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Zoning board bars one Airbnb, while others remain

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Andover Airbnb operators should be hoping the neighbors don't complain, according to town officials.

A series of decisions by the town's building inspector

and Zoning Board of Appeals shut down one specific Airbnb in town. Town officials have said they will take any action on other short-term rentals in town in the absence of complaints or any broader rules and regulations set at either the town

level or state-wide. Neighbors' complaints against Kris and Sarah Girrell at 1 Meadowbrook Drive led to the town sending the homeowners a cease and desist letter by the building inspector to halt hosting guests via the online

short-term rental platform this past March.

The Zoning Board of Appeals doubled down on that decision last week by affirming Building Inspector Chris Clemente's decision to bar the Girrells from hosting paid house guests.

According to the Public Registry of Lodging Operators, the Girrells are one of 24 homeowners in Andover to be registered by the state as a short-term rental or bed and breakfast. The state registry was implemented in 2019 to tax short-term

rentals run out of residential homes, like those on Airbnb and other online hosting platforms. At least two others operate in the same zone, according to state records. When asked what the board's decision means

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Brides Across America recognized by local leaders



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From left, state Reps. Tram Nguyen, D-Andover, and Frank Moran, D-Lawrence, give Heidi Janson, founder of Brides Across America, a citation celebrating her nonprofit's work.

'A helper to our helpers'

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Driving past the bridal store on North Main Street when she was visiting her parents in Andover, Vicki Chang always admired the dresses and knew it would be her first stop when it was time for her to find her own.

This year Chang's fiance, who also grew up in Andover, proposed. And as a nurse, Chang was eligible for a free wedding dress from the store she admired.

Organized first to help military brides, Brides Across America now offers free wedding dresses to frontline healthcare workers along with brides who are or will

be spouses of military members and first responders. Several of Chang's coworkers at Massachusetts General Hospital received dresses through the Andover-based nonprofit this past year.

"It's weird being recognized as a 'hero' because it's my job," Chang said Thursday while trying on a

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Town: Fahey admitted to wrongdoing

State: Town must release more of the report

By MADELINE HUGHES
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Former Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey admitted to the misconduct that led to his firing, according to court documents.

"The investigator issued a report which made detailed findings that Fahey had

engaged in inappropriate conduct. Those findings were corroborated by other witnesses, including Fahey's own admissions, and by other evidence, including Fahey's own text messages," according to the town's response to Fahey's lawsuit written by attorney Leonard Kesten.

Kesten's response details how the town sets a higher bar for its employees rather than "merely avoiding 'criminal or sexual misconduct.'"

He also explicitly rebuffs that findings that Fahey had

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Tighter rules sought for childhood vaccines

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Lawmakers and medical groups are pushing for tighter vaccination rules amid concerns that the state is behind in protecting children against infectious diseases.

A proposal filed by Rep. Andy Vargas, D-Haverhill,

would eliminate religious exemptions that now allow unvaccinated students to attend public and private schools.

The bill would require the scheduled roster of childhood shots for all students. Medical exemptions, certified by a physician, would still be permitted.

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Parvey starts listening tour around Andover

New superintendent says she is 'loving it'

By MADELINE HUGHES
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Crouching down to meet with elementary schoolers doing summer school activities, Andover's new superintendent is diving in, getting to know everyone in the district during a listening tour.

"I've been touring schools and visiting with principals listening because I want to learn what people are experiencing and looking forward to," said Magda Parvey, Andover's new permanent superintendent, at High Plain Elementary

School Wednesday.

Parvey joined the district on July 1 coming from Middletown, Connecticut, where she was the chief academic officer for the town's school district. Parvey was one of the 10 applicants for the position after former Superintendent Sheldon Berman resigned at the end of December, citing family obligations. Former Superintendent Claudia Bach stepped in as interim superintendent for six months while the district searched and ultimately hired Parvey.

In her first few days, she's been touring all of the schools and meeting staff,

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From left: Elementary schooler Enzo Rivera speaks with Instructional Assistant Deb Deceno, High Plain Elementary Principal Pam Lathrop and Superintendent Magda Parvey during summer school on Wednesday.



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for other short-term rental hosts, Clemente said, "At this point nothing right now. We are complaint-driven." "I know it's not the best answer, but we deal with complaints as they arise," he said.

Clemente ruled the town's zoning bylaws must specifically state the permitted uses for a particular property. "Boarding or lodging houses," which are rented to members who are not family, are outlawed in the single residence zone the Girrells live in, according to current zoning laws. The laws were written before Airbnb existed, and has yet to be updated.

The Girrells question if Clemente's decision was appropriate given others in

town also operate Airbnbs. "They can't shut us down as a single entity and not the others," Kris said with frustration.

According to a search this week, there are more than a dozen similar listings of people renting rooms in their houses on the website. Two other short-term rentals are also registered in the same zoning area, according to the state registry.

The Girrells have been renting out a bedroom in their basement as a suite for four years, Sarah said. Last year they had 52 different bookings, most of which were by single people, she said. Prior to being shut down by the town, the Girrells were designated as a "superhost" on the platform, meaning past visitors have ranked the space as very clean and they have more than 250 five-star ratings from guests who have

visited over the year, she said.

Sarah described conversations and cross-cultural culinary exchanges with guests that helped open up her world while she was still in Andover, she said. She and Kris also enjoy staying in Airbnbs when they travel, she said.

"While we made a little bit of money, that wasn't the purpose," she said, adding it did help while her son was in college. "We love traveling and meeting travelers. That's the part that breaks my heart is that we don't have that magnificent exposure."

The complaints

Sarah explained they had no issues in their Andover neighborhood until the pandemic struck and everyone was home more often. They first found out about neighbor complaints when town officials got involved, she said.

Last July their neighbor, Susan Wagner, at 2 Meadowbrook Drive wrote to then-Select Board member Dan Koh asking to ban Airbnbs from the town because of a home on Meadowbrook Drive, according to emails obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"To be honest, I don't think they are breaking any zoning laws, so I'm not sure anything can be done, other than establishing legislation

to place limits on short-term rentals in Andover," Wagner wrote in the email.

"It seems absurd someone should be able to rent a room 6-7 nights per week for up to 5 people for \$60/night in a quiet, residential neighborhood."

Wagner again wrote to town officials in October. Two other neighbors wrote emails, one in October and another in March, according to records from the board.

On March 18, Clemente sent a cease and desist order to Kris and Sarah Girrell at 1 Meadowbrook Drive to halt hosting guests.

The couple then appealed the decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which could have granted a variance to allow the couple to operate their Airbnb.

Following the appeal, seven neighboring families, including Wagner and her husband Lorenzo Buonanno, sent a letter to the board asking them not to allow the short-term rentals.

Wagner and Buonanno were joined by Brian and Sauwai Battles, Greg and Katie Bond, Kristin and Jim Kissane, Scott and Mimi LeBrun, Lahn and Shelley Penna and Sheldon and Marsha Rubin in describing the "tremendous detriment" caused to the neighborhood and town. They detailed the smell of

marijuana wafting from the backyard and "huge offensive stickers" on cars that were parked on the street.

