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Most measures approved at Andover Town Meeting

overwhelmingly voted to approve the West **Elementary** project at **Andover Town** Meeting on Saturday.

MADELINE HUGHES/



By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

Though it was a long day, Town cles passing by overwhelming any issues," Meyers said. margins.

The morning began with mul-Manager Andrew Flanagan.

dence" in Flanagan.

Meeting went smoothly with the in any of the recommendations warning that personal "characbudget and most warrant arti- coming from the town manager, ter assassinations" would not be

tiple people taking aim at Town Doherty, who said voters do not specifically in the town manager's have purview over individual office. First, Mike Meyers, a 62-year employees. That vote would have

resident of Andover, attempted to be taken by the Select Board, to have residents vote "no confi- because of Andover's form of government, she said.

"I'm just worried, I have doubt Doherty opened the meeting allowed. She was referring to an The effort was quickly shot effort organized over social media down by Town Moderator Sheila taking a critical aim at town staff,

Andover graduates 445



CARL RUSSO/staff photos

Andover Class Essayist Caroline Chen addresses the graduating class. Andover High School held its 161st commencement Monday afternoon.

'Faced it with resilience'

By Madeline Hughes

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ANDOVER — Graduates, their families, friends and 445 members of the Class overcame 92 degree heat. teachers took refuge from of 2021 have witnessed "The past four years have tainly didn't stop us." the hot sun under the large the Merrimack Valley gas been anything other than

Monday afternoon.

tent on the field next to the explosions, learned during normal, yet as a class we middle school for graduation a once-in-a-century global have faced it with resilience," pandemic, and, for their last said Caroline Chen, who read In the last four years the lesson, the Golden Warriors the class essay. "COVID put a

pause on traditions, but cer-

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Phillips Academy graduates 321

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

The class of 2021 has always been special, class co-president Meagan Chi said Sunday as the 243rd class graduated from Phillips Academy Andover.

She recalled their first allcalled on.

"A weak freshman cheer was "But no, not us. The class of 2021 66 During my time at Andover I've discovered there's nothing no more fulfilling than being proud of how we spend our time."

Class co-president Salvadore Gomez-Colon

school meeting when they were and spirit" was the cornerstone but others in both their micro of their experience, she said.

As the 321 graduates move expected in response," she said. ahead with their lives, co-pres- I've discovered there's nothing ident Salvadore Gomez-Colon no more fulfilling than being reminded them to make choices

Their "collective enthusiasm that help not only themselves, and macro interactions.

> "During my time at Andover See PHILLIPS, Page 6

Fahey sues

Former Youth Services director fired last month

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

ANDOVER — Former Youth Services Director Bill Fahey is suing Andover and Town Manager Andrew Flanagan after being fired last month.

According to a lawsuit filed Thursday in Essex County Superior Court by attorney Daniel Murphy of Murphy Law Group, Fahev alleges Flanagan had a personal vendetta against him and that the tension between them resulted in his unwarranted termination May 10 after an investigation and its ensuing report.

"Flanagan is using the town commissioned report as a sword against Fahey by insinuating that it supports the original accusations of Fahey engaging in improper sexual conduct with a former AYS (Andover Youth Services) employee and as a shield by refusing to release the report," Murphy wrote in the lawsuit.

To date, Flanagan has maintained Fahev See **FAHEY**, Page 6

Post-vax infections top 4,300 in Mass.

Vaccinations seen as 95% effective

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — While millions of people in Massachusetts have been vaccinated against COVID-19, public health officials are still reporting thousands of "breakthrough" cases, where individuals become infected even after they've been vaccinated.

There have been more than 4,300 breakthrough cases reported in the state as of May 31, according to the state Department of Public Health.

The agency notes that most of the cases were not severe and account for only a fraction of more than 3.2 million people who've been fully vaccinated.

Public health officials say while the COVID-19 vaccines are about 95% effective, See CASES, Page 2











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Tuesday vote determines future of West Elementary, pension obligation bond

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

the town should borrow money move forward.

pension liability.

approved both on Saturday, to either solidify or change thirds necessary in-person special election. their votes from Town Meet- vote. Now voters must reing to build the new West affirm their votes at the bal- ect will cost Andover taxpay- ing off the unfunded pension est rates to finance funding other town services, he said. Preschool, as well as decide if approval for both projects to The state has promised \$38 \$175 million according to cur- in the town's pension fund, their voting precinct by

rension liability. Residents overwhelmingly Election solidifies Town Meeting votes at Town Meeting. The final Borrowing at the low interest amount the form will be town wil

FROM PAGE ONE

The West Elementary proj-

Voters will get a chance reaching more than the two- to 8 p.m. on Tuesday for the elementary school into one, if by the Select Board, he said. otherwise escalating payments approved.

to pay off town's unfunded Polls will be open from 7 a.m. combine the preschool and ager Andrew Flanagan said funded by 2040, Flanagan said. wheredoivotema.

The vote to approve pay- tage of extremely low inter- tem would cause impacts to

will be confirmed and voted on age payments better, because The town is taking advan- to fund the town's pension sys-

Elementary and Shawsheen lot box with more than 50% ers \$152 million if approved. liability will likely cost about the expected \$346 million gap Residents can search for million for the project that will rent projections, Town Man-which needs to be completely visiting: sec.state.ma.us/

MEETING

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Bill Fahey.

Fahey was fired on May 10 vate investigator hired by build a new school. the town, Flanagan said. The ney's office.

Fahey filed a lawsuit this Town Meeting on June 15. past Thursday for wrongful termination, with documents revealing he was investigated for sexual misconduct.

in agreement, saying the approve funding the project. gan's office are excessive.

warned decreasing the bud- government structure was get by that amount would rejected by voters. He also not only impact the town withdrew his petition to

the lone public disagreement a noise ordinance also failed. to the amendment.

tion to the town manager at dining passed. Town Meeting is inappropriate," he said.

question after the discussion, Flanagan said at the end of it was shot down by a large an eight-hour day. majority.

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Pension fund and West Elementary

After more than an hour of presentations and debate, Outside the large tent the town voted to allow the set up for the event, people Select Board to borrow handed out flyers question- money to pay for a majority ing Flanagan's salary and of the town's unfunded pensome wore T-shirts and car- sion liability. Flanagan said ried signs in support of for- that will be about \$175 milmer Youth Services Director lion, according to current projections.

Voters also overwhelmafter a 12-week suspension ingly voted to approve the where he was investigated West Elementary and Shawfor "misconduct," by a pri- sheen Preschool project to

Voters will have to solidify town began the investigation both votes to approve borrowfollowing a referral from the ing money for town projects Essex County District Attor- by more than 50% of votes cast at the ballot box at a special

Other articles

Lindsay Concemi, of Andover, asked voters to After the failed "no confi- approve about \$75,000 to dence" call, Gabe Levine, a clean up the banks of the 22-year resident of Andover, Merrimack River. While town proposed to defund the town officials recommended not to manager's office — strip- fund the proposal because of ping \$608,990 from the bud- current work being done by get. Multiple people spoke the town, voters decided to

resources going to Flana- A citizen petition by Jose Albuquerque to have vot-However, town officials ers potentially change the implement term limits.

