter. Then the screams and shouts began moving through the crowd from the front like a rippling wave, a duck boat's horn cut through the roar, and everyone's arms raised their phones over their heads: the parade had arrived.

Scores of elated fans packed the narrow streets of downtown Boston Tuesday morning to see their beloved Patriots lift the Lombardi trophy for a record sixth time since the turn of the millennium. More than 1 million people were expected to turn out Tuesday, and they did in droves, buoyed by the unseasonably warm and sunny February day.

Patriots fans have more than enough to celebrate: As six-time world champions, their team tied the Pittsburgh Steelers' franchise record of six Super Bowl victories, and shattered their own superstar's unprecedented full-hand ring display.

Rene' Gaudet of Haverhill watched the parade from Boylston Street with her 15-year-old daughter, Abby, and Abby's friends. One of the friends tossed a football back and forth to the duck boats, gathering 10 athletes' signatures in the process, including running back James White's, Gaudet said.

"This is like a once-in-a-lifetime thing. This era, I don't think a lot of people realize that this era is going to be written into sports books as football history," Gaudet said. "It's an amazing time to be a Pats fan."

Many made the trek south from the Merrimack Valley like Gaudet, navigating an overloaded commuter rail system or breaking the trip into pieces: by car, by train, by foot.

Coady Muniz, 24, said he boarded a train in Haverhill Tuesday morning that filled so quickly, no more passengers could board after the train hit Lawrence.

"It feels great," he said from Tremont Street about an hour before the start of the parade. "I've been a fan since grade school."

At Government Center, fans patiently awaited the team's arrival by duck boat. Spectators threw white confetti from the upper floors of the Scollay Building on Court Street. Toddlers sat on adults' shoulders, craning their necks for a view of the boats cresting the hill of Tremont Street.

As the parade rolled past City Hall, the fans' cries carried backward through the crowd like a wave. Hundreds of cell phones were held aloft while the team's stars – legendary quarterback Tom Brady, a shirtless Rob Gronkowski, and Super Bowl MVP Julian Edelman – took in the adoration.

Edelman, whose Super Bowl performance solidified his status as one of the play-off greats, hoisted the Lombardi trophy from the front of a duck boat as the parade neared the end. He waved his arms and put a hand to his ear, daring the crowd to get louder.

For Kylie Seymour, a Fitchburg State University student who hails from Haverhill, her first parade experience was exactly what she'd expected.



Patriots head coach Bill Belichick waves to fans during the victory parade.

"All the energy from the crowd when Tom Brady came by, Julian Edelman came by, Gronk, the big name players on the team – the energy from the crowd around us, everyone getting hyped up, was pretty fun," said Seymour, who went to Boston with her brother, Zach. "And seeing Bill Belichick smile!"

And it wasn't just the fans' attitudes that were on point: it was their fashion choices, too. For every Hightower, Moss, Edelman and Gronkowski jersey there were 10 Bradys; but jerseys aside, fans came out in Patriots suits, overalls, hats and pajama pants.

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he hopes to give back to the community that "welcomed his immigrant family with open arms."

Koh said he wants to assist with the infrastructure issues Andover faces following the recovery from the gas disasters, and ensure the town is

made whole again. He is excited about the large-scale, upcoming projects like the the senior center renovations, Ballardvale Fire Station, and the Historic Mill District.

Newcomer Bromberg, 34, made his decision to run following what he said was a lack of town guidance during the gas disasters and the subsequent recovery process.

As a selectman, he said he would listen to residents and take action, two things he said "aren't happening enough."

All candidates have returned their nomination papers and will appear on the March ballot. Elections will be held March 26.

Kim could not be reached for comment in time for publication.



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Kids support the Patriots as Bancroft Elementary hosts their annual Patriots rally.



Kids dance to music by Maroon 5 at the Patriots rally.

Bancroft School shows its Patriots spirit

STAFF REPORT

Students at Bancroft Elementary school held a Patriots pep rally last week to support their World Champion team and get excited for the game.

There were approximately 600 students in attendance at the event, which was led by Digital Learning Coach Tim Harkins.

In a sea of various Patriots jerseys and T-shirts,

students showed support for the team as they headed into their 11th Super Bowl game.

Harkins rallied the students with music and videos that focused on teamwork and sportsmanship. The rally was rounded up with a final "Let's Go Patriots" chant from the entire crowd.

Maybe they were good luck because the Patriots won the Super Bowl, 13-3, over the Los Angeles Rams.



Mascot Bob the Bobcat leads students in dance to music by Maroon 5.



Students and Bob the Bobcat dance to music at the rally.

ON CAMPUS

The following Andover students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2018 semester: Andrew Matteucci, Jenna Bortolussi, Madeline Karlberg, Hannah Roos, Massie Thach, Katherine Hunt, Ryan McDonough, Katherine Rex, Cole Spencer, Lydia Rankin, Kira Doherty, Hannah Chapman, Katherine Holden, Alison McCarron, Shelby Ganem, Peter Logee.

Isabel Tavener of Andover has been named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Penn State University. Isabel is in her Junior year studying at The Bellisario College of Communications. She is currently studying in Barcelona, Spain for the winter semester.

The following Andover residents have been named to the dean's list at the

University of Massachusetts Lowell for the fall 2018 semester: Jason Almanzar, Antonio Apolar, Brianna Atwood, Molly Aumais, Grayson Beherrell, Rachel Brouillette, Shawn Burns, Joseph Calles, Anthony Capone, Hannah Chiodo, Sophie Combs, Daniel Cremin, Conor Dawson, Nina Devine, Brianna Fahrenkopf, Zachary Ferreira, Leah Gens, Michael Heath, Brendan Hertel, Mary Humble, Deirdre Hutchison, Daniel Jacavano, Michael Jacobsen, Maxwell Kalinowski, Kevin Kiely, Daniel Krichmar, Josef Livingstone, Anna Marocco, Andrew Marotta, Jennifer Martin, John McCarthy, Hamza Naveed, Alexander Nelson, Una O'Toole, Matthew Palermo, Jacqueline Polanco, Natasha Polizotti, Rebecca Primak, Kevin Qu, Timothy Retelle, Caroline Ritchie, Silvana Sanchez, Dylan Schneider, Jen Yuan Shih, Eoin Stack, Olivia Summers, Zobia Tariq, Fred Tavaréz, Denia Taylor, Scott Thompson, Kevin Vispoli, Nicholas Wackowski,

Muzhdah Waqar, Jared Wilson, Kendall Yasi.

The following students from Andover have been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester: Grace Perigaut, Anna Carroll, Daniel Bailey, Erin Walsh, Ani Nazarian. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above.

Caroline Wacome of Andover, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Fall 2018. Wacome was required to maintain a 3.75 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Olivia Gaspar made the Dean's List at Clemson University, where she is a freshman nursing student.



COURTESY PHOTO

Local teens recently volunteered with Celtics players to build beds for youth in need.

Andover resident helps build beds for youth in need

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Megan Cyr and other volunteers from TD

Bank teamed up with Celtics players last Tuesday to build beds for youth in need as part of the program A Bed for Every Child.

Cyr joined Celtics players Brad Wanamaker and Guerschon Yabusele in Lynn to help build 40 new twin beds for Boston area youth. The beds include basketball-themed bedding and accessories.

The program A Bed for Every Child was created five years ago when advocates from the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless were offering

homeless prevention resources for families at a public school. A teacher at the school informed them many of her students

were showing up to school exhausted because they did not have a bed to sleep in. Knowing that many of the student's parents were not in a financial state to afford beds, she wondered if the Coalition could help the families out by supplying them.

That inquiry launched A Bed for Every Child. The program works with public schools and community organizations to provide access to free, new twin beds for children in need throughout Massachusetts.

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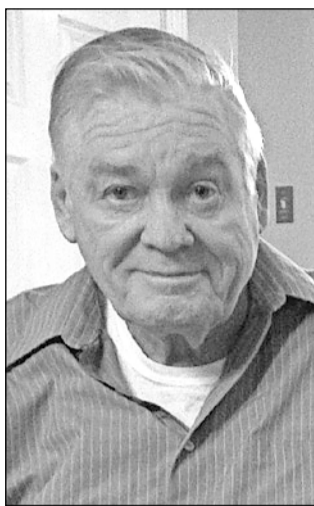
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Alfred "Fred" J. Morrison, 74

February 21, 1944 - February 2, 2019

YORK, ME — Alfred "Fred" J. Morrison, 74, of York, ME and Ocala, FL, formerly of Andover, MA passed away on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at York Hospital. He was born Feb. 21, 1944 in Everett, MA a son of the late Thomas J. and Alice R. (Sullivan) Morrison and was raised in West Medford, MA.



He was the owner and operator of Middleton Farm Supply, Middleton, MA for many years. He will be remembered as a hardworking man, for his Sarcasm, and for his love of his grandchildren and trucks.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Althea F. (Shute) Morrison; a son Steven J. Morrison (Jaclyn) of Newton, NH; two daughters Karen J. Abbott (Charles) of Bedford, NH and Barbara J. Hanson (John) of Tilton, NH; three brothers Thomas J. Morrison (Betty Jo) of Lynn, MA, William E. Morrison (Carol) of Melrose, MA and John R. Morrison (Anne) Anthony, FL; 11 loving grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. A brother Robert Morison and two sisters Marilyn and Maureen Morrison

predeceased him. Calling hours will be held from 5-8 pm on Tues., Feb. 5th in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Rd., York, Maine. A funeral home service will be held at 11am on Wed., Feb. 6th. Burial will follow in the First Parish Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Visit www.lucaseaton-funeralhome.com

Karen Beth Goldberg, 50

August 29, 1968 - December 28, 2018

COCONUT GROVE, FL — Karen Beth Goldberg, 50, of Coconut Grove, Fla. formerly of Andover. Entered Eternal Rest unexpectedly on December 30, 2018. Karen attended Andover Schools, Northern Essex Community College and Northeastern University. She has been sales representative with Oceana Cruise Line for the past 15 years. At age 16, she attended her high school junior year in the Sea of Galilee in Israel. Her love of travel took her to many countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Karen is the daughter of her loving parents, Saul and Sarah Goldberg; dear sister of Lesley Goldberg and Suzanne Barnhart and her husband, Mark; cherished aunt of Anne Barnhart and David Barnhart; and adored by her cats, Stevie and Spooky.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial Services at Temple Emanuel 7 Haggetts Pond Drive Andover on Sunday February 10 at 1 p.m. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation 60 Walnut St. Suite 102 Wellesley, MA 02481. For directions and online condolences go to: www.goldmanfc.com Goldman Funeral Chapel, Malden, MA.

She will be missed and lovingly remembered for her big heart full of love and compassion, who saw the good in everyone she met.

Police: Body found in Andover woods appears to be result of suicide

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Merrimack River near the Lawrence line.

Police conducted an investigation after a body was found hanging in the woods in Andover along the

Police Lt. Edward Guy said the death appeared to be the result of a suicide.

