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## Traffic issues continue with Dascomb Road project

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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The Dascomb Road project, which dominated headlines and town meeting discussion in recent years, has returned to the forefront as neighbors complain about additional traffic and the developer seeks to move forward.

On Jan. 8, the Planning

Board discussed the traffic impacts of the project.

The project, by Lupoli Companies, aims to redevelop the 16.2-acre site at 146 Dascomb Road to include 1,760 parking spaces, along with a 66,000-square-foot, 100-room hotel, another 80,000 square feet of retail space, 20,000 square feet of restaurants, a 30,000-square-foot

fitness center, a 35,000-square-foot grocery store, and 293,000-square-foot of professional office space.

The project proposes to demolish the existing, 190,000 square feet of buildings on the site, as well as the parking areas associated with them.

At a Special Town Meeting in January 2018, an

overwhelming majority of residents voted against an article that called for the rezoning of industrial land off Dascomb and River roads to allow for residential housing to be incorporated into the commercial and retail plan.

In a previous Andover Townsman article, Lupoli said he was excited to move forward with an

all-commercial project. The project, however, has caused debate and discussion surrounding the issue of traffic.

The intersection of Dascomb Road and I-93 already faces traffic and safety issues prior to the additional traffic that will be generated by the project.

A peer review of engineering company TEC's

traffic study done by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. said the project is expected to generate more than 3,000 new vehicle trips per day in the neighborhood and add more than 1,000 new parking spots.

"We know the project has created new traffic," said Rick Friberg, who represented the proponent's

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## Andover Fire Department holds swearing-in ceremony



Lts. Jeff Gaunt, Thomas Kennedy, John Gangi, Jameson Lockhart and Ian Timmons are sworn-in Monday.

Courtesy photos



Firefighters James Bancroft, Michael Uttley, Matthew Beirne are sworn in.



Assistant Town Clerk Dawne Warren swears in Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Murphy.

## Implementation of plastic bag ban underway

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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The implementation of the plastic bag ban voted on at May 2018 Town Meeting is underway, according to Director of Public Health Tom Carbone.

Carbone told the Andover Townsman in December the ban's implementation would face a delay due to the Sept. 13 gas disasters, which hindered the education and outreach component for restaurants. Technically speaking, he said, the bylaws have been in effect since Jan. 1, and the Board of Health has been working to get information out to restaurants since January.

At the Board of Selectman meeting Monday, Carbone said the Board of Health is taking its time implementing the ban to

ensure it is done correctly and that food establishments are able to continue successfully doing their work.

"Since September, the Board of Health has been very upfront with the fact they expect it will take some time," he said at the meeting.

Carbone previously told the Townsman he wished the education program could have started in September as initially planned, but the gas disasters and the ensuing recovery became a priority for the town.

In the past week, Carbone said documents outlining what the implementation includes and excludes has been uploaded to the town's website, and the board is communicating with food

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## Town manager appoints new library director

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Barbara McNamara has been appointed as the new director of Memorial Hall Library.

McNamara, the current assistant director for technical services and circulation, will assume the lead position following long-time Library Director Beth Mazin's retirement next month.

McNamara will make a salary of \$118,215.

Mazin will retire on March 31, and McNamara will assume her responsibilities the following day. McNamara said the two will spend the month of March working through the transition.

"As current assistant director, I am familiar with both ongoing and

upcoming projects and initiatives both the library staff and board of trustees are pursuing, and I'm certain this will provide for a smooth transition," she said.

Working in the library for almost 25 years, McNamara said she looks forward to continuing her work in her new role as director. She hopes to continue the tradition of providing library service to both the community and the patrons of the library.

She commended those who work alongside her, and said she is fortunate to serve with a talented group of individuals who contribute each day to the success of the library.

"With the Historic Mill District down the hill from the library and Main Street

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## Promotions and new hires

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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A new deputy fire chief, five lieutenants, and three new firefighters were officially sworn into the Andover Fire Department Monday night.

The ceremony was held in Memorial Hall at the library. Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said about 150 family members, friends, and colleagues

were in attendance.

"The new firefighters have been on the department for a good period of time now and they have all turned out to be extremely good hires," Mansfield told the Townsman Tuesday.

Intended to be held a few months back, Mansfield said the swearing-in ceremony was delayed by the gas disasters.

## Boston University professor to speak about climate change

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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Boston University Professor Dr. Anthony Janetos will speak about the scientific evidence for climate change and its impacts at Memorial Hall Library on Wednesday, March 6.

Janetos, an environmental science professor at Boston University for the past six years, told the Andover Townsman climate



Boston University Professor Dr. Anthony Janetos

*"One of the challenges in discussing this issue is how politicized it has become, there's no reason for it to be a partisan issue, but it has evolved that way. I look at this as I'm not out to change anyone's mind but I'm just out to tell you the truth."*

Boston University Professor Dr. Anthony Janetos

change is something people need to take action on now. "There is some damage we are not going to be able to avoid and we need to start investing and adapting to the things that we can't change," he said. "We should be reducing the risks because the long-term risks, and science is very clear now, are quite severe and if we don't do something about it, it will get worse." Janetos has been working

on climate change issues since the late '80s, when he held a position at the Environmental Protection Agency working in the acid rain program. He said it was during that time when climate change was beginning to be recognized nationally and internationally as "the next big environmental issue."

Janetos said a large portion of his career has involved managing and overseeing interdisciplinary

science and research, particularly in issues of global and environmental change. He now shares his research and knowledge with people at his informational talks, as well as in the classroom.

"One of the challenges in discussing this issue is how politicized it has become," he said. "There's no reason for it to be a partisan issue, but it has evolved that way. I look at this as I'm not out to change anyone's mind but I'm just

out to tell you the truth."

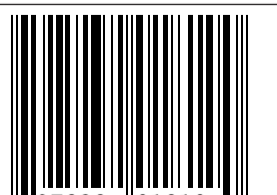
At his talk in Andover, Janetos said he hopes to inform people of what is currently known about how climate change impacts the country, noting that a lot of that information will draw from the most recent U.S. National Climate Change Assessment, which was published in November 2018.

He also plans to talk about how different parts of the

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# Police confiscating weapons under 'red flag' law

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Police seized weapons and ammunition last year belonging to six people deemed to be a threat to themselves or others under the state's new "red flag" law, according to newly released data.

The law, passed in the wake of school shootings and signed by Gov. Charlie Baker in July, allows police, friends or relatives of a legal gun owner to seek a so-called "extreme risk protection order" if they believe that person poses a risk to themselves or others. The order gives police authority to temporarily confiscate that person's firearms.

Data released by the state's Trial Court shows the law, which went into effect in mid-August, has been used to confiscate firearms belonging to at least six people.

Most were white men but other details — such as

names, addresses, the type and amount of weapons and ammunition seized, and the circumstances — were not disclosed. Cases were handled by local courts in Milford, Hingham, Quincy, Holyoke, Ayer and Brockton.

Supporters of the red-flag law say the data show people are taking advantage of it.

"This law gives family members and friends a more direct way to protect loved ones who are at risk or hurting themselves or others," said Cindy Rowe, co-founder of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. "It is something that was missing from our gun laws and makes the state a safer place."

Gun rights advocates say the law lacks due process and threatens Second Amendment rights.

"This is a gun confiscation law, period," said Jim Wallace, executive director of the Gun Owners' Action League, the Massachusetts

### 'RED FLAG' LAW

Massachusetts' red flag law, which went into effect last August, allows family members or friends of a gun owner, as well as police, to ask a judge for an "extreme risk protection order" calling for the seizure of the individual's firearms for 12 months. Someone asking for such an order must prove the individual has exhibited dangerous or unstable behavior. The gun owner has a right to a hearing and an appeal. More information about the process is available on the state's website at [www.mass.gov/how-to/request-an-extreme-risk-protection-order](http://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-an-extreme-risk-protection-order)

affiliate of the National Rifle Association. "It allows police to drag someone into court, take away their legally purchased firearms and let them go without access to mental health services. How is that going to help anyone?"

Wallace pointed out that many requests for extreme risk protection orders were emergency orders, meaning police likely confiscated the weapons before the owner appeared before a judge.

"This is one of the things we were concerned about,"

he said. "They're taking people's firearms away before they get a chance to have their day in court."

The law was passed in the wake of the Valentine's Day 2018 shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and while opponents warned it infringes on gun rights, supporters said it's needed to safeguard lives.

The measure lets a relative or someone else with close ties to a legal gun owner petition a court for a 12-month extreme risk

protection order if the individual was exhibiting dangerous or unstable behavior.

Like domestic violence protection orders, petitioners under the "red flag" law must present evidence that someone intends to harm themselves or others. Individuals subject to an order can appeal the decision. The law also includes penalties of \$2,500 to \$5,000, and up to 2 1/2 years in jail, for seeking an order based on false information or in order to harass a gun owner.

The Trial Court's data show that none of the requests filed to date have been determined to be fraudulent.

Police chiefs have discretion to revoke gun licenses, but gun control advocates say this law is important because it gives family members and friends a more direct route to seek help for someone.

Regulations vary widely but at least a dozen states and Washington D.C. have

red-flag laws, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Legislatures in at least 20 states including New Hampshire are considering similar laws, according to the Giffords Law Center To Prevent Gun Violence.

Gun control advocates in Massachusetts are planning a public outreach initiative in coming months to let people know about the law and how they can use it.

"As awareness of this law continues to spread, we expect more people will come to understand its purpose and use it," said John Rosenthal, executive director of the group Stop Handgun Violence. "But the fact that people are already using it is a great sign. It means that lives have potentially been saved."

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## Candidates' debate at Safety Center on March 5

The Andover Townsman and Andover Service Club are co-hosting a candidates' forum on March 5 at the Andover Safety Center, 32 N. Main St., at 7 p.m.

Interested voters will have the opportunity to hear the candidates answer questions live. The questions have not been furnished to the candidates ahead of time.

The forum, to be moderated by Brad Heim of the Service Club, will start with a debate between moderator candidates Sheila Doherty, the incumbent, and second-time challenger Keith Saxon.

They will be allowed to make opening statements, after which they will answer questions from Heim and, at the end, make closing statements. Time-permitting, questions will be allowed from the audience at the very end of the forum for all candidates.

The second part of the debate will be a forum for candidates for the School Committee, following the same format.

There are four candidates for two, three-year terms, including: Shannon Scully and Paul Murphy, both incumbents, and challengers Joseph Grieve and Shishan Wang.

Finally, also in the same format, candidates for the Board of Selectmen will debate. There are four candidates for two, three-year terms, including: Alexander Vispoli, incumbent, Alexander Bromberg, Roland Kim and Daniel Koh.

Those candidates running unopposed will also be able to make statements, including: Trustee of the Punchard Free School Steven Pekock; and Housing Authority candidate John O'Donohue.

## Winter fun



The Granger family, from left to right, Wil, 17, Annie, 15, and Cooper, 13, all of Andover, sled down the hill next to Andover High School last Thursday during school vacation week. More snow is forecast for this week.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

## BAGS

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establishments through email and in-person visits to further discuss it. A drop-in style information meeting is scheduled to be held on March 12. The location is still to be determined.

Carbone laid out the facts of the ban in front of selectman Monday, and noted some challenges that may arise regarding plastic utensils and cutlery, because the town of

Andover does not recycle those items, though they are recyclable.

"It's a challenge with the changing landscape of recycling," he said.

The thin-film plastic bag bylaw does not affect clothing boutiques, and there is no tax on paper bags, Carbone said. Stores may charge an extra fee for the bags, but no money goes to the town. Thin-film bags may be used for produce items and bulk self-service items.

In regards to the

polystyrene component of the ban, Carbone said foam trays can be used for meat products in markets, as they come packaged that way already.

Plastic straws are not allowed under the bylaw, but Carbone noted a few alternatives such as paper, compostable, and biodegradable straws.

The Board of Health has the ability to issue waivers to food establishments of up to six months. The board can issue them based on what the needs of the

establishments are, and how long they will need to be waived for.

Chairman Alex Vispoli said the biggest thing to note is communication with businesses in town and ensuring it is ongoing throughout the process.

About 170 food establishments will be affected by the ban, which Carbone previously told the Townsman will be in effect even in temporary food places, such as food trucks, that come into town and operate for a day or two.

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outside our front door, we are uniquely positioned to remain the heart of the community and the services

we provide will continue to sustain the population from the very youngest to the very oldest," she said.

McNamara was appointed by Town Manager Andrew Flanagan following a competitive hiring process.