"While these are legal activities, (do the homeowners) want to subject our children's health and minds to the health hazards noted?" the neighbor's letter questions.

They also submitted several news articles about murders and other violent crimes at Airbnbs as documents demonstrating why they wanted the Girrells to stop hosting guests.

"These transient visitors have no accountability to the neighborhood or community," stated the letter.

The families also complained about large parties hosted at the house, including on one occasion when the police were called the day after.

The police report, filed on Sept. 12, states nothing about Airbnb guests, only that it was a "neighbor issue" and that "advice was given to caller."

However, Kris wrote an email to town officials explaining the party in question "was actually not an Airbnb visitor," instead it was a friend's child who wanted to watch a basketball game with friends at their house.

Kris and Sarah and Attorney Mark Corner, their lawyer hired to fight the town's

cease and desist order, reiterated that many of the complaints about their Airbnb were actually from private functions.

Sarah said she's remorseful the party thrown by her friend's son did get out of control, however, she does intend to throw parties at her home.

"I trusted 20-something-year-olds," she said.

It's unclear what their next steps are, but Sarah said they are looking into the appeals process.

'Hands tied'

"The zoning board has their hands tied, and I think they need guidance," Sarah said.

Clemente agreed. Addressing short-term rentals is likely something the town should address moving forward, he said.

It could be addressed at the town level. Zoning bylaws need to be submitted and voted on during Town Meeting.

Or it could be addressed at the state level, Clemente said, citing a recent court decision not allowing someone to rent out a home for short-term rentals in Lynnfield.

"That's a recent decision, which could cause someone at the state to look into it," he said.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan did not return request for comment.

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Superintendent Magda Parvey meets with students and teachers at High Plain Elementary School.

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teachers and students. "I'm loving it," she said.

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Parvey is also meeting with other local leaders and will soon be opening up the district's office for drop-in office hours.

Ensuring people feel heard is central to Parvey's communications plan with everyone in the district. It will be important to listen to people who are directly impacted by the decisions she makes as superintendent, whether it's administrators, teachers or parents, she said.

"Communications have

to be consistent and there has to be an opportunity for people to participate," she said.

This is a critical year in the schools post-pandemic, so participation and listening to everyone is even more essential, she said.

It's also a time when district officials will have to reevaluate learning, she said.

"We are never going to catch up on two years of interrupted learning, but

teachers should be able to help students by implementing the scaffolding of lessons to catch them up and teach them what they need to know," Parvey said.

It will be a three-part approach of looking at social-emotional skills, equity and academic excellence to ensure students are adjusting well, she said.

"We are going to need to pay attention to how we integrate students back into school," she said.

VACCINES

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Vargas cited a "rapid rise" in the use of religious exemptions in recent years despite an overall decline in personal religious affiliation.

"This indicates that many people are taking advantage of the religious vaccination law and not vaccinating their kids because of personal beliefs and misinformation, rather than religious concerns," he told the Legislature's Committee on Public Health on Monday.

Vargas said the latest data shows vaccination rates for measles, mumps and other childhood illnesses have dropped 20% during the pandemic.

"Unless children are caught up on their vaccines in the next several months, we will be more susceptible next year to outbreaks of measles and other vaccine preventable diseases," he said. "Eliminating the religious exemption will help us achieve the immunity level needed to prevent outbreaks."

To be sure, Vargas' plan wouldn't require the COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations, which currently are not mandated by the state for K-12 schools.

But his plan for other

shots has support from the influential Massachusetts Medical Society, which in 2019 adopted a policy opposing vaccine exemptions for school-age children for non-medical reasons.

The bill also has more than a dozen co-sponsors, including Reps. Lori Ehrlich, D-Marblehead, and Paul Tucker, D-Salem.

Another proposal, filed by Rep. Paul Donato, D-Medford, and Sen. Becca Rausch, D-Needham, takes a less aggressive approach to boosting vaccination rates. It would require health officials to set guidelines for vaccine exemptions for children in public and private schools.

Both proposals face a backlash from conservative and faith groups, as well as parents who argue that stripping the exemptions would violate their religious liberties.

"The state is sworn to uphold the religious rights of its citizens," said Janet Hudson, one of dozens of parents who spoke in opposition to the bills Monday. "Denying education on the basis of religion is discriminatory and coercive at best."

Massachusetts, like most states, requires students to be vaccinated to attend school, though parents may opt out due to religious or medical reasons. Those rules

apply to private schools, as well, though the criteria often vary.

Families objecting to vaccines for non-medical reasons must notify their child's school in writing each year.

While all states have laws requiring vaccinations for children enrolled in school or day care, only a handful do not consider exemptions for religious or other non-medical reasons. Those include California, Mississippi and West Virginia.

At least 10 other states began considering stricter laws on school-aged vaccines following a nationwide measles outbreak in 2019, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Medical experts including Dr. Linda Young, a pediatrician and member of the Massachusetts Academy of Pediatrics, says the state should be next in eliminating the religious "loophole."

"There is no recognized religion that prevents people from receiving vaccinations," she said. "Vaccines are probably safest and most effective medical intervention in use today."

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Andover native opens new cycle studio

By BREANNA EDELSTEIN
Staff Writer

SALEM, N.H. — The town's first indoor cycling studio is all about the atmosphere.

Built on community, the power of music and "good vibes," owner Maggie Verrette recently opened VibeCo Cycle in Tuscan Village.

The 24-year-old Andover native — a member of Andover High School's Class of 2015 — says she has been living a dream she didn't always think possible.

Verrette explains how she was a gymnast through college, but was at a loss when the sport ended. She was drawn to cycle classes for the familiar balance

of independence among a group.

She took classes, worked at the front desk welcoming clients, and eventually became an instructor. That's when she says her own business idea appeared.

"I thought to myself 'how realistic is that?'" she said from inside VibeCo last week.

When the Tuscan Village development started to take shape just 20 minutes from her home, she recalls thinking to herself, "Someone else is going to do this if I don't."

Despite the ongoing pandemic, Verrette says she "threw the dice" with hope it would work out. Last month, she welcomed her first

clients without delays in the original opening timeline.

"It was a really hard time for a lot of businesses," she said. "Somehow I was able to open right on time."

Her success so far is recognized in impressive attendance and unfamiliar faces.

"It means so much when friends and family come in to support you," she said. "But that first weekend we opened, I looked at the lists of people who signed up and didn't know anyone."

These days she's on the bike more than ever — leading 11 classes each week — while balancing the business side of things.

Each class is 45 minutes long and "beat-based," she

said. That means instructors are putting hours into developing playlists that drive the class.

"It's a craft," Verrette said, noting that her all-female team is thinking of transitions, tempo, hills, sprints and choreography to optimize a full-body workout on the bike.

She assures all riders that rhythm is not required to sign up.

"We don't care if you're on the beat. We want you to be doing what feels good with your body," she said. "It's about getting your best workout in."