Guy said police received a call about the body late Monday morning.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, JAN. 29
Water in the roadway on Algonquin Avenue reportedly caused icy conditions around 11 a.m. The Andover Highway Department responded and treated the scene.
A male was reportedly walking up to vehicles soliciting money and cigarettes on Haverhill Street around noon.
The basement of a Greenbriar Circle home was reportedly flooded up to the windows following a water pipe break at 2:25 p.m. The driveway was covered with water and ice.
A loose dog was reported on Birch Road around 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30
Two men claiming to be dish washer repair men reportedly came to a woman's house on Cutler Road at 1:15 p.m., though she never called anyone for a repair.
A medium-sized, white dog was reportedly on the loose near Beacon Street at 2:12 p.m.
A caller reported her son was driving a black Nissan Altima that went off the road and was hung up on a rock wall at Gray Road and Salem Street around 10:21 p.m.
Anthony Garcia, 21, of 53 French St., Apt. #3, Methuen, was arrested on North Main Street for an

outstanding warrant.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31
Personal injury resulted from a crash on Lowell Street at 8:40 a.m.
A caller reported vandalism to the back porch railings at his Washington Avenue home at 6:44 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1
A caller reported a driver in a blue Honda Accord drinking and driving, and throwing alcohol cans out the window on North Main Street at 11:37 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2
Around 12:30 p.m., a caller reported someone broke into his car on Lowell Street, stole his wallet, and was using his credit cards.
A hit and run was reported on North Main Street at 1:22 p.m.
A bicyclist was hit by a car on Main Street at 10:31 p.m.
George F. Quilty, 19, of 81 Winthrop Pkwy., Revere, and Raushawn L. Bennett, 18, of 100 Beach Rd., Winthrop, were arrested on Murray Way for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

MONDAY, FEB. 4
A caller reported an approximately 30-year-old male hanging from a beam near a blue house in the woods by River Road at 10:30 a.m.

One man arrested following two-car crash on I-495

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Interstate 93 in Andover, just after 11 a.m.

ANDOVER — A Woburn man was arrested after a two-car crash on Interstate 495 late Tuesday morning.

State police said a car crossed over the median and hit another car traveling in the opposite direction.

State police responded to a crash on I-495 North, south of

According to state police, the driver of the car was 32-year-old Erich Beyer of

Woburn. Beyer was arrested for operating on a suspended or revoked license, operating under the influence of drugs, committing a marked lanes violation, and being in possession of a firearm and ammunition without a firearms identification card.

State police said the driver of the other car suffered minor injuries. Only the two operators were involved in the crash.

The entire roadway was closed for a short period time, and police said the left travel lane opened at 11:26 a.m.

Red Cross has an emergency need for blood, platelet donors

STAFF REPORT

The American Red Cross is reissuing its emergency call for blood and platelet donors to give now after multiple snow storms, frigid temperatures and the government shutdown have further reduced lifesaving donations.

The federal government shutdown also affected donations as more than 4 percent of Red Cross blood collections come from drives sponsored by military and local, state and federal government agencies. About 30 blood drives hosted by federal offices were canceled across the country due to the shutdown, leaving more than 900 donations uncollected.

In January, more than 4,600 Red Cross blood and platelet donations went uncollected as blood drives were forced to cancel due to severe winter weather blanketing parts of the U.S., and additional cancellations are expected this week. Weather travel advisories may cause even more donors to delay their planned donations.

"Disruptions to blood and platelet donations jeopardize the availability of blood for patients who depend on transfusions for survival," said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "We're grateful for

all those who have come out to give since we issued our emergency call earlier this month and now urge others to come out and give to prevent delays in essential medical care."

Right now, Red Cross blood donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in, and there is less than a three-day supply of most blood types on hand. The Red Cross strives to maintain a five-day supply of blood to meet the needs of patients and to be prepared for emergencies that require significant volumes of donated blood products.

All eligible donors, especially platelet donors and

blood donors with type O blood, are urgently needed to help restock the shelves for hospital patients. Donation appointments can be easily scheduled by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities through Feb. 28 in Andover:

Feb. 9: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 7 High St.
Feb. 12: 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saint Roberts Bellarmine Parish, 198 Haggetts Pond Road
Feb. 28: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.

Commission may investigate health of newspaper industry

By KATIE LANNAN
State House News Service

BOSTON — At a time when acquisitions of local papers by international chains and waves of mass layoffs mean the news industry itself is often making headlines, a state lawmaker has offered up a plan she hopes will "sound the alarm."

business models and private and nonprofit solutions."

Rep. Lori Ehrlich's bill calls for a study of local journalism and "the adequacy of press coverage."

"It's my hope that many leaders in the journalism field can get together and come up with some actionable ideas as to how to reverse the trend, and that can involve coming up with new models of journalism or strengthening the models we have already," Ehrlich told the News Service.

Rep. Lori Ehrlich, a Marblehead Democrat, filed a bill that would create a 17-member commission to study "communities underserved by local journalism," including "the adequacy of press coverage," effects of social media, print and digital business models, and "public policy solutions to improve the sustainability of local press

"I think there's great concern that the recent shift to digital media may not be as financially viable as once thought, so I think it's time to really take a hard look at this important issue."

Ehrlich's bill (HD 2360), co-sponsored by Sen. Brendan Crighton and Reps. David LeBoeuf, Patrick Kearney, Jose Tosado and Andy Vargas, would give the commission a year to report its findings.

appointees, and representatives of journalism schools, news industry groups and the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Ehrlich said there is a "strong local media market" around her district, but some other parts of the state "could be classified as a media desert."

"Although the problem in Massachusetts isn't as bad as in other states, the consolidation of local newspapers across the state into the hands of large corporate chains, mostly based out of state, is affecting local coverage, and it's cause for concern," she said.

Gatehouse Media, whose publications span 555 markets in 37 states, owns nine dailies and more than 100 weekly outlets in Massachusetts. The Colorado-based Digital First Media shook up the state's news landscape last year when

it acquired the Boston Herald, bringing the tabloid under the same ownership as The Sun of Lowell and The Sentinel and Enterprise in Fitchburg.

In late January, the media companies Gannett, BuzzFeed and Verizon Media Group all announced layoffs, cutting a total that's been estimated at more than 1,000 jobs.

Though consolidations and downsizing are national trends affecting an industry in the private sector, Ehrlich said she believes state government could still have a role to play in convening experts to address the issue.

"As our newsrooms are shrinking, we will have less information and accountability, and that's not good for democracy," Ehrlich said. "I think there's a role for the state to sound the alarm and put experts in the room to see what ideas emerge."

Tens of thousands of ride-hail drivers fail screening

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — More than 15 percent of potential ride-hail drivers last year — more than 30,000 applicants — were rejected for failing a state criminal screening despite having passed checks by Uber and Lyft, according to state regulators.

who do not meet the suitability standard," the agency wrote in a report to lawmakers. "Today any person who arranges a ride ... will know that their driver underwent a thorough, two-part background check."

The rejected applicants were too young, had criminal backgrounds or had problems with their driving records, according to the state Department of Public Utilities.

Under the two-step screening, companies such as Uber and Lyft are first required to perform multi-state criminal and driving background checks, as well as a check of a national sex offender database.

More than 5,000 applicants were disqualified because of a past violent crime. More than 900 were rejected for sex crimes or because they are registered sex offenders.

Drivers who pass are referred to the state for checks of criminal histories including crimes such as violent felonies, serious driving offenses or sex abuse convictions.

Nearly 10,000 didn't meet age requirements because they were under 21, according to the state, while about 1,500 didn't have active drivers licenses. About 1,500 had multiple driving offenses on their records.

A driver cannot operate in Massachusetts until they clear the secondary check.

In the meantime, the state cleared more than 190,000 applications for drivers at ride-hailing networks last year. That was up from nearly 130,000 the previous year, when about 17,000 were rejected, according to the agency.

John Boit, executive director of the Maryland-based Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association, a national advocacy group, said the large number of rejections raises questions about the effectiveness of ride-hailing companies' screening processes, and reveals gaps in expectations between the state and transportation networks.

Massachusetts has some of the toughest requirements for ride-hailing drivers, approved by lawmakers and Gov. Charlie Baker in 2016 with regulations of the industry.

"These companies are putting forward the names of drivers they say they've cleared, but 15 percent of them are being found after the fact by the state to be ineligible as drivers," he said. "It begs the question of whether Uber and Lyft are waiting to get clearance before allowing them to drive for them."

State officials touted the regulations as proof that a screening process, which includes "near-instantaneous" criminal checks, is weeding out bad-apple drivers.

The taxi and limo industry, which in Massachusetts is regulated at the local level, had pushed the state to require drivers to undergo fingerprint-based screening. But that requirement didn't make it in the final regulations for ride-hailing services that went into effect in January 2017.

"Rapid notification of this kind substantially improves public safety by allowing the (department) to immediately remove from the road drivers

in major metropolitan areas taxi drivers have been fingerprinted for decades," Boit said. "It's the gold standard."

Uber did not respond directly to questions about the discrepancy between its checks and the state's secondary screening but noted the checks are "not done concurrently," so the state potentially could catch something that occurred after the company's review.

The state's Criminal Offender Record Information checks, it said, also "may include information we do not have access to under Massachusetts law."

Uber pointed out that the state's screening process requires drivers to have been licensed for a certain period of time, and that drivers can be rejected for having an "insufficient licensing history." The state lacks a system to clear drivers once they've reached a level of driving history considered appropriate, it said.

Uber also touted its own safety measures and improvements to its internal screening that went into effect last year. Those include GPS tracking of rides, 24/7 customer support, a 911 button added to its ride-hailing app, and annual driving and criminal background checks, as well as monitoring for new offenses.

Lyft noted its criminal background checks, conducted by a third party, look back seven years, while state CORI checks look back over a lifetime, suggesting that as a reason that drivers it had cleared were later rejected by the state.

The company said its system ensures drivers aren't prevented from getting a job for minor offenses that occurred years before. It also touted the reliability of

its employment review and safety features, including real-time tracking of rides and 24/7 customer service.

"The safety of the Lyft community is our top priority," Campbell Matthews, a company spokesman, said in an emailed statement. "Lyft's background check program complies with Massachusetts law and is just one of the many tools and processes Lyft has built into our platform in the effort to put safety at the center of every ride."

On Beacon Hill, lawmakers are considering several bills that would tighten — or loosen — the state's background checks.

One proposal, filed by Rep. Mike Moran, D-Brighton, would require ride-hailing operators to undergo fingerprinting as part of the state's criminal background checks. Another bill, filed by Sen. William Brownsberger, D-Belmont, would drop previous convictions for felony robbery and fraud from the list of disqualifying offenses.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

There are plenty of activities and events going on in February for adults at the Memorial Hall Library.

world's worst weather
Bitter cold, dense fog, heavy snow, and record winds: Mount Washington is known worldwide for its

unpredictable and dangerous weather. For a mountain its size, why is Mt. Washington called the "Home of the World's Worst Weather"? On

Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., join Mount Washington Observatory's Will Broussard for an investigation into the unique life and work of weather observers stationed at the observatory year-round. Explore how the mountain's weather works and what it can tell us about New England's own weather patterns. The program will include interactive demonstrations, weather instruments, stunning photography, and video footage from the summit. For adults and children aged 6 and up. Sign up at: <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Will Broussard is the Observatory's Education Coordinator, where he coordinates and leads programs on Mt. Washington's natural, cultural, and scientific history. He has an undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Maine and a Master of Science degree in environmental studies from Antioch University New England in Keene, New Hampshire. Originally from midcoast Maine, his passions include hiking and bird watching.