"Barbara was exceptional at every step of the hiring process," said Flanagan. "Her experience at Memorial Hall Library combined with her deep understanding of library services will ensure that our library

will continue to thrive with Barbara at the helm. I look forward to working with Barbara as the library updates its strategic plan and charts its course for both the short and long term."

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civil engineering firm TEC and gave the traffic presentation in front of the Planning Board on Jan. 8. "We are here today to talk about the traffic burden of this project and how it can be accommodated by

proposing mitigation for it."

The 1,100-page traffic study by TEC presented to the board studied nine intersections in the area of the project and suggested ways to mitigate their traffic. The study showed the intersection of Dascomb and Frontage Roads to be an intersection where a significant amount of

severe crashes occur. The peer review stated an average of more than 14 crashes per year at the intersection.

Dascomb Road resident Dolores Cleland said she feels "totally powerless" when it comes to voicing her concerns over the project, which remind her of the previous issues that arose

over the Elm Street blasting project last year. She said there is no consideration to traffic.

"At night these trailer trucks, these 18 wheelers or whatever they are, are rolling through and I can sometimes feel them in my house," she said.

Her Andover home dates back to 1797.

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**An elderly man avoided serious injury after crashing into a guard rail and wall in the Andover Memorial Hall Library parking lot Thursday night. The vehicle broke through and damaged the guard rail and wall that prevented the vehicle from dropping 20 feet to a parking lot below.**

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos



**Andover Fire Lt. Tom Kennedy inspects the damaged vehicle before it is taken away by Elm Street Towing.**



**Andover firefighter inspects the damage to the wall and guard rail after the vehicle is removed by Elm Street Towing.**

## Police: Driver crashes car after stepping on accelerator instead of brakes

By PAUL TENNANT  
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ANDOVER — A driver who stepped on the accelerator instead of the brakes crashed his car in the parking lot of Memorial Hall Library Thursday night, police said.

The driver was not injured but the right front wheel of his vehicle was hanging over a retaining wall, according to police. The heavily damaged car was towed.

The retaining wall was also damaged as were several other vehicles. The accident, which happened between Essex and Pearson streets, was reported at 5:45 p.m.



**From left, Andover Fire Lt. Tom Kennedy, an unidentified man from Elm Street Towing and Andover police officer inspect damage to the wall and guard rail after the vehicle is removed.**

# High winds bring down trees across Andover, elsewhere

STAFF REPORT

Blistering winds swept southern New England on Monday, causing power outages and toppling large trees throughout Andover and the rest of the Merrimack Valley.

A large tree fell on a house at 294 Salem St., Andover. No injuries were reported but the tree damaged the roof and a ceiling, police said.

Reservation Road was partially obstructed by a tree that fell at 4:40 p.m.

And a third tree fell onto Salem Street near Route 125 and was hit by a car. The vehicle was towed but the driver was not injured.

Sustained winds of 25 to 35 mph and gusts of up to 65 mph were expected to continue across the region through Monday night, according to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. For comparison, a Category 1 hurricane has sustained winds of 74 to 95 mph.

The National Weather Service issued a high wind warning for the area until 7 p.m. Monday. According to the weather service, Lawrence saw a top wind gust of 56 mph shortly after noon, while Haverhill saw a top wind speed of 55 mph about 11 a.m.

As of 4 p.m., 428 National Grid customers were without power in North Andover and another 254 were experiencing outages in Andover. Downed branches and fallen trees and wires were reported across the state by Monday afternoon, including one in Haverhill.



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo

**A car goes around a fallen tree Monday evening on Reservation Road in Andover.**

“(I will) look up and say ‘Oh, is the car in the right place?’” she said. “This wind is disgusting.”

A deepening low pressure area over the Canadian Maritimes brought about Monday’s high-speed winds, according to Alan Dunham, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The weather station on Mount Washington, which has among the highest recorded wind speeds in the world, reported a wind speed of 152 mph at 6:55 p.m. with a gust of 168 mph. The winds battering the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire were expected to “slowly diminish” after 7 p.m., Dunham said.

North Andover had a few tree limbs down and power outages on Great Pond Road and Bradford Street, according to Lt. E.J. Foulds, spokesman for the North Andover Police Department.

National Grid crews reduced

the number of outages in Andover to 267 by 6:30 p.m., according to Kathie Cornelius, spokeswoman for the utility. Haverhill had fewer than 20 outages, North Andover had fewer than 10 and Lawrence had fewer than five customers without power by that time, Cornelius said.

Methuen had an estimated 10 customers without electricity by 6:30 p.m., she said.

“While we have restored power in some areas, new outages continue to occur as the wind persists,” said Alec O’Meara, media relations manager for Unitol, which serves customers in Southern New Hampshire. “This back-and-forth will continue throughout the day and into the evening, as hazard conditions are likely for several more hours. Unitol was prepared for the possibility of a long duration event and crews will continue to work until all customers are restored.”

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# Pill theft prompts calls for more state oversight

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — The theft of more than 18,000 pills, mostly opioids, from Beverly Hospital is spurring calls on Beacon Hill for more state oversight of heavily addictive drugs that are diverted to the street from hospitals, nursing homes and pharmacies.

Lisa Tillman, 50, of Salem, is facing larceny charges for allegedly stealing the drugs -- including Percocet, Vicodin and OxyContin -- from automated dispensing machines at Beverly Hospital, Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester and other locations. Tillman worked overnight as a pharmacy technician, and police say she altered computer records to mark the drugs as outdated.

The theft is the largest of its kind in more than a decade in Massachusetts. A report last week by The Salem News highlighted the lack of state or federal databases for tracking how many prescription drugs are diverted from medical facilities to the street.

Sen. Joan Lovely, D-Salem, called the incident “deeply disturbing” and said it should prompt state health officials to partner with medical institutions “to ensure that these problems do not recur.”

Rep. Paul Tucker, D-Salem, said he was “shocked” to learn about size and scope of the alleged pill theft, and agrees that more oversight is needed to ensure prescription opioids don’t end up on the street.

“That story really caught everyone’s attention, especially when they saw the magnitude of the problem,” he said. “It’s certainly something that needs to be looked at carefully.”

Tucker said it’s not clear yet whether improving tracking of pill thefts will require a legislative fix or if the Department of Public Health should be required to update its policies to keep a better handle on the problem.

“What is clear is that we need to do something about it,” he said. “This incident raised a lot of concerns.”

Dozens of bills aimed at addressing the opioid addiction have been filed for the legislative session

that got underway last month, but so far none deal with the tracking of drug diversion.

Rep. Brad Hill, R-Ipswich, said members of the House GOP minority have been meeting with Baker administration officials to find out what’s being done and whether a legislative response is needed.

“We’ve been having discussions about what’s available to us to rectify this problem,” Hill said. “We’re hoping to get something into the budget, possibly some kind of a pilot project to follow stolen pills.”

Several hospitals contacted for this story didn’t respond to requests for comment.

Michael Sroczynski, senior vice president for government advocacy at the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, said healthcare providers in the state “are doing everything in their power to limit illicit access to opioids while ensuring patients have access to the services they need.”

“Massachusetts hospitals are deeply committed to the effort of defeating the opioid epidemic that has wreaked havoc on our communities and our country,” he said in a statement. “There are many facets to hospitals’ contributions in this fight, ranging from changes to opioid prescribing and substance use disorder treatment practices, to efforts to combat drug theft and diversion.”

Massachusetts is grappling with a deadly wave of opioid addiction that claimed nearly 2,000 lives last year from overdose. Experts say many opioid addicts started with pain pills.

In 2016, Gov. Charlie Baker signed legislation limiting initial opioid prescriptions to a seven-day supply, creating a new program to dispose of unneeded prescription drugs and requiring physicians and other prescribers to check the state’s prescription monitoring program before prescribing drugs that have relatively high potential for abuse.

Data released by state last week shows number of fatal overdoses involving prescription drugs in Massachusetts has fallen, however, relative to the number blamed the synthetic opioid fentanyl.

Opioid prescriptions have declined 28 percent in the past three years, according to the data.

Some states, including Massachusetts and New Hampshire, have sued drug companies for aggressive marketing and sales practices that have flooded the market with heavily addictive drugs.

# Columbia Gas records \$1B in losses

By ZOE MATHEWS  
Staff writer

The Merrimack Valley gas disaster has cost Columbia Gas more than \$1 billion, according to a financial report filed the company’s parent company.

In a 2018 financial report filed this week, NiSource, parent company of Columbia Gas, reported a loss of \$757 million for third-party claims including property damage, and \$266 million in losses for other incident-related expenses.

The company wrote in the filing that it expects the financial losses to increase.

On Sept. 13, an over-pressurized natural gas line caused explosions and fires in homes and other buildings across Lawrence, Andover and North Andover, displacing thousands of residents and killing 18-year-old Leonel Rondon.

Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera, who had called for the dissolution of the company in the wake of the disaster, called the losses simply the “cost of doing business.”

“The loss of \$1 billion from Columbia Gas is nothing

compared to the loss of life and property that the three communities in Greater Lawrence have lost,” he said. “Someone retired with full benefits, and no one has been fired or disciplined for what happened that day. If all they lose is money, why would they change anything? They can just chalk it up as the cost of doing business.”

Earlier this month, President of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts Steve Bryant announced he would retire in May — after pledging his commitment to the recovery in a congressional hearing in Lawrence where he said he had no plans to resign.

The amount of financial losses to the company does not include the estimated cost of pipeline replacement. The company spent \$167 million replacing pipelines in the area in 2018, and estimates it will cost between \$220 million and \$230 million to complete the task, according to company officials.

The losses recorded in the filing also do not include the costs of settlements from lawsuits of the Rondon family or



AMANDA SABGA/Staff file photo

Hundreds of people wait in line, and more inside, at a Columbia Gas claims center last September in the Lawrence High School Learning Center following the gas disaster. Columbia Gas said in a report this week its losses from the Merrimack Valley gas disaster have exceeded \$1 billion.

class-action settlements.

The disaster remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board. Expenses from the incident have exceeded the insurance coverage for the company, according to the report.

“Total expenses related to the incident have exceeded the total amount of liability insurance coverage available under

our policies,” the company wrote in the financial report, noting the company may be unable to obtain insurance on acceptable terms.

“We expect the premiums we pay for our insurance coverage to significantly increase as a result of the Greater Lawrence Incident and market conditions,” according to the report.

# Columbia Gas parent won’t rule out rate hikes

By ZOE MATHEWS  
Staff writer

Columbia Gas has not ruled out raising customer rates as a way to recover some of the \$1 billion costs incurred by the Merrimack Valley gas disaster last year, company officials said recently.

After the Sept. 13 over-pressurization of natural gas pipelines owned and operated by Columbia Gas caused explosions, fires, one fatality and widespread displacement, the company recorded more than \$1 billion in costs for repairing affected pipeline and claims paid to the thousands of people affected in a 2018 financial report filed last week.

NiSource Inc., Columbia’s parent company, said it expects the costs to grow, and has not ruled out future rate hikes to recoup some of those costs related to the pipeline replacement project, according to spokesperson Ken Stammen.

The company sustained expenses of \$757 million for third-party claims including property damage, and \$266 million for other incident-related expenses.

Columbia Gas replaced nearly 45 miles of affected pipeline. According to the financial filing, the company spent \$167 million to do so already, and expects to spend between \$220 million and \$230 million to complete related infrastructure work.

Stammen said the company is focused on completing restoration efforts and settling claims right now, but might look to raise rates to recover some of the costs specifically for that capital project.

“We’d anticipate at some point in the future, for that piece of it, just the capital piece, there could be a regulatory filing of some kind,” he said. “Even a decision about regulatory proceedings would be much later this year and perhaps not even until 2020.”

Utility companies in Massachusetts are regulated by the Department of Public Utilities, which oversees standards and sets rates through regulatory filings.

“We’re still focused on recovery in the communities, and still focused on, after we get through the winter heating season, the process to

complete appliance replacement,” Stammen continued. “We have not lost sight of that at all.”

Local, state, and federal officials have said repeatedly they would fight attempts by the company to raise rates and put the cost of recovery from the tragedy on customers.

Any attempt to increase rates would have to be approved by the DPU.

“The Baker-Polito administration expects Columbia Gas to completely fulfill its obligation to the residents and businesses affected by the tragedy in Merrimack Valley, and opposes Columbia Gas passing any costs on to ratepayers associated with any wrongdoing of the company related to the gas explosions in Merrimack Valley,” said DPU spokesperson Katie Gronendyke.