Greg Sebaskey, a 30-year Albuquerque's petition to resident of Andover, voiced change the bylaws to include

The zoning amendments "To bring a point of retribu- to allow permanent outdoor

"I'm thankful the community supported all of the arti-When Doherty called the cles submitted by the town,"



From left, Andover High School graduates Olivia Broderick and Colleen Shay applaud during the ceremony. Both are members of the senior class Board of Directors and Graduation Committee. Class Essayist Caroline Chen is seen in the background.

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The Class of 2021 chose to celebrate school nurses Jo-Anne Gibson and Heidi Katz with the Distinguished Citizens award. The health care workers took on additional duties such as contract tracing, advising people on quarantine guidelines and helping navigate the unknown, said student Olivia Broderick.

For their last acts as students, the Class of 2021 made their senior gift a monetary donation for the sustainable garden, said graduate Zephr Flanigan.

During their time at Andover High, various members of the class of 2021 engineered bacteria to break down plastic in the ocean, created a clinic in India to screen children for during the pandemic, and lin Brown said.

"In your time at Andover anything." High School, you have made better place," Brown said.

continue to make a differ- shouldn't fret, she said. ence, Interim Superintendent Claudia Bach said.

of unknowns as they fol-same boat," Bach said. "And

cardiac deficiencies, made Andover High School graduate Jacob Birnbach accepts his diploma from his father, David, masks using 3D print- a former School Committee member. It's an Andover tradition for past and present School ers for essential workers Committee members to present their children with their diplomas.

much more, Principal Cait- but she reminded them that they can accomplish

Students might have Andover and the world a heard they will have "learning gaps" because There's no doubt they will of the pandemic, but they

"You'll have lots of company across the country, She said there are a lot lots of people are in the low their different paths, you are graduating from an extraordinarily strong high school and have been fortunate to have the very best teachers. You'll be able to work with anyone out there, you are ready to go."



Andover High School graduate Sarah Kelly stays cool with a cup of ice cold lemonade. Crack'd Kitchen & Coffee gourmet eatery in Andover provided hundreds of lemonade drinks for the graduates and staff before the ceremony. Andover held its 161st Commencement Monday afternoon.



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shots. "The vaccines appear to

small proportion of people to the vaccine," he said. that are going to break vaccinated.'

He said the latest data get sick have relatively low a recent advisory. viral loads.

individuals and what risk to their death, the CDC said. cwade@cnhi.com

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factors might be involved.

some people will inevitably immune systems, such as involve asymptomatic inditreatments.

"There is a growing body higher than reported. have a high level of pro- of evidence that these peotection, but there still a ple do not respond that well sor at Harvard University's

through with symptomatic ease Control and Preven-public health commissioner, infections," said Dr. David tion reported more than said despite public concerns Hamer, an infectious dis- 10,200 breakthrough cases about breakthrough cases ease expert and profes- nationwide as of the end of the vaccines have proven to sor at Boston University's April. But in May the fed- be the best defense against School of Public Health eral agency shifted its focus COVID-19 infections and and School of Medicine. to investigating only severe allowing the nation to "This appears to happen breakthrough cases. Of those return to normal. in only a fraction of the reported to date, it has identipeople who have been fully fied about 2,400 cases, includ- health marathon is within

ing 439 deaths. suggests many of the centage of fully vaccinated keep the momentum going, breakthrough cases are people who still get sick, but we always have to be asymptomatic, and the are hospitalized, or die from vigilant because this virus vaccinated individuals who COVID-19," the CDC said in has pummeled us so many

Many of the individuals

The federal agency, which One group that should is tracking how well the be concerned about break- COVID-19 vaccines work, through cases are peo-points out that because ple with compromised many breakthrough cases get sick after getting their patients undergoing cancer viduals, the number of actual cases may be a lot

> Dr. Howard Koh, a profes-T.H. Chan School for Pub-The U.S. Centers for Dis- lic Health and former state

> "The end of this public sight," he said. "We're in "There will be a small per- the final sprint, and need to

times in the past" Christian M. Wade covers Hamer said more who died after being vacci- the Massachusetts Stateresearch is needed to deter- nated were already hospital- house for North of Boston mine exactly why the vac- ized and or had pre-existing Media Group's newspapers cine doesn't work on some conditions that contributed and websites. Email him at

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Town committees seek resident volunteers

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have vacancies this year:

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are harmonious to the District wide median income.

and to prevent changes that Investment Committee - This models to better understand Board, the ZBA issues spepublished this fall. the District.

The Town of Andover is still Commission on Disability on the feasibility of pension programs to reduce criminal sioner or other administrative of Andover. seeking volunteers to serve addresses Andover's dis- obligation bonds, investment victimization, promote crime officer. on boards and committees, as ability needs for the town, decisions, stress testing, and prevention and safety awaremany vacancies arise for the its residents, visitors, and asset allocation related to and ness, and serve the needs of **Library group seeks** more than 40 boards and com- families with disabilities. The following the town's potential the senior community. mittees that rely on the ser- Commission on Disability is issuance of pension obligation currently expanding its mem-bonds. "Andover relies on the pas- bership and looking for four

said Annie Gilbert, chair of aims to promote cultural in planning and carrying the Select Board. "We are activities in Andover through out all patriotic and civic always so grateful for the the distribution of funds holidays and observances. expertise and perspective our received from the state. The The committee has primary residents bring to our gover- Council awards small grants responsibility for all such Residents can fill out the tions that sponsor cultural 4th celebration.

outlines all of the boards and The purpose of the Economic tee selects Andover's Poet committees in town. It also Development Council is to Laureate who represents the allows users to provide their develop and implement a pro- Town of Andover by presentavailability and background active economic development ing original works of poetry; so that they can be matched strategy that addresses issues conducting poetry readings; The following committees ment, business retention and Andover students; and parjob creation. The focus of the ticipating in public events Audit Committee - The Audit council is to ensure that busi- as well as town, school, and Committee recommends the nesses thrive in Andover as library programs appointment of an indepen- well as attract businesses Revenue and Expenditure Task dent auditor to conduct the interested in locating here.

committee reviews the audit Moderator, The Finance Com- cial plan and advises the plan with the independent mittee reviews the proposed town manager on strategies auditors and upon completion budgets of all town depart- to reduce the structural defiof the audit, meets with the ments as well as financial cit. The task force reviews independent auditors to dis- warrant articles and provides revenues and expenditures cuss the results of the audit recommendations to Town and develops tools and

Housing Partnership Com-

Housing Trust Fund Board of **Trustees -** the Housing Trust Ballardvale Historic District Fund provides a source of Commission - The purpose of funding for the preservathe Ballardvale Historic Dis-tion and creation of affordtrict Commission is to ensure able housing in the Town of that changes and additions Andover for the benefit of within the Historic District households below the area

might detract from the aes- is a new committee with a the town's finances. thetic and historic values of charge of advising the Retire-

Patriotic Holiday Committee - The Patriotic Holiday $\textbf{Cultural Council} \ \ \, \textbf{-} \ \ \, \textbf{The Committee assists the Town ing to Spring Grove Cemetery}.$ Andover Cultural Council Veterans Services Director to individuals and organiza- occasions except for the July

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cial permits, grants variances

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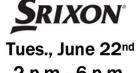
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Opinion

Improving life for seniors

The pandemic affected senior citizens sooner and more harshly than most other people, and now that the threat of COVID-19 is significantly diminished — "on the run," as Gov. Charlie Baker says — it's a good time to take stock of how we support our aging and elderly population.