American history with Don Robb: The five frontiers of the American West

Local historian, Don Robb, will explore the history (and the myths) of the American West from the perspective of five different intersectional frontiers: the Mining Frontier, the Railroad Frontier, the Ranching Frontier, the Farming Frontier, and the Indian Frontier. Each frontier affected the others and the exploration and settlement of the vast area of plains and mountains from the Mississippi River to the

Pacific Ocean. The classes run on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. through March 7 in Memorial Hall. A collaboration of Memorial Hall Library and The Center at Punchard.

Fish On! Andover 2019:
Tuesday nights in February mean fishing at Memorial Hall Library. Watch fishing videos from 6-7 p.m. and pick up free fishing publications. Seminars start at 7 p.m. and are sponsored by the Friends of MHL. The series features weekly door prizes. This year's lineup includes:

Fishing at Night for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Guide and outdoor writer, Allan Butler, will share proven techniques for getting big bass at night here in the Northeast, in your waters. He'll cover the best types of water to fish, time of year, weather and the tackle you need to land your personal best. From shore or boat, don't miss out. Sleep is for the weak!

A Modern Fly Fishing Experience on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. Geoff Klane had fished a few times before he moved to Lowell and saw the canal system there. He picked up a fly rod to see what the city and the rest of New England had to offer. Now, whether it's freshwater for carp, bass, or trout, or going to the ocean for striped, false albacore, or anything else that swims, Geoff loves to chase it with a fly rod in hand. He will discuss tackle requirements, fly selection, what sorts of fish you will find, and must-visit spots in the city. View Geoff's work at brackishflies.com.

Freshwater Surfcasting on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

Julio Silva covers the fresh water species that you can target from terra firma using surfcasting knowledge and techniques. When you are waiting for the tide to turn, why not fish the nearby pond, lake, or river? The strikes by freshwater fish can be explosive! You will learn species-specific techniques and spots that will catch you more fish.

Other February events at MHL:
Conversational English on Mondays, Feb. 11 and 25 from 10 a.m. to noon, for non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members welcome. To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

Maker Morning on Tuesdays, Feb. 12, 19 and 26 from 10-11 a.m. Come and learn to use our 3D printer, vinyl cutters, poster printer and more. Meet at the Reference Desk. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Device Advice on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 7-8 p.m. Bring your technology questions to the Reference Desk. Get help with the basics for iPads, cell phones, laptops, Kindles and other e-readers. Bring your chargers, usernames and passwords. If you're unable to attend, stop by the Reference Desk anytime for device assistance.

Pub Trivia on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Come to Andolini's and test your knowledge. Hosted by MHL librarians. \$50 cash prize to the winning team.

Death Café on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join other adults for Andover's 13th Death Cafe - an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals. Hosted by Andover resident, Richard Davis. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; program starts at 7 p.m. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

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Opinion

Jeers and Cheers to local newsmakers

JEERS to the unidentified lobbyist who encountered the new state representative from Andover and, apparently, couldn't be convinced she was an elected official. Instead, the lobbyist assumed she was an aide.

Rep. Tram Nguyen is 33 years old, a graduate of Tufts University and Northeastern University School of Law, and a lawyer. Last November she edged out long-time Rep. James Lyons with 54 percent of the vote. Last month she took her seat in the state House of Representatives from the 18th Essex District.

The other day, in an affront to Nguyen and the 11,663 people who voted for her — really, the 42,000 residents of the district — she encountered a lobbyist in the hall who wasn't convinced, even after being corrected, that she was a voting member of the House.

According to Rep. Nguyen's tweet, the lobbyist asked if she was aide for a representative whom she did not identify. Nguyen said she wasn't. The lobbyist asked if she worked for a different representative, to which she replied, more explicitly, "No. I'm Rep. Nguyen."

The Abbott and Costello routine wasn't done.

"Oh, you're Rep. Nguyen's aide," said the lobbyist.

Said Rep. Nguyen: "No! I'm the representative."

Nguyen says the encounter illustrates the need for more diversity — of gender, race and ethnicity — on Beacon Hill. To be sure, age is also a factor. Nguyen is a full generation younger than the average state legislator in the U.S., according to a 2015 survey by the National Conference of State Legislatures. On Beacon Hill that year, the average age was 54.

More than anything, it points to a lobbyist not doing his or her homework. The Great and General Court has 200 members. If you're a lobbyist, it's your job to recognize them all.

CHEERS to Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel, who announced that he is retiring next year. We aren't cheering his retirement, far from it. We are cheering his service to Andover over the last 30 years, during which he has led Temple Emanuel through a period of huge growth. The temple now has a diverse group of 530 families that now claim it as their house of worship.

When he retires next year, at age 66, it will be the 100th anniversary of the temple's founding, which just seemed right, he told reporter Judy Wakefield recently. "The numbers kind of line up," he noted.

Goldstein was never shy about commenting on matters of importance, whether local, national or international issues. He frequently wrote columns for the Townsman on a variety of subjects, most recently on the passing of Father Paul Keyes, the retired pastor of St. Michael Parish in North Andover, and former priest at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Andover. Of Keyes, he wrote: "Father Keyes was a man of humble piety and strength. He was slight of stature and spoke softly, but his influence was formidable and extended far beyond the walls of his church. He was the embodiment of decency and integrity."

In November, he wrote about the massacre of 11 innocent worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. He wrote: "I want the children of my community — and every child, and their parents too — to be reassured that the soul of America can never be darkened by acts of violence and intolerance. That is not who we are."

Aside from weighing in on weighty subjects, Goldstein was actively involved in the community, appearing with Rev. Dana Allen Walsh of South Church and Rev. Michael Hodges of Christ Church on the Andover cable-TV show dubbed: "A Rabbi, A Priest, And A Minister Walk Into A Studio."

Allen Walsh has even traveled to Israel with Goldstein as part of inter-faith initiatives. The bad news is that Goldstein is leaving. The good news is that Andover has him for another year.

TWO OF THE GREATEST



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft, left, celebrates with quarterback Tom Brady on the field after the Patriots beat the Los Angeles Rams 13-3 in Super Bowl LIII at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Vispoli for fiscal sanity

Editor, Townsman:

The local political scene in Andover has started to stir. And with it the flame of conservatism still flickers strong in town. To quote the Andover Townsman: "Vispoli may be the last remnant of fiscal sanity on the board."

It begs the question: What are the citizens of Andover looking for from their elected officials? Quite simply the provision of services at a reasonable tax rate tops the list. And yet with the issuance of the latest tax bills all that could be heard throughout town was a resounding "OUCH" from its citizens.

Against this backdrop, the one member of the Board of Selectmen who continually asks the hard questions about where we are going is Alex Vispoli. Where are new town revenues coming from? What's being done to raise productivity and reduce expenses? How are town processes being streamlined and improved to facilitate doing business in town at all levels? It brings to mind an old saying: "Don't work harder, work smarter."

Alex Vispoli's track record resonates with numerous actions that have resulted in increased revenues, reduced expenses and improved town processes. He feels that throwing money at a problem is not the answer ... although this seems to be the way of life with many in Andover.

Integrity-based leadership with courage to face the issues at hand is the keystone to fiscal success. And without question Alex Vispoli is the person who will continue to bring this spirit

to the Board of Selectmen. It is imperative that citizens get out and vote in the town election and most importantly to cast your vote for Alex Vispoli.

JOE PONTI
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Global warming has been proven by science

Editor, Townsman:

An Andover resident submitted letter to the editor, "Lets debate the truth of climate change," to the Townsman last week. I am glad to see that folks are thinking about climate change and open to starting a discussion about the science. The author stated that the science about climate change is "anything but settled" and that there is "no scientific evidence whatsoever that proves that man-made increases in CO2 levels are the cause or that they are problematic."

According to NASA, the recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and several other peer-reviewed scientific reports, there is greater than a 95 percent probability that current warming is the direct result of human-created greenhouse gases. These greenhouse gases, which include carbon and other gases like methane and nitrous oxide, have been scientifically proven to trap heat. In 1886, a Swedish scientist named Svante Arrhenius concluded that increasing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would increase surface temperature.

Also reported by NASA, 97 percent of climate scientists agree that the man-made greenhouse effect is the cause

of recent global warming and that warming will continue until we mitigate the burning of fossil fuels and decrease the amount of heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Many climate scientists have also reported that they underestimated how quickly the Arctic, Antarctic, and Greenland ice sheets would melt and are alarmed at how quickly our earth is reacting to the increasing temperatures.

Whether climate change is real or not, everyone wants a clean and healthy environment. The easiest way to stop polluting the air is to halt all burning, especially the burning of fossil fuels, and switch to renewable energy sources.

ALISON PAGE
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Don't call it a 'millionaires' tax'

Editor, Townsman:

Christian Wade's recent article describes the proposed constitutional amendment on Beacon Hill which would add a surtax of 4 percent on an individual's annual taxable income above \$1 million.

Unfortunately, he refers to this proposal as a "millionaires' tax," which is factually incorrect. According to the dictionary, a millionaire is "a person whose assets are worth one million dollars or more." With the rising value of homes in this state, there are many millionaires today whose annual taxable income is considerably less than a million dollars. These individuals would not be subject to the proposed surtax, and that's why supporters refer to this proposal as the

LETTERS POLICY

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Andover, MA 01810
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E-mail: townsman@andovertownsmen.com. Please include the letter in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment.

Fair Share Amendment, urging the relatively few at the very top of the income scale to pay their fair share.

Fortunately, a clear majority of the legislature recognizes the importance of this proposal to make our state income tax more progressive. At last report the Fair Share Amendment had 91 co-sponsors in the House and 26 (and counting) in the Senate. Both Rep. Tram Nguyen and Rep. Frank Moran are among the co-sponsors and Senator Barry Finegold has pledged his support in the Senate.

I look forward to Christian Wade's future reports on a strong vote of support by our elected officials when this proposal comes before the Legislature's constitutional convention during the current term, but I hope he will not refer to it as a "millionaires' tax," which it is not.

RICHARD HOWE
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WEB QUESTION

Correction to the Jan. 31 web question:

Note: Due to an editor's error, the numbers for the responses to the Jan. 31 web poll were switched. The correct results are published here:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was celebrated across the nation Monday, including here in Andover, where speakers noted that racism still exists in America and that the country still has a lot of work to do. **What do you think?**

Racism still exists right here in Andover, the Merrimack Valley and New England. We need to be aware of it and take steps to end it. **147 votes.**

Racism has been nearly eradicated thanks to the Civil Rights Act and public awareness that it is an evil, societal ill. 14 votes.