According to DPU records, Columbia Gas last filed for a rate increase on April 13, 2018, five months before the gas disaster. On Sept. 19, it filed a motion to withdraw its petition for a change.

It has not filed for another rate increase with the DPU since.

The company is insured for up to \$800 million in casualty insurance, and \$300 million in property insurance. The company noted in its financial filing that expenses related to the Sept. 13 incident have exceeded the total amount of coverage available to it.

Stammen said Columbia has just started filing claims with its insurance in December, and expects insurance to “cover most of those costs,” but acknowledged there will be a gap.

As of last week, Stammen said the company has paid out about 75 percent of its “expected expenses” for third-party claims from affected residents.

“While we expect additional expenses beyond what we’ve already paid, we believe the majority of these expenses are behind us,” he said.

But in the filing, the company said the Greater Lawrence incident “has had and may have an additional material adverse impact on our financial condition.”

“There is an impact there as well for shareholders, I want to make that clear,” said Stammen.

# Locals tell Trahan change needed in opioid fight

By ZOE MATHEWS  
Staff writer

METHUEN — Although fatal opioid overdoses are down across the state, public safety and medical leaders in the Merrimack Valley told U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan the tide will only turn on the opioid epidemic with sweeping systemic change.

Trahan, D-Westford, on Thursday gathered more than a dozen people who are in the trenches of the opioid epidemic — from public safety officials to medical professionals to parents who have lost loved ones to the disease — in a roundtable discussion in Methuen. Trahan is a member of the bipartisan Freshman Working Group on Addiction in the House.

Fatal overdoses are down

because the rescue drug Narcan works, but it doesn’t solve the addiction problem, said Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan.

The group’s message to Trahan was that more money is still needed for resources like beds and treatment, but there also has to be systemic change by way of health care reform and social change.

Phil Lahey, a local recovery activist, was skeptical of the progress.

“I’m nowhere near as optimistic as anyone here. This is the 100th time I’ve sat around a table. Maybe the first 30 times I’d leave, I felt optimistic, but once everybody leaves, it’s business as usual,” he said. “I don’t give up, I still keep coming, but ... those of us who are pretty much doing it full-time, I wish we would get

the opportunity to be more involved.”

Trahan’s response: Challenge accepted.

“There’s my performance metric,” she said.

There has been a shift in the past years to identify opioid addiction as a mental health issue, as well as a public health issue, rather than something that can solely be fixed through the criminal justice system.

“We can’t arrest our way out of this problem,” said Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque.

Local departments work to get the drugs off the street, but they’ve also taken on a larger role in directing users to resources and services.

“The best thing we can do is work on street enforcement, and treatment and prevention, but stopping the flow (of

drugs into the country) is definitely at the federal level,” said Methuen Police Chief Joseph Solomon.

Solomon said from a local perspective, any influx of money would be more effective if each municipality could determine how best to use it for its own community.

After the roundtable, Trahan said she would go back to Washington better informed to start a dialogue about changing the system.

“It sounds like there’s a workforce shortage, I’ve heard we don’t meet people where they are,” she said. “The system is not designed to proactively engage and help people, I think the funding model needs to change so that we’re not talking about arbitrary day cycles around treatment, I’ve often heard these are individualized care programs.”

Trahan said there is a major gap in services, often filled in by the families who have lost a loved one and “taken it upon themselves to go on a personal campaign for prevention education awareness, or built houses to help other families recover and get the treatment they need.”

And for those family members, like Louise Griffin — whose son Zachary Gys died from an overdose — adequate health care has been a perpetual challenge.

“When the Affordable Care Act passed, it said we were going to have equal access to treatment. We don’t. It’s insulting. It’s despicable how we treat people in this country that suffer from mental health issues,” she said, noting she believed addiction goes hand-in-hand with mental health.

“We put them in these places, ask them to recover, and we wouldn’t put our dogs in these places,” she said. “If we want to solve this crisis, we have to bring health care parity.”

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**Arline Noonan, 98 Years**

February 1, 1921 - February 18, 2019  
Beloved Mother and Grandmother

ANDOVER — On February 18, 2019, Arline Noonan, a longtime Andover, MA resident passed away after a brief illness and after a life very well lived. Arline was born on February 1, 1921 in Pittsfield, MA. After a tumultuous childhood, she moved to Lawrence, MA where she met the love of her life, and her husband of nearly 69 years, Robert T Noonan, Sr., who passed away on February 11, 2009. They were a wonderful couple who, with Arline's steady guidance, were very family oriented. Their primary gift to their children was their time spent together as a family.



Arline Noonan

Each of her children have said that if they can be even half as good at parenting as Arline and Bob, then their lives and marriages would also be a success.

Arline is survived by her 6 children, Nancy Choquette, Richard Noonan, Robert Noonan, Jr., Michael Noonan, Kathy Kendall, and Dan Noonan. Additionally, she had 23 grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren who will all miss the hugs, laughter, and smiles from their "Grammy."

Arline loved her immediate and extended family. She enjoyed spending time with family playing board games, cards, dancing, picnicking and swimming at ponds, lakes and at Salisbury Beach. This was often done with extended family and friends. She was primarily a stay at home Mom who taught her daughters and sons how to clean house, sew, and cook so they could all be better spouses and parents. She

also often saved her money to make sure that prom dresses and sport coats were available for the children, even though she then needed to wear her "old" clothes.

Arline also had a later successful career outside the home. She worked at Western Electric where she soldered and assembled phone components.

Arline had a great smile, contagious laugh, sharp sense of humor, and loved life. Even at 98, the first thing she would say when her children visited was "When are we going to the casino?". She lived vivaciously right up to the end, and will be sorely missed, however she left us all with wonderful, loving and happy memories.

Rest in Peace Mom!  
Services For Arline Noonan will be held at a later date in the Spring or Summer and notification will be reposted. For additional information, please visit, [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

**Marjorie A. Newton, 81**

METHUEN, MA — Marjorie A. (Stewart) Newton, 81, of Methuen, MA and Rye Beach, NH passed away Tuesday, February 19th at Salem Haven. Marjorie grew up in Andover, the daughter of the late Gertrude (Smith) and William Stewart. She graduated from Pynchard High School, Class of 1955 and she received her Bachelor's Degree



from Sargent College (Boston University) in Boston, MA. She was a physical therapist with Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center later working at Prescott House in North Andover. Marjorie was past President of the Merrimack Valley Twins Club and she developed some of her best friendships there. She was an active member of West Parish Church in Andover, MA where she was past President of the Women's Evening Circle and Chairman of the craft fair for 18 years. Marjorie was a talented seamstress and had her own business, Toddler Fashions, sewing girls' dresses with matching teddy bears. She participated in the Strawberry Festival craft fair in South Berwick, ME for 37 years, among many others around New England. She enjoyed spending her summers at the beach in Rye with family and friends.

She will be sadly missed by her beloved husband of 58 years, Wayne Newton of Methuen, MA; her children, Peter Newton and wife Gail of Newburyport, MA, twin sons Paul Newton and wife Johanna Brooks of Newton, MA and Mark Newton and wife Kim of Wellesley, MA, Allison Leveille and husband Greg of Methuen, MA and Reed Newton and wife Deb of Wayland, MA; her brother, Bruce Stewart and wife Maureen of Delray Beach, FL; her 11 grandchildren, Matthew, Spencer, Christopher, Melissa, Jocelyn, Emma, Sophie, Caitlin, Jake, Cole and Liam and many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Visitation will be on Wednesday, February 27th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM followed by a service at 11:00 AM at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, MA. Burial will follow in West Parish Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Marjorie's name may be made to: Salemhaven Resident Council Fund, 23 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH 03079.

Arrangements are under the care of Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St, Salem, NH 03079. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at [www.douglasandjohnson.com](http://www.douglasandjohnson.com)

**Ms. Agnes M. Miceli, 76**

August 14, 1942 - February 8, 2019

ANDOVER — Ms. Agnes M. Miceli, a resident of Andover since 1976, passed away at the Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence. She was 76 years old.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, on August 14, 1942, she was the beloved daughter of the late George A. and Nancy P. (Palmeri) Miceli. She was the devoted sister of the late Thomas M. Miceli of Andover.

Ms. Miceli worked as a bookkeeper for many years for Philips Academy in Andover. Agnes was a communicant

and devoted member of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Visitation will be held in the church, prior to the Mass, from 9 to 10 a.m. Interment will be held in Mt. Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover. For additional information, please visit [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).



Courtesy photos

Some of the cast members of the South Church production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

**Spelling longevity at South Church show**

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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How do you spell longevity? That's the word that best describes the mood around South Church on Central Street as the church's theater group is about to stage their 26th annual production.

South Church Players will perform The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on March 8-10 continuing an annual musical performance at the church, which is a tradition that started in the 1980s.

In the show, the teenagers spell their way through the Bee, sharing snippets of their life stories. Quirky though some spellers appear, audience members are drawn into the back-stories that drive them to compete.

An unusual aspect of the show is that four real audience members are invited on stage to compete in the spelling bee alongside the six young characters.

"I'm very pleased that one of the cast members recommended this show, which was new to me," said Director Linda Zimmerman of Andover.

She noted the church's annual musical builds community within the church

**IF YOU GO**

**WHAT:** "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"  
**WHO:** South Church Players  
**WHERE:** South Church, 41 Central St., Andover  
**WHEN:** Friday, March 8, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 5:30 p.m. (pizza sold at intermission to support annual South Church High School Mission Trip to Keezletown, VA) Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m.  
**TICKETS:** In advance: \$12 / \$48 for a family of four or more. At the door: \$15 / \$60 for a family of four or more. Tickets are available at the South Church office, 41 Central St, Andover. Proceeds from ticket sales to benefit Andover ABC, an organization that helps young women of color prepare for college with a strong high school experience. Go to [southchurch.com](http://southchurch.com) for more information.

and serves as a gift to the larger community.

In keeping with the theme of student life, proceeds from this year's production will benefit Andover ABC, an organization working to give motivated inner-city students an opportunity to live and attend school in Andover. Andover ABC seeks to carry out their mission to "increase substantially the number of well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society," through the facilities of Andover High School and the support of the Andover community.

"We at ABC are extremely grateful for your generosity," said Gaby Nossiff of Andover, the president of Andover ABC.

Lead characters in this year's cast include Andover residents Steve Longo (as Vice Principal), Bob Waters (as Mitch, the Comfort Counselor), Jack Pittz (as Barfee), and Anna Bacchi (as Marcy); North Andover residents are Nick Bohrer (as Chip), Anna McGrath (as Schwartz) and Caroline Pace (as Olive); and Lawrence resident Elizabeth Baldwin (as Rona Lisa).

"No matter how many people try out and no matter what their musical or acting experience, everyone is given a part," Zimmerman said. "We welcome everyone into this theater community. And many participate year after year."

One of the long-time Players is Franny Eisenman of North Andover who played the wicked witch in the 2017

production of The Wizard of Oz.

"On the surface, this show seems like a humorous spelling competition, but it points out some of the pressures our kids face in today's world," said Eisenman, a social worker.

Actor Steve Longo of Andover, who has played bass guitar for at least 20 of the church's shows, is thrilled have an opportunity to act in his first-ever lead role with the South Church Players.

And, Bob Waters, also of Andover, is thrilled in his role comforting those who misspell words.

"A couple of years ago, my son Bruce persuaded me to act in one show with him, and now I look forward to being part of every production," Waters said.

**Nguyen appointed to several committees**

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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State Rep. Tram Nguyen has been appointed to the Joint Committees on Housing; Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery; and Municipalities and Regional Government; as well as the House Committee on Personnel and

Administration, according to a press release.

"I'm very much excited to put in the work to move the 18th Essex District and the state of Massachusetts forward," she said in the statement. "I am extremely proud to be a part of these committees, and I am eager to enact positive changes to the community."

For Nguyen, the opioid crisis is a top priority and she is glad to be appointed to the Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery Committee to work on the issue and see what can be done to deal with the crisis.

She is also excited to work with local government, adding that she saw the importance of collaboration

during the Sept. 13 gas disaster and subsequent recovery process.

"We need to work together on planning, zoning, and other issues specific to towns," she said.

Nguyen also recently announced she filed 21 bills for the 191st General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ON CAMPUS

The following Andover students have been named to the Bryant University fall 2018 Deans' List: Payton Heidtke, Stephen Katsikis, Richard Minasian, and Maddison Tassinari.

The following local residents made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2018 Fall Semester: Crispin Wendell, Leon Parfenov, Conrad Kuin, Aaron Edelman, Jon Kim and Alli Wright.