Never before were services for seniors more critical than during the past 15 months — whether that meant providing counseling or delivering meals even as health measures to prevent spread of COVID-19 closed one of the most trusted resources for that group, the local senior center.

Agencies found ways to adapt, working together to connect with and help seniors isolated during that time. Today, advocates for seniors stress the need to both preserve those strategies and keep their partnerships strong.

The pandemic also revealed areas of serious need, as noted in a report released last week by the Baker administration. For example, there's still much work to be done to ensure that seniors are not isolated and have reliable access to broadband internet, and to address their emotional and behavioral health needs, as well as those of their families and caregivers.

The report, titled "ReiMAgine Aging," marks Massachusetts' progress toward becoming "age- and dementia-friendly." It's one of seven states AARP recognizes as working toward that goal.

Within Massachusetts, 134 communities have joined the organization's "age-friendly network" as well — including Gloucester, Rockport, Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Peabody, Salem, Swampscott, Wenham and Lawrence in our region. That designation does not necessarily reflect a community that is more or less livable for seniors — some have a lot of work to do — but it notes those actively pursuing ways to make the lives of seniors better.

"The importance of the age- and dementia-friendly movement is to create communities that encourage mental and physical support as we age," Martha Valez, director of human services for Lawrence, is quoted as saying in the state's progress report. "A community that advocates unity among stakeholders can manifest a better outcome no matter the predicament the community is facing."

Take the most recent public health emergency as example. The pandemic was particularly harsh on the state's seniors, directly and indirectly. As State House News Service noted in its coverage of the state's progress report, the average age of the 17,903 people in Massachusetts who've died from COVID-19 is 70.

And as Baker noted in his introduction to the report, seniors who weren't stricken with COVID-19 faced "economic calamity, isolation, anxiety and fear." That's not to mention other longstanding problems, such as racial inequality, that for many impair access to services.

There was a positive side, however. "In the midst of this public health emergency, we witnessed the resilience of communities, including older adults, family caregivers and the professionals who serve them. If there is a silver lining in all this, it's how organizations and individuals from every corner of Massachusetts stepped up to confront the pandemic and care for each other," Baker wrote in the report's introduction.

Many of those agencies looked to each other, forming partnerships and programs to reach isolated seniors. Local leaders and agencies serving seniors, Baker noted, "served as a foundation for rapid coordination to meet the need of older residents.'

As we turn from COVID-19 it's time to think seriously about how we address the needs of our aging population over the long term. That means pursuing policies and programs at the state and local level that address issues highlighted by the report — in the areas of emotional health, connectivity and racial inequality.

In the meantime, every community in Massachu-— indeed every state in the country — should create a plan to improve services offered to its senior population. All should be members of AARP's network.

We will surely face another public emergency that tests our resources and collective spirit, just as COVID-19 did. When that day comes, the strong bonds among caregivers, service agencies and local officials will help protect the vulnerable among us.

The railroad that wound through Andover

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By Gail Ralston

Andover Center for History and Culture

In the early 1830s, Andover businessman Hobart Clark called a meeting at Locke's Tavern, 111 Main St., in order to form the Andover &

Wilmington Railroad Corp. Andover was one of the first Massachusetts towns to be served by the railroad. The corporation was chartered March 15, 1833; the first train to Boston ran on July

Townsman columnist Kay Noyes, in 1956, wrote of the challenges of the early workers during the laying of the track. These men did their work without trenching machines and automatic

graders. Engineers laid out

the path without the aid

of telescopic and transit

instruments. One Irish worker's job was to torch the dynamite needed to excavate ledges along the path. To light the dynamite he would walk along the

of blasting powder in the other" quite oblivious to the danger of a flying ember.

In 1910, Andover old-timer Melville Day recalled the experience.

Day noted there were no gates, no flagmen or anything to warn of an approaching train, except "a huge sign straddled across the road, painted white with black letters "Railroad Crossing."

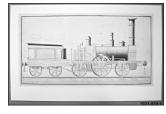
Day remembered that "the trains were small, often only one car, no express trains, no night trains, no Sunday trains. Freight trains were small and slow.'

The engines were small with "huge smoke stacks and ugly looking piston rods.' For a while, the engines all had names of their sides, mostly names of towns (the "Andover") and names of individuals (the "Hobart Clark").

Initially, pine wood instead of coal was used to fuel the engines. Because of the danger of fire from smoke and cinders belching from the stack, an ordinance was passed forbidding trains to enter town centers.

Because of this, the path of the tracks themselves was quite circuitous.

Describing this route in grade "brandishing a flaming modern terms needs a good



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A locomotive on the Andover & Wilmington Railroad was called "the Andover."

imagination, but should give an idea of the planning that must have occurred to comply with safety laws:

• From Route 38 in Wilmington, the track crossed Salem Street and, entering Andover, traveled between Lowell Junction and the flats of the Shawsheen

• Crossing River Street in Ballardvale to the rear of South School – then called Preston Plains - there was a depot at 265 Andover St.

 Across Andover Street and the agent's home (the station agents in the early days "worked for nothing and were allowed to rent parts of the depot or could follow other trades") the train continued east to Rec Park, making a turn down today's entrance road across Abbot Street into Spring Grove Cemetery on an elevated line. cemetery, down Abbot, across Phillips Street, and between the backyards of homes on

Abbot and Central streets. • The train then needed to cross under a bridge that spanned School Street, across Central, past South Church

and the Rose Cottage. · Next, the train turned down Essex Street to the town's main depot (site of today's library parking lot).

· After this point, the train ran past Tyer Rubber (site of today's Public Safety Center), across North Main, up Sweeney and Hartigan courts; left on High Street, past Carmel Woods and down Waverly Road in North Andover (the street was then called Railroad Avenue).

 Haverhill was the final destination.

The track of curves served the town well until planning began for the city of Lawrence.

When it was decided that the new city must be connected to Boston, many inconveniences forced the rerouting to the current line, a move that even necessitated altering the flow of the Shawsheen River.

Today, the only public view of the old railroad is a depression in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Letters to the Editor

Question is the best

way to address town's pension liability Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to express my

support for Question 1 - Pen-Andover's June 15 ballot.

workshop in November, I have taken a deep interest in Andover's struggle to meet our still come out ahead of Option unfunded pension liability. I 2 by about \$7 million. was shocked about the situation and inspired to help.

that the plan outlined in Quesexplain.

three options:

Before long, the town would outlined in Question 1. lose its AAA bond rating; and eventually, the state would voters to vote "yes" on Ques- ballot box on June 15th. take over governance. Like tion 1 - Pension Obligation what happened to the city of Chelsea in 1991. Andover would go under state receivership. We would completely lose control of our destiny.

Option 2: Pay the Retirement Board about \$23 million annually until 2040. The town would have to appropriate the Editor, Townsman: funds by raising taxes through Proposition 2 ½ overrides or by severely cutting services – or both.

portion of the unpaid liability ers across the community. and provide that amount as By comparison, most pension to our community. boards have an objective of 7%

the unfunded liability.