Results from last week's question:

Well, they did it again. The Pats are in the Super Bowl for the third time in a row and the 11th time overall. They have won five Super Bowls. What do you think is the secret to their success?

Tom Brady is the greatest quarterback who ever played the game. **6 votes.**

Bill Belichick is the best coach who ever coached professional football. **6 votes.**

Bob Kraft is the best owner in the NFL. **1 vote.**

All of the above. **37 votes.**

This week's question:

The Andover Bookstore is now the oldest, independent book store in the nation. With all of the competition against small bookstores, like online outlets and mega-chains like Barnes & Noble, it's getting harder and harder for independents to survive. As a result, owners depend on local demand for good books. Do you shop local? **Yes.** I like to support small book stores and the Andover Bookstore is a fun and unique place to shop.

No. I read tons of books and like to buy them cheap on the web. **Sometimes** I enjoy talking to people face to face rather than making an anonymous purchase online or at some huge bookstore.

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Members of the Chinese School of Andover perform a Colourful Clouds Dance during the Andover Chinese New Year Show.

Year of the Pig ushered in Chinese American Association of the Andovers celebrates Chinese New Year

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It was also the year of a new location, a first-ever buffet dinner and a chance to showcase some very accomplished local talent when the local chapter of Chinese Americans hosted their Chinese New Year Festival. It's actually the year of the pig this new year.

The Feb. 2 event was held at Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover for the first time and was a huge success, according to John Zhuang, president of the Chinese America Association of the Andovers.

"It was just great. There were so many local families there and the talent was so professional. Everyone was talking about that," Zhuang said.

The occupancy permit capped the crowd at 460 people while the masters of the ceremony - all local high schoolers - kept the performing acts moving at a good pace. Zhuang said the show was two hours and nine minutes long, which, he said, was a perfect length.

"We had whole families with kids, parents and grandparents there. Someone from the family would be on the stage, then someone else from the family would be on stage... just wonderful," he said.

The event's giant peacock cake also had guests talking at the buffet dinner after they watched performances.

"The venue was just perfect for us," Zhuang said. "So many families and their friends were there. It was really great."



Shanshan Lou and Chao perform the song Cheers!



Jennie Wang sings and plays the piano as she performs Happy Year of the Pig.



Members of the Chinese School of Andover perform Dance Drawings.



Members of the Andover Step by Step Chinese Learning Center perform Thank You in Sign Language.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, FEB. 8

Phillips Academy Department of Music Academy Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. in Phillips Academy's handicapped accessible Cochran Chapel. Directed by Christopher Gagne. The Combo will start the concert with works by Oliver Nelson and Miles Davis and will then be joined by the rest of the Jazz Band with works by Wayne Shorter, Neil Hefti, Michael Philip Mossman, Charles Mingus, and Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews. Free. Information: 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Masonic Lodge, 7 High St., Andover. A holiday donation shortfall is now prompting the American Red Cross to issue an emergency call for blood and platelet donors to give now to prevent a prolonged blood shortage. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). "Small Plants, Big Bang!"

10:30 a.m. at Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Co-hosted by North Andover Garden Club and Stevens Memorial Library. Popular gardening speaker Jen Kettell discusses new and old favorites that make the most of small spaces. Free and open to everyone. Information: northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com, northandovergardenclub.com.

Phillips Academy Department of Music Faculty Jazz Ensembles Concert, 7:30 p.m. in Phillips Academy's handicapped accessible Timken Room of Graves Hall. Members of the ensembles include Bob Baughman, piano; Bertram Lehman, drums; Dave Zox, bass; Peter Cicco, guitar; Joel Springer, saxophone; Chris Gagne, trombone; and Vinny Monaco, trumpet. They will perform works by Dizzy Gillespie, Arthur Adams, Bob Baughman and several others. Free. Information: 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help. Information: oambi.org.

Phillips Academy Department

of Music Guest Violin recital showcasing women composers, 3 p.m. in Phillips Academy's handicapped accessible Timken Room of Graves Hall. Violinist Gabriela Diaz, accompanied by pianist Betty Anne Diaz, will perform works by Clara Schumann, Lili Boulanger, Rebecca Clarke, Kaija Saariaho, Mari Kimura, and Grażyna Bacewicz. Free. Information: 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.

Adult Education Program, Congregation Beth Israel, Dundee Park, Building 6, Suite 301, will host an Adult Education Program featuring Rabbi Howard Mandell speaking on "The Role of the Jewish Community in the Civil Rights Movement." A brief service will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by breakfast at 10 a.m., and the program at 10:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

Andover Choral Society, directed by Michael Driscoll, invites those who enjoy singing choral music to attend open rehearsals from 7:20 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover. All voice parts are welcome.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Saint Roberts Bellarmine Parish, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. A holiday donation shortfall is now prompting the American Red Cross to issue an emergency call for blood and platelet donors to give now to prevent a prolonged blood shortage. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

Andover's 13th Death Café, 6:30 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St. Adults are invited to an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death hosted by Andover resident Richard Davis. While neither a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, nonjudgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often-taboo subject. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals. Register online at mhl.org. For

more information, contact Stefani Traina at 978-623-8451 and straina@mhl.org. or visit deathcafe.com.

MARCH THROUGH MARCH 3

ADDISON'S FALL EXHIBITION, Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave. "Contemplating the View: American Landscape Photographs" highlights images of the American landscape, both natural and manmade, through works by photographers such as Ansel Adams, Robert Adams, Lois Conner, Marcia Resnick, Carleton Watkins, Edward Weston and Katherine Wolkoff; free admission to the gallery and all programs; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

ASHES-TO-GO, 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. in downtown Andover. For the 4th year in a row, South Church and others will take to the streets of Andover on Ash Wednesday with an offer to administer ashes to people heading to the train or grabbing their morning cup of coffee. For more information call: 978-475-0321.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

EASTER EGG HUNT: 1 p.m.

(hunt begins at 1:15 p.m.) at South Church 41 Central St. The community is invited to a free Easter egg hunt presented by South Church. Limited to the first 200 children. For more information call: 978-475-0321.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Ironstone Derby charity 5K & Kentucky Derby Party at Ironstone Farm; people can run or walk the USATF-sanctioned race and then stay at the Andover horse farm for Kentucky Derby party with optional Texas Roadhouse food, music, games for all ages, derby-hat contest, prizes, and a horse-and-rider show. There's even a stick-horse race for kids (currently just \$10, and it includes a kids hot-dog meal), and a cash bar with mint juleps. Register here: https://register.chronotrack.com/r/45748

ONGOING

MERRIMACK VALLEY CAMERA CLUB, based in North Andover, and in its 82nd year, has about 150 members hailing from the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, and Southeastern and Seacoast areas of New Hampshire, ranging from beginners to professionals. The club and its members See **CALENDAR**, Page 10

Learn to ride, for free, Feb. 10

Staff report

Want to learn to ride a horse? Now, you can try for free!

Ironstone Farm, 450 Lowell St., is offering a limited number of free horseback-riding lessons for new riders on Sunday, Feb. 10. People can find a new love, or get to pursue their love of horses up close for the first time. But people must sign up in advance for the Introduction to Horsemanship lessons, which will be available from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

People will have a chance to briefly groom a horse and

then ride one at the event. Similar free-riding opportunities offered in previous years by Ironstone Farm have filled quickly, so people must register in advance.

Ironstone has two indoor arenas for riders, but many people prefer to be outside regardless of the weather. Many say the heat of the horse helps keep them warm.

While spring, summer and fall are the most popular times to ride, approximately 300 people ride recreationally or have their therapeutic riding each week at Ironstone

during the winter. Horseback riding is a popular way to get outdoor exercise during the winter, and when the weather warms, too.

Ironstone Farm is open 12 months a year, six days a week. On Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 18, Ironstone also will offer a 9 a.m.-to-3 p.m. full-day Introduction to Horsemanship course to a limited number of new riders, a one-day event that might be perfect for people who find they enjoy riding on Feb. 10.

People must preregister for the free riding opportunity,

available from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10. Riders must be 6 or older. There are a limited number of lessons available, and they will be awarded on first-registered, first-served basis. Riders with a diagnosis or who are on medication will need a physician's approval. Required forms (registration forms and emergency releases) can be found at <http://ironstonefarm.org/free-riding/>. Call Ironstone Farm at 978-475-4056, or email programs@challengeunlimited.org for more information.



Ironstone Farm will be offering free riding lessons.

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Michael Driscoll directs the Andover Choral Society.

COURTESY PHOTO

Andover Choral Society seeks singers

Andover Choral Society, directed by Michael Driscoll, invites those who enjoy singing choral music to attend open rehearsals from 7:20 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11 at Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover. All voice parts are welcome.

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 3 p.m. the chorus will perform Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight by Florence Price. Price was the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer and to have a composition played

by a major orchestra. The piece is a musical setting of a poem by Vachel Lindsay. The chorus will also perform a medley of songs by George Gershwin.

High school juniors and seniors are invited to sing with the Andover Choral Society through the Society's Choral Scholars Program. Funded by grants from the Andover, and North Andover Cultural Councils, the program is free to students from any town if they are currently in good standing in their high school chorus.

Andover Choral Society is a community chorus dedicated to bringing high-quality choral music to the Merrimack Valley community. The chorus performs two concerts per year, with a repertoire that focuses on fine choral and choral-orchestral works from the Baroque era through the present day. Since 1929, membership has been open to anyone with a love for choral music and a desire to share that love with others. Visit andoverchoralsociety.org for more information.

Culture center puts gloves on for historic encounter

Staff report

The Andover Center for History & Culture (ACHC) is launching a new Close Encounters program for people who like to get their hands on history. You can put on some gloves and channel your inner museum curator in this unique program.

Close Encounters are small groups of curious people and history enthusiasts who gather to explore Andover's stories by examining original objects and documents from

ACHC's collections. Stories and collections items will change frequently, so each Close Encounter will be a new experience to encourage repeat visits. Questions and curiosity are encouraged.

Close Encounters programs are free but registration is required. The registration minimum two guests; the maximum is 10 guests.

Upcoming Close Encounters days and times are:

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

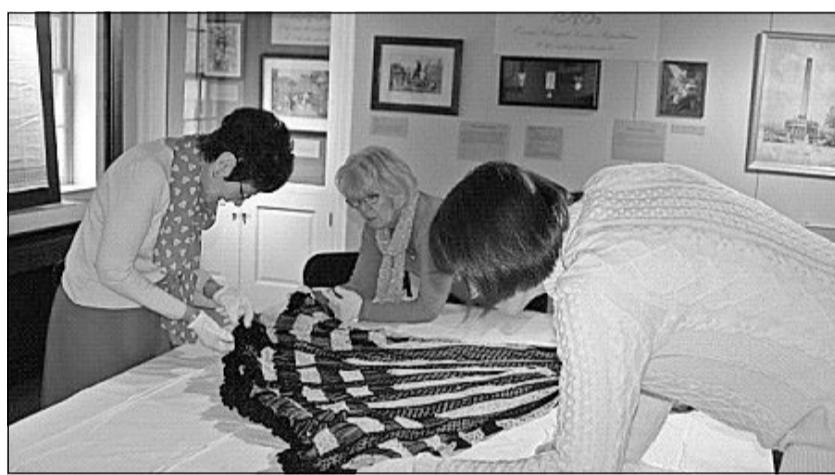
Tuesday, March 5, 5 to 6

p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23, 7 to 8 p.m.