Though up to 30 people can fit side-by-side in the cycling room, the workouts

are independent.

"There are no competition screens, no group data tracking," Verrette said. "Once class starts, you're encouraged to unplug and listen to how you're feeling."

For her, that sentiment translates to more than the studio.

"I've always been a huge believer in doing what makes you happy," she said. "I'm so grateful for an opportunity to do that."



Courtesy photo/Cesar Guzman
Maggie Verrette, owner of VibeCo Cycle located in Tuscan Village.

When it comes to bullying, it's not you, it's them

Dr. Larry Larsen



Dear Doctor,

What can we do to help a 14-year-old who is getting bullied? This happened at school or

has been going on. He is on the tall side and very bright, a great student. He says the kids have been calling him names. He is not in the sports crowd but has lots of friends into his same interests. He has told us he does not want us contacting the school.

— WORRIED

Dear Worried,

There are many kinds of bullying, which is usually all about power.

Name calling seems harmless but definitely isn't. A derogatory name can be the source of negative self image and depression. Studies show at least one in five students have been significantly bullied either physically or emotionally.

Middle school students, especially males, are in the midst of working through their feelings regarding sexual identity. The name

callers find teasing someone else takes the attention off of them. "I am not. You are." It's called projection. The name calling can be very hurtful, and I have heard young adults report the experience with intense memories and feelings.

You might share with your son the dynamics of projection and what his classmates may be doing. Understanding helps.

More importantly, it is helpful to do exactly what he does not want. Be in touch with the school. Be certain to tell the guidance counselor and principal (make calls to both) his reluctance about reporting the behavior. Most schools

respect this and have ways of approaching the matter.

If his worries continue, find professional help.

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Opinion

Solve child care dilemma to get people back to work

A revived economy bringing people back to work is not working out for everyone. Businesses throughout our region and the state report struggles hiring people into entry-level and even experienced jobs. But proposals to cancel some pandemic unemployment benefits, perhaps replacing them with signing bonuses to push people back into the labor force, are not the solution, at least not by themselves. They don't remove a major barrier between many would-be workers and their jobs: affordable, reliable child care.

As Gov. Charlie Baker and lawmakers negotiate how to carve up \$5.4 billion headed to the state from the American Rescue Plan Act, they would do well to consider steps to support child care centers that haven't reopened, while helping those at partial capacity return to full operation.

The state has already recognized the need. This spring the Department of Early Education and Care announced \$30 million in grants to stabilize the balance sheets of child care centers weakened by reduced enrollment. Half of those grants were meant to recruit and keep qualified staff at child care centers, while the other half were intended to help family-based providers. In addition, the department was eyeing another \$110 million to stabilize the state's child care capacity, depending upon legislative approval.

Three months later, child care centers remain in slow recovery mode. The 209,102 licensed child care spots available in Massachusetts on June 6 represented 90% of the state's capacity prior to the pandemic, according to a Department of Early Education and Care report.

In the North Shore and Merrimack Valley regions, group and school-age care centers have returned to 94% of their pre-pandemic capacity, while family centers are at 85%. The difference works out to 228 child care slots in this region still unavailable since the start of pandemic-related closures — enough to fill several full-size centers.

Center operators face labor market struggles of their own. Many cite the same staffing shortages that plague other industries, preventing them from operating at full capacity. At the end of last year, center-based providers were estimating losses on the order of \$6,000 per month, according to the report, while family-based providers were losing an average of \$600 per month. Even though the state had expedited the licensing process for center workers, the report noted, "workforce shortages account for the biggest constraint on capacity."

And workforce shortages in child care centers have a compounding effect across the economy. Without access to reliable, affordable care for their children, workers stay on the sidelines. Those at the lower end of the pay scale find it especially difficult to rationalize the opportunity cost of just getting to their jobs.

Even before the pandemic triggered restrictions that closed child care providers, the state was experiencing a scarcity of child care. Indeed, it was a spoiler on economic growth. The effect has only gotten more dramatic as businesses from restaurants to tourism destinations to delivery services look to quickly scale up their labor forces to recover as much income as possible.

It's not just a Massachusetts or New Hampshire problem, either. As of last fall, half of the parents who'd not yet returned to work cited child care as a reason, according to research by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. To be sure, some of that was addressed as public schools resumed in-person classes, but many families with younger children remain in the lurch.

A report by the foundation noted how lack of child care access factors into longterm career decisions: "Eleven percent of parents have declined a new opportunity, such as a promotion or a new job, in the past three months to provide child care."

The same dynamics figure into decisions to return to jobs that barely cover the cost of child care, if at all.

In Massachusetts, business groups are leaning into Baker and state leaders to cancel the federal supplemental unemployment benefit that was a blessing to so many out-of-work people at the height of the pandemic before it's set to expire on its own in September. Their proposal is to steer those \$300 weekly benefits into other return-to-work incentives.

Other states that have tried the same approach haven't necessarily seen people return to the workforce as hoped, however. That's because workers' reticence to return is rooted in other factors. A major one is their struggle to find safe, affordable and reliable places for their children to spend the day.

Our Town House: Andover's community anchor, Part II

Gail Ralston

Andover Center for History and Culture

The hall in the Town House was a busy place.

As records show: "The hall was in constant use. There were Temperance, Suffrage and Abolitionist meetings, political rallies, the George Washington Ball, Police and Firemen's Balls, the annual Robert Burns Night, graduations and many more joyous occasions. It was very pleasant to sit in the gallery and view the grand march that seemed to precede most dancing parties of that period."

However, beginning in the 1950s, through the '60s and '70s, discussions of new designs and new locations for the Town House were almost an annual occurrence.

It was in 1954 when the Selectmen considered a plan for a new town hall on the "old Shaw property," today's public parking lot next to Andover Village Square.

Urban renewal efforts brought calls for a complete razing of the Town House, and for most of the older downtown buildings.

Other voices suggested building additions behind the Town House that would extend to Bartlet Street.

In 1966, the Townsman reported that the current re-use committee clearly favored completely "clearing the Town House block and constructing a parking mall which would hopefully prove a stimulus to improvement of properties along Park and Barnard streets."



Photo courtesy Andover Center for History and Culture

The Andover Town House as seen in 1910

Widening the sidewalks in this area was also suggested to permit the planting of shade trees and a "restoration of a previous Main Street look."

New town offices were also suggested at the sites of the Standard Oil Building and Enterprise Bank at Elm and High streets.

Purchasing the Musgrove Building was also considered.

When the high school was built, some thought additional property along Shawsheen Road would be appropriate. And, in 1975, consideration of purchasing what is today's Balmoral Condominiums in Shawsheen Square was studied.

Finally, in 1984, efforts were made to put an end to the question of whether or not to maintain the old Town House. In that year, Town Meeting voted to move all town offices to the former Punchard High School building on Bartlet Street.

With a now-empty Town House, ideas for its continued usage were plentiful, but fortunately along with this came cries to "Save Town Hall" no matter what use that would eventually take on.