By my calculations, with typical market fluctuations over save the town as much as \$100

These findings are based After spending countless town manager's proposal as it hours analyzing the numbers, evolved. I used 90 years of S&P

Option 1: Ignore the model suggests a strong pref- Andover even better. unfunded pension liability. erence for Option 3 – the plan

> Bonds, on the ballot on June 15. ANIL NAVKAL

Andover

Pension payment plan will control cost to taxpayers

On June 5 Town Meeting approved Article 7, the Pension Obligation Bond.

This plan to address Ando-Option 3: Adopt the plan ver's unfunded pension liabiloutlined by Question 1. Tak- ity was developed over many ing advantage of low-interest months of public meetings and rates, we would borrow a large with feedback from stakehold-

Board. We would assemble and most responsible option moral compass. a team of domain experts to for meeting our significant help the Pension Board cre- pension obligation while pre-

3, which offer radically differ- taxpayer; it includes respon- drugs, alcohol, violence and ent approaches to paying off sible budget measures and discrimination - all the things spending reform. Backed by unanimous sup-rience of youth.

port from the Select Board, sion Obligation Bonds on 18 years, Option 3 promises to Finance Committee, School is the jewel of Andover. When Committee and Revenue/ Since the first Select Board million by 2040. Even with a Expenditure Task Force, Artideep recession lasting more cle 7 is a well-vetted strategy than 10 years, Option 3 would that controls the annual cost but Fahey is the heart and soul. to the taxpayer and limits the exposure to the town.

on my own analysis of the for another solution to come

I have reached the conclusion 500 historical data to guide me. the town and taxpayers more refuses to reinstate him as I recruited my son, who is a and result in lost services and tion 1 is our best option. Let me data scientist and math PhD, jobs. Acting now will set us things to start: to help me devise a model that on a responsible course for Put simply, the town has would account for potential decades to come and allow tion. Understanding privacy is risk. I am happy to say that the for more resources to make a concern, it should be possible

> in voting to approve the Pen-That is why I urge Andover sion Obligation Bond at the director of Andover Youth Ser-

Town should release information, keep Fahey as adviser to AYS

Editor, Townsman:

The kids deserve better. To stated as director of Andover Youth Services.

a massively positive impact on ensure this never happens my life. I count him as one of a handful of true role models from my childhood. He is best path forward is for Bill Put simply, it represents a good, honest man with an Fahey to be reinstated as direca lump sum to the Pension Andover's least expensive enormous heart and strong tor of Andover Youth Services.

can expect to earn 5% to 6%. services that are so important ance of freedom and rules. Andover and its kids. Kids know they are free to be Importantly, the funding themselves and pursue their

plan behind Article 7 does not dreams, but at the same time Let's compare Options 2 and place the burden solely on the there is zero tolerance for that too often define the expe-As a result, youth services

my friends talk about moving back to town they start with AYS. True, it is a community,

We still don't know what Fahey is accused of doing, We cannot sit back and hope however we know he deserves better than a very public, painful and poorly managed termi-To be clear, waiting will cost nation. If the town manager director of AYS, here are a few

1. Release more informato state what the misconduct I ask your readers to join me did not include.

> 2. Appoint Glenn Wilson vices. Bill is the heart and soul **DANIEL KOH** of youth services, but Glenn is **Andover** the rock. Appointing him as director would assure the community that the mission of AYS hasn't changed.

> > 3. Allow Fahey to serve as an adviser. Based on what we know, cutting him off from the AYS community seems to go too far.

4. Conduct a full review of start, Bill Fahey should be rein- the policies and procedures that led to the current situation. Fahey's termination was When I was a kid, Fahey had mismanaged and we must again.

The kids deserve better. The

The next best action is for More importantly, Andover transparency, decency and rec-Youth Services is a safe place onciliation for a man who has ate a diverse portfolio that we serving the town and school for kids with a unique bal-dedicated his life to the town of **JOE RUSCKOWSKI**

Boston

WEB QUESTION

get amendment that would extend the drink deliveries, retired. allowed as part of the emergency orders issued due to COVID-19. The effort appeared to fizzle — until a Senate Last week's question committee this week voted to recommend lawmakers make the change.

selling drinks with take-out and delivery orders. It was a weekly benefits to people who've lost jobs due to restricnice pandemic-era convenience that should be continued. tions meant to stop spread of COVID-19.

LAST CALL: It's time to resume normal life, and that means

Sen. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, pushed for a state bud-drinks-to-go will be gone not long after. They should be struggle to find employees.

Are jobless benefits keeping people out of work? Some business leaders want the state to pull out of fed-

The federal benefits, which are added to state benefits, ents from going back to work. (17 votes)

Should restaurants be allowed to continue serving to-go putting the cap back on the bottle. Gov. Charlie Baker's create too much of an incentive for people to stay out of the state of emergency officially expires in a few days, and job market, they argue. The result is that many businesses

Should the state start pulling back on benefits?

BACK TO WORK: Yes, the threat of COVID-19 is ebbing with more vaccinations. Jobs are plentiful, and the state needs to stop "helping" people stay out of the job market. (41 votes) NOT SO FAST: Unemployment benefits are important to

BOTTOM'S UP: By all means allow restaurants to continue eral pandemic relief programs that give an extra \$300 in people who just can't get back to their jobs, for whatever reason. For example, COVID-19 caused a major loss in the number of child care spaces, which is keeping many par-

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Federal aid squabbles begin on Beacon Hill

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

headed for the state as part DiZoglio said. of the latest pandemic relief package.

and Senate President Karen of the funds. Spilka, D-Ashland, said the dent Joe Biden three months "While state leaders deter-

no one is left behind."

But the Baker administration argues that legislative releasing the federal funds, approval is not needed to lawmakers say they intend parcel out the relief money. to play a role in deciding

And the wrangling is apparently holding up \$100 million in relief funds for Methuen, Chelsea, Revere and Randolph, which were short-changed by a federal formula used to calculate a previous round of aid.

The Baker administration says moving the American Rescue Plan funds into a separate account will create unnecessary red tape that could slow the money from getting to communities that

"We have 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, and 347 of them have gotten their money," Baker said during a briefing Wednesday, where he was asked about the funds. "There are four communities that haven't. And all four of those were really hard hit by COVID-19 and deserve our support."

But lawmakers aren't buying his claims. Some suggest the governor is using the money as leverage over control of a larger pool of federal relief funds.

"He's had plenty of time to disperse those funds since the discrepancy was first identified," said state Rep. Linda Campbell, D-Methuen. "These four communities need this funding now. They've waited long enough."

Sen. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, said Methuen "needs this financial support, not later but immediately."

"It is important that the Legislature have oversight over the governor's administration in the allocation of funds, and it is also critical that we do not create additional red tape that leads to

ANDOVER **POLICE LOG**

Friday, May 28

Theft: Unlocked cars had disturbed items, Lowell Street, 2:19 a.m.

Vandalism: Rock thrown at car, Lowell Street, 2:40 p.m.

Saturday, May 29

Mischievous complaint: Fight, Old River Road, 5:47 p.m.

Sunday, May 30

Animal complaint: Two goslings stuck in the sewer.

Monday, May 31

Fraud: Lost debit card used at stores, North Main Street, 7:53 p.m.