Register online at andoverhistoryandculture.org/close-encounters. Questions? Call 978-475-2236. Email inquiries info@andoverhistoryandculture.org. Would you like a private Close Encounters program? Group programs can be arranged by calling 978-475-2236.



Visitors can get their hands on the past at ACHC's new Close Encounters program.

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CALENDAR

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have been garnering recognition and awards throughout New England and beyond for decades. The club, which meets almost every Wednesday evening,

holds frequent hands-on workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public. The club meets at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Socializing starts at 7 p.m.,

and programs run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Find more at www.mvccameraclub.org.

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS (FA), Saturdays, 8 a.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Having trouble controlling the way you eat? FA is a program that addresses binge eating disorder, overeating, obesity, bulimia, undereating, and obsession with body size and exercise; the free meetings are held in the classroom building of the church; www.foodaddicts.org.

MERRIMACK TOASTMASTERS CLUB, second and fourth Thursday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Membership is open to individuals looking to improve their speaking, presentation and leadership skills, and to overcome their fear of public speaking; guests are always welcome; www.merrimack-toastmasters.org, email contact@merri-mack-toastmasters.org.

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

BALLROOM DANCING, Sundays, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Relief's In Function Hall, 1 Market St., Lawrence, on the North Andover line. Come Alive After Five has been running this dance for singles and couples for more than 30 years; live bands are featured along with bar service and door prizes; \$13 admission fee includes dessert and coffee at 8:30 p.m.; 781-451-7872.

ANDOVER CHRONICLERS, see what's in store. Past shows can be viewed on Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon

Channel 47 Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 9 a.m.; Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; and Friday at 6:30 p.m. The show is produced by the Andover Chroniclers, an all volunteer group. For more information, call the Center at Punchard at 978-623-8321. New members welcome. No prior experience needed. Email andvchron2@gmail.com for more information. Past shows may also be accessed at http://andovrtv.org/sites/default/files/videos/saa_20160801.mp4.

FA (FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS), Wednesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Augustine Education Center, 45 Essex St.; and Saturdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church, 33 Central Ave. The free, 12-step program is open to anyone who struggles with their weight and/or food; members include men and women who have lost more than 200 lbs., those who turned to bulimia, over-exercising and obsessive dieting, and those who had no weight to lose, but were obsessed with food and/or their weight; all are welcome to share their stories, from newcomers interested in learning more to people who have maintained steady, healthy weights for decades; www.foodaddicts.org.

FELLOWSHIP/WORSHIP MEETING, Sundays, 5 p.m., North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 244 Lowell St. Hosted by the Mosaic Christian Movement, everyone is welcome to enjoy food, fellowship and a relaxed worship service; registration is requested; email aaronkrue@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE'S VAN, will be in the Penguin Park parking lot on Burnham Road from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. Donations of gently used baby gear and in season children's clothing will be collected. All donations will go to children in the Merrimack Valley and North Shore. At this time, there is an urgent need for infant clothing (0 to 3 months) and infant car seats under five years old. For a complete list of

acceptable donations, visit www.communitygivingtree.org.

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND, now welcoming singers ages 6 to 18; the informal auditions are quick and simple; prepared pieces are not required; www.treblechorusne.org; tcnmanager@treblechorusne.org.

PALMERS RESTAURANT, live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; no cover charge; 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

SPECTRUM CHILDREN'S CHORUS, rehearses on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Andover North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, 244 Lowell St. The mission of the church's multicultural chorus is to reflect on the diversity of the world, widen students' perspectives, and instill cross cultural understandings and harmonization through music and dancing; all children are welcome; registration, auditioning and rehearsal dates are available at www.spectrumchildrenschorus.org, email spectrumchildrenschorus@gmail.com, 978-269-4198.

KARMA, live band music, Thursday through Saturday; 209 N. Main St. (Shaw-sheen Plaza); 978-809-3075, www.karmaandover.com.

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, free admission to the gallery and all programs; located on the Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave.; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

GELB GALLERY, located in George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 7 Chapel Ave.; open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; parking is available on Chapel Avenue and in the lot next to the Andover Inn; www.andover.edu.

ALPERS FINE ART, located at 96 Main St.; 978-760-1829, www.alpersfineartonline.com.

THE NEW ENGLAND CLASSICAL SINGERS, holding auditions for all parts, South Church, 41 Central St. The 30-voice SATB choral group, based in Andover, performs three concerts during the season, in December, March and May; rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 7:15 to

9:45 p.m.; auditions consist of voice quality and placement, vocal range placement, sight reading ability, and aural recognition; a solo piece is not required; singers should have choral experience and sight reading ability; www.newenglandclassical.org.

ANDOVER REC, 36 Bartlet St., offers a number of different programs for adults, youth and children; www.andover-rec.com, 978-623-8340.

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

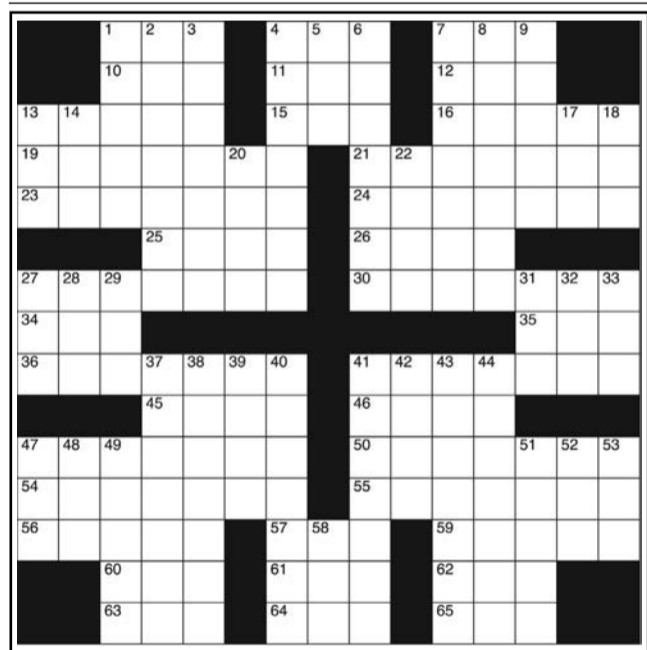
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Sundays, Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

FLOWER FIELDS CUTTING GARDEN, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. Visitors may cut and assemble their own bouquets in the Cutting Garden, for a fee; in addition to the zinnias, cosmos and rudbeckia, visitors will find new varieties to add pop and flair to their bouquets; stop by the tent to pay, grab scissors, cup and water before making a bouquet; the garden is fun for all ages and there is always something new to learn; explore the other gardens including a French Potager Garden, Rose Garden and recently restored Perennial Garden; borrow a blanket and a book to read under a tree or play a game of checkers or tic-tac-toe; presented by the Trustees; \$5 per 10 stems for Trustees members, \$10 per 10 stems for nonmembers; www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do.

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- Likely the first Meso-American civilization
- Woman (French)
- Automobile
- Popular Georgia rockers
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- A major division of geological time
- Make an effort

- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Respects
- Shake up
- Ethiopian river
- Intrinsic nature of something
- Principal parts of the brain
- Brews
- Where ships dock
- One who wails
- Shock treatment
- Popular average
- Things
- A type of "bear"
- Utilize
- European Economic Community
- Swiss river

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Do not delay, start saving today

Financially Speaking

John Spoto



One of the most important sets of financial choices people make in their lives is planning

for their retirement. The quality of their decisions about how much to save and how to invest will largely determine whether they can realize the retirement lifestyle they want. While some people save more than they will need, most save too little and face a dramatic drop in their standard of living. Even across groups with similar lifetime earnings, there are widespread differences in accumulated savings and by extension retirement security.

It is not that people do not want to make good decisions. It is quite the opposite. Research shows that most people recognize the need to save and intend to begin an ambitious saving and investing program "soon." However, follow-up surveys months and even years later indicate a very small percentage actually take action. In a world where individuals

are increasingly responsible for their retirement security, it is important to understand what is preventing them from making smart choices.

Traditional economic theory envisions people solving problems in an informed, rational manner, calculating and balancing how much they need to save for the future without sacrificing too much today. Furthermore, it assumes that they exercise the self-control necessary to stick with the plan for decades until they leave the workforce. On the other hand, research in the field of behavioral economics, which incorporates insights from psychology, argues that logic and rationality does not accurately explain human decision-making. Real world experience tells us that actual behavior deviates considerably from traditional theory.

Psychologists Daniel Kahneman of Princeton and his longtime collaborator the late Amos Tversky of Stanford are largely responsible for pioneering the field of behavioral economics. Kahneman won the Nobel Prize in economics in 2002 for his contribution to this area of study. Kahneman's insights included the role of psychological factors in human decision-making. His central message was that left to their own devices people have a natural tendency to

rely heavily on emotions, biases, and intuition when making decisions, leading to "systematic and predictable errors." Kahneman, Tversky, and other scholars who built on their work have concluded that to make smarter choices, individuals need to be aware of these psychological barriers and construct workarounds.

The obstacles

The retirement saving problem is different and more challenging than most other personal finance decisions. First, it requires a certain and immediate sacrifice (restricted spending) in exchange for an uncertain (we may die before we retire) payoff decades into the future. Second, there is no immediate penalty for making a poor decision and opting for immediate gratification of spending the money now instead of saving and investing for retirement. There are several powerful psychological tendencies to which humans can fall prey.

Complexity

Given the uncertainties surrounding future income, investment returns, spending needs and lifespans, correctly computing how much to save is not easy and few people have the skills to do it. Because households have different income levels and

spending patterns, applying "rules of thumb" to eliminate the need for calculations can lead to substantial shortfalls or excesses in asset balances. In other words, a savings rate that works well "on average" will be too low for some and too high for others. While the consequences of not saving enough and having a materially reduced retirement lifestyle are greater than those of saving too much, being unnecessarily frugal while working is not desirable either.

Next week, we'll talk about some of the obstacles that can get in the way of securing a comfortable retirement.

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As cold descends, food pantry distributes 1,000 blankets

By KEITH EDDINGS
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LAWRENCE — As they do once a week, Lawrence Guzman and his mother, Sol, filled two plastic bags with canned vegetables and other food from the shelves at the Lazarus House food pantry Wednesday morning and were headed home when a pantry volunteer stopped them at the door and stuffed something more into their bags.