At Town Meeting in 1987, the Town House was the subject of a warrant article. With a hard-fought vote of approval, renovations now came at a projected cost of \$2.6 million — reaffirming the town's original commitment to a vital town center.

Extensive work was undertaken to remove pre-fab offices on the second floor that had been built during World War II. A retired master craftsman was brought in, and working on his back, reproduced the elegant ceiling moldings.

The first floor is much as you see today, with the post office in front and a community space in the back.

The 1989 rededication ceremony was one of the "splashes" parties ever seen in town.

The anniversary weekend that year included a breakfast, ceremony with town officials, spelling bee (fifth and sixth graders versus adults), an Andover Theatre Company production of the play "The Curious Savage," and an art auction and exhibition of paintings by local artist Frances Dalton.

Postmark cancellation envelopes were sold that today remain a prized possession.

Our Town House is more than a downtown anchor. It immediately connects the town to its storied past.

The welcome enter has hosted a drop-in space where folks could get a coffee and doughnut. The upstairs hall serves the Town well for large gatherings.

We have town meeting to thank where people perhaps voted more with their hearts than with their pocketbooks.

Keeping our Town House vital was then, and remains today, the right thing to do.

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Fitness center is still missed

Editor, Townsman:

The article "Andover avoids loss of business" must be corrected in the name of factual reporting.

At least one local business, Yang's Fitness Center/Martial Arts, closed in October 2020 due to the pandemic.

Yang's promoted fitness and health in the greater Andover area for more than 25 years and participated actively in community charity events, too.

It still is well respected and continues to be loved and missed by its many dedicated patrons.

MARGARET HOLMES
ANDOVER

Peace Corps begins a lifelong commitment to service

Editor, Townsman:

I was pleased to read the article about the farmers'

market in Andover (and North Andover) and the efforts by many to ensure food security for local residents.

Although I have been to the market many times, I was not aware that Farmer Dave is a former Peace

Corps volunteer, having served in Ecuador, and I was encouraged by his service to become a farmer and make sure that people can have access to nutritious food.

Peace Corps service overseas is just the beginning of a lifelong commitment to service, and Dave Dumas's story is a true example of this.

The Peace Corps is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, and we are fortunate that the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation supports this important program, a legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

KAY BERTHOLD FRISHMAN
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER,
URUGUAY, 1965-67
ANDOVER

Important reflection on Fourth of July

Editor, Townsman:

I write to thank you for the important editorial in

the July 1 edition, "Reflecting on a grim aspect of our history."

As you quoted from Dr. Martin Luther King, "On the one hand we have proudly professed the great principles of democracy, but on the other hand we have sadly practiced the very opposite of those principles."

The Fourth of July holiday is a time to hold onto the hope provided by those great principles on which the country was founded, but to remember, in the words of Maya Angelou, "The truth is, no one of us can be free until everybody is free."

Thank you for encouraging your readers to reflect on those times when we, as a country, continue to fall short, a reflection that is necessary if we hope to one day make the founders' ideals a reality for all people.

DEB OLANDER
ANDOVER

WEB QUESTION

Would you spend a quarter million dollars to ride to the edge of space?

Last weekend, billionaire Sir Richard Branson, two pilots and three other employees of his company, Virgin Galactic, were the first full crew to fly the VSS Unity past the threshold of the Earth's atmosphere and into outer space — at an altitude of 282,773 feet. They floated there about four minutes before their long descent back to Spaceport America in the New Mexico desert.

The company reportedly has sold 600 tickets for up to \$250,000 each for future trips. Customers are said to include the like of Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Tom Hanks.

Assuming you have that kind of cash, would you buy a ticket to space?

IMAGINE THE PICTURES: If you've got \$250,000 to spend on a

ticket, what could be cooler than looking back down upon our planet and a view that few other humans have enjoyed?

WHAT A WASTE: There are plenty of things one can do with \$250,000, and a joy ride on a billionaire's toy space plane is not high on my list.

TOO DANGEROUS: These missions are all great as long as everything goes according to plan, but it's not reliable enough for me.

BABY, BABY, BABY: It all just depends. If I get to ride to space sitting next to Justin Bieber or Lady Gaga, then count me in.

Last week's question

Is the traffic really that bad again?

State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver told a transportation panel last month that traffic on

Massachusetts highways "for all intents and purposes is back to about 2019 levels," according to The Associated Press.

That means the traffic reprieve from COVID-19 — when many people stopped commuting because their workplaces closed — is officially over. Or is it?

Do you think the traffic and congestion are back?

HE'S SEEING THINGS: Traffic may be a bigger deal now than it was last summer, when we were in the middle of a pandemic and lockdowns, but it's nothing like it was before all of this started — not yet, anyway. (7 votes)

WE'RE BACK IN OUR CARS: I'll say the traffic is back. I can barely drive across town without getting stuck in traffic. Never mind commuting into the city on Interstate 93. (47 votes)

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Andover biology teacher wins national award

By MADELINE HUGHES
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An Andover biology teacher has received a national award for her creative lessons.



Lindsey L'Ecuyer received the 2021 Ron Mardigian Biotechnology Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers. She won the award because of her lessons' creativity,

scientific accuracy and currency, quality of laboratory practice and safety, ease of replication, benefit to students and potential significance beyond the classroom, according to the award's description.

"It is an honor to be recognized with the 2021 Ron Mardigian award from NABT," L'Ecuyer said. "A teacher's challenge is to involve students in a compelling, understandable story about advancements in science and science as a process. I tell my students in their work that all of us — educators, scientists, citizens — in order to be successful in science, we need

to be momentarily OK with the uncertainty of not knowing where this is going. We need to trust that a diverse group of problem solvers will outperform either group alone."