Theft: License plates stolen, Birchstone Drive, 8:53

Theft: Car keys, Railroad Street.

Tuesday, June 1 Theft: Bike, Main Street,

1:51 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2

Recovered property: Stolen

car found, Bellevue Road, 8:32 a.m.





critical resources," she said. funds is distributed.

"We must together, the

congressional delegation deciding how this money is Last week, House Speaker have also weighed in, call-spent." Ron Mariano, D-Quincy, ing for "immediate" release

"The flexible federal Legislature will create a relief funding in the Ameri- Media Group's newspapers "segregated" fund for the can Rescue Plan we helped and websites. Email him at \$5.3 billion in relief money secure is currently in the cwade@cnhi.com sent to Massachusetts from state's coffers," Sens. Elizathe American Rescue Plan, a beth Warren and Ed Markey stimulus bill signed by Presi- wrote in a joint statement.

mine allocation of the rest "Every community in of the \$5.3 billion in funding, Massachusetts has unique we should immediately disneeds," they said in a state-tribute to Chelsea, Everett, ment. "A robust legislative Methuen, and Randolph the process will help ensure that \$100 million dollars committed to them."

Beyond the issue of

a delay in the release of such how the \$5.3 billion in relief

"During the pandemic the BOSTON — Gov. Charlie Legislature and administra- governor had emergency Baker and legislative lead-tion, get to work and allocate powers, but that time has ers are wrangling over bil- these funds to our commu- now passed," Campbell lions of dollars in federal aid nities as soon as possible," said. "The Legislature has a clear, constitutional Members of the state's responsibility to be a part of

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Where is there help for a single mom?

Dr. Larry Larsen

Dear Doctor,

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I am a single parent of change in our culture. two wonderful children, and I love them so much. There were at 9% in 1960 and have single mom needs. are times I feel like I am not $\,$ increased to 26% in 2014. a mom. I work a full time job. are not alone. Home things take more time. I get into bed exhausted.

Is there help for us as we try to be a parent?

He has been no help.

Tired Single Mom Dear Single Mom,

in the last many years. The old enough. Pew Research folks say

learned over some years.

making lists, planning time need. commitments, and even

traditional two parent fami- sometimes tough, but look lies have decreased from 73% for friends, an aunt, and in 1960 to 46% in 2014. That grandma/grandpa to help if is quite a drop and reflects they are able. I have known some terrific grandparents Single parent families who love being the support a

Find your center. We all doing a the best job at being That is quite an increase. You need a place in mind and spirit to rest and restore. It Here are some hints I have may be exercise and walking, meditation, reading, writing Get organized. This sounds a poem, or having even a few easy, but it requires think- moments of peace. Pay atten-Don't say ask their father. ing out of the box. It means tion to yourself and what you

Practice self reward. Give working on having the kids yourself frequent "Atta Your tribe has increased help with chores, if they are girls." Be your own parent, replete with self approval. Get support. This is The world needs you!

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

manager of the Homestead road to Lowell. Association in Shawsheen Village, narrowly escaped what might have been a to 93 Punchard High School this week instead. Those Base, Honolulu, Hawaii. very serious accident last students, including 13 who didn't still have time
The Bailey Bridge over Wednesday when his car veterans, three of whom and besides the nylons the Shawsheen River leadcollided with a team owned received their diplomas there will be cloth for a new ing from the former Rayby the American Woolen with the class, and ten who suit, canned goods, poultry theon Co., parking lot onto Company. The accident hap-received theirs as a result and—well let's go! pened on North Main street of satisfactory completion and serious consequences of night school courses.

Thursday evening, it was lack of use. announced that the Board The nylons that were to McQuade. of Public works had decided be awarded to the lucky

to open Haggett's pond for ticket-holder at the Bal- St., was one of 24 passenber 1.

100 Years Ago- June 10, 1921 that before many weeks we of hiding next Saturday Patterson Air Force base in Douglas H. McLellan, shall be enjoying this direct a the Watson-Park andi- Dayton Ohio, vanished Sun-

were prevented only by the Arthur W. Howes of the rapidly filling, and its life ago to relieve traffic condifact that the driver had his Phillips Academy depart- expectancy is short, accord- tions in Shawsheen Village car so well under control ment of music is one of an ing to officials, who not only during peak traffic periods that he was able to swing ever increasing number cite the rapidly filling areas when the Raytheon Co. had it onto the sidewalk so that of sponsors planning to but meeting state health employment reaching close he struck the team only a reconstruct and recondi- and ecological measures to 8,000. The electronics At the monthly meeting in Methuen and its famous tion. Uncovered areas of tion of its operations to its of the fish and game club organ, which have for many the dump have now been new plant in West Andover. held in the lower town hall years deteriorated from covered according to Pub- The selectmen recently

fishing from July 1 to Octo- lardvale penny social and gers aboard an Air Force jet dance last week have been missing and believed down Work on the last stretch put away—no, they won't somewhere in the Pacific a of Lowell street is moving say where—for safekeep- distance from Hawaii. The along well and it is hoped ing but they will come out four engine jet from Wrighttorium (sic) when some day on its way from Pago 75 Years Ago - June 13, 1946 lucky person may consider Pago, American Samoa, Diplomas were awarded it a rain check and turn up to Hickam Field Air Force

tion the former Serio hall as the need for a new loca- firm moved the major por-

John P. Cahill, 38, 146 Elm editorial).

FOR THE RECORD

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Kenilworth Street is again 50 Years Ago - June 17, 1971 in controversy. The bridge The present dump is was placed several years lic Works Director Robert voted to close the bridge for a 30-day period. (partial

Andover police, fire change phone numbers

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

departments have changed statement. their non-emergency phone numbers.

business phone number for their phones. the Andover Fire Depart-

new technology, just like website.

the school district and town have done in previous years, wrote police spokes-The Andover police and fire person Lt. Eddie Guy in a

The old phone numbers will continue to be active for The new business phone the time being, he said. Hownumber for the Andover ever, he encourages every-Police Department will be one to use and save the new (978) 623-3500 and the new non-emergency numbers in

The changes to the phone ment will be (978) 623-3700. numbers have also changed The town's emergency extension numbers, he said. services changed the phone He recommends checking numbers to keep up with new numbers on the town's

FAHEY

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but never characterized its Andover Townsman's sister nature

benefits, emotional distress tion, according to Flanagan. and loss of reputation, the The vast majority of the

Police Department started Center.' the investigation into Fahey.

you may have engaged in involving a minor.' improper conduct with a

Fahey after he was fired. In gan was never forthcoming. reaction, Human Resources cult decision" was made.

decision was difficult, and accordingly." one that no one manager contemplation."

The complaint made by blacked out. Jonathan Blogett in January. redactions. They investigated and found back to the town.

conducted an investigation case publicly. with the Massachusetts State the level of criminal conduct. anyone's personal space." The matter was referred to the Town of Andover."

Harassment Solutions to Massachusetts Secretary of conduct a local investigation. State.