Both got a plaid fleece blanket, which were among about 1,000 a North Andover company donated to the pantry this week to give the city's poor another layer of protection against the arctic blast



Beantown Blankets passed out hundreds of blankets at the Lazarus House Ministries food pantry in Lawrence.

expected to arrive late Wednesday and linger for a day or two. "It'll keep me and my son warm," said Guzman, who is disabled and so can't

work. "I'll cover myself and watch TV," his mother said. "Maybe I'll give it to my husband."

The blue and black blankets were the gift of Beantown Blankets, a company Maxwell Perry started as a project in a class on entrepreneurship he took as a freshman at Babson College in Wellesley in 2016. Most freshmen in the class abandon their projects when the class ends, but Perry kept his going in the basement of his home in North Andover, aided by his mother, Shelley, and then by Dan Gleason, who owns an embroidery shop called Sew On & Sew Forth in Middleton. Gleason soon became a partner in the business. The donations are the



Maxwell Perry, left, of North Andover, owner of Beantown Blankets, and Dan Gleason of Middleton pass out blankets at the Lazarus House food pantry in Lawrence.

heart of Beantown Blankets' business plan, which was shaped at a college that attempts to infuse its students with a sense of social service as they earn their business degrees. For every full-sized blanket Beantown sells at \$29.99, it gives one away.

The company so far has sold 15,000 blankets and given away 15,000 more. Perry said he hopes to give away 30,000 this year, and took a sizable step toward the goal when Cape Cod Healthcare ordered 6,000 earlier this month. The company owns two acute

care hospitals, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility and an assisted living facility.

Perry and Gleason were at the Lazarus House pantry on Hampshire Street Wednesday morning to help distribute their blankets.

"My mom is passionate about the homeless," Perry said about how he and his mother conceived of the company. "She doesn't just talk to them, she hears their stories. Growing up seeing that, it impacted me."

Perry said another

inspiration for Beantown Blankets came when he saw that most promotional products distributed by companies — coffee mugs, pins, pens — have little real use or value. Most of Beantown's sales are to companies, which have their own logos sewn into the blankets and distribute them to employees and customers.

But they were designed with the homeless in mind. The topside is a waterproof nylon, keeping the fleece on the underside dry when it rains or snows.

The blankets that were left over when the pantry closed at 2 p.m. Wednesday were loaded onto a soup truck Lazarus House operates, so they could be given away later in the week when the truck makes its rounds of Lawrence's homeless shelters and rooming houses. "As a food pantry, this allows us to supplement the needs of our customers with a blanket," said Ken Campbell, the pantry's food services coordinator. "I can guarantee that tomorrow you'll see people walking around on the streets with these blankets wrapped around them."

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Townspeople



Danielle Kotzias of First Dance Studio in Andover and Miah Trost of Royal Palace Dance Studio of Manchester, N.H., demonstrate some basic salsa dance steps.



Peter Kalafarski spins his wife Leslie during the lessons. They live in North Andover.

Salsa night a saucy success

STAFF REPORT

Despite the cold temperatures outside, Old Town Hall heated up at the salsa dancing First Friday event last week.

About 60 people were in attendance at the event, according to Ann Ormond, director of Business, Arts, and Cultural Development. She referred to the evening as a "couples night" and a "girls night out." "Everyone was dancing, it was a ball," she said.

The idea to host salsa dancing for the third First Friday event of the year resulted from conversations sparked at the first event, where Ormond said people pitched the idea for a dance night.

Folks in attendance were led through basic salsa steps before pairing off as the room opened up for dancing. The town partnered with First Dance Studio in Andover, in conjunction with Royal Palace Dance Studio of Manchester, N.H.

Ormond said people continued their night afterwards by visiting restaurants downtown and supporting local businesses, which she said was the ultimate goal of the First Friday events.



Miah Trost demonstrates some salsa dance steps with Agnes Patnode.



Vinayak Gorur and his fiancée Priya Prabhakar learn some dance steps as they prepare for their wedding in less than two weeks.



Danielle Kotzias demonstrates one dance step at a time.

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.

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.

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.

Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at www.myactivecenter.net.

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check The Center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8320.



Bo and Barbara Kennedy of Andover, dedicated Patriots fans, pose with an umbrella bought from the New England Patriots stadium in the 1960s and one of Bo's famous hats.

AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

For this Andover man, being a Pats fan is a lifestyle Kennedy attends his 17th Super Bowl game

BY JESSICA VALERIANI
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ANDOVER — If you're looking for Bo Kennedy the week before the Super Bowl, you can most likely find him walking the streets of the hosting city with thousands of dollars in cash in his pocket, seeking tickets for the event of the year.

"When you go to a Super Bowl, you have three decisions to make: room, ticket, and transportation," Kennedy, 82, said.

Luckily for Kennedy, he managed to score all three and got to watch the Patriots take home another Super Bowl win in Atlanta with his son Jeff, 51, his grandson Grayson, and Jeff's friend and former Andover High School classmate Keith Driscoll.

"It was such a great win for the team," Bo said. "It just keeps going."

He was among the many Pats fans in an overwhelming attendance at the game. He said for every three Pats fans in the stadium, there was one Rams fan.

Kennedy has been to

more Super Bowl games than the Patriots. He has now attended 17 of the title games in his lifetime, ten of which the Patriots were in. He has also been to every Patriots home game in the past 49 years since his obsession began, with the exception of just seven games.

But Kennedy doesn't travel to Super Bowl games alone. He is always accompanied by one of his crazy, whirligig hats, which light up and display players passing the ball to one another when their elaborate propellers — made to look like the player's arms — are blown by the wind.

His hats typically catch the eyes of hundreds of fans at games and bars, all of whom want a picture with the famous hats placed on their heads. One of them has even been signed by Danny Amendola and Tom Brady Sr., the star quarterback's father.

His hats, however, aren't always favored by airport security or flight attendants. He said they typically undergo intense searches by multiple

security members. When Kennedy attended the Super Bowl two years ago, his whirligig hat flew in the cockpit alongside the pilots.

"They're fragile, I don't always know where to put them," he said.

Kennedy and his wife, Barbara, 82, have an obsession with the Patriots that goes far beyond attending nearly every home game, meeting former Patriot Danny Amendola, and eating their food off Patriots place mats.

When the couple brought home their cat, Lady, they immediately changed its name to "Brady," despite its female gender.

The first Super Bowl Kennedy attended in 1975, he went to New Orleans for a match-up between the Steelers and the Vikings. He paid \$20 for a ticket. Though the prices have drastically increased, it isn't enough to keep Kennedy from watching his team play in another title game.

"We are absolutely spoiled," he said in regards to the powerhouse team.

RIGHT: Bo Kennedy of Andover shows off two of his famous New England Patriots themed hats, one adorned with numerous autographs.



First responders highlight Lawrence St. Pat's parade

BY JILL HARMACINSKI
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LAWRENCE — The Merrimack Valley's gas disaster on Sept. 13 was a catastrophic event that affected several communities.

For that reason, this year's St. Patrick's Day parade will honor the local communities that came together to overcome adversity.

"The theme of this year's parade is community," said Thomas Cuddy, a Lawrence police officer who serves as vice president of the St. Patrick's Day parade committee.

"To capture the essence of everyone's response to the gas emergency: Maybe you made a donation, volunteered at a shelter or nonprofit, looked out for a neighbor or were an elected official or first responder," Cuddy said.

The parade doesn't step off until Saturday, March 23. But on Friday, Feb. 1, a parade fundraiser is being held at the Reliefs In on Market Street.

The doors open at 7 p.m.

and admission is free. All who attend get a chance for the door prize: a Boston Bruins basket that contains tickets to a game.

There will also be an array of raffle prizes and entertainment by local DJ Edna Leach.

Further illustrating the community theme, this year's parade grand marshals will be all Greater Lawrence first responders from the Sept. 13 disaster, Cuddy said.

Traditionally, the parade marshal is usually a single person, Cuddy said.

"This year it's going to be all the first responders from North Andover, Andover and Lawrence. They will all be together as a group leading the parade," he said.

"As tragic as the events of Sept. 13 were and how difficult it was, this tragedy really brought out the very best of the people of greater Lawrence," Cuddy said.

An over-pressurized gas line on Sept. 13 caused dozens of fires and explosions in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover. One person

was killed and others were injured in the disaster, which cut off gas service to 8,600 customers, some into mid-December.

While service has been restored to most of those customers, recovery efforts are expected to continue into 2019 and beyond — including repairing more than 70 miles of roads Columbia Gas had to dig up to replace its gas lines.

In mid-December, officials said more than 7,500 residential and business meters had gas service restored; more than 18,000 pieces of gas equipment and appliances have been replaced; 20,000 damaged pieces of gas equipment and appliances have been removed and disposed of; 44 miles of pipeline have been replaced; and \$78 million have been paid out in claims.

Also, as in year's past, the parade will have a large focus on schoolchildren. The St. Patrick's Day parade is always about "Lawrence's past, present and future."

"Schoolchildren are a great representation of that,"



TIM JEAN/Staff file photo

Lawrence firefighters march along Amesbury Street during the 2015 St. Patrick's Day parade in Lawrence.

Cuddy said. Pipe and drum bands and numerous marching bands are also expected to march again this year.

The parade route, the same as the previous years, is as follows: The parade steps off at the intersection

of Amesbury and Common streets, proceeds down Amesbury Street, over the Central Bridge onto Parker Street, turns left on Salem Street, left on Market Street and ends at Market and Osgood streets.

Excellent viewing locations

along the parade route, said organizers, are at the Claddagh Pub at 399 Canal St., Pizza King at 29 Salem St. and the Relief's In at 1 Market St.

Follow staff reporter Jill Harmacinski on Twitter @EagleTribJill.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

February events for teens at Memorial Hall Library:

MHL events are for teens in grades 6-12. Unless otherwise specified, no registration is required. Check out the blog for news, events, book recommendations and more at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.

Teen Makerspace tour on Feb. 13

On Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m., teens can get a tour of our new Makerspace with Maker Librarians Justin and Theo. Teens will be able to test out the 3D printer, vinyl cutter, and virtual

reality headset. Registration is required. Call 978-623-8432 or email ya@mhl.org for more information.

February break activities for teens:

No advance registration required.

Monday, Feb. 18 — Library closed in observance of Presidents Day;

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2-4 p.m. — Teen Drop-In Cartoons: This afternoon teens can drop in the teen room to watch some favorite cartoons and enjoy a cereal snack.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 3-4 p.m. — DIY Stickers: Teens can learn how to make their own stickers to decorate phone cases, notebooks, and anything else that needs some flair.

Thursday, Feb. 21 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Create a character and learn about tabletop RPGs at 2:30 p.m. or come for the campaign's start at 3 p.m. All in grades 6 through 12 are welcome; no RPG experience or registration necessary. (Additionally meets Feb. 7.)

Friday, Feb. 22 from 1-4 p.m. — Super Smash Bros. Tournament. Join us in the Activity Room for an organized Smash Bros tournament on the Switch, with a CVS gift card as the prize for the winner.

Other February events for teens:

Fridays, Feb. 1, 8 and 15 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. — Free-form Fridays: Join us in the

Activity Room to play Super Smash Brothers.