The following student was named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2018 semester: Jordyn Fenton.

Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall students took to the stage Feb. 7, 8 and 9 in their production of Joseph and the Amazing

Technicolor Dreamcoat. Daniela Friedman of Andover was a member of the cast.

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester. Andover students earning dean's list honors are: Camille Andersen, Griffin Andersen, Samuel Bird, John Fraser, Courtney Grygiel, Katherine Hall, Ananda Kao, Emai Lai, James Lai, Erin Logee, Allison MacKenzie, Akash Maney, Max McCarthy, Allison Morgenstern, Owen Morrissey, Sitara Rao, William Raphael, Alexandra Scott, Gavin Smith, Francis Straceski, Charley Sun, Eliot Zaeder.

The following Andover students made the Dean's List at the Georgia Institute of Technology for Fall 2018: Shishir Bhat, Alexandra Crowley, Brian Duffy.

The following student was named to the Dean's List at Ohio State University for the Fall 2018 semester: Katarina Hodge.

Kevin J. LaBrie of Andover has been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2018 semester.

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science is pleased to announce the Andover students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester: Michele Cung, Hannah Donovan, Gabriel Levine, Ashley Li, Aislinn Mulligan, Lauren Zeno.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY  
JESSICA VALERIANI

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

At about 12:15 a.m., five teenagers were seen getting into a vehicle after reportedly leaving a restaurant on Brook Street without paying a \$94 bill.

A small bag of white powder was picked up by security and removed from a building on Federal Street at 9:23 a.m. An evaluation was requested for the two patients that came in contact with the powder.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

Andrew L. Pratte, 24, homeless, of Nashua, N.H., was

arrested on a warrant on North Main Street at 1:38 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

Angela Maria Lora, 20, of 262 Adams St., Apt. #264, Lowell, was arrested on River Road at 10:53 p.m. for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and allowing a motor vehicle to be uninsured and uninspected.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

Brian M. Casey, 47, of 50 Pine Hill Road, Chelmsford, was arrested on Prospect Road at 12:28 a.m. for a third offense of operating under

the influence of liquor, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license for an OUI, leaving the scene of property damage, and violating probation.

Qurtimiya S. Bonds, 41, of 12 Dexter St., Derry, N.H., was arrested on North Main Street at 3 p.m. for refusing to identify herself, speeding in violation with special regulation, not having a license in possession, not having a registration in possession, giving a false named during booking, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jared Enrique Gil, 25, of 57 Boston Post Road, Amherst, N.H., was arrested on River Road at 3:37 p.m. for

operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Francis H. McCabe, 44, of 33 Davis St., North Andover, was arrested on North Street at 11:03 p.m. for operating under the influence of liquor.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

A car was reportedly broken into on Haggetts Pond Road.

A male reportedly tried to fight an elderly man outside of church on Chandler Road at 11:23 a.m. following a road rage incident.

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# Be cautious when seeking advice about your pension benefits

## Financially Speaking

John Spoto



In my last article, I began presenting potential conflicts of interest to be aware of when seeking advice about whether to take a monthly annuity or lump distribution of their pension. Employers want to reduce investment and longevity risk. Investment risk. The employer is responsible to payout the promised benefit regardless of economic conditions, investment performance or how long the retiree lives. Longevity risk. It's great to live a long healthy life, but it's also more expensive because you are drawing from a fixed pool of money for a longer period

of time. Longevity risk is the chance of living so long, you outlive your wealth. With an annuity the risk that the pension checks stopping when the pool is exhausted is eliminated. The employer must continue paying regardless of the retiree and spouse's lifespan. Employers, like insurance companies can mitigate longevity risk to a degree using a strategy called risk pooling or risk sharing among a large group of individuals. In simple terms, by pooling together a large number of people (retirees) the company uses the savings from those retirees who die before life expectancy to subsidize those who live longer than life-expectancy. It's understandable then that some employers are anxious to shift these risks onto the employee. One approach used to accomplish this is to encourage new retirees to take a one-time payment and manage

the investment assets and distributions themselves. In other words, a retiree who chooses the lump sum option over the annuity, is accepting the market risk and longevity risk that would otherwise be the employer's. Are you prepared to do this? Financial firms and their representatives want to generate fees and profits. Not surprisingly, financial advisors are divided on the best course of action for clients. It's important to be aware that some investment salespeople may have a conflict of interest when it comes to the best pension payout decision. What might be best for the client may not be for the advisor. The lump sum means more assets for the advisor to manage resulting in more fees and commissions for them and more profits for their firms that they would not receive if the client chose the monthly annuity. Be careful, before

anyone offers you advice, they need to have a complete and accurate picture of your personal and financial circumstances, including your health, your spouse's health, spending needs and financial resources, goals and acumen. With this information, they can perform the qualitative evaluation as well as the quantitative calculations to the most profitable option for you and your family. *This article is for general information purposes only and is not intended to provide specific advice on individual financial, tax, or legal matters. Please consult the appropriate professional concerning your specific situation before making any decisions. John Spoto is the founder of Sentry Financial Planning in Andover and Danvers. For more information, call 978-475-2533 or visit www.sentryfinancialplanning.com*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Scully listens to constituents

More Letters to the Editor. Page 7.

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing this letter in support of Shannon Scully's re-election to the Andover School Committee. During Shannon's tenure, I have reached out to her on several occasions regarding various issues. In each situation, Shannon has made herself available either by phone or in person. She was always prepared, knowledgeable of the issues and willing to explore all aspects of the issue at hand.

What has impressed me with Shannon is that she is extremely data-driven and looks to assess situations based upon objective information. Her work ethic is impressive as she puts enormous time and effort into this essentially volunteer role.

Recently, the School Committee was about to adopt new policies that negatively impacted the Booster organizations that provide critical support to the athletic and fine arts organizations at Andover High School. Presented with new information from many Booster organizations Shannon, as chairwoman, was able to open the discussion and guide the School Committee in listening to a significant amount of new information that resulted in the adoption of new policies that supported the students, athletic teams, fine arts programs, and Booster organizations while providing the needed guidelines.

There are many areas that Shannon has positively influenced the Andover schools. She is an exceptionally strong advocate for the students of Andover and has balanced this with a reasonable approach to budgets and fairness to the tax payers.

I encourage you to cast a vote in support of Shannon's re-election.

DENNIS FORGUE  
18 Reservation Road  
Andover

### Scully demonstrates leadership needed in schools

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Shannon Scully for re-election to the Andover School Committee. As our current chairwoman, Shannon demonstrates the steady leadership that is needed to complete many important initiatives facing the schools.

She understands the diverse learning needs among our students and is data-driven and committed to evidence-based teaching. Shannon supports reducing the cost of full-day kindergarten, and during her tenure, tuition has come down significantly. She has led the way on the evaluation of school start times, and has been a powerful advocate for increased local aid to our town. She is always open to creative and innovative solutions to challenges, which led

her to volunteer for Andover Coalition for Education shortly after she moved to Andover.

Shannon is a vocal supporter of all aspects of education that make our students well-rounded young people: among them the arts, music, and social emotional development.

Some of our school facilities are in desperate need of renovation and replacement. Shannon has worked tirelessly to maximize funding Andover should receive from the state to offset the cost to our local taxpayers. As the mother of two children in the Andover Public Schools, she also understands that schools are more than just buildings, they are the starting point for learning, and for the critical relationships formed among our administrators, educators and students.

On March 26, I encourage you to join me in voting for Shannon Scully for School Committee.

MELISSA LITTON  
190 HIGH PLAIN ROAD  
Andover

### Parking important, but not critical to revamped Sr. Ctr.

Editor, Townsman:

In her letter of Feb. 14, 2019, Andover resident Claudia Marsh made a very valid point that the Senior Center needs more parking.

Parking is without a doubt a challenge. But parking in the complex in which the senior center resides, including the town offices, middle school, youth center, playground and park, is a much larger issue than the senior center alone, and it is being looked at through a master planning process for the town complex.

In the very near term, the impending relocation of the Department of Public Works out of the town offices will free up about 15 spaces. The town complex parking master plan study underway has identified a number of potential changes in the town complex area which could yield anywhere from 20 more spaces to as many as 100 more spaces. Such an amount would largely eliminate current senior center as well as school and town administration parking concerns.

However, the issue of revamping parking and traffic flow around the complex, and the renovation and expansion of the senior center can, and should be looked at as separate issues, which is how town management is approaching them.

They are definitely being pursued in parallel but needn't and shouldn't be made prerequisites on the timeline of the Center at Punchard renovation and expansion.

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# Committee seeks to raise \$500K for additional Senior Center renovation costs

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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A Capital Campaign Committee, formed a few months ago to address needs beyond the construction costs of the Senior Center renovation plans, has raised almost \$300,000 in pledges and donations toward additional costs.

Those additional costs range from furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and construction cost defrayment in an effort to make the renovated Senior Center the "best it can be," according to Paul MacKay, chairman of the committee.

"We are delighted by the support and enthusiasm of so many businesses, foundations and individuals," he said.

Last October, the Andover Senior Community Friends,

or ASCF, set a goal to raise \$500,000 pledged by Town Meeting. MacKay said almost 60 percent of the goal has been reached prior to any public outreach.

Sponsoring rooms in the newly renovated Senior Center has been a major driver for fundraising, according to MacKay.

"This support shows just how much the renovation is needed," he said. "The Senior Center is neither ADA compliant nor amenable to those who are hearing challenged. It's

hard to believe that in 2019 our town is not equipped to deal with its most rapidly growing constituency, our seniors."

The Town Manager fully supports the renovation and has made it a priority in his Capital Improvement Plan. The \$4.5 million construction cost is proposed to be funded by a combination of \$2 million in free cash and \$2.5 million in general fund borrowing.

ASCF is the non-profit through which all tax-free charitable donations and

pledges for the renovations can be made. The group is actively pursuing support from Andover businesses, citizens, and private and corporate foundations to reach its goal.

Pledge forms can be picked up at the Senior Center and returned there or mailed to ASCF, PO Box 576, Andover, MA 01810. Donations can also be made online through a GoFundMe campaign established for the capital campaign on the ASCF website at www.andoverascf.org.

*"This support shows just how much the renovation is needed, the Senior Center is neither ADA compliant nor amenable to those who are hearing challenged. It's hard to believe that in 2019 our town is not equipped to deal with its most rapidly growing constituency, our seniors."*

Paul MacKay, chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee

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# Opinion

## Renewed focus on human trafficking

There is still much to be learned about the sting operation at the Jupiter, Florida, massage parlor that led to a charge of soliciting prostitution for Robert Kraft.

The locally beloved Patriots owner has vehemently denied being one of the 25 male customers caught on tape soliciting sex acts at the Orchids of Asia spa. In football-frenzied New England, much of the talk over the weekend focused on how the allegations, true or not, would affect Kraft's legacy as a progressive team owner and leading philanthropist, or on whether the news would affect the team's draft prospects.

If there is the tiniest sliver of a silver lining here, it can be found in the fact that the wall-to-wall coverage has also shed light on the global human trafficking industry, which makes its purveyors billions of dollars a year but makes victims of those living on the edge, be they thousands of miles away in China or around the corner in Salem. The question is whether the renewed attention on sex trafficking will lead to real change.

Any change would come too late for the women at Orchids of Asia, who authorities say were lured from overseas into the sprawling American sex trade. Police said the women were forced to live their daily lives at the strip-mall spa, sleeping on massage tables and cooking their meals in a back alley when they weren't performing sex acts for men several times a day.

"These girls are there all day long, into the evening," Vero Beach police Chief David Currey told The Associated Press. "They can't leave and they are performing sex acts. Some of them may tell us they're OK, but they're not."

The notion of men visiting a massage parlor for sex has become normalized over the years, to the point where many consider it a victimless crime, the stuff of TV dramas or coming-of-age comedies. The reality is much darker.

"This is an illustration of how free people do this without concern," Northeastern professor Amy Farrell told our reporters. "There are hundreds of thousands of (parlors) in the United States operating every day. Most people don't get caught. They're oftentimes in plain public view, strip malls, shopping centers, and there's very little chance of getting caught."

Local communities are not immune. Police in the Merrimack Valley area have made several arrests in recent years where human trafficking played a significant role, most notably a massage parlor in Lawrence, where the owner hired women as receptionists, then coerced and blackmailed them into performing sex act. And just last week, a Beverly couple was arrested and charged with prostituting young women in a Salem apartment. Charges against Woonryong Heo and Hayun Nam include human trafficking and money laundering.