Taxpayer's cost for her work was \$13,425. The resulting report, which was nearly 100% redacted by the town was fired for "misconduct," when released to The newspaper, The Eagle-Tri-Fahey is suing for damages bune, last week, was what related to lost wages and prompted Fahey's termina-

lawsuit states. A separate lawsuit tells a story of how document, the civil action Fahey believes he has been document sheet, estimates targeted since Flanagan damages of up to \$10 million. became town manager in The lawsuit questions 2015, because, Fahey says, the credibility of the per- Flanagan planned on "takson whose complaint to the ing over the Cormier Youth

"Fahev alleges that over It states the person was a the past five and a half minor when the "inappro- years, Flanagan targeted priate sexual conduct" is Fahey for termination," the alleged to have taken place, lawsuit states. "Further, and was also an employee of Fahey alleges that Flanagan had been making knowingly, In a letter from the town and with malice, false stateto Fahey that was included ments that wrongfully insinwith the lawsuit, the reason uate to the public that Fahey he was originally suspended was being investigated for was that the town received and ultimately terminated "credible information that because of criminal behavior

However, when previously asked about the nature of Residents rallied behind Fahey's misconduct, Flana-

Concerning Fahey's law-Director Jessica Porter suit, Flanagan said Friwrote a letter to the Select day, "While the town does Board explaining how not comment on pending the "complicated and diffi- litigation, we plan to vigorously defend the lawsuit and "The path to making this respond to the complaint

The Eagle-Tribune has or human resources profes-sional ever desires to make," report on the investigation she wrote. "It was not a deci-through a public records sion made lightly, or with-request, but when it was out discussion and much received last week, all text about the investigation was

the unnamed person was Flanagan cited a nondisreferred to the office of Essex closure agreement with County District Attorney Fahey as the reason for the

Meanwhile, Fahey has no criminal conduct, and asked for the investigation then referred the complaint and his response to its findings to be released — even "Allegations regarding Mr. going so far as to post a Fahey were referred to this video on social media makoffice by Andover Police," ing his appeal. Fahey's lawwrote Carrie Kimball, yer said that they intend to spokesperson for the Essex get his client released from County District's Attorney's the non-disclosure agree-Office, in a statement. "We ment so he can make his

"Names can be protected," Police and determined that Murphy said. "We don't the allegations did not rise to have any desire to invade

The Eagle-Tribune's records request for the The town hired Regina report on the investigation Ryan of Discrimination and has been appealed to the



COURTESY OF PHILLIPS ACADEMY/Tory Wesnofske

Students cheer along their fellow graduates at Phillips Academy Sunday.

■ Continued from Page 1

proud of how we spend our time," he said. "So in approaching what lies ahead in our lives, these next chapters, I hope all of us irrespective of the paths we choose, make the choice to live with

intention.' Those decisions should be grounded in what they learned over their four years. the co-presidents agreed.

"We are a better, truer and more courageous version of ourselves because of everything we have been through together," Chi said. "This family is one we'll return to at various points in our lifetimes. Our Andover anchor will hold us steady and guide us as we continue to find our ways into the future and find our ways back to each other."

"Your voice alone is strong, but together we are a forced



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to be reckoned with," Chi Phillips Academy graduates toss flowers at the end of commencement Sunday.

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73 Mercury Ter Unit 73: Mercury

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184-184a West St: Maria Taveras to Gladys E. Rodriguez, \$210,000 **METHUEN**

26 Ashford St Unit B: Kyle M. Merkosky to Rebecca Brown and Gregory T. Altobello. \$288.000

43 Bridle Path Ln: David J. and Carole A. Stapleton to David S. and Sheena Courage, \$555,000

17 Carleton St: Johanna Duran

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Area communities honor their veterans

By Terry Date Staff Writer

It felt good to remember together.

Memorial Day observances were the first opportunities over the past 14 months for the Merrimack Valley public to stand together without masks. It was fittingly a time to remember.

Hosts and visitors gathered around flags and flowers, gravestones and monuments to pay their respects.

As always, veterans, fallen veterans, were at the forefront of people's minds.

But this year, after 594,000 deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. — 80 percent of the dead over 65 years old, many of them veterans — other losses were also on people's minds.

In Andover, at Spring Grove Cemetery, some of veterans services.

The ceremony included wreath placements and the reading of the names and ringing of a bell for 48 Andover veterans who died in the last year.

Andover Middle School students read "The Gettysburg Address" by Abraham Lincoln and the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae, among other texts.

The Andover High School band played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"Everything flowed member Jim Bedford rings together," Comeiro said.

People were happy to be of a deceased Andover out of their homes and to be veteran is read. The Andover with others, he said.

"It was literally a breath held at the American Legion of fresh air to be out there," he said. At a 10 a.m. observance

at Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover, David Andover and Boxford veterplague bring.

"This turning point in who died in the past year. history is personal for us: Traditional observances there are many newly made included honor guard renetery," he said.

Master of ceremonies salutes and songs. Joseph LeBlanc, North North Andover High the past year.



200 people gathered for Retired U.S. Navy Cmdr. Robert Hamilton Sr., 93, of Andover, the observance said Mark a pilot during World War II and the Korean War, salutes during Comeiro, the town's director the town's Memorial Day ceremony.

School senior Madeline "The Star-Spangled Ban- Vietnam. ner" and junior Courtney Beautiful." Among those in atten-

dance were people who had did not have enough time to suffered losses and those organize parades or public who wanted to be with oth- observances. ers and pay tribute to the fallen.

of Afghanistan and Iraq who vices office. served five tours and died seven years ago.

ouflage jacket.

Hruban, retired U.S. Army, ans' services officer, stood Caron said before the obser- Campagnone Common in chair of the Patriotic Obser- by the veterans memorial vance started. He and his memory of all of Lawrence's vance Committee, noted the under two Norway maple son were glad to be with oth-fallen military members. turning points that war and trees and read off the names ers, about 200 people standof 49 veterans from the town ing in the carpet-like grass. throughout Southern New

We're ready for it."

graves throughout the cem-derings, reciting of the announced that the guest of junction with the town, Pledge of Allegiance, rifle honor was the public, given hosted a parade to the

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in Methuen at Elmwood marched from Pollard honors and tributes. Cemetery, VFW Post 8349 Commander Kurt Williams led the ceremony on behalf of Methuen veterans who have died.

Williams placed a flag at the memorial marker to John Fontaine of Methuen, a U.S. Army infantryman killed in Vietnam on April 24, 1966.

Officers with Post 8349 and ladies auxiliary officers placed flowers on the young soldier's marker as his cousin, John Dowd, a U.S. Air Force veteran and commander of Methuen American Legion Post 122, raised the flag on the memorial CARL RUSSO/Staff photos site's pole.

> "It's a hallowed time for us," Dowd said after the ceremony. "I love my country. I love my flag."

Dowd was 15 years old Grace MacLellan sang when his cousin died in

Post 122 held its cer-Igbinosa sang "America the emony earlier at Walnut Grove Cemetery. Some towns and cities

Lawrence, which was

particularly hit hard by the Ruth Wilson of Haverhill, pandemic, opted for no puboriginally from North lic ceremony to err on the Andover, was there to side of caution, said Jaime remember her son Scott S. Melendez, the director of Wilson, a U.S. Army veteran Lawrence's veterans ser-Melendez, who is also

president of the Massa-A father, Chris Caron of chusetts Veterans Service North Andover, was at the Officers Association, said ceremony with his 3-year- the city — at the direction old son, CJ, wearing a cam- of Mayor Kendrys Vasquez placed 776 flags along It's been a long year, the walkways crossing the

Observances were held "I'm ready for it," he said. Hampshire.