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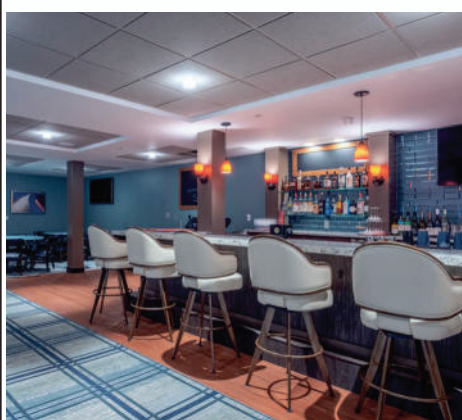
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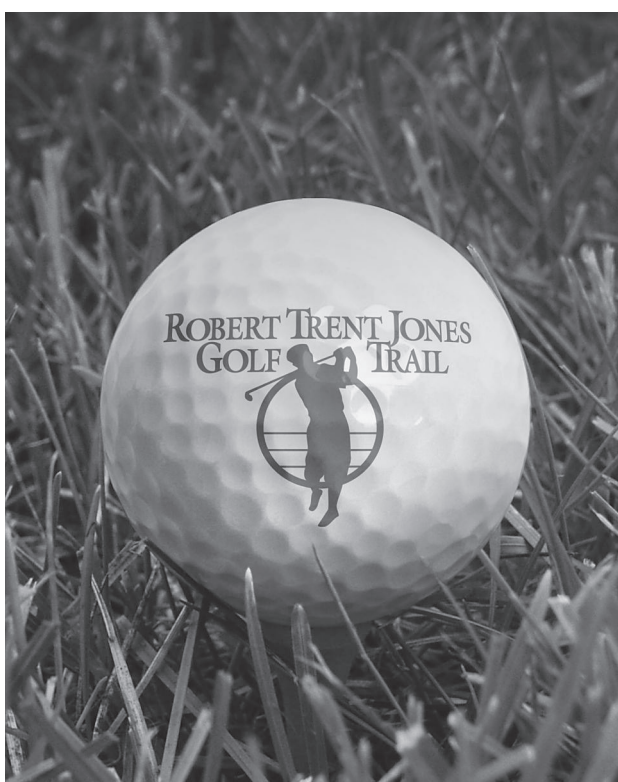
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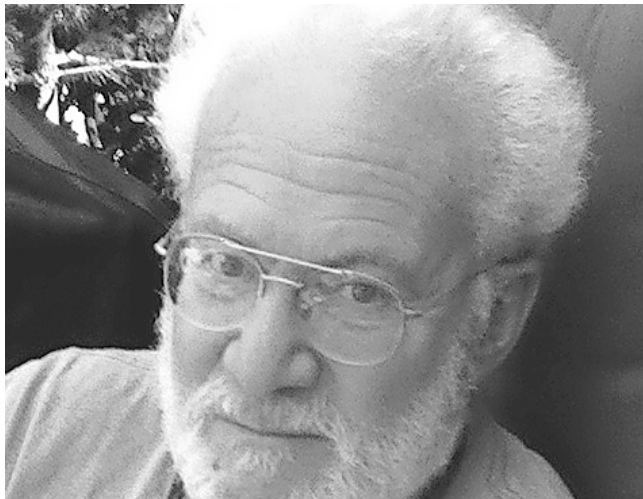
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OBITUARIES

Michael Alan Frishman, 78

June 24, 1943 - June 28, 2021



ANDOVER, MA — Michael Alan Frishman, died peacefully at High Pointe Hospice Center in Haverhill, Mass., with his family at his side. Michael was born on June 24, 1943, to Ruth (née Bolker) Frishman and Dr. Daniel Frishman. He graduated from Andover (Mass.) High School (1960) and attended Columbia University. While living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, Michael took advantage of a serendipitous opportunity to become an entry level copy boy at the New York Times, and over the course of 15 years worked his way up to editor of a number of projects including the Large Type Weekly.

Upon moving back to Andover in 1981, at a time when it was not particularly common, Michael chose to become a stay-at-home father to Andrew Frishman, Eric Berthold Frishman, and Victor Chung Chu. Michael enjoyed chaperoning school field trips, refereeing soccer games, and served on the boards of several organizations including Andover ABC (A Better Chance), and the Friends of the Andover Memorial Hall Library. He was elected to the Andover School Committee for two terms from 1986-1990. He was a volunteer foster care case reviewer for the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF), and warden for AVIS reservations. He engaged in town and state-level politics including the Andover League of Women Voters and Andover Town Democratic Committee. To the amusement (and sometimes chagrin!) of his relatives and friends, Michael delighted in periodically sharing his strongly-held opinions via Letters to the Editor that were published in local and national newspapers.

Michael worked in communications for a number of businesses and organizations including environmental causes and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. He concluded his career with 15 years at the IRS in Andover, where he found deep satisfaction in helping tax payers navigate through challenging situations and systems.

Michael and Marilyn Ellis shared a life together; he loved time with her and her five daughters, Brandi, Lauren, Megan, Kelly, and Ashley and their families. Michael and Marilyn enjoyed attending the Merrimack Valley Repertory Theatre, movies, and going out to dinner with friends. An adventurous eater, Michael relished ordering the most unique restaurant menu items and was a creative chef. He took great pride in the 3rd prize award-winning recipe he developed for the 1978 NY State chili cook off. He published some reminiscences and a family recipe in Gastronomica in 2007, entitled "In Grandma's Fus Steps: The Jellied Calves Feet of My Youth." He took great delight in cooking perfect turkeys and accompanying side dishes for holiday family dinners.

Michael delighted in eclectic music, art, books and esoteric word play; he loved the camera

raderie of playing Scrabble, Upwords, and cards. In addition to an insatiable cribbage habit, he hosted low stakes poker nights for friends and neighbors. It was never about the competition for Michael, but always about the enjoyment of the game and developing long-term friendships.

Michael was an enthusiastic amateur athlete. He was an award-winning high school gymnast, placing highly in state level competitions on a number of apparatus including Flying Rings. He became a devotee of distance running; participating in numerous Falmouth Road Races, marathons, and triathlons; and he accompanied disabled runners through the Achilles International program. Michael also enjoyed hiking, skiing, squash, cycling, volleyball, tennis, windsurfing, sailing, fishing, clamming, and kite flying, often with his children. He would sometimes leave early in the morning for a "century ride" biking more than 100 miles from Andover to Cape Cod "racing" his family who drove. Michael spent many joyous summers at Lake Wequaquet on the Cape where a favorite spot was in the hammock reading mystery novels.

In recent years, Michael was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, which progressively robbed him of his physical vigor, and ultimately caused significant cognitive decline. He literally fought Parkinson's by enthusiastically participating in "Rock Steady Boxing" a program at the Merrimack Valley YMCA specifically designed for those experiencing the disease. Michael lived in Andover until May of 2020 when he required more care and support than could be provided at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. In his final year, he was well cared for by the compassionate staff at Baker Katz Nursing Home in Haverhill who appreciated his unique sense of humor.

Michael is survived by his life partner, Marilyn Ellis (Haverhill, Mass.); siblings Steven Frishman (Las Vegas, Nev.), Robert Frishman (Andover, Mass.), and Dr. Laura Frishman (Houston, Texas); former wife Kay Berthold Frishman (Andover, Mass.); son Dr. Andrew Frishman and daughter-in-law Dr. Leigh Needleman (Cambridge, Mass.); son Eric Frishman; and son-in-law Brian Samuels (Melrose, Mass.); and grandchildren Jordan Elena Frishman, and Lundy Owen Frishman.

ARRANGEMENTS: As per Michael's wishes, he bequeathed his body to the University of Massachusetts Medical School Anatomical Gift Program, which will help to train future doctors and medical personnel. A gathering in celebration of Michael's life will be held in the Andover, Mass., area on Sunday, September 12, 2021. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in honor of Michael Alan Frishman to the following organizations that he faithfully supported over many years: ABC of Andover - https://www.abcandover.org/donate, AVIS - http://avisandover.org/join.html, Merrimack Valley YMCA - https://www.mvymca.org/get-involved/give/memorial-giving-2/.