The money to be made is huge -- an estimated \$150 billion a year, rivaling the drug trade.

"Whenever you think about the drug trade, dealers can make so much money on heroin, but when they sell that heroin that heroin is gone," Erika Brosig, a coordinator with the Cambria County (Pennsylvania) Sexual Assault Response Team, told reporters at a conference on "modern slavery" in 2017. "The difference with humans is that they don't go away. You can use that person over, and over, and over, and over again. And they're continuously making money. The amount of money that people can make is gigantic, and they realize that."

Fittingly, Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett has made combating trafficking a centerpiece of his fifth term. His role as the president of the National District Attorneys Association has helped him draw attention to the issue.

"Our work is not without challenges," Blodgett during his January swearing-in ceremony. Prosecuting trafficking cases is exceedingly difficult, with victims often unwilling or unable to testify.

Blodgett said he hopes to launch "a new national collaborative effort" to combat trafficking, using deeper, timelier information sharing between authorities at all levels across the country. The effort, he said, would include a partnership with "an internationally recognized digital information giant."

Here's hoping that partnership is ready to launch soon, while people are still paying attention.

## WEB QUESTION

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft was caught recently in a sting operation and charged with two counts of soliciting prostitution. (See editorial above.) **What do you think should happen next?**

**He should go through the justice system, pay a fine and do community service, like any other first-time offender.**

**The Patriots should be penalized heavily, including loss of draft picks, huge fines and resignation of Kraft.**

**Nothing.** This was a set-up by Roger Goodell. They hate us 'cuz they ain't us.

**Kraft should be required to donate to a non-profit that helps sex-trafficking victims.**

### Last week's question:

Once again, the nation has been wracked by gun violence with a mass shooting in Aurora, Illinois. In this case a disgruntled worker with a record used a handgun to kill 5 coworkers and injure 5 police officers. **What do you think should be done?**

**We need more common sense gun laws and a way to enforce them to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill.** 50 votes.

**There is nothing we can or should do because the 2nd Amendment protects our right to bear arms.** 10 votes.

## Important to support senior center renovation

**Editor, Townsman:**

I moved to Andover 45 years ago because it was the perfect place to raise my young family. When I retired and downsized eight years ago, I looked carefully to see if the town would meet my changing needs. I walked into the Senior Center to volunteer and give back to the town that had given me so much.

That was the beginning of the incredible next chapter of my life. I joined the SCRPT program, which the Center organizes for nearly 200 volunteers who donate at least 100 hours each of community service. I began volunteering weekly in Senior Connections, a supportive day program for seniors, and also in Community Connections at West Middle School, an intergenerational program that brings seniors and sixth-graders together.

I quickly became immersed in the Center's programs. I took bridge lessons and joined a weekly bridge group. I enjoyed fitness classes, including Zumba, Men and Women in Motion, and Nordic Walking. I had delicious, nutritious lunches at the Center. I took a short story class, and attended many lectures and programs. I was appointed to the Council on Aging, the advisory board to the center. Along the way, I reconnected with longtime friends and made many new ones.

The center is a big part of my life. I'm not alone in feeling this way. Every day, hundreds of Andover seniors, as well as younger caregivers and friends, attend and benefit from the Center's services and programs.

It is truly amazing that all this is done in an outdated facility, formerly the old Punchard High School basement. Andover's seniors deserve an expanded, updated facility that meets increased programming needs, especially for people with mobility, vision or hearing issues. The proposed renovation of the Senior Center addresses those needs well.

I urge you to attend an informational meeting to learn more, and then to vote for the renovation at Town Meeting on April 29 and 30. Andover's seniors are a growing, vibrant part of our town. We, as well as future generations of seniors, deserve a senior center reflecting that.

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## Koh 'knows how local government works'

**Editor, Townsman:**

On Tuesday, March 26, Andover voters will have the opportunity to elect two members to the Board of Selectmen. I encourage voters to cast one of their votes for Dan Koh.

Last year, I worked as a volunteer for Dan's congressional race. I was impressed by the amazing grassroots team that he was able to assemble. As a campaign volunteer, I observed his strong work ethic, his attention to detail and his commitment to community service.

Although born and raised in Andover, prior to last year, Dan served for four years as the chief of staff to Boston's Mayor Marty Walsh and was responsible for overseeing 18,000 employees.

This service helped Boston achieve one of its most prosperous stretches in the city's history. Dan knows how local government works and understands the value of constituent service.

As someone who has lived in Andover nearly 40 years, I am concerned about rising real estate taxes and the town's ability to attract industry. Dan has the experience and expertise to address these issues. I highly recommend voting for Dan.

**STEVE MARLEY**  
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Andover

## Support renovation of a 'bustling' but bursting senior center

**Editor, Townsman:**

Last summer I became acquainted with the Andover Senior Center. I took a tour, had lunch, and have since met and talked at length with at least a dozen participants of the Center. One gentleman told me about a monthly hiking trip with a men's group; one was searching for legal advice, one woman visits three times weekly to see what's up and hang out (her words); one highly recommends the Friday night dinners; a woman my age said she relies on the Senior Connections to keep an eye on her mother while she works full time, one told me his parents go to socialize over lunch and the occasional board game; I then met some yoga class and tai chi class participants. The place was busy, bustling, and even packed to discomfort in some parts; which was just a normal run-of-the-mill day.

I myself needed the center to get updated emergency info and to charge my laptops and phones after the Sept. 13 gas explosions. All this to say the center provides an array of services to the citizens of Andover, not only the seniors.

All these wonderful things are happening in a building that is overcrowded outdated and not even ADA compliant. None of the rooms function as they were intended; the building was not made to accommodate seniors. What affected me the most was witnessing the following: people walking through a room that was hosting a round-table discussion, to get to the restroom. What happens to dignity and productivity when a conference room is the hallway to the bathroom for those people on one side of an accordion room divider? It is hard to believe that in 2019 our town is not equipped to deal with seniors, who, in a few years will be 40 percent of Andover's total population.

Last year a small group of people formed a Capital Campaign Committee to address what they felt were sure to be needs beyond the construction costs. By addressing all questions and all (perceived or real) obstacles, the committee seeks to tell Andover why this is important, and why it must be done now. The proposal for renovation is on the warrant for Town Meeting April 29.

I am asking you to please attend a public information session about the renovation project, take a tour, vote "YES" on the warrant article at Town Meeting, and consider making a pledge or donation to help make the Senior Center a welcoming and agreeable space to be.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Vote for Scully for 'thoughtful leadership'

**Editor, Townsman:**

I'm writing in support of Shannon Scully's re-election to the School Committee. Andover is fortunate to have a person of her caliber serving our community.

Her contributions during her first three-year term are significant and I attribute this to the way she approaches decisions. Whether it's evaluating the budget, negotiating contracts or working to lobby for changes to the state's educational funding formula, Shannon is a powerhouse when it comes to analyzing information. She goes beyond what is put before her to dig into all available data and to gain a thorough understanding of the context — she considers the history, district comparisons, state developments — before proposing an investment or taking a position.

Shannon provides thoughtful leadership in the discussion of complex issues and is well respected by those she works with on other town boards and committees. She promotes transparency, ensuring that people have the information they need during budgeting and financial planning efforts. She shares her analysis and works collaboratively to find solutions.

During her tenure she has prioritized strategic initiatives including literacy program investments focused on early detection and intervention, forward looking teacher contracts that balance competitive increases with reduced insurance cost, long overdue investments in our school buildings, and the initiation of an evaluation of school start times.

We all benefit when we have smart, compassionate leaders at all levels of our government. I can think of no place this is more important than for our schools. My kids have benefited from the quality of education they've received here in Andover, from my oldest graduating college in the spring to my youngest about to graduate from AHS. Please join me in voting for Shannon Scully on March 26 so she can continue to make our schools the best that they can be for our kids.

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### Dan Koh for Selectman

**Editor, Townsman:**

On Tuesday, March 26, voters have the opportunity to elect an experienced, thoughtful leader to our Board of Selectmen — Andover native Dan Koh. Dan's strong Merrimack Valley ties and his four-year tenure as Mayor Marty Walsh's Chief of Staff make him the most qualified candidate to collaborate with residents to strengthen our community.

I proudly volunteered for Dan's congressional campaign last year, and was greatly impressed by the grassroots organization his team built — the largest in our district's history. Enthusiastic volunteers of all ages and backgrounds worked tirelessly because they shared his values and vision. Though he was a razor-thin margin away from the nomination, his willingness to pick back up to run for local office and serve his community is a true testament to his

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■ More Letters to the Editor. Page 6.

character as a leader.

As former superintendent of the Andover Public Schools, where I served for 12 years, I care deeply about the families in our town, and I know Dan will have their best interests at heart. I urge Andover residents to join me in voting for Dan Koh for selectman on March 26th.

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Andover

## Grieve understands the needs of students

**Editor, Townsman:**

We have a unique opportunity this coming election to give the School Committee something it badly needs. With the candidacy of Joseph Grieve, a current Andover High senior, there can finally be representation on the School Committee from the people it serves.

As a fellow senior at Andover High I can not only vouch for the need for such representation, but I can also confirm that Joseph Grieve is the right person for the job.

The 7+H schedule is a perfect example of why we need a current student on the School Committee. For those unaware, Andover High's new schedule is an 8-day rotation of 5 blocks per day. While on paper it covered all the desired objectives, living through it means constant confusion. In fact, at the end of last year, I had still not memorized my own schedule.

But who can blame the Committee — it's been years since they were students themselves! That was what turned a project full of great ideas and good intentions into a confusing disaster.

However, Joseph Grieve is a student right now.

While the debate over 7+H has come and gone, another change is about to occur: starting this August, 15 minutes will be added to the school day. No decision has yet been made about how those minutes will be spent. Depending on the School Committee, this could improve students' lives or simply cause new animosity against the administration.

While many seniors at Andover High are eager to go far away to college this fall, Joseph is ready to stay close by to see that our public schools succeed. Even if it has been awhile since you yourself were a student, I urge you to help him by voting March 26. As someone turning 18 this month, I know I will.

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Ruth Fiske, right, a resident from the Bridges Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility in Andover, plays with preschooler Alejandro at The Children's Place at Phillips Academy.



Preschoolers at The Children's Place and seniors from the Bridges Assisted Living created this art to inspire those who may have memory loss or dementia. Painting can help to stimulate memory and can help those with memory loss to feel centered and focused.



Al Martino, left, and Dan Donovan, both residents from the Bridges Assisted Living Facility work with preschoolers at The Children's Place.



Preschool student Alyson, left, paints alongside Rita Neal at The Children's Place at Phillips Academy.

# Art therapy, art fun

Students and staff from The Children's Place at Phillip's Academy got together with residents of the Bridges Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility on Thursday to collaborate on some art projects.

The event, which took place at the Phillips day-care center at 10 Abbott St., brought seniors together with juniors as part of an art therapy and cross-generational activity.

The art activity was meant to help both the young students along with those at Bridges who may have memory loss or dementia, according to a press release on the event.

Painting in general can help to stimulate memory and can help those with memory loss to feel centered and focused.



Ruth Fiske, a resident from Bridges Assisted Living, works on a painting.

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## MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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### Family Yoga

On Sunday, March 31 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.

### Play Away at MHL

On Saturday, March 9 at 2:30 p.m., preschoolers to age 5 accompanied by a favorite adult can "play" at different stations with activities related to a theme and books. Get ready for Spring! Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

### March events in the Children's Room:

**Legomania on Saturdays**, March 2 at 2 p.m. & March 30 at 3 p.m. for ages 5 & up. This program is for children who love to build with LEGOs. Each child will build on their own base, and then share their creation with the group before putting it on display in the Children's Room. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

**Mes Petits Amis on Monday**, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. for preschoolers & their families – a new program introducing the French language using rhymes, songs and simple stories. It's like Wiggle Words but in French (with some English thrown in!). Pick up a token for each attendee.

**Reading with Annie on Tuesdays**, March 5 & 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>.

**Board Game Day with the Junior Friends on Wednesday**, March 6 from 3:45-4:30 p.m. for ages 6 & up. Join the Junior Friends for some board and card games. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

**Make It Take It Tuesdays for ages 3 & up & an adult**, on Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Join us for a drop-in craft program. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

**In-Be-Tweens Programs** are for Grades 4 & 5. Space is limited. Registration required.

**Spring Craft on Monday**, March 11 from 3:45-4:15 p.m.

**Spring Card on Thursday**, March 28 from 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Picture Book Pals on Thursday**, March 14 from

1:30-2 p.m. for ages 4 & 5 & a favorite adult. Miss Kim will share a brand new picture book and lead a fun activity to accompany the story. Register the child attending at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

**Musical Mornings with Peter Sheridan on Friday**, March 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.

**Jr. Green Gatherings for ages 4-7 on Saturday**, March 16 at 10 a.m. Learn more about nature and gardening through a book and related activities. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

A collaboration of the Andover Jr. Garden Club and MHL Children's Room.