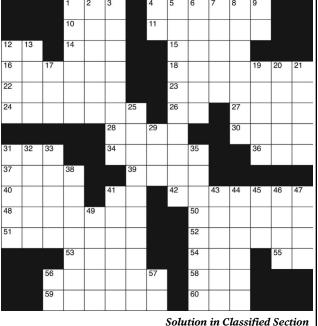
In Londonderry, Ameri-The master of ceremonies can Legion Post 27, in conthe shared sacrifices over Town Common for a ceremony to honor all those

In a special presentation, who died serving the nation. School to Elm Street Cem-

tendent, Scott Polumbo, in a wreath was laid on the Memorial Park honor of his steadfast care grave of Pvt. 1st Class Verne In Windham, a parade for the grounds and those Greely, a Marine killed in stepped off from Center Vietnam in 1967.

LeBlanc gave a framed flag
The procession stopped at etery for a service followed to the cemetery's superin- Holy Cross Cemetery where by a ceremony at Veterans

School to Ministerial Road, Ten miles away, at noon, In Plaistow, a parade then on to a ceremony for



34. Order of architecture

37. Snakelike fishes

41. Atomic #58

50. Frankfurter

39. Children's tale bear

42. Moving your head

51. Small, seedless raisin

36. Investment account (abbr.)

40. Norse personification of old age

48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner

52. Device in papermaking machine

54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)

55. "Westworld" actor Harris

56. Saturated with salt

58. Marry

59. Report on

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress
- 4. One of Santa's reindeer
- 10. Before the present
- 11. Type of butter
- 12. Location of White House 14. Motion
- 15. Tree part 16. Regions around the North Pole
- 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale 22. Discuss after it's happened
- 23. Milk substitute for coffee 24. Describes one who believes in
- supreme being 26. Equally
- 27. Famed director Forman 28. Popular apartment style
- 30. British School
- 31. Advanced degree

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rays
- 2. Self-centered person 3. One you look after
- 4. Prosecutor 5. Portion 6. Speaks ill of
- 7. Formal system for computer programs
- 8. To make angry
- 9. Rural delivery 12. Group of languages
- 13. Large First Nations group 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy
- 19. Excludes 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 60. Midway between north and
- 21. Swedish monetary unit
- 25. Works with 29. Partner to "to"
- 31. Rewards (archaic)
- 32. One of Caroline Islands 33. Type of alcohol
- 35. Eat a lot 38. Nuns
- 41. Dog 43. Become more serious
- 44. Choose 45. Newspapers use it
- 46. World's longest river
- 47. Commanded to go faster 49. Cabs
- 56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character 57. Document signed (abbr.)

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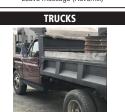
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Sports

IN CONTROL

Tennis star Zhou dominating the competition for unbeaten Golden Warriors

By David Willis Staff Writer

Andover High's Isabel Zhou admits she was struck



Isabel Zhou

by a strange feeling earlier this spring, when she stepped onto the tennis court with the Golden Warriors for the

first time in two years thanks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

That feeling, however,

didn't last long. "Quite honestly, it was very surreal and a little odd at first," she said. "Especially wearing masks, not being able to shake hands, etc. But it felt good—rejuvenating-more than anything. My schedule feels empty and incomplete without tennis, so I'm really just thankful and excited every time I go to practice or get ready for a match."

Finally back on the court in a Golden Warrior uniform, the senior wasted no time showing she hadn't lost her ability to dominate.

In fact, opponents have struggled to score a single point against Andover's No. 1 singles player.

Zhou entered the week with a dazzling eight individual victories in Andover's nine matches. Five of those victories have been 6-0, 6-0 shutouts — including four of her first five matches. Her closest win was a still relatively easy 6-2, 6-3 victory against Haverhill.

For the season, Zhou has outscored opponents by a combined 96-7 margin in her victories. She earned a 6-0, 6-0 win on Sunday.

With Zhou leading the way, perennial state title contender Andover has



CARL RUSSO/Staff file photo

Andover's Isabel Zhou has been nearly untouchable on the court this spring. The senior entered the week with eight victories, including five 6-0, 6-0 shutouts.

rolled to a 9-0 record entering the week, with eight 5-0 shutouts and one 4-1 win.

"I'm incredibly excited for this season," she said. "For those that know me, tennis is my favorite part of the school year. I talk incessantly about it. I love being on the courts under the sunshine, spending time with my teammates, and competing. It's a little bit like a home away from home for me, so I'm grateful that I get to end senior year on such a high note."

Dominating the competition is nothing new for Zhou, who earned Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year in

After playing No. 2 doubles as a freshman, Zhou won the No. 1 singles spot for Andover as a sophomore and surged to a 13-4 overall record, 10-0 against MVC opponents. That gives her a 17-0 career singles record against league foes.

"She is a great kid and a very strong leader," said

"It doesn't matter if you are first or second singles, it's all about the team."

Growing up, Zhou played a variety of sports, from skating to swimming and gymnastics before falling in love with tennis at 7-years-old.

She feels her success on the court has been a combination of physical and mental.

"Physically, I love my backhands, down the line approach shots and I have

Andover coach Alan Hibino. increasing confidence up at net," she said. "But, more important is the mental aspect of my game. There's a quote by Venus Williams that reads, 'Tennis is mostly mental. You win or lose the match before you even go out there.' I completely agree, and it's something I try to remember every time I step out on the court.

> 'Over these last four years, I've come to really value my patience and perseverance as a player — the

drive to get to every ball, to come back regardless of how down I am. There's also the concept of strategy — figuring out your opponent's strengths and weaknesses, their patterns, and visualizing your next shots. It's also incredibly important to have trust in your abilities and be respectful of others."

During the COVID-19 shutdown, which erased her junior tennis season, Zhou kept her tennis skills sharp with plenty of practice.

"I played indoors at my club (Willows Racquet Club & Fitness) as well as the Manchester Athletic Club," she said. "Over the summer, I was at the Andover High tennis courts almost every day with my friends. (Recently) my coach and I even competed against each other in regular mixed doubles matches. He has yet to win."

A member of the National Honor Society, Zhou has taken Advanced Placement biology, French, language and composition, and calculus. She will be attending Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland to study neuroscience on the pre-med

But first, she wants to finish her high school tennis career with a bang.

"I'd like to remain undefeated in the MVC," said Zhou, an accomplished singer. "I also aspire to advance as far as possible as a team in the state tournament with the state title in mind. For now, as Bino (coach Hibino) often reminds us, we focus on one match at a time, one game at a time, and one point at

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▶ Andover High roundup

Morrissey gives baseball team whopping fourth walk-off win

BASEBALL

For the fourth time in six games as host, Andover erased a deficit with multiple last-inning runs, this time rallying for three and a 7-6 victory over the Scarlet Knights last Wednesday.

And for the second time, it was Terry Morrissey who delivered the final blow. Three weeks after ruining Central Catholic's day with a walk-off single in another 7-6 game, Morrissey drilled a 3-2 pitch that ate up a drawn-in North Andover third baseman on a ball that reached the outfield and scored Tanner O'Sullivan and Chase Lembo with the winning

"When the infield is in, I'm just trying to put the ball in play," Morrissey said. "When that happens, (defenders) can mess up or the ball can just find a hole and we can win the game. I just try to hit the ball hard, square it up and hit it anywhere."