ANDOVER NEWS IN BRIEF



Courtesy photo

From left: Jim Adams, president of the service club of Andover; Don Bulens, board member; Nikita Bajaj, recipient; Ken Pirro, board member; Simran Bajaj, recipient; Shashwat Ghewde, recipient; Frank Kenneally, board member; Yashvi Gosalia, recipient; Assistant Principal Scott Darlington; Principal Caitlin Brown; Lisa Fossella, board member.

Students receive scholarships for innovation

Eight Andover High School students received scholarships from the Service Club of Andover for completing various projects that helped the community over the past year.

They each received the "2021 Youth Make A Difference Award" that lauded their demonstration of creativity, innovation and impact during the pandemic.

"These students demonstrated remarkable creativity and thoughtfulness in finding ways to help others and give

back to the community," said Ken Pirro, a board member who coordinated the program.

One of the winning projects included students who raised money to purchase materials to use with 3D printers in the manufacturing of masks for front-line workers. They used these resources and printers to build and equip area hospital workers with much-needed PPE, he said.

Another project "AIM2Learn", provided tutoring and remote learning support to children who had to find ways to keep up with their studies while not able to attend classes in person, he said.

The Service Club of Andover

is a locally-based non-profit organization, that seeks to make a difference in the lives of others. They focus on the youth in the community and developmentally disabled citizens across the Merrimack Valley.

Step Up for Colleen 5k in September

Racers are readying for the popular Andover 5K that is held every year in remembrance of Colleen Ritzer. Race organizers are planning for an in-person 5K on Sept. 19 in Andover. They will also have a virtual 5K option for people who will not be in Andover that day, or who

would like to avoid the crowd. For more information visit colleenritzer.org.

Andover student graduates from online high school

Aurora Arntz of Andover was among more than 250 seniors graduating in June from TEC Connections Academy, the Commonwealth's largest public K-12 virtual school. TEC Connections Academy enrollment has grown steadily from about 240 students seven years ago to nearly 2,700 today with students representing every county in Massachusetts.

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES

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Ursula "Terry" Tomlinson, 82

October 10, 1938 - June 26, 2021

TAMPA, FL — Ursula Therese Tomlinson, known to her friends as "Terry", passed away on June 26, 2021 after a short illness, at the age of 82, surrounded by her loved ones in Tampa, Fla.

She was born in Germany on October 10, 1938 and was raised in Germany and Austria. In 1959 she moved to the United States after marrying Walter C. Tomlinson, Jr.

Terry spent her career in the restaurant and hospitality industry, most notably at the Andover Inn for many years and The Captains Table, Wells, Me which she owned and operated with Walter from 1984-1996. She spent her retirement in Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.

She was a gracious, kind and strong woman who was well loved by her family, friends and people in the community. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she cherished spending time with her family. She will be so missed!

She was predeceased by her husband of 37 years, Walter C. Tomlinson, Jr of Andover, Mass; her mother, Luise Teschauer Droll, her father, Franz Droll, and brother, Rudolf Droll, all of Germany. Ursula survived by her four children and their families, Jeffrey R. Tomlinson and the now late Christine Tomlinson, their children, Aidan and Lydia Tomlinson, all of Newbury-

port, Ma; Kristina Tomlinson Collins and her husband, James M. Collins of Tampa, Fl and their children Jessica A. Collins of St. Petersburg, Fla., Kymberly L. Palmer and her husband, Perry Palmer and their two children, Perry and Hudson Palmer of Pensacola, Fla. Andrea Collins and her two children, Connor and Colton Welly of Tampa, Fla., Alexandra M. Collins of Tampa, Fla; Karin Tomlinson Reyes and her husband, Rolando Reyes and their two children Morgan Reyes of Austin, Tx and Taylor Reyes of Tampa, Fl; Steffan Tomlinson, his wife Kelli Tomlinson and their two children Catherine and William Tomlinson of Atherton, Ca. She is also survived by her Sister-in-law Heidi Droll of Frankfurt Germany and her late brother's children, Ortwin Droll and Gudrun Weisbach and their families; brother and sister-in-law, David and Louise Tomlinson of Andover, Ma and their sons Matthew and Andrew Tomlinson, and Andrew's family.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021 at West Parrish Cemetery, 129 Reservation Rd, Andover, MA 01810. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Ursula's name to LifePath Hospice, Chapters Health Foundation, 3010 W. Azeela Street, Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33609.

POLICE LOG

Table with columns for days (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) and corresponding police reports including theft, missing person, fireworks, and property damage.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Table listing real estate transactions in Andover, including addresses like Abbot Bridge Dr, Main St, Algonquin Ave, and various condo units.

All those years ago

Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago - July 15, 1921

A seventy-five gallon still, four hundred and fifty gallons of mash and three gallons of moonshine were discovered in the cellar of the house occupied by Angelo Stereno of Webster street, West Andover, in a raid conducted Wednesday night by Chief Smith assisted by Officers Saunders, Napier and Valentine. Chief Smith's attention was called to the place by the number of barrels delivered to the premises and he was fortunate in timing the raid so as to find the still in operation. The mash was destroyed and the still and moonshine removed to the Town House.

The prompt response of both the Smith and Dover fire department and the regular Andover department saved from complete destruction the barn in the Smith and Dove yard in which a fire was discovered by Watchman Joseph Corey to have gained alarming progress about nine o'clock last night. The three horses, several pigs, harness, and other goods were removed. The hay with which the barn had recently been filled burned stubbornly, so that it was necessary to use a large amount of water and turn over all the hay before the fire was completely extinguished.

Mrs. Edward Hagan of Baker's Lane appeared in police court on a charge of using vile, indecent, and abusive language upon complaint of Mrs. Peter Cairnie. Mrs. Hagan was found guilty and fined \$25. The sentence being suspended during good behavior.

75 Years Ago - July 18, 1946

On Tuesday night, a complaint from the Wood estate reported that lights were burning in the house and the table was mysteriously set for supper when Mr. Wood returned in the evening. Windows to the piazza and to the interior of the house had been broken and a woman was seen hurrying away from the building. Arriving on the scene, the police discovered that the uninvited guest was a former Andover resident who had escaped from Danvers and with no criminal intent had merely stopped in to prepare supper for herself and an imaginary husband. She was returned to

Danvers without further difficulty.

The firemen are feeling pretty happy about their carnival in the playstead last Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and already they are making bigger plans for next year's event. Most of the major prizes that were given out each night with youngsters picked from the audience to choose the lucky tickets, went to residents of Ballardvale. The \$50 bond was won by Roy Brown, the club chair went to Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, the electric refrigerator was awarded to Benjamin Lawrence Jr. Allen Bushway of North Main Street was Andover's only lucky winner and he was really lucky, coming away with the combination radio-record player. Prizes awarded at the sports events were donated by Andover merchants and included candy, swim trunks, Ever-sharp pencils, flashlights, chocolates, sweaters, fountain pens, toys, and books.

50 Years Ago - July 22, 1971

Cash and drugs were stolen over the weekend in a safebreak at Liggett Drug Store, 229 Main Street. Entrance to the store was gained by cutting through a steel roof. The safe in which some \$2,200 and a variety of drugs were kept was "peeled" by the thieves who left every indication they were professionals. Roger Romei, the manager of the store, said the thieves showed selectivity in picking out the drugs, taking those containing opium and morphine.