**Night Readers on Wednesday**, March 20 at 7 p.m. for ages 9-12 & an adult. This month's selection is Newbery Award winner, Mercy Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina. Request and read the book beforehand. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

**Thinking Thursday on Thursday**, March 21 at 3:45 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>.

**Kids Coloring Craze on Saturday**, March 23 from 2:30-4 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>.

**Around the World in 30 minutes for birth-5 & an adult**, on Friday, March 29 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.

**Dads and Donuts on Saturdays**, March 9 & 30 at 10 a.m. for ages 2-5. A story time for preschoolers & their families. After stories and a craft, share coffee, juice, and donuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

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# TownsBeat



Owen McQuaid, 9, looks on as a terrain tracker vehicle maneuvers an obstacle course at Town Hall in Andover.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

A group of boys, including Miles Novaria, 8, center, react as a terrain tracker vehicle maneuvers an obstacle course.



Adi Challagulla and Sean Tattan, both 10, look on as terrain tracker vehicles maneuver an obstacle course.

## Robots battle and race during February vacation week

It was attack of the all-terrain vehicle robots at Old Town Hall one day last week, as local children age 7-12 took part in an Andover Rec. Department activity for February vacation week.

On Wednesday, a group of budding engineers designed and built their own robots and then steered them through a course of rocks, stones and sand, among other obstacles during the daylong event.

In addition, they could create their own sumo wrestler-bots and engage in action in the battle-box. It was part of a program known as Sciensational Workshops.



Terrain tracker vehicles maneuver an obstacle course.



Nathan Krance, 7, watches as his terrain tracker vehicle maneuvers an obstacle course.



Matt Robinson, 9, holds his terrain tracker vehicle after it maneuvers an obstacle course.

### ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### MARCH MARCH 1

**OFFICE HOURS,** Representative Tram Nguyen invites the public to visit with her at her office hours at Andover Memorial Hall Library to say hello and learn more about Tram's work at the State House and in the District. Everyone is welcome; 18th Essex residents are encouraged to visit her at the library from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Activity Room.

#### 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, 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.

**PHILHARMONIC CONCERT:** Lowell Philharmonic, featuring guest conductor Marshunda Smith, 2 p.m., Chelmsford Senior Center, 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford; admission: \$10/adults, \$8/senior citizens and \$5/children and students with ID.

Tickets available at the door or online: brownpapertickets.com.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

**POLITICAL FORUM,** 7 p.m., at the Andover Public Safety Center, 32 N. Main St. Voters will have a chance to hear candidates for Moderator, Board of Selectmen and School Committee answer questions about important issues facing the town. Candidates for Trustees of the Punchedard Free School and the Housing Authority will also be in attendance and will make statements.

**GARDEN CLUB PRESENTATION:** Andover Garden Club presents "Spring in Provence," at 10 a.m. The event will begin with social time and refreshments, followed by a business meeting and the lecture. South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Local floral designer Sandra Sigman will create several distinctive French-inspired designs. Raffle tickets for her creations will be available for purchase. Admission: \$10 donation requested for guests.

#### 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.

#### MARCH 8-10

**SOUTH CHURCH PLAYERS PRESENT,** at 7 p.m. Friday; 5:30 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at South Church, 41 Central St. In this musical comedy, six competing tweens, a previous contestant, the vice-principal, and the counselor treat the audience to vignettes exposing some of the backstories and pressures that drive these contestants. Tickets available in the office and at the door. For more information call: 978-475-0321.

#### MARCH 10

**FAMILY FILM NIGHT:** The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation (MVJF) is presenting a Merrimack Valley Community-wide "Family Film and Fun Day" for children ages 2-8 and their parents, 2 p.m., Temple Emanuel in Andover. Tickets cost \$5 per adult, children are free, can be purchased by visiting www.mvjf.org, or calling 978-688-0466. Advanced registration preferred. Tickets available at the door. The film, "Show Me the Monkey," features H. A. Rey's Curious George. Proceeds from the

event will go to fund the PJ Library, a program that provides free Jewish books to young children.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

**WARDENS AND OVERSEERS MEETING,** 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library, AVIS (Andover Village Improvement Society) and the Conservation Commission holding a joint meeting of their Wardens and Overseers to learn about controlling invasive plants on AVIS and Conservation Commission properties. The meeting is free and open to the public. Speakers will be Chris Polatin of Polatin Ecological Services and Richard Barry of NativeScapes (also an AVIS Warden). Chris and Richard are experts on native ecology and invasive species. AVIS and the Conservation Commission are always looking for volunteers to help manage their lands. Anyone interested in volunteering or who wants to learn more please attend the meeting. No pre-registration needed.

#### MARCH 16

**CORNERED BEEF DINNER:** Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper for college scholarships, 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, featuring Thwaites' Market New England style gray corned beef (no nitrates), cabbage, carrots, potatoes, Irish soda

bread, desserts and drinks all inclusive, all you can eat. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$10. All proceeds benefit college scholarships for members of the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. So far, 40 scholarships awarded in the last six years totaling \$39,000; scholarship details at westparishchurch.org/scholarships.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

**ORGAN RECITAL: INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION,** 3 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St. Masterworks by teachers and their students. Organists Cathy Meyer and Savannah Curro. Suggested donation \$10/\$15. For more information call: 978-475-0321.

#### MARCH 28

**CREATIVE LIVING FUNDRAISER,** 6-10 p.m., Andover Town House, 20 Main St.; music bingo; Peter Accolla, owner of Nuimage Entertainment, will be spinning the tunes for this fun-filled event. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$300 per table, which includes a bigo card, plus appetizers and desserts. All are invited to come and join in the fun. The great work that is done at Creative Living for the developmentally disabled would not be possible without the support of our community. http://creative-livingandover.org

#### MARCH 30

**TACKLE SHOW:** The New England Vintage Fishing Tackle Show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Tewksbury / Andover Holiday Inn, 4 Highwood Drive, Tewksbury. This event is presented by the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club. This show is one of the largest all vintage tackle shows in New England and will feature freshwater and saltwater vintage fishing gear including fishing lures, rods, reels, decoys, flies, bobbers, tackle boxes and many other fishing related items. Collectors from Maine to New York will be there with their old tackle and to answer any questions that you might have about your old fishing tackle. Admission is \$5; 978-409-8831.

#### MARCH 31

**BOOK LAUNCH WITH ALYSON GERBER,** 11:30 a.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Gerber to launch her new book, "Focused," the story of a girl caught between her love of chess and her ADHD. Alyson grew up at Temple Emanuel, and her parents and grandfather are still active members. Last year Alyson launched her first book, "Braced," at the Temple. Alyson will read a bit from her book and will be

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# Tai Chi program coming to library

STAFF REPORT

Those suffering from chronic pain are sure to relax a bit as a short documentary about the benefits of meditation and movement helping seriously ill patients, co-directed by a homeopathic educator from Andover, will be shown at Memorial Hall Library on March 7.

Yang's Martial Arts of Andover has teamed with Memorial Hall Library to host the free event.

Tai Chi and Chi Kung (Qigong) are centuries' old martial/health practices. The short documentary, "The Healing Mind - Meditation In Motion," explores

how the practice of these ancient forms of mindful movements are benefiting seriously ill patients particularly those dealing with the side effects associated with fibromyalgia, arthritis and cancer treatments.

There will be a short Tai Chi demonstration after the film, said Diana Kiesel of Yang's, and a 30-minute question and answer session.

The co-producers of the documentary are Betsey Beaven of Andover, who is the co-author of four vegetarian cookbooks, a former chef, a homeopathic educator and a health consultant, and Jai Bradford, a network photojournalist.



Yang's Martial Arts Tai Chi/Chi Kung instructors Meg Holmes and Paul Blake, both Andover residents.

Bradford is an award-winning producer/director, and a prolific digital marketer. He currently resides in Morrisville, North Carolina and



Ramel Rones, scientific consultant of Mind-Body Therapies at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, of Boston.

Register online at <https://goo.gl/WdDUSR> or by calling 978-623-8430.



Floral arrangements inspired by "Spring in Provence" will be the subject of a demonstration at next month's Andover Garden Club meeting.

# Think spring ... in Provence!

STAFF REPORT

Andover Garden Club presents "Spring in Provence" on Tuesday, March 5, starting at 10 a.m.

Local floral designer Sandra Sigman will create several distinctive French-inspired designs. Raffle tickets for her creations will be available for purchase.

Sigman owns Les Fleurs of Andover, one of the North Shore and Merrimack Valley's premier floral, home, and garden shops, is known for its dreamy, French-inspired florals. Sigman enjoys sharing her skills with others and hosts classes and workshops throughout the year.

The event will begin with social time and refreshments, followed by a business meeting and the lecture.

The event takes place at South Church, 41 Central St.

Admission is a \$10 donation requested for guests.

To join the Andover Garden Club call or email membership chairwomen: Liz Bell, [belles810@gmail.com](mailto:belles810@gmail.com); or Kathy Hess, [kmhess1@verizon.net](mailto:kmhess1@verizon.net), 978-470-0806.



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available to sign books after. Andover Bookstore will be on site to sell her new book and sell her first book. This event is free and open to the public.

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.

APRIL 28

WELCOME SPRING BALL: Andover Town House, 20

Main St., Andover. Free parking. For listening and dancing, music by D. B.'S Orchestra from 7 to 10 p.m. Dance Instruction by Tom Webster of Dance New England, 6 to 7 p.m. Advance ticket sales \$15/pp or \$25/couple, or \$15 per person at door; tickets may be purchased at The Center at Punchard or The Andover Bookstore. Sponsored by Ashland Farm, BrightView, both of North Andover and Atria Marland Place, Andover; presented by the Andover Senior Community Friends.

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 hotdog 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 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.mvcameraclub.org](http://www.mvcameraclub.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, under-eating, and obsession with body size and exercise; the free meetings are held in the classroom building of the church; [www.foodaddicts.org](http://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](http://www.merrimack-toastmasters.org), email contact@[merrimack-toastmasters.org](mailto:merrimack-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. 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 [andchron2@gmail.com](mailto:andchron2@gmail.com) for more information.

Past shows may also be accessed at [http://andovertv.org/sites/default/files/videos/saa\\_20160801.mp4](http://andovertv.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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.treblechorusne.org), [tcnmanager@treblechorusne.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.spectrumchildrenschorus.org), email [spectrumchildrenschorus@gmail.com](mailto:spectrumchildrenschorus@gmail.com), 978-269-4198.

**KARMA**, live band music, Thursday through Saturday; 209 N. Main St. (Shawsheen Plaza); 978-809-3075, [www.karmaandover.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.andover.edu).

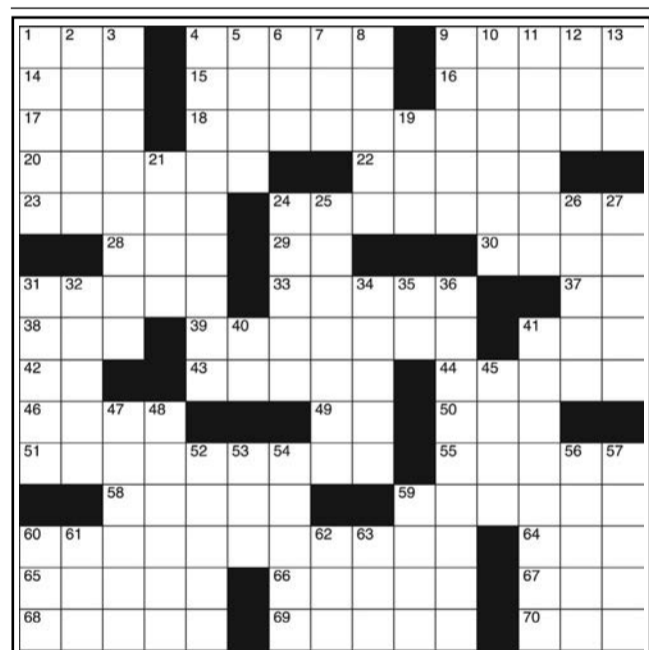
**ALPERS FINE ART**, located at 96 Main St.; 978-760-1829, [www.alpersfineartonline.com](http://www.alpersfineartonline.com).