Catcher Nolan Schirmer and O'Sullivan led off the seventh inning with singles before advancing to second and third on a wild pitch. A Lembo grounder that resulted in the first error plated courtesy runner Ryan **Grecco** before Morrissey once again played the hero.

"All year long, we've played as a team," said Andover coach Dan Grams. "It shows that they don't give up until the final out and that they believe in themselves. It's been two years in the making."

Nolan Schirmer had a tworun double in the sixth for Andover that proved to be the difference in a 5-4 win over Dracut last Tuesday. **Anthony Teberio** added two hits and a run scored and Tanner O'Sullivan scored two



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover players storm the field to celebrate after defeating North Andover 7-6 on a walk-off hit by Terry Morrissey. It was the Golden Warriors' fourth walk-off of the season.

runs and drove in another for the winners.

Scotty Brown scored three runs and drove in two more as Andover rolled past Lawrence 10-2 last Friday. Nolan **Schirmer** added two RBIs and **Anthony Teberio** had two hits and scored a run for the winners.

SOFTBALL

O'Brien red hot

Katie O'Brien had three RBIs, including the gamewinner, as Andover rallied past Dracut with two runs in the bottom of the seventh, 4-3 last Tuesday. Adelaide Weeden was 3 for 4 with two runs scored and Molly Duval was 3 for 3 with an RBI for the winners.

Paige Gillette had two hits and scored three runs, but Andover fell to North Andover 7-5 last Thursday. Alyssa Sellinger added three hits for the Warriors,

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Amirault keeps starring Jyles Amirault led with 16

kills and six aces and Marco Gomez-Cabo added five blocks as Andover beat North Andover 3-0 on Sunday.

Jyles Amirault continued to shine with 23 kills, 15 service points and five aces, but Andover lost to North Andover 3-1 last Thursday. Akshay Godhani added five blocks and 31 assists for the Warriors.

BOYS TENNIS

Feng keeps fighting

Sam Feng fought for a tough 6-4, 6-2 win at No. 2 singles as Andover beat Austin Prep 5-0 last Tuesday. Reilly O'Brien took top singles and Joe Colecchi won No. 3 singles.

Alex Earl and Joe Poletchi took top doubles (6-1, 6-0) and Greg Thoi and Akarsh Janarthanan won No. 2 doubles (6-2, 6-0) as Andover beat

GIRLS TENNIS

Another Warrior sweep Isabel Zhou (No. 1 singles)

North Andover 5-0.

and Evie O'Brien (No. 3) each scored sweeps, while Rachel Chen added a 6-0, 6-1 win as Andover stayed perfect (9-0) by beating North Andover 9-0 on Sunday.

WRESTLING

Stellar newcomers

First-year wrestlers Gianni Defilippis (132 pounds) and Andrew Wetterwald (195 pounds) both had wins to highlight Andover's 39-24 win over Dracut last Tuesday. Wetterwald, a sophomore, had a 41-second pin at 195 pounds, while football teammate Jonathan Davila had a pin in 22 seconds..

GIRLS LACROSSE

Gobiel nets seven Tess Gobiel stayed hot

with seven goals, and Halev Carver added five tallies as Andover beat Billerica 16-10 last Saturday. Lillian Jagger made nine saves for the victory.

Despite two goals each for Jess Brussard, Haley Carver and Tess Gobiel, Andover fell to North Andover 15-8 last Thursday.

GIRLS TRACK

Hurdles takes gold

Led by Jodi Parrott, the Andover shuttle hurdles Andover, which finished

sixth as a team (34 points) at the Division 1 relays last Saturday. The distance medley relay was third (12:52.12) and the 4x200 was sixth (1:53.68) for the Warriors.

BOYS TRACK

Distance impresses

Andover's 4x800 took fifth (8:25.53) as the Golden Warriors placed 13th as a team (18 points) at Division 1 relays last Saturday, The distance medley relay added a sixth 11;41.76).

BOYS LACROSSE

Warriors fall

Andover fell to North relay won in 1:09.34 to lead Andover 8-7 last Thursday. Scorers were not reported.



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Greater Lawrence Technical School graduates 370

LOCAL

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

10 Thursday, June 10, 2021 THE TOWNSMAN

ANDOVER — The sense of triumph was palpable for the 370 graduates of Greater Lawrence Technical School, surrounded by family and friends on the football field Thursday night.

In their short four years as Reggies they first overcame the Columbia Gas explosions in the fall of 2018 as sophomores. Then their last two years of high school have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Virtual classes, clubs, activities, workouts and who could imagine a virtual shop? Throughout it all your teachers and classmates learned together and supported each other," said Susan Zielinski, interim principal. "You pressed on, kept moving. And here you are today, ready to graduate, and continue running to your future."

Superintendent John Lavoie reminded everyone, "On the upside no other graduate has been better prepared to meet the challenges brought about by everyone. Family member held savor the moment. unexpected changes."



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Yeribel Fermin of Lawrence shows her excitement after receiving her diploma from Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover. Fermin also received the school Superintendent's Award.

It was a night of celebration for graduates as they took photos to one, but gave a special shout remember your four years in closest confidants about."



Kiana Tejeda sings the national anthem at the start of the graduation ceremony for Greater Lawrence Technical School in

out to teachers and advisors high school, and remember that people would graduate as pos-tial to weather the storm no matsible after being displaced from ter what." the physical school building for Class o more than a year.

their lives," Lavoie said.

other, and waved at their families she said. in the stands

to throw our way," said Ashley mountains.' Lima, valedictorian . "We are "We are really here to celable to rise above all the diffierance those smaller steps that culties and hardships."

balloons and flowers for their Lavoie congratulated every- with unprecedented challenges, our own, and rarely tell even our

who helped ensure that as many you have the strength and poten-

Class of 2016 graduate and keynote speaker for Thursday's Many were at risk of failing, graduation, Kassandra Jeanhowever, "over 100 students over- Marie, comforted the class knowcame the biggest challenges of ing that despite facing these adversities the unknown of the The graduates themselves were future might be scary. Howecstatic for overcoming the feats ever, the friends and family that of the past four years as they helped everyone get to this point clapped and cheered for each will continue to be their support,

She also said that while this is a "We the students and faculty momentous occasion to celebrate, of Greater Lawrence Technical it's also important to remember School adapted and changed to the little moments, "the small whatever curveball life wanted steps that helped you climb

you took every day to reach this Nicholas Delegas, salutato- moment," Jean-Marie said. "The rian, gave his fellow classmates long days of studying and withthis reminder, "Going forward, ering beneath endless exams I only have one piece of advice and essays. The part-time jobs for my fellow graduates — and the long practices that remember what you've already made even walking a chore. endured, accomplished and And finally those moments of learned. When life presents you struggles that we shoulder all on



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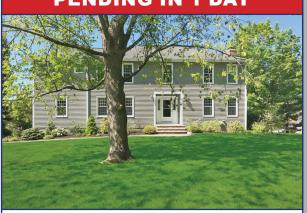
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