Monday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. — Volunteer Advisory Board meeting: Talk about teen programming, help the librarians with crafts and other projects, and get volunteer hours.

Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6 p.m. — Teen Movie Nights: Watch a movie in the Teen Room! Call the Teen Room desk at 978-623-8463 for each night's title.

Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. — DIY Origami Boxes. Learn to make a container to store very small items.

Monday, Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. — DIY Chocolate Covered Snacks. Will everything taste better covered in chocolate? Let's find out.

Thursday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. — Make a Valentine. Need to

show some love to a friend, family member, or special someone? We've got you covered.

Monday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. — Random Fandom: Legos: Geek out over the new Lego Movie and craft your own Lego creation.

Thursday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. — Craft Buffet: Missed a craft this month or just want to use our craft supplies? Sample our supplies and let your creativity run wild!

Ongoing events for teens:

VAB (Volunteer Advisory Board): 1st and 3rd Monday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Teen Movie Night: Every Tuesday night at 6 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: 1st and 3rd Thursday from 2:30

to 4 p.m.

Free Form Fridays: Every Friday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All programs for teens are sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

For more information, call 978-623-8432 for more information.

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AVIS celebrates 125 years with 25 hikes

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
jwakefield@andovertownsmen.com

If you like to hike close to home, AVIS has a challenge for you that could get you a free T-shirt and a lot of fresh air.

The well-known conservation group, the Andover Village Improvement Society, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and, not surprising, the party is all about getting outside to check out their 30 miles of trails on more than 25 reservations in Andover.

"We just want people to get outside on the trails," said AVIS trustee John Hess of Andover.

In honor of its anniversary, the organization is sponsoring the AVIS 125 Challenge: Hike 25 AVIS reservations this year, mark your hike dates on a special Challenge form (get it at www.andover.org), mail it to AVIS when completed and hikers then get an official AVIS 125 Challenge T-shirt. The green shirt is not available for sale as it's reserved for those who hike 25 AVIS reservations.

Hess jokingly called the T-shirt "AVIS bling" and said it's a great reward for the 125 Challengers who hike at those 25 reservations. He has already finished about half of those 25 hikes as he has to work for the T-shirt, just like everyone else.

You can hike on your own or hike with a group. Some reservations are near one another so hiking more than one hike on the same day is fine. The AVIS website includes information about



COURTESY PHOTOS

Taking on the AVIS 125 Challenge are young hikers from the Greater Lowell Homeschoolers. They include Ebin Hogan, 10, of Haverhill and Jason D'Agostino, 9, of Billerica.

group hikes.

One of the first 125 Challengers is a home-schooled group from Lowell. The young hikers from the Greater Lowell Homeschoolers are doing the AVIS 125 Challenge. Their first hike was at the Shawsheen River Reservation on Jan. 14.

"We found the AVIS Challenge online and we knew it was a perfect way to find some new favorite walking trails and play spaces while encouraging our sons to learn to appreciate nature, get some exercise, and have fun. We are noticing that the kids' moods are better and so are ours," Emily Collins wrote in an email. She hiked alongside her son, Jason,

with other families in the

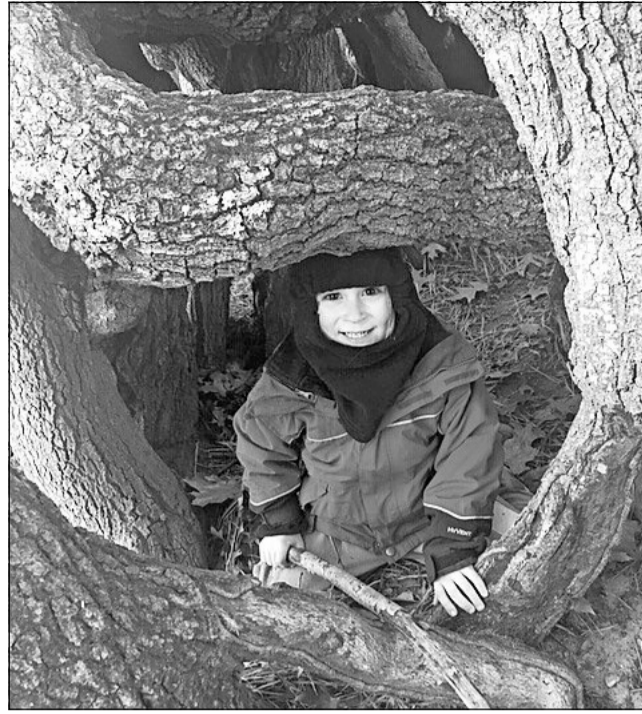
home-school program.

Collins had just read an article that said children need to be outdoors enough to feel at home there.

"That inspired me to try to get my son out regardless of the weather. I know kids need to spend much more unstructured time than they do and since we home school my son, we have the flexibility to build that into our day/week," she wrote.

The Challenge runs through the end of the year and AVIS trustees insist it's a great way to see what Andover's local land trust is preserving in town.

"We've got over 1,100 preserved acres in town. People are often surprised when they find out a trail is



Cashel Hogan, 4, of Haverhill, poses in the "Octopus Tree" at the Shawsheen River Reservation.

TOO COLD TO HIKE OUTDOORS?

You can celebrate AVIS' 125th anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. as AVIS supporters are gathering at the Andover Center for History & Culture, 97 Main St., for a preview of the exhibit "Breathing Places," an exhibit celebrating the 125 years of AVIS. Lights snacks and wine will be served.

in their neighborhood. We want to get them outside to walk it," said AVIS trustee Annie Gilbert, who is a selectwoman.

The latest edition — the sixth — of the Andover Trails Guide just came out and lists every AVIS reservation in town. Easily packable for any hiker, it also includes a helpful map of each reservation, directions for parking and fun facts, like how the Taft Reservation off Salem Street is

best known for its beautiful wildflowers and eight acres at the Peggy Keck Reservation near the State Police barracks is a geological gem as its rocks are among the oldest in the world.

The guide costs \$15 and is available at: Andover Bookstore, Baron's, Butcher Boy, Bruckman's, Rocky's Ace, Town Market, Whole Foods, the Conservation Commission and Andover Center For History and Culture.

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History & Culture

100 Years Ago—Feb. 7, 1919

Andover is, of course, affected by the strike in Lawrence. Many persons who live in this town get their bread and butter from the mills in Lawrence, and even those who have no business interests in that city are vitally interested in that overwhelmingly big problem which is disturbing business there. The strike has been threatening for several weeks, so that the mills were quite prepared on Monday morning, Feb. 3.

The Arlington Mills posted the following notice on Saturday: "Beginning Monday, Feb. 3, 1919, the hours of the mills of the company will be changed from a 54 to a 48 hour week." The police department is prepared to meet all disturbance; cots have been made ready for any emergency and all repetition of any such situations as occurred in 1912 have been forestalled.

Every good citizen will be glad of the chance to pay honor to our great American, Theodore Roosevelt, on Sunday evening. In common with many towns and cities throughout the land, special recognition will be made in Andover of the life and influence of Theodore Roosevelt. The citizens are asked to meet in the Town Hall at 7:15 p.m. for a union service under the direction of the Andover Christian



COURTESY IMAGE

This image of the local newspaper shows how the 1919 strike was about reducing work hours from 54 to 48 hours.

Civic League.

The Townswoman learned something at the Andover Mothers' Club meeting the other afternoon that was surprising, to say the least. It was that Andover has no Public School Nurse. The need of a nurse to keep in touch with the children in school and to see that in the home, certain symptoms

and treatments are followed up, has been so obvious that she supposed a nurse was demanded by law to work in every city and town.

75 Years Ago—Feb. 10, 1944

Hundreds of Andover school pupils from the third grade through the high school are blanketing the town in the next few days

in a sterling last-ditch effort to push Andover "over the top" in the Fourth War Bond drive. The campaign will end Tuesday and yesterday afternoon only \$140,000 or 45 percent of the goal had been subscribed.

The Selectmen in a communication to the Board of Public Works urged that board to ask the Lawrence Gas and Electric Company to remove all the hoods on the town's street lights. The selectmen feel that the inconvenience caused by the dimmed-out lights is greater than whatever inconvenience a couple of black-out nights might cause in the event of an emergency.

Anyone who happened to drop a bag of wool on Chandler Road can have it by applying to Mr. Clegg of that street. He doesn't have much use for it and it does take up space.

50 Years Ago—Feb. 13, 1969

Nature unleashed a furious blast in the Andover area inundating the town with over 14 inches of snow in a Northeast storm which started Sunday and ended on Monday. The heavy snow virtually brought the town to a standstill. Schools were closed both Monday and Tuesday. Many stores were closed on Monday. Stalled cars hampered plowing operations throughout the town and on major highways in the area. It was the worst storm to hit the area in several years and it was actually not until Wednesday that conditions returned to what one might call a

normal state.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Amos Blanchard House, the home of the Andover Historical Society, plans have been made for a Washington Ball at the Andover Inn, Feb. 22. With a reception and dinner in the 18th century manner. A string quartet will provide music in the early evening and an orchestra will play for dancing in the ballroom. Period costumes and formal attire will be worn.

25 Years Ago—Feb. 10, 1994

Each of the four persons running for a single vacant seat on the Andover Housing Authority has his or her own reasons for running, but all say the main goal is to make things better for the tenants living in Andover's public housing. The four candidates are Richard Finnerty, Rolande Werner, Susan J. Hancock, and James A. Cuticchia.

None of Andover's roughly 300 municipal employees is working under a current contract and they haven't been for more than a year and a half. The contracts for all seven unions that represent the majority of the town workers expired June 30, 1992.

Sea Train Restaurant at 100 School St. remained closed this week after a suspicious fire heavily damaged the property last Thursday morning, Feb. 3. A motorist stopped at the fire station at 5:51 a.m. that day and reported smoke coming from the restaurant.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

Whimsical Weavings Workshop

On Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m., Green Art Workshop returns to MHL for another parent/child workshop using recycled materials. Make a colorful weaving using found materials such as jeans, T-shirts, maps, books, fabric scraps and more. Learn how to construct a simple loom and then re-purpose favorite garments, natural fibers, and other household items as playful textile artworks. For children 8 and up, accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Family Yoga

On Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1:30 p.m., Stand Tall Family Yoga will offer a special class that welcomes kids up to age 11 and walkers up to age 5 with an adult. The class features a lively form of yoga that involves child-friendly yoga

poses, games, stories, songs and mini relaxation to end the class. Participants will learn breathing techniques and stretching. Space is limited. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

February events in the Children's Room:

Reading with Annie on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children able to read on their own. Annie is a therapy dog who loves to be read to. The sessions are 15 minutes long and only the child who is reading is allowed in the room with Annie and her handler. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Picture Book Pals: Winter is Here on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 1:30-2 p.m. for ages 4 and 5 and a favorite adult. Miss Kim will share Winter is Here by Kevin Henkes, and lead a fun activity to accompany the story. Register the child attending at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Make It Take It Tuesdays for ages 3 and up and an adult, on Tuesdays, Feb. 12 and 26 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Join us for a new drop-in craft program. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Around the World in 30 minutes for birth to 5 and an adult, on Friday, Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m. Explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Musical Mornings with Peter Sheridan on Friday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. A children's musician for 20 years, Peter performs at many libraries, day care centers and schools. He plays guitar, accordion, harmonica and other instruments and uses puppets and books in his program. No registration needed.