The Andover Babe Ruth baseball team's playoff hopes were dealt a severe blow last week. As the local club dropped two of three starts to even its seasonal record at 9-9. The action started on a winning note, as Andover lefty Glenn Verrette fired his second straight five-hitter to stop South Lawrence West, 5-2.

A familiar landmark is gone from the road between Andover and North Andover. Within a week, the large white residence at Wilson's corner in North Andover has been razed. It was well known to those who travelled over Elm Street to Andover Street. For many years it was the home of the Mahoney family and later was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Rockwell and family. A new office building will be erected on the site.



MADELINE HUGHES/Staff photos

Hannah Wood, right, a bridal stylist at Brides Across America, assists Vicki Chang, a nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital, as she tries on her dress Thursday.

BRIDES

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dress. "But to be recognized for my work is special."

The distribution of dresses was disrupted because of the pandemic, however, Heidi Janson, founder of Brides Across America said the organization gave away more than 200 dresses in a single online remote event last year. Also, there was a significant rush of people coming into the store last July when she re-opened both the Brides Across America outlet store and her main store, Tulle, that helps support her nonprofit.

"Healthcare workers' lives were interrupted by the pandemic. They didn't sign up for this," Janson said. "I couldn't do what they do, and hearing their stories we have no idea what they went through. So, this is what I could do: Give back to the people who were on the front lines risking their lives."

Chang was trying on dresses the same day local legislators and business leaders were celebrating Janson and her business.

State Rep. Frank Moran, D-Lawrence, presented Janson with a citation celebrating her work in the community along with state



Heidi Janson, left, founder of Brides Across America, shows state Reps. Frank Moran, D-Lawrence, and Tram Nguyen, D-Andover, around her store after accepting a citation.

Rep. Tram Nguyen, D-Andover.

"I'm so glad to be here to support Brides Across America because they are a helper to our helpers," Nguyen said.

Brides Across America will continue providing dresses to frontline healthcare workers for the remainder of the year and will reassess moving forward, Janson said.

FAHEY

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Fahey's firing was part of a "vendetta" by Town Manager Andrew Flanagan and that there was any wrongdoing in Fahey's termination.

The response comes just over a month after Fahey first filed his lawsuit alleging defamation by Flanagan and that he was wrongfully terminated. Both Fahey's lawsuit and the town's response rely on a report created by attorney Regina Ryan from Discrimination and Harassment Solutions. The town paid \$13,425 for 54 hours of work over eight weeks, Flanagan has said.

The report was largely based on complaints first investigated by the Essex District Attorney's Office, Kesten wrote. The complaints did not rise to potentially charge Fahey with any crimes, so instead the DA advised the town to look into the allegations, Kesten wrote.

Ryan used a videotaped interview with a 26-year-old woman as the basis for the investigation, Kesten previously said.

In the interview, which was independently obtained and reviewed by The Eagle-Tribune, the now 26-year-old describes an intimate though non-sexual relationship with Fahey that started when she was 15. She alleged spending long hours with him individually and that he would discuss his sex life with her.

Fahey's lawyer Daniel Murphy denied all of the woman's allegations against the former youth services director.

The entirety of the report - which includes further interviews with the woman, other witnesses and text messages, according to Kesten - has yet to be released.

Town officials replied to a request for the report by blacking out nearly all 140 pages of the document, save for the already publicly available employee handbook and Fahey's union contract. The Eagle-Tribune is currently appealing the town's response to the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office, which ruled Thursday the town has 10 days to provide a less redacted version of the report to the public.

"It is unclear how the report cannot be redacted to preserve the confidentiality of complainants and/or voluntary witnesses," wrote Rebecca Murray, supervisor of the records.

Fahey has publicly stated that he wants the report released, but is bound by a nondisclosure agreement he was forced to sign by the town.

The nondisclosure agreement was deemed "necessary to prevent Fahey from improperly disclosing or misusing the inherently private information in the report regarding program participants and their families," Kesten wrote.

Murphy wrote a letter to Kesten on Monday formally asking for Ryan's report to be released in full following the state's decision that the town was too heavy-handed in its approach to redactions.

"While we believe that the Town has been acutely aware of Mr. Fahey's desire that the entire Report and response be released to the

public, please consider this letter as a formal request to the Town of Andover to immediately release the Report and our response to the Report," Murphy wrote.

Kesten did not detail Fahey's admissions, however, he did reject the claim that the woman at the center of the investigation was found not to be credible. She was corroborated on multiple occasions, he said.

"It's not a question of credibility because of what he admitted doing," Kesten said, referencing the investigation that led to firing Fahey. He added that Fahey's lawsuit "infringed" on the report.

The town's Friday response also shed more light on Fahey's previous suspension in 2017.

"In December 2015 it was brought to Fahey's attention that a minor student at the high school had complained that the same employee was pursuing the student through personal texts; that high school staff verified the allegations, including the texts; that despite this Fahey took no action; that the employee continued to have contact with teen-aged AYS program participants; and that the employee left AYS in May 2016 to take a new job elsewhere," Kesten wrote.

Fahey said in his lawsuit that he promptly suspended an employee and reported the matter to human resources.

However, Kesten explained that payroll records showed the employee took vacation and unpaid leave instead of being suspended as Fahey alleged in his lawsuit.

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. ES21C0264CA

In the matter of:
Ellen Roberta Chapin-Ochart
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Ellen Roberta Chapin-Ochart of Andover MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Ellen Roberta Chapin**

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 **08/19/2021**. 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: July 02, 2021
Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate

AT - 7/15/21

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AT - 7/15/21

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Docket No. ES21P1955EA

Estate of: Mary L. Carbone
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Olympic-bound

Andover's Schroeder to compete in artistic swimming at Tokyo Olympics

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

The Olympic dream is about to become a reality for Andover's Lindi Schroeder.

In just a matter of weeks, Schroeder will board a plane to Tokyo, Japan, to fulfill the ambition of countless athletes for more than a century — competing in the Olympic Games.



Lindi Schroeder

"I'm tremendously excited," said Schroeder. "These games are very special, as they are taking place in a pandemic."

I'm honored to take part in an event that brings the world together."

Schroeder and teammate Anita Alvarez of New York are the only two athletes from the United States who will compete in artistic swimming — formerly known as synchronized swimming — at the 2021 Summer Olympics, which run from July 23-Aug. 8. Artistic swimming competitions will be Aug. 2-7, according to Nbcolympics.com.

The 19-year-old Schroeder and Alvarez will compete in the two-person "artistic swimming duet." They punched their ticket to Tokyo on June 13 by placing fifth at the FINA Olympic Games Artistic Swimming Qualification Tournament in Barcelona. That was after they won the title at the Artistic Swimming World Series in May.

"At the Olympic qualifier in Barcelona, we had the team qualification event followed by the duet qualification event," said Schroeder. "We missed the team qualification by 0.2 points, and it was difficult to compete right after that, but we did it."