**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](http://www.newenglandclassical.org).

**ANDOVER REC**, 36 Bartlet St., offers a number of different programs for adults, youth and children; [www.andoverrec.com](http://www.andoverrec.com), 978-623-8340.

**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.

To submit an item for the entertainment calendar, email [tounsmen@andover-townsmen.com](mailto:tounsmen@andover-townsmen.com).



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# Townspeople



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Creighton Gatchel, 13, of Andover, washes his dog Edmund.

## Do-it-yourself, bath-time for Bowser



Cheryl Iodice, owner of That Dirty Dog, in Andover sits with her dog Cooper.



Large and small pet collars, leads, coats, specialty treats and toys.

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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The owner of a just-opened self-serve wash for dogs in Andover is very familiar with the messy dog bath scene at home as she's lived it for years.

"The pile of towels, plugging in my hair dryer, drying the dog, the soaking wet floor, and then the dog shakes off all over the house. It's a mess and I know it is," said Cheryl (Carlson) Iodice, who just opened That Dirty Dog at 28 Chestnut St.

For \$20, dog owners can use one of the four custom tubs at her boutique and wash their own dog. Shampoo, a dryer, towels and a super absorbent chamois cloth are provided with that flat fee.

"It's like you are home," she said of her comfortable shop.

Iodice's adorable white Shih Tzu, Cooper, lounges quietly in her lap as she talks about the weekly baths he needs due to a skin condition. She rescued Cooper years ago from Texas. Now, he is a healthy 8-year-old who is enjoying the new tub for his weekly baths while she enjoys less mess at her home in Dracont.

Self-service dog washes are getting more and more popular around the country. They offer facilities to wash

and groom a dog, while keeping prices down. Iodice said hers is the only self-service dog wash around. That Dirty Dog's tubs are waist high state-of-the-art tubs designed for washing dogs. They have built in ramps to get larger dogs in and slip free bottoms so the dog feels secure. The heavy duty water sprayers are pre-set at a comfortable safe temperature.

Iodice said a dog bath takes about 40 minutes and there is no smell. Some 30 dogs have already been washed at her business, which opened Feb. 9. She's also got an experienced full-time dog groomer on staff for customers who don't want to do their own dog washing. Groomer Marilyn Martins groomed dogs for 16 years in Sudbury before coming to Andover and has a degree in animal care. She also brings her dogs to work - two King Charles Cavaliers (which look like spaniels). Grooming prices start around \$40 and Iodice is happy to help the self-serve crowd with the little extras, like nail cutting which costs \$10. She also has a dog boutique in her shop and Cooper was proudly wearing a wool sweater from the collection. "All of my boutique items are made in New England. I really wanted that New England

flavor here," said Iodice, who is 52 and left a top marketing job to start That Dirty Dog. She worked as a senior vice president in marketing at Phillips Medical in Andover for years, and at other companies, and always liked working in marketing. But she missed bringing her dog to work and always hoped to get a job that allowed dogs. "Now, I can bring Cooper to work and I love that," she said. "He just sleeps on his bed all day." She said her marketing research showed that Andover is a dog-friendly community as 4,300 dogs are registered in town. Plus, Andover has a dog park which she liked. "Andover clearly likes dogs and that's why I'm here," she said. Plus, a lot of her family has lived in Andover over the years and she worked here, so she is very familiar with the town and its residents. She decorated a shop window with a mannequin that she named "Ann Dover" simply because it makes those walking by smile. She also looked in Newburyport for a retail space but when the Chestnut Street space opened - it formerly housed Dan Koh's state representative campaign headquarters - she signed a two-year lease. "I plan to be here past 2021...I just love it here," she said.



Emily Holland of North Andover, dries her dog Rudy after washing him.



Edmund, 2, an English Black Lab gets washed.



Groomer Marilyn Martins trims the hair of Cooper.

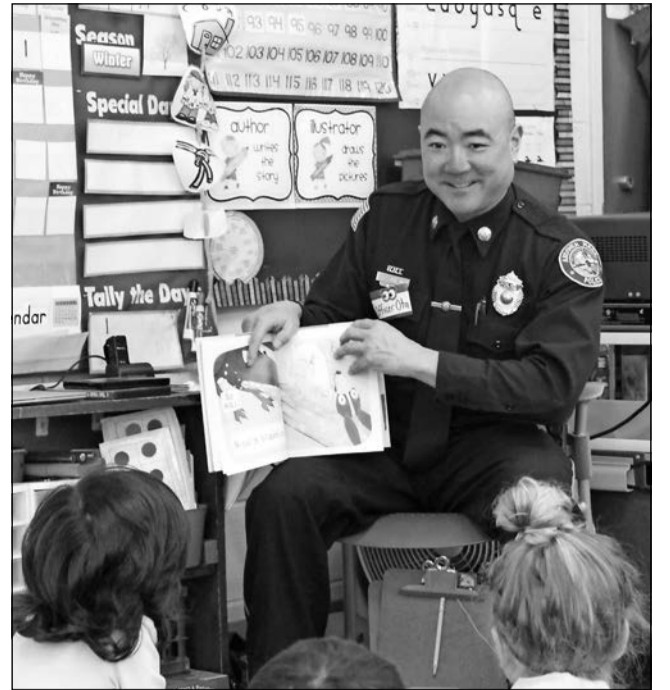


Groomer Marilyn Martins brushes a cat for a customer.





Congresswoman Lori Trahan reads to Sanborn students.



Andover Police Officer Glen Ota reads aloud to students.

# Sanborn Elementary participates in World Read Aloud Day

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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Sanborn Elementary School hosted a community read-along event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of World Read Aloud Day.

This year's event welcomed local community leaders, including members of the fire and police departments, staff from the Lowell Spinners, a local surgeon, librarians from Memorial Hall, School Committee members, and Congresswoman Lori Trahan.

World Read Aloud Day was created by the nonprofit, Lit-World, in an effort to encourage self-empowerment and community change through literacy. It is now celebrated in 173 countries.



School Committee Member Susan McCready reads to Sanborn students.

## Pajama party



Courtesy photo

Andover High School's varsity hockey team is scoring big as the boys are taking part in the Boston Bruins annual pajama drive. New, donated pajamas can be dropped off by March 15 at Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street, where the team is a frequent visitor. Just ask the receptionist where the bin is. The pajama drive was officially kicked off in Lawrence last week by Lauren Baker, first lady of Massachusetts.

## We are the champions



Courtesy photo

The "Andover 7" hockey team won the 7th grade Middle School championship in the Martian Hockey League's O'Reilly East Division. It earned a record of 8-1-3 during the 2018-19 season and won numerous close games during league play. The team beat Tewksbury, 5-3, on Feb. 10 in come-from-behind fashion to win the championship at Philips Academy's Gurry Ice Rink. The team also beat Windham, 1-0, on Jan. 27 in the semifinal game. The championship team pictured here are, bottom and middle rows, left to right: Anthony DeLuca, Caleb Wooster, John Croll, Kolin Belliveau, Ethan Mohr, Nolan Marsters, Brian Pierni, Mason Lomasney, Ryan Ehrigott, Caleb Cafua; back row, left to right: Coach Vic Pierni, Peter Elliott, Andrew Wallis, Zanda Iannessa, Darren Kim, Tejas Prakash, Brendan Murnane, Chris Caiazza, Jacob Duval, Coach Mario DeLuca.

## Helpful donation



Courtesy photo

Murali Menon, a long-time member of the Chinmaya Mission, shakes hands with Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, who visited the center recently. Chinmaya Mission is a worldwide Hindu Spiritual organization with its vision of individual transformation through the knowledge of Vedanta, spiritual practices and service to society, resulting in a happy world around them. The Mission's motto is to give maximum happiness to the maximum number of people for the maximum time. Chinmaya Mission conducts an annual run and donates their collections toward a charitable organization. A part of this year's contribution, \$7,000, was donated toward the Disaster Relief Fund for the Merrimack Valley residents affected by the gas explosions.

## 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.

**For outdoor programs,** any cancellations or changes will be communicated by email and/or phone to those registered. All participants need a health release form on file at The Center, updated annually. Bring binoculars, water, bug spray, a walking stick and wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Hikes

are subject to change due to weather and conditions. Preregistration is requested; swipe in before going.

**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](http://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](http://www.andoverseniorcenter.org). For more information, call 978-623-8320.





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# The secret societies of Phillips Academy

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Andover Center for History & Culture

What do 123 Main St., 2 Wheeler St., 16 School St., 212 Main St., 24 Salem St., 19 Salem St., 9 Locke St. and 49 Highland Road all have in common? These are just some of the locations where the secret societies of Phillips Academy students once made their homes.

In spite of the image these groups of fraternities conjure up, the original Greek organizations were created by responsible students who wanted to improve the quality of Andover life. These groups were said to be almost completely divorced from any social functions and were “devoted to creating a better student body and helping the administration with discipline problems.”

One of the earlier group’s constitutions, similar to other documents, stated: “There is an urgent need for a society in Phillips Academy ... which shall stand for true fellowship and manliness and whose members shall consider true worth of character to be their highest aim.”

ODA – the first of the secret societies – was formed in the old “Brick House” on Main Street in 1870. KOA was founded in 1874 in the basement of one of the local “eating houses.” In 1877 was the founding of AUV – the longest-running of the groups – as a merger of ODA and Delta Tau Delta.

Headmaster Cecil Bancroft attempted to “crush” these groups right off the bat. Apparently “easier said than done,” and Bancroft concluded it was “wiser to regulate the societies than to eliminate them.” The school thus adopted regulations for the societies and “a measure of stability” was seen.

Initially, the societies consisted of no more than 10 students each, with meetings in individual boys’ rooms. Memberships peaked in the 1930s, averaging about 25 boys each. In 1938, out of 696 Academy students, 203 belonged to one of

the campus fraternities. Cost involved in membership varied, depending on the abilities of the members to support the building of their individual houses. Each of these organizations were formed as a private corporation and had a “guardian” for oversight. Buildings were elaborate and seemed to compete for attention.

Focus of the societies changed in the early 1900s with the growth of the administration and the improvement in discipline. When the need for these “improvement” societies dwindled, the clubs turned to a more social role.

Not surprisingly, the increase of the social role brought a rise in abuses. Foremost was the resentment of those boys who didn’t belong. Initiations became dangerous. Faculty criticism grew due to its “undemocratic procedures and disruption of extracurricular life on campus.” By the 1930s, costs for maintaining the buildings became difficult for the boys, and support from fraternity alumni dwindled. Cracks in the organizations began to show.

On April 10, 1943, the Trustees of the Academy, under the direction of then-Headmaster Claude Fuess, took a bold move by passing a resolution stating “it is the sense that the existence of secret societies in Andover is not in the best interests of the school.” On April 30, faculty voted to support that resolution.

Society alumni predictably rose up in protest and formed a committee in the hopes of making recommendations to hold off such an action. Trustees agreed in October 1943 to further study.

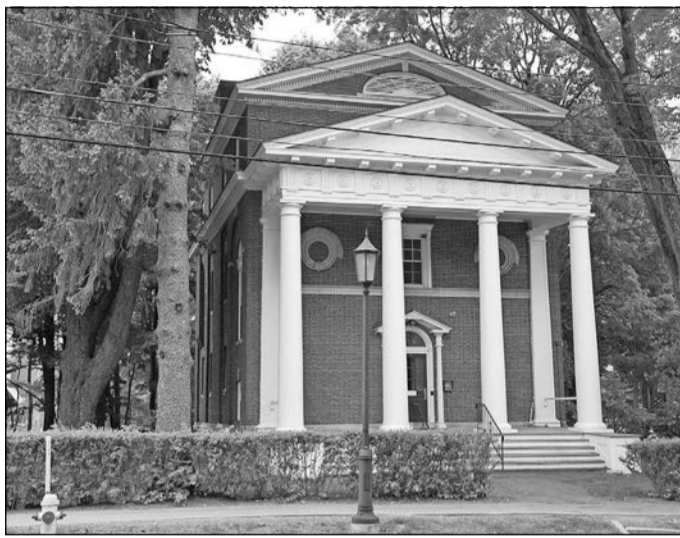
Little change was made until 1949 with the arrival of John Kemper as the new headmaster.

“This led to drastic action against established fraternities resulting in an almost immediate banning.” The ban held, and a collapse in this old social structure resulted in the current cluster system, where all students are assigned to one of five clusters.



Courtesy photos

This building at 2 Wheeler St. housed secret society AUV.