In-Be-Tweens Programs are for Grades 4 and 5. Space

is limited. Registration required.

Valentine Card Craft on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m.

Kids Coloring Crazy on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m. for grades 3-5. Are you crazy about coloring? This is the program for you! There will be lots of coloring pages available for you to color with colored pencils, markers, and gel pens. Come color with us and let your creativity fly. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Thinking Thursday on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. for ages 5-8. Share a story, do simple experiments and create a craft to take home. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Dads and Donuts on Saturdays, Feb. 9 and 23 at 10 a.m. for ages 2-5. A story time targeting dads and children ages 2-5 (although all are welcome). After stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, share coffee, juice, and donuts. Pick up a token in the

Children's Room.

Family Book Bingo on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. for all ages. Come join in an hour of fun for the whole family, and maybe win a book too! We will play four to five rounds of Bingo and share lots of laughs while doing it! Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar> the name of each person attending.

Fairy Tale Day on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 3:30-4 p.m. for ages 6-7. Join Miss Kim as she celebrates Fairy Tale Day by sharing the book Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella by popular author and illustrator Jan Brett! There will be also an activity to go along with the story. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlet Street, the Planning Board will convene public hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws on the following proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII:

- Amend Section 9.6.3 (Application Review) by deleting the words "or a sign larger than four square feet" in the first sentence and inserting in place thereof with the following "signs as listed in Section 5.2.4.3 of this Bylaw".
- Amend Section 10.0 (Definitions) by deleting the definition of "sign" and replacing it with a new definition.
- Amend Section 5.2 (Signs) by deleting the current text and replacing it in its entirety.
- Amend Section 8.8 (Senior Residential Community Overlay District (SRCOD)) to allow residents 55 and older to live in the Senior Residential Community Overlay District on River Road by deleting the age of "62" wherever it appears in the section and replacing it with the age of "55."

The full text of the proposed amendments and warrant articles may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Zachary Bergeron, Chairman
AT - 2/7, 2/14/19

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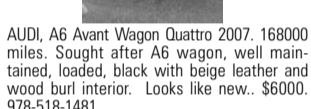
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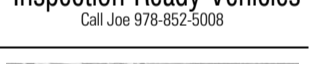


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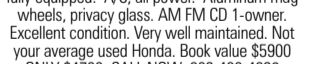
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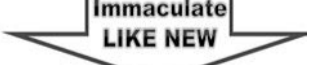
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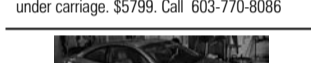
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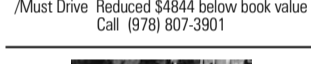
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Sports

FLYING FRANCIS

Golden Warrior junior Francis grows into standout in gymnastics

By DAVID WILLIS
dwillis@eagletribune.com

Like so many gymnasts, the sport Maddy Francis loves has taken a toll on her body.

Broken bones and surgeries have taken her away for a while — but they have never dulled her passion or drive to return to the mat.

“Over the years I’ve had many injuries that have set me back,” said Francis. “With all of those injuries, it’s taken me a lot of time to get back to where I am now. But I have (gotten back) because I worked hard and never gave up.”

All that work has turned Francis into a standout for the Andover High gymnastics team, as one of their top competitors in every event this winter.

“Maddy is a very talented young athlete,” said Golden Warriors gymnastics coach Tracy West. “She brings leadership and dedication to the team. She’s one of our top athletes and competes in the all-around. And she continues to work hard to get better every day.”

Heading into the week, Francis has posted stellar scores in the vault (9.0), bars (8.8), beam (9.2) and floor exercise (8.75). But she is most proud of being named a captain as a junior.

“My favorite accomplishment in my gymnastics career is being a junior captain,” she said. “It’s an honor to know that my teammates chose me to lead them. I try and make everyone on the team feel comfortable and that they play a huge role on this team, whether they are competing or on the side cheering us on.”

Francis began gymnastics when she was just 3-years-old, after being enrolled in the sport by her mother. And while she quickly showed fitness, she has faced a few major obstacles.

“I broke my kneecap in fourth grade by landing my vault with a locked knee,” she said. “I had to do physical therapy and was out of gymnastics for a few months. In fifth grade I chipped my elbow and needed surgery to take the chip out. I don’t know exactly how I did this, but I believe it was from bars. I was out of gymnastic for a full year and also needed physical therapy.”

But she overcame those injuries — and fractured ankles in her freshman season — to become a standout for Andover High.

Despite standing 5-foot-7, Francis said



Andover’s Maddy Francis competes in the uneven bars. It is her favorite event.

Courtesy photo



Maddy Francis, right, posing with co-captain Maddie Quill, has been a breakout standout for Andover High gymnastics this winter.

her best event is the uneven bars.

“Bars have been my favorite event for many years,” she said. “When I was younger, one of my coaches predicted I was going to be ‘a bars girl.’ She always told me I looked graceful. Through the years, I’ve loved learning new skills and challenging myself. The taller I’ve gotten the more difficult it has become. I always have to be aware of the lower bar and be careful not to hit it.”

“My second favorite event is vault. It used to be my favorite event when I was younger, but over the years, many injuries have happened and I’m not as strong on vault. But even with these setbacks, I still enjoy vault and it is one of my strongest events.”

West said Francis has the ability to excel in every event.

“She is super clean in every event and a joy to watch,” said West. “She works so hard in every event and is a standout in the all-around. I’m so excited to see growth in her routines.”

Recent stellar performances for Francis include an impressive day against unbeaten



Andover’s Maddy Francis competes in the beam.

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Haverhill and a floor exercise victory against Methuen.

“When I’m competing, I think about one skill at a time,” she said. “On beam, I never think about the end of my routine, I think about what I am doing at that moment in time. If I overthink what I’m doing, I psych myself out. Then I’m all over the place the rest of my routine. If I think about the skill I’m scared of in my routine I don’t do the best I can.”

Francis now hopes to finish this season out with a bang, including the Merrimack

Valley Conference Championship, scheduled for Thursday.

“I’m very excited for how our season is going, and how much everyone enjoys being together,” she said. “I always look forward to the Andover High gymnastics season, it has a different vibe than my club gymnastics meets. For the rest of this season, my goal is to keep trying my hardest and to never give up.”

Contact David Willis at @DWillisET or DWillis@eagletribune.com.

Orbits, Bradshaw lead swimming to MVC Meet title

SWIMMING

Behind victories by Nikita Orbits in the 100 backstroke and Sean Bradshaw in the diving, Andover swam to a second-place finish as a team at the Merrimack Valley Conference Swim Meet last Thursday.

Chelmsford took the team title with 465 points. Andover was second (375).

Leading the Golden Warriors was Orbits. In addition to his 100 backstroke (57.49) title, he placed second in the 200 freestyle (1:52.39).

In the diving, Andover’s Bradshaw (226.90) and Zoah Silva-Landry (206.60) took the top two spots, while teammate Davis Blanch (138.35) was sixth. William Qian was second in the 100 butterfly and 200 IM.

WRESTLING

Robbins dominates

Luciano Robbins delivered a huge day, going 3-0 at 138 pounds as Andover beat Exeter (41-22), Goffstown (51-18) and Bow (48-31) in a quad-meet on Saturday. Kelvin Davila (152 pounds), Elias Maita (160), Pat Fragile (220) and Ethan Coyle (heavyweight) each also went undefeated on the day.

Sean Ellman (120 pounds), Noah Krueger (145) and Conor Sheehan (170) all scored wins as Andover beat Whittier 42-30 last Wednesday. Kelvin Davila (152), Elias Maita (160) and Pat Fragala (220) also earned wins for the Warriors.



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Andover’s William Qian swims the 100 butterfly at the Merrimack Valley Conference swim meet. He took third.

GIRLS TRACK

Parrott shines

Jodi Parrott took second in the 55 hurdles (8.4) and high jump (4-10) to lead Andover at the MVC Freshman-Sophomore Meet on Friday. Olivia Foster added a third in the 55 meter dash (7.7), Abby Buckley was fourth in the shot put (29-0.5) and Ashley Kendrigan was fourth in the 600 (1:47.5).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bramanti nets 28

Gia Bramanti erupted for 28 points

as Andover topped Billerica 60-48 on Friday. Shea Krekorian added 10 points for the winners.

BOYS SKIING

Denoncourt keeps rolling

Jason Denoncourt was second overall in 21.84 as Andover beat Austin Prep (105-30) last Thursday. Nick Galietti was next best for the Warriors, taking 14th in 22.71.

Jason Denoncourt continued to dominate, taking first overall in 24.24, but Andover lost to North Andover (100-35) and St. John’s

Prep (108-27) last Tuesday. Boys hockey

Arpin scores late

Evan Arpin scored a third-period goal to send Andover to a 3-2 victory over Billerica last Wednesday. Shane Lachance and Tommy Tavenner added the other two goals for the Golden Warriors. Alex Trotter earned the win in net.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocker stays hot

Kyle Rocker scored a game-high 24 points and Andover held off

Tewksbury 55-47 last Tuesday. Emmett Kim added 12 points for the winners.

Despite 25 points by Stephen Shaw, Andover lost on a buzzer-beater to Lawrence 69-67 on Friday. Kyle Rocker added 22 points and Emmett Kim scored nine points for the Warriors.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Andover bounced back

Emily Wagner, Katie Adams, Callie Wiley and Lauren Adams each scored a goal as Andover bounced back from its first loss to beat Acton-Boxboro 4-1 on Saturday.

Despite a goal by Emma Gilmarin, Andover suffered its first loss of the season, 5-1 to archrival Methuen/Tewksbury last Wednesday.

Girls skiing

Souter shines

Anna Souter placed second overall in 26.57, but Andover fell to North Andover (102-33) and Masconomet (100-35) last Monday.

Andover beat Haverhill (99-36) and Manchester Essex 83-55 last Wednesday. Anna Souter led the Warriors, finishing third overall (22.09).

GYMNASTICS

Warriors take two

Andover scored 132 points to beat Dracut (123.8) and North Andover (121.6) last Thursday.

ANDOVER HIGH SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

Girls Gymnastics
Andover at North Andover, 2 p.m.
Girls Ice Hockey
Andover at Westford Academy, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

Boys Basketball
Central Catholic at Andover, 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Andover at Central Catholic, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

Boys Ice Hockey
Andover at Central Catholic, 7:50 p.m.
Girls Ice Hockey
Andover at Haverhill, 4 p.m.

Wrestling

Andover at Central Catholic, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

Boys Ice Hockey
Andover at Weymouth, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

Boys Ice Hockey
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Boys Skiing
Andover at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

Girls Skiing

Andover at North Andover, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

Girls Basketball
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