"I found out that we qualified in the duet when our scores were announced, and I could see our placement on the scoreboard. I was so happy with this result, but I also then allowed myself to process the other emotions from the rest of the week. We are very excited."

WHAT IS 'DUET ARTISTIC SWIMMING?'

Andover's Lindi Schroeder and partner Anita Alvarez will compete in duet artistic swimming — formerly known as synchronized swimming — at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. They will compete with a technical routine, which has a number of required elements, and a free routine.

Swimming.org defined artistic swimming as, "athletic movements performed in water and choreographed, needing rhythm and flair to synchronize and interpret the music."

Rules for the sport include (according to swimming.org):

- No touching the bottom of the pool.
- No jewelry or theatrical makeup.
- No goggles.
- Routines are 2½-5 minutes.

EARLY OLYMPIC DREAMS

Schroeder found her way to artistic swimming — also called "Synchro" — as a young child by accident.

"I began synchro when I was 5-years-old," she said. "I didn't want to do swim lessons anymore, but my parents wanted me to be more comfortable in deep water. We decided to see if I liked synchro. I took part in the novice program for two years before advancing to the 10-and-under age group."

In just a few short years, Schroeder found herself swimming with the best in the United States.

"In 2012, I made my first US National Team at the 11-12 level," she said. "We trained that summer at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, while the Olympics were taking place. It was then that I began to understand what the Olympics were and what being an Olympian meant."

"Since that summer, my goal of going to the Olympics has been the source of my motivation. Making that team made me realize that I was capable of representing the US internationally, and when I formed my long term goal of going to the Olympics."



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Andover's Lindi Schroeder, left, and teammate Anita Alvarez of New York perform in the artistic swimming duet. The duo will represent the United States at the Olympics in Tokyo.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

For years, Schroeder has competed with Team USA at many of the many of the sports' most prestigious events.

"(In 2015) I competed in the Pan-American Championships," she said. "In 2016, I competed in the team event at the Junior World Championships, and competed in the solo event at the Mediterranean Cup. In 2017, I swam for the junior team at the Swiss Open."

"In 2019, I competed in the FINA World Championships and the Pan-American Games. In the fall of 2019, I was named to the Olympic duet. I competed in duet and team at the French Open in 2020 before (COVID-19) lockdown began. This year, I've competed in two virtual World Series events, and at the Olympic Qualifier."

INTENSE DEDICATION

Schroeder's primary club coach has been Svetlana Malinovskaya of Optima Synchro, which is based out of

Haverhill and Lawrence. The Stanford-bound Schroeder attended Phillips Academy before turning to online learning.

"In the fall of 2018, I decided to move to California to train full-time with the Senior National Team," she said. "We typically trained from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. We spend the first hour of the day on land doing strength or flexibility work, and we spend the rest of the day in the water. We use speed swimming combined with breath holding for cardio and spend many hours on technique and matching all of our movements."

Adding to the challenges is working in tandem with one or more teammates in the pool.

"Synchro is a very demanding sport, both physically and mentally," said Schroeder. "Physically, it takes strength, flexibility, agility, endurance and mobility. You have to have the ability to learn and memorize movements quickly, and also be able to



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Andover's Lindi Schroeder, left, and teammate Anita Alvarez of New York will represent the United States in duet artistic swimming at the Olympics in Tokyo.

focus every second on a different movement.

"Like any elite athlete, you have to be motivated, resilient, and have to handle

pressure well. I believe that my strength is how I respond to and perform well under pressure."

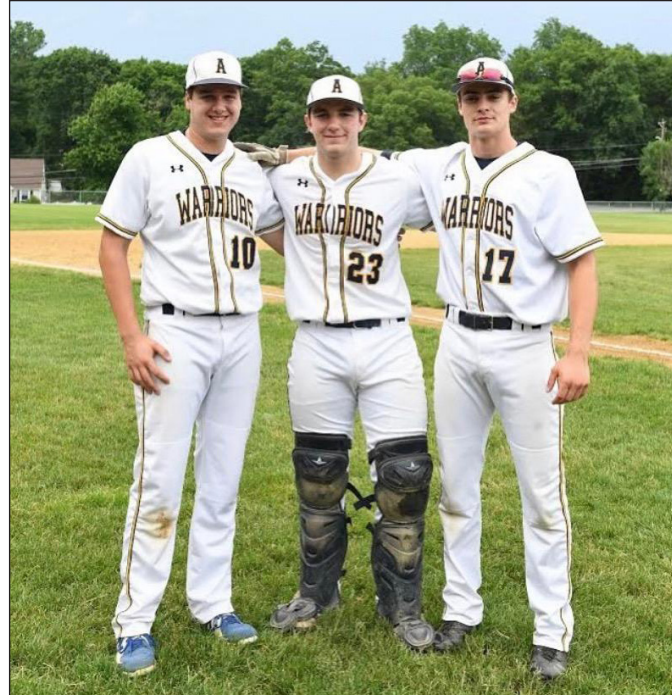
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Andover High 2021 baseball, boys and girls tennis and football captains



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The Andover football captains in 2021 were, from left, Tomas Loureiro, Ben Entner, AJ Heidtke, Charlie Baillargeon and Matt Rigazio.



The Andover baseball captains this spring were, from left, Anthony Teberio, Nolan Schirmer and Tanner O'Sullivan.

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The Andover girls tennis captains this spring were, from left, Jessica Bresnick, Isabel Zhou and Sona Chaudhary.

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The Andover boys tennis captains this spring were, from left, Sam Feng, Bryan Han Htun, Reilly O'Brien and Avi Janarthanan.

'Meaningful connections'

Athletic field named for local family

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It's official: The athletic field behind Doherty Middle School have now been officially named the Tucker Family Field.

Last fall, the School Committee voted to name the field and track area after longtime community advocates Susan and Michael Tucker and their sons, who were star athletes during their time in the Andover Public School system.

A recent dedication marked the renaming of the field.

Susan represented Andover residents for decades on Beacon Hill, first as a state representative then as a state senator until 2010. Her husband, First Lt. Michael Tucker, served in U.S. Army Counterintelligence and was later executive director of Ironstone Farm. There he helped launch therapy programs for veterans with post-traumatic stress.

"Senator Tucker's reputation as a trailblazer for women in elected office was known to me previously, and I have appreciated learning more about the entire Tucker family through this process," former School Committee Chair Shannon Scully said in a statement last fall that announced the dedication of the field.

"The feedback from the community received by the committee on this naming proposal made it clear that the Tucker family has extensive and meaningful connections with generations of people across Andover and a legacy deserving of this recognition," Scully said.



Former Congresswoman Niki Tsongas tells a humorous story as former state Sen. Susan Tucker and her husband, Mike react at the unveiling of the Tucker Family Field plaque.

The name of a family active for years in town affairs now graces one of Andover's most prominent athletic fields. Susan and Michael Tucker pose at a recent dedication with the plaque that will mark the newly named fields.

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