This building at 16 School St. was the location of secret club KOA.



This building at 212 Main St. housed PAE, a secret society at Phillips Academy.

In recent years, rumors occasionally surface about attempts to revive certain “secret groups.” But as such an action is officially

prohibited – strongly stated in the 2011-2012 campus rule book – it is unlikely to ever reach the prominence of the secret society heyday.

# All Those Years Ago

100 Years Ago—Feb. 28, 1919

Lt. Fred J. Daly sailed from New York City in charge of the Phillips Academy Ambulance Unit on April 28, 1917. There were 22 in all from Andover, and the night before they sailed, a banquet was given them at the Harvard Club in New York. Upon their arrival all but four entered the truck branch of the service with the French army, because of the great need for drivers there. Of his work in France, Lt. Daly has written a brief resume for the Townsman.

From the Red Cross Bulletin: “Draw again the knitting needles that temporarily were sheathed following the signing of the armistice! Hands that became expert in wielding them in thousands of Red Cross work rooms, when there were garments to be made for our boys in camps and trenches have new work to do. This time it is not a matter of supplying comforts; it is one of relieving actual and terrible suffering. Women and children all over Europe and in the countries of the Near East, are suffering from the lack of proper clothing.”

75 Years Ago—March 2, 1944

Despite the lack of an answer from Lt. Kenneth L. Sherman of the Navy as to whether he wished to be considered available for the superintendency of schools, the school board Tuesday evening voted to reappoint him to that post for a year and then granted him a leave of absence “for the duration.”

Two more Andover boys have been wounded according to word received this week. Seaman James Morrissey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrissey of 7 Temple Place, became the second boy in his family to suffer wounds. Private James O’Hagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O’Hagan of 1 Baker Lane, has advised his parents that he is in an army base hospital in Italy, but he states that he is not badly hurt and asks them not to worry.

Several extra exercises are being used to supplement the girls’ gym classes. Among them are different types of dry land swimming.

50 Years Ago—March 6, 1969 – Not available.

25 Years Ago—March 3, 1994

School Committee members expressed shock, disappointment and incredulity at their Tuesday night meeting regarding the Board of Selectmen’s decision not to insert a school article calling for the creation of a town-wide Buildings and Grounds Oversight Committee onto the warrant.

A High Street resident told selectmen Monday night he is concerned about the town’s liability for a housing development proposed for land on the west side of High Street, across from Flint Circle and asked board members to appeal Conservation Commission approval of the project.

Several new articles appeared on the version of the April Town Meeting warrant handed out by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski Monday night, including one that would require dog owners to carry so-called “pooper-scoopers,” to collect and properly dispose of “canine waste.”

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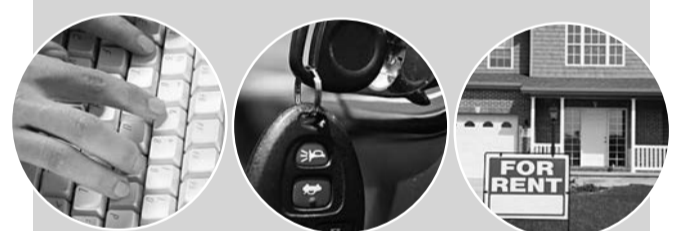
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020 Docket No. ES19P0429EA Estate of: Rose E Clementi Date of Death: 08/27/2018 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard L Clementi of Andover, MA, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Richard L Clementi of Andover, MA, be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/25/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Jennifer M.R. Ulwick, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 14, 2019 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 2/28/19

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. ES18C0441CA In the matter of: Niyah Mani Babcock-Smith A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Niyah Mani Babcock-Smith of Andover MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Neyah Mani Smith IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Essex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/01/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 21, 2019 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 2/28/19

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that continued public hearings will be convened on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlet Street, on applications submitted by One Minuteman LLC c/o Brickstone Properties for a Special Permit for Major Non-Residential Project under Section 9.4.8 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw and a Special Permit for ID2 Zoning District Uses under Section 9.4.10 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw. These applications are for the construction of a 24,000 +/- square foot multi-use development on property owned by One Minuteman LLC / Pappas Realty Trust, located at 1 Minuteman Road and 161 River Road, Andover, MA and being more specifically identified as Assessors Map 166, Lots 10 and 11. These continued public hearings were originally to be heard at the February 12, 2019 meeting which was cancelled due to inclement weather. The application may be examined in the Planning Department Monday through Friday during normal business hours. THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Zachary Bergeron, Chairman AT - 2/21, 2/28/19

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# Sports

## TREMENDOUS TURNAROUND

Girls hockey explodes onto the scene as state title contender this winter

By DAVID WILLIS  
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Callie Wiley could feel something special brewing. But the Andover hockey captain didn't know quite what to expect.

"I think in the fall we had an idea we could be good," said Wiley. "After the last few years we didn't want to get too overconfident. But something was really starting to click. There was something special happening. Now, I think we've been a little bit of a surprise to everyone. And we are so, so excited."

Wiley and Andover have certainly delivered a special winter on the ice.

The Golden Warriors enter the 2019 postseason with a 17-2-1 record this season, the program's best since the Andover Townsman began keeping complete sports records in 2006.

That surpasses their next best record in that span, a 16-5-1 mark in 2008-09.

Andover is now the No. 4 seed in the Division 1 state tournament, and will kick off postseason play this weekend. It will face the winner of Wednesday's matchup between No. 13 Reading (11-3-6) and No. 20 Needham (12-6-2).

"The girls are very excited for the tournament," said head coach Kevin Drew. "We've had a great year so far, and we're looking to take it one game at a time because each game will be a huge test and we must play our best to advance."

It's a tremendous turnaround for an Andover program that two seasons ago was just 8-10-2 and missed the state tournament. Last fall, the Warriors were 12-6-5 and made the Division 1 quarterfinals.

"Everything has just clicked this year," said captain Emma Gilmartin. "After a few seasons of struggling some, we're ready to prove that we are a strong team and that we can compete with anyone."

"We've learned how to win this winter, and we've learned from our few losses. We know that when we're down, we can come back. We're a confident and strong team that can compete with anyone and has the ability to come back from any situation."

Andover opened the season in dominant fashion,

going 13-0-1 to start the winter, including a 3-0 victory over archrival, defending Division 1 finalist Methuen/Tewksbury.

"Right from the first game of the year (a win over Westford Academy) we were clicking," said Gilmartin. "The Methuen/Tewksbury win was big. We knew they were one of the strongest teams we would face. So winning gave us a boost of confidence we could build off of."

One of the keys for the Golden Warriors has been a lineup of players that know and execute their roles.

"We have lines that scored goals and lines that play great defense," said Wiley. "Everyone has a role and is playing together. The girls on the bench are important too. We're making sure the other player is having a good game, and doing our job."

That's not to say the Warriors don't have a few stars.

Four-year varsity standout Wiley, who will continue her hockey career at Saint Michael's College, has scored a team-high 21 goals and has 17 overall points.

Gilmartin, also a four-year standout, is second in goals (19). Freshman Lauren Adams (16) is third.

"We have a strong group of seniors that know how to win now," said Gilmartin. "I think we move the puck well, we communicate and we play well together. Everyone knows their responsibilities and does the right thing at the right time."

It also doesn't hurt that the Warriors have one of the premier goalies in the state.

Senior Sean D'Urso has notched six shutouts and a 1.11 goals-against average. That after scoring five shutouts and 1.52 goals-against average last winter. Katie Adams and Sara Carleo lead the defense.

Andover now hopes it can turn that talent and production into a state championship run.

"It means so much to do this for a hockey program that's done so much for me," said Wiley. "We have a team of players that know their roles and get the job done. We would love to make it to the Garden."

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Callie Wiley, here firing a shot, has helped Andover girls hockey to its best record in a decade.



Courtesy photo

The Andover girls hockey captains have led the Golden Warriors to a historic winter. They are, from left, Sean D'Urso (assistant), Katie Adams (assistant), Emma Gilmartin (captain), Callie Wiley (captain) and Emily Wagner (assistant).

## Boys hockey, basketball teams set for tournament

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### BOYS HOCKEY

Despite earning votes for a second straight Super 8 berth, Andover just missed out on the 10-team field, and will instead head into the Division 1 North tournament.

The Golden Warriors (12-6-2) had to wait to find out their seed and opponent, following the Super 8 play-in games.

"Our goal every year is to win a title no matter what division we may be in," said captain Matt Schuhwerk. "Once we heard we weren't in the Super 8 we switched right over to Division 1 North and started to prepare mentally. The team is excited to go. We are looking to bring a title home."

Leading MVC Division 1 champion Andover is the likes of Steve Ingram (8 goals), Leo Byers (8 goals) and Shane Lachance (6 goals, team-high 16 points).

Goalie Alex Trottier has stepped up in a big way with a 2.05 goals-against average and three shutouts.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

After a red-hot 11-3 start to the season, Andover (12-8) entered the Division 1 North tourney as the No. 12 seed, and was scheduled to travel to No. 5 Waltham (14-6) on Tuesday.

"We're very excited about the tournament this year," said Golden Warrior star Kyle Rocker. "We're confident. Like coach always tells us, if we take it one possession



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Steve Ingram, here taking a shot, and Andover are one of the favorites in the Division 1 North tournament.

at a time and one play at a time we will be fine."

Andover's success begins with Rocker. The junior has delivered an MVP-caliber season, scoring 17.5 points per game including 48 3-pointers.

Stephen Shaw has also stepped into a lead role as a scorer (13.3 ppg, 17 3's), along with All-Star point guard Emmett Kim (9.9 ppg, 32 3's). Colin Kirkpatrick (39 3's) is a dangerous outside shooter.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

A couple of weeks ago, Andover coach Alan Hibino had a gut feeling his

team would be seeing rival Central Catholic for a fourth time this winter — this time in the state tournament.

Well, if his prediction is to come true, the Warriors and Raiders would have to both make the Division 1 North Finals.

The No. 4 Golden Warriors (16-4) were scheduled to open the tournament on Tuesday, by hosting No. 15 Lynn English (10-9).

Andover is led by Gia Bramanti (19.6 points per game, 33 3-pointers), Tatum Shaw (12.1 ppg, 36 3's), Taylor Landry (9.7 ppg) and Shea Krekorian (24 3's).

## Bukowski does it all at North Sectionals

### GYMNASTICS

Paige Bukowski tied for second in the vault (9.7), was fourth in the beam (9.6) and all-around (37.8), sixth in the bars (9.2) and eighth in the floor exercise (9.3) to help Andover take sixth as a team (138.125) at the North Sectionals on Saturday.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocker, Warriors roll  
Kyle Rocker scored 22 points and Andover closed out the regular season with a 68-34 victory over Acton-Boxboro last Monday. Emmett Kim added 14 points and Colin Kirkpatrick had two 3-pointers for the winners.

### BOYS HOCKEY

Trottier can't be beat  
Alex Trottier made 22 saves to earn a shutout as Andover beat Winchester 2-0 in the Newburyport Bank Classic Final on Friday. Evan Arpin and Sam Murray each scored a goal.

Tommy Tavenner, Patrick Archambault, Michael Feeney and Johnny Rowe each scored once as Andover topped traditional state power St. John's

Prep 4-2 last Tuesday.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

### Jagger's breakthrough

Callie Wiley scored four goals and Andover rolled over Arlington Catholic 6-0 last Tuesday. Emma Gilmartin and Sammy Sylvester each added a goal and Lillian Jagger made 11 saves for her first career shutout.

### GIRLS TRACK

### Barbanti shines

Delia Barbanti was third in the 300 (40.50) and teamed with Julia Sergeant, Grace Dunn and Julianna Kennedy to take third in the 4x200 relay (1:45.72) and Andover was sixth as a team (15 points) at the All-State Meet on Saturday.

Jodi Parrot was seventh in the long jump (17-8.25) and Barbanti, Dunn, Kennedy and Ava Trapp were 10th in the 4x400 (4:08.78).

### BOYS TRACK

### Pascoe takes eighth

Alec Pascoe was eighth in the 55 hurdles (7.91) to lead Andover at the All-State Meet on Saturday. Dan Blatman added a 15th in the shot put (46-7.25).



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from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. People are encouraged to stop by to socialize and take photos of the interesting, unique and unexpected spaces in the Blanchard House. Through the Virtual Andover App, people can travel down Main Street to

discover other historic inspiration to share.

By using the hashtag #InstaBlanchardHouse and #AndoverFirstFridays, people are also encouraged to share their pictures on social media.

All First Friday events are free and open to the public

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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

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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.

